

Dear Rolleston Parish Council,

Our early-stage business case (Strategic Outline Case) is nearing completion. The findings from our early-stage business case (Strategic Outline Case) suggest that Property Flood Resilience (PFR) is currently the preferred option to take forward for further development.

To re-cap; as part of this assessment, we considered a range of other potential measures — including traditional flood defences, upstream storage, de-silting and weir removal, and Natural Flood Management. Each were evaluated against technical feasibility, environmental considerations and value for public money. PFR includes measures designed to help reduce the impact of flooding on individual properties, such as flood doors, barriers and other resistance or resilience features. However, due to government funding rules, we are only able to offer PFR to those properties identified as being at the highest level of flood risk. Residents within this higher risk area have been contacted separately to invite them to register their interest in a potential scheme.

At this stage, we are simply gathering information to understand how many eligible households may wish to take part. This will inform the next phase of work.

Although early assessment indicates that a PFR scheme could be cost-beneficial, funding is not yet available. We will need to develop a full business case and seek government funding in line with national rules. Subject to approval and funding availability, we intend to progress this next stage during the next financial year.

It is important to note that PFR is not guaranteed. Any future scheme would be dependent on:

- Securing government funding
- Meeting national funding criteria
- Detailed property-level surveys to confirm suitability

Alongside this work, we will continue to explore opportunities to progress Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures within the catchment where feasible. The Environment Agency will also continue its routine and ad-hoc maintenance of the watercourse, prioritising works that reduce flood risk and address blockages where necessary.

We appreciate the community's continued engagement and encourage residents to keep reporting any concerns or issues they observe. We will review and address matters where appropriate and within our remit.

Kind Regards,

Tom Ellis