

Have your say

The consultation period on our Thames Estuary 2100 Plan will last for three months, closing at the end of June 2009.

This Plan for consultation has been developed through years of study, assessment and appraisal. We have also twice consulted on our Plan to help inform its development through to the final consultation document you see today. We have, where possible, taken on board views expressed up to now so that this Plan represents the concerns and aspirations of the many organisations and interest bodies in the estuary. This however is the first time that all of our work has been presented in one complete plan and we would welcome your views.

The final TE2100 will influence not only how we manage flood risk in the short, medium and long term, but also how the river landscape may change in the future. As a strategic Plan it does not detail how particular recommended changes may be implemented as this would be more relevant to any future implementation plans. We are therefore focussing this consultation on whether we have identified the **right strategic options for managing flood risk in the estuary** and whether you agree with the **strategic actions required to achieve these**. We recognise that it is difficult to comment

on options that are a long way in the future but it is important to put in place actions now so that some of the long term options can be safeguarded for future generations.

We value your views, not only as potential implementation partners for the flood risk management local or strategic options, but also as organisations or individuals with an interest in the estuary and its future.

How to respond

You can respond to this consultation in a number of ways:

By email: te2100@environment-agency.gov.uk

In writing: Thames Estuary 2100
c/o Thames Barrier Information & Learning Centre
Environment Agency
FREEPOST SW1450
1 Unity Way, Woolwich
London SE18 5BR





In person:

During the period of consultation we will be hosting and attending a number of events across the Thames estuary where you can come along, meet us, find out more about the Plan for

Consultation and leave us any comments you have. Details of these events will be posted on our webpages (www.environment-agency.gov.uk/te2100) or can be obtained by calling our customer services phoneline on 08708 506 506.

You can access this document and the Strategic Environmental Assessment, environmental report summary from our website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk/te2100

If you need further information please contact us through the above number.

-  Do you consider that we have identified the right strategic options for managing tidal flood risk in the Thames estuary, and do you agree with the final preferred options?
-  Do you agree with the actions identified in our action plans and the timing of those actions?
-  Do you agree with the mechanisms we have set out to deliver the action plans?
-  Have we identified the right partner organisations to deliver our action plans and are you, or your organisation, able to contribute to these actions?

Chapter 10: Have your say – now it is over to you

To help us collate and respond to your comments please reference your comments with the relevant chapters/pages/action plans/action zones.

Following the consultation your views will, where possible, be taken account of. We will report on the results of the consultation indicating where we have been able to incorporate your comments, or if that is not possible, we will indicate why.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort in responding.

A reminder: the consultation will close at the end of June 2009.



Chapter 11: Find out more



After six years of study and working with people across the Thames estuary we have produced and gathered lots of information. We are not able to present all of this within this document and the supporting Environmental Report Summary.

However, if you would like to find out more, we have produced two comprehensive technical reports:

- (i) The TE2100 Technical Report, which describes how we have developed our Plan including, the approach we have taken, the supporting studies and the evidence which underpins our conclusions.
- (ii) The TE2100 Environmental Report, which describes how we have undertaken the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), the key significant impacts of our Plan, suggested mitigation, enhancement and monitoring. It also explains how we have complied with other environmental legislation.

These documents are available on request in an electronic format, and are available for viewing in hard copy at Environment Agency offices and in a number of Local Authority offices and libraries.

In addition, more than 300 reports of studies and investigations with associated data sets have been produced during the lifetime of the TE2100 project. These will be made available on request and will be subject to standard Environment Agency requests for information and charging practices.

To find out more, including details of the events we will be attending during the consultation, please take a look at our website:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/te2100

Or contact us:

By email at TE2100@environment-agency.gov.uk

By phone on 08708 506 506

Next steps in TE2100

What is going to happen to your comments?

Once the consultation closes in June, we will collate and review all of the comments received and make changes to the Plan where necessary.

The comments we receive from you and from others will help us shape the final Plan which we will submit to Government at the beginning of 2010.

We are hoping that lots of people will take part in this consultation and we will receive plenty of comments, therefore we will not be able to respond to all comments individually. We will however, produce a summary of the comments received, not attributable to individuals or organisations and this will be posted on our website in the summer. This summary will also highlight how we have changed the Plan to take account of the comments raised, but also if we decided that the comment was not valid, we will explain why we made this decision.

What other work is needed to finalise the Plan?

The TE2100 Plan cannot be finalised until we have taken account of the views and comments that you give us. In addition we also need to fully demonstrate that we have taken account of environmental legislation in the final Plan. Over the summer we will complete the following

activities to meet the requirements of environmental legislation:

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) We will take account of the comments received from this consultation on the TE2100 Plan and the accompanying Environmental Report. The SEA process will also recommend what monitoring of environmental impacts will be required to support the implementation of the TE2100 final Plan.

Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) We will continue working with Natural England to complete the assessment of the TE2100 Plan on internationally important habitats in the Lower estuary. This will require the application of a number of tests, before submitting the final recommendation to the Secretary of State of the Environment.

Water Framework Directive (WFD) We will continue to work with colleagues to ensure that the final TE2100 Plan feeds into the delivery of and future revisions of the Thames River Basin Management Plan.

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For comments on this consultation document and to find out more about how we are planning for a changing estuary:

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