

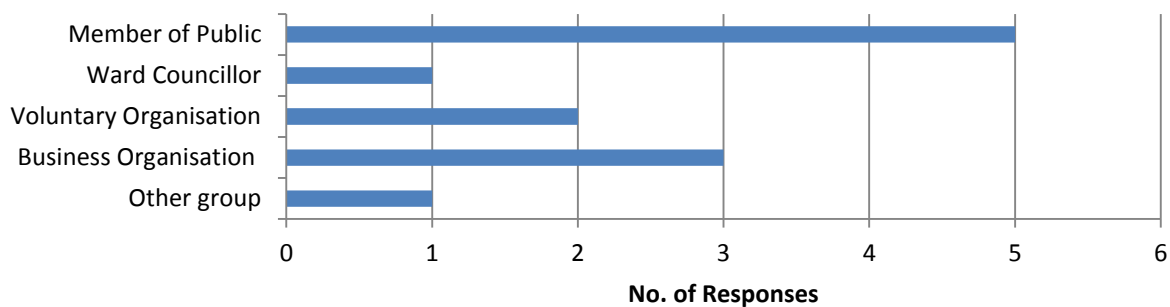
Local Flood Risk Management Strategy: Consultation Summary

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy public consultation ran from 9th November 2015 to 1st Feb 2016 on BeHeard. The objective of the consultation was to seek views and gain consensus on the proposals contained in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, in particular to:

- Gain an overview of public opinion regarding flood risk in Birmingham;
- Gather broad agreement for the visions and outcomes of the strategy; and
- Get specific feedback on the policies within the strategy.

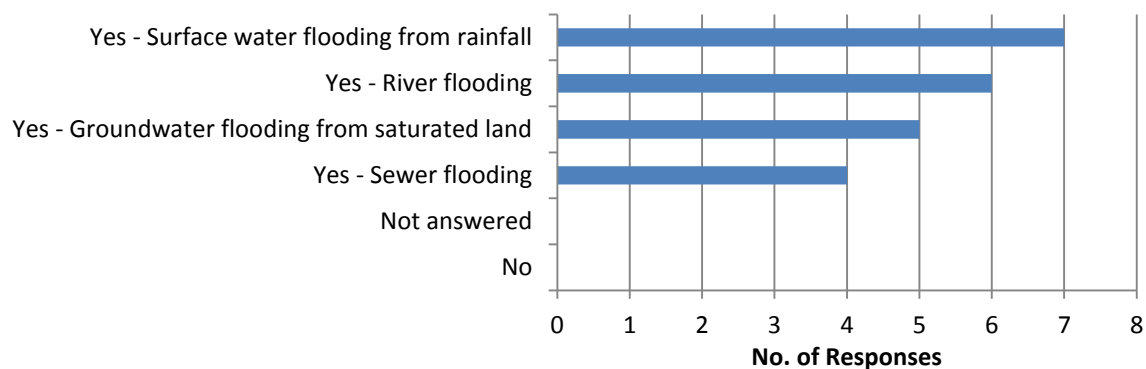
Within the 12 week consultation period, 10 responses to the questionnaire were received; one further consultation response was provided by letter to the Lead Local Flood Authority email inbox.

Interest in Strategy

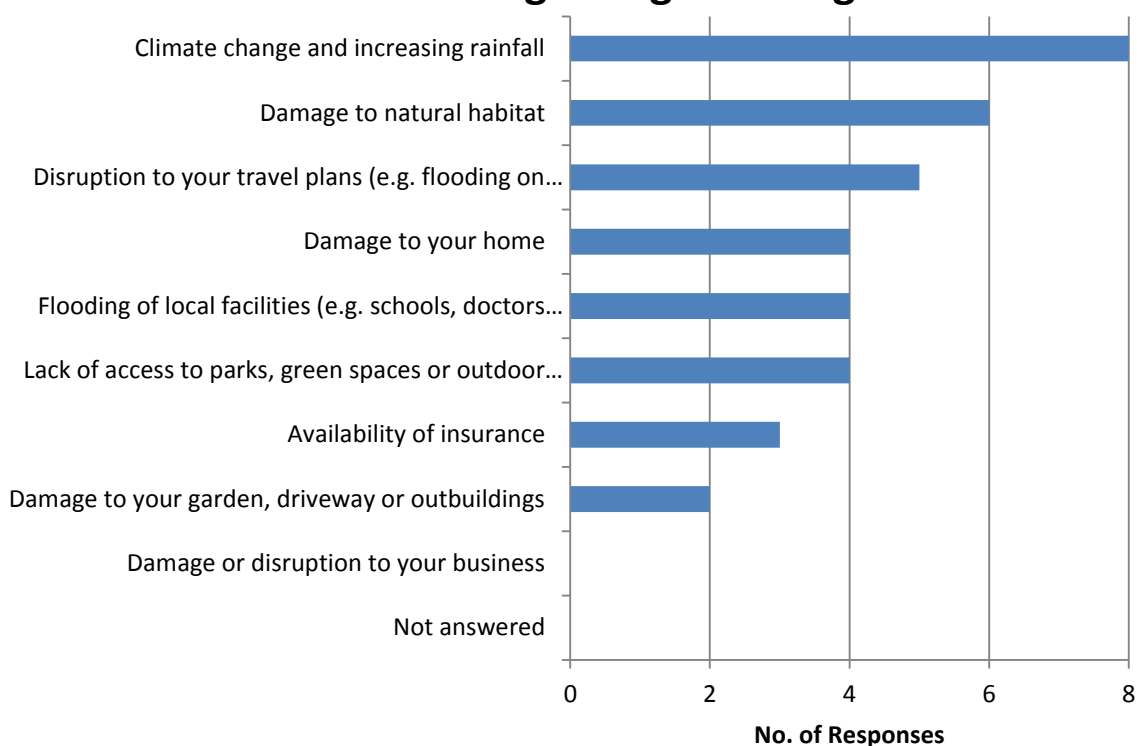


Concerns were evenly split across all sources of flooding and most concern was towards climate change and increased rainfall.

Concerns About Sources of Flooding



Concerns Regarding Flooding



Overall the strategy was received positively and most found the strategy easy to understand. The majority believed that; the objectives within the strategy will help ensure that flooding is understood and managed effectively, the policies set out within the strategy are appropriate and that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined.

Most understood how resources would be deployed by Birmingham City Council during a flood event however responses to the questionnaire suggested ways of quickly providing information on flooding locations (e.g. a mobile phone app) and ways of broadcasting emergency information to mobile phones.

Elsewhere, responses to the questionnaire either provided corrections to the report or were in relation to specific flood incidents and hotspots, which are not an issue for a strategic document of this nature. A number of residents cited a lack of maintenance and road sweeping as a cause of flooding due to leaves blocking the highway gullies and suggested closer working with Highways would aid in reducing flood risk. The role of Highways, the Council's Maintenance and Management Partner Amey and Waste Services are clearly set out in the Strategy.

A separate response to the consultation was provided via email to the Lead Local Flood Authority email inbox. This response questioned specific terminology regarding avoiding new development in high risk areas and the de-culverting of watercourses. This consultation suggested loser terminology, taking into account the sequential and exception test and requiring de-culverting where appropriate, however it was felt that the terminology used in the strategy was appropriate.