

Kimpton Flood Investigation

The village of Kimpton has experienced groundwater and surface water flooding events in recent history, most memorably in 2001. To tackle this, Hertfordshire County Council has commissioned a study into these flood events to understand how and why the flooding has occurred, and also to assess potential options to mitigate flood risk in Kimpton.

The project is being managed by the Flood Risk Management Team at Hertfordshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority, although the project is principally funded by the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee levy through the Environment Agency. Other organisations contributing to the project include North Herts District Council, Thames Water, the local highways authority and Kimpton Parish Council.

Environmental consultancy, ESI, have been contracted to undertake the study as groundwater flooding specialists. The project started on 23rd July 2014, with a project team visit to Kimpton village, and is expected to continue until early 2015. A large part of the investigation will involve gathering and analysing data and information about previous flood events in Kimpton and the natural environment within and surrounding the village. This data will be used to identify a number of potential options to mitigate flooding. On completion of the study, further funding will need to be secured to implement the preferred option(s).

The study is not expected to cause any significant inconvenience. However, during the data gathering stage, you may notice engineers in and around the village examining drainage systems, watercourses and other key features. It may also be necessary to carry out some property level surveys, although residents and businesses will be contacted prior to surveys being undertaken.

On behalf of Hertfordshire County Council, ESI will be holding a workshop in Kimpton Parish Hall on Wednesday 19th November, in order to present the initial findings of the project and to consult with the local community.

Public Consultation

Wednesday 19th November
Kimpton Memorial Hall – Green
Room

Presentation: 2 - 3pm
Drop-in session from 3 - 6pm
Repeat presentation: 6 - 7pm

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