

Managing flooding in Pwllheli

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This is a significant coastal and fluvial (watercourses) project, for climate change resilience, and within the national context. We need to ensure these preliminary stages are thoroughly investigated, utilising the latest processes, knowledge and evidence.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is continuing to explore options to more effectively manage the long-term flood risk to Pwllheli and surrounding communities, and to maximise the sustainable management of natural resources.

Flood risk in Pwllheli

Parts of Pwllheli are at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea. It is anticipated future flood risks, particularly from the coast, could be significant.

As the climate changes, we will face more frequent storms, as well as rising sea levels. This will put increased pressure on the flood defences and could impact how they perform. Maintaining today's level of flood protection for people and homes is a challenge.

Our work

The project builds on previous projects and studies and will involve assessing a range of long-term options to reduce the risk of river and sea flooding to the local community. We will take into account a range of factors for the options we consider such as sustainability, viability, and affordability.

We are committed to working with nature and exploring opportunities to create new habitats and improve the biodiversity in the area. There may be opportunities to regenerate the existing flood defences and associated public space, providing wider benefits for the local community.

We want to work together to find solutions that can offer a sustainable future for Pwllheli. Maintenance and urgent actions will continue, alongside the project stages.

Study Area





Timeline

Following on from the drop-in event at Neuadd Dwyfor Art Centre, Pwllheli in July 22, and the creation of the online consultation hub, NRW is currently assessing the longlist options, incorporating the feedback received.

The engagement highlighted a number of areas of concern: flooding to properties and land, traffic and access restrictions, existing maintenance continuation, and potential wider impacts that might arise from any new works proposed.

2022

Scope options

NRW is currently establishing the case for change. We are developing a longlist of options with stakeholders and the community.

2023

Present short list options

NRW will appraise the longlist to arrive at a shortlist. This will form the basis for engagement with stakeholder and the community.

2024

Preparing the preferred option

NRW will utilise the feedback to develop the shortlist. The shortlist will be further appraised to arrive at a preferred option.

2025

Submit preferred option for approval

The preferred option will be developed and a funding application will be submitted to Welsh Government identifying how the preferred option will be delivered.



Keeping in touch

We are progressing our engagement with community groups, individuals, local businesses, as well as service providers, local government and national organisations. If we haven't come to you, please use one of the methods below to get in touch.

The online consultation hub provides regular project updates, as well as an opportunity to feedback online. Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more and to share your views with us as well as to register for future progress updates:

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