Background
The villages of Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon suffered from significant flooding in 2001, and more recently in 2012 and 2014.

This increased frequency of flooding, together with a new policy for funding flood risk management schemes has prompted a review of options for the area.

What have we done so far?
Our previous investigations highlighted the need to complete a hydrological model of Robin’s Brook, a main river under our jurisdiction before considering a future scheme. This work was completed in 2013. Following this, our project team has considered whether initial options can be enhanced to deliver multiple benefits, for example, improving the water quality in the River Blackwater.

What have we been doing recently?
We have been completing an options and costs appraisal for a flood risk management scheme for Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon.

In recent months we have been having discussions with some local landowners to establish whether any of the potential options can use existing land spaces – producing long-term improvements with minimal short-term disruption. These discussions are ongoing and we are keen to meet with other landowners who may be interested in working with us on a scheme.

What will happen next and how can you get involved?
We cannot deliver a flood risk management scheme alone, so we will need to work closely with businesses, the community and other potential funding partners.

We now have a shortlist of possible options for reducing flood risk in Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon, and we would like to discuss these options with local residents and businesses.

We have organised two public drop-ins:

**Wednesday 15 July, 2pm-7pm, Kelvedon Institute, 78 High Street, Kelvedon CO5 9AA**

**Friday 17 July, 2pm-7pm, Christ Church, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UH**

At the drop-ins, we also want to hear from you about ongoing flood risk issues that we can look to include in our consideration of the options. We would welcome any information that you can give us (such as photographs, sketches or stories) about recent or historical flooding.

What will happen after the drop-ins?
Once we have worked together to find a suitable option to manage the flood risk, which is technically feasible and economically viable, this will form a basis for applying for funding.

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