



CCATCH – Southampton Itchen Waterside Living Consultation event 19th October 2013

Event report

Introduction

The purpose of the event, held at the Hard, Priory Avenue, St Denys, was as follows

- To inform the wider community of St Denys of the work the CCATCH project in partnership with local people had been doing over the past year to help the community respond to the risk of flooding.
- To share information with the wider community about flood risk and flood prevention measures
- To consult with the wider community on the elements of a local Adaptation Plan.

Components of the event

1. The National Flood Forums Flood Van, providing people with help and advice about property level protection.



2. A demonstration house, where the CCATCH project had installed property level protection.



3. A photographic exhibition illustrating waterside living both past and present.



4. A children's drawing area where children were encouraged to draw pictures of waterside living in the future.



5. A computer showing the newly developed Community Flood Risk website

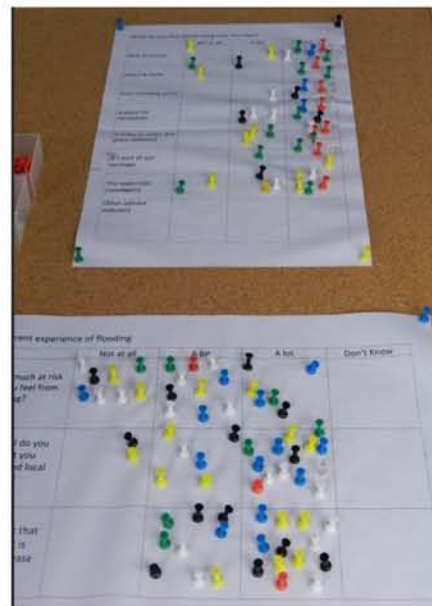


6. Information on the new 'historic flood' makers



7. A pop-up consultation stall where people were asked to share their views on the good and not so good aspects of waterside living .

The consultation results are set out below

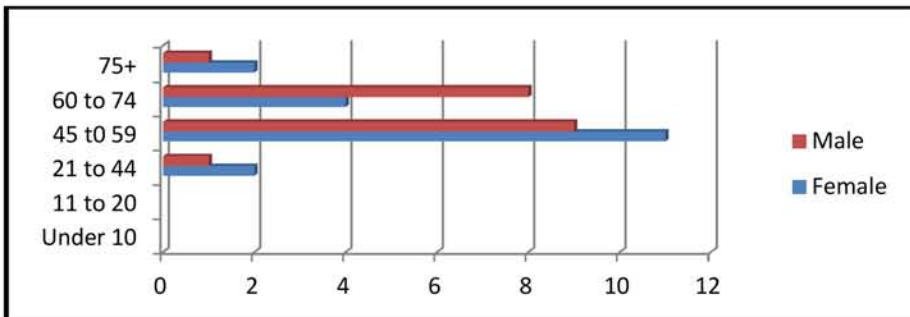




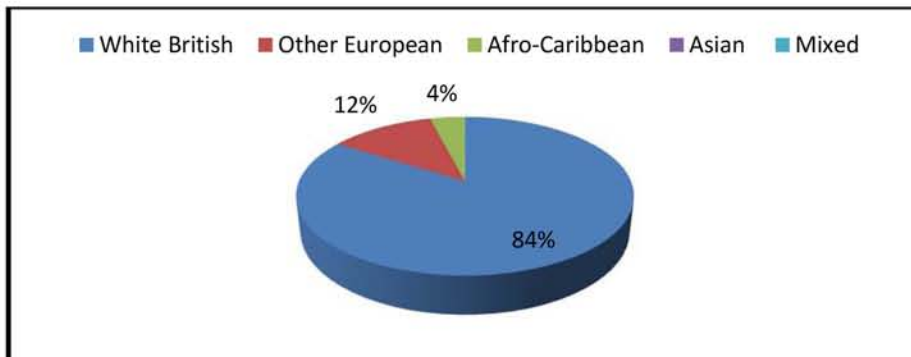
Consultation Results

- Between 60 and 80 people attended the event during the course of the day. Of these 40 participated in the consultation. The profile of these participants was as follows:

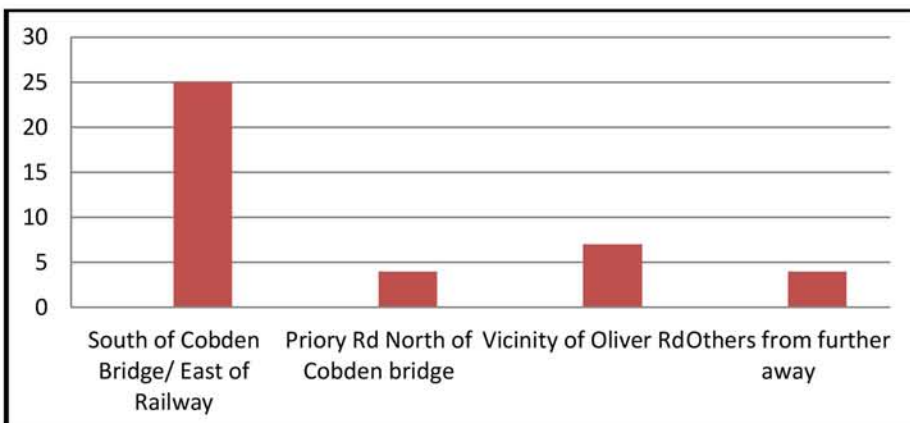
1a: Age & Gender



1b: Ethnicity

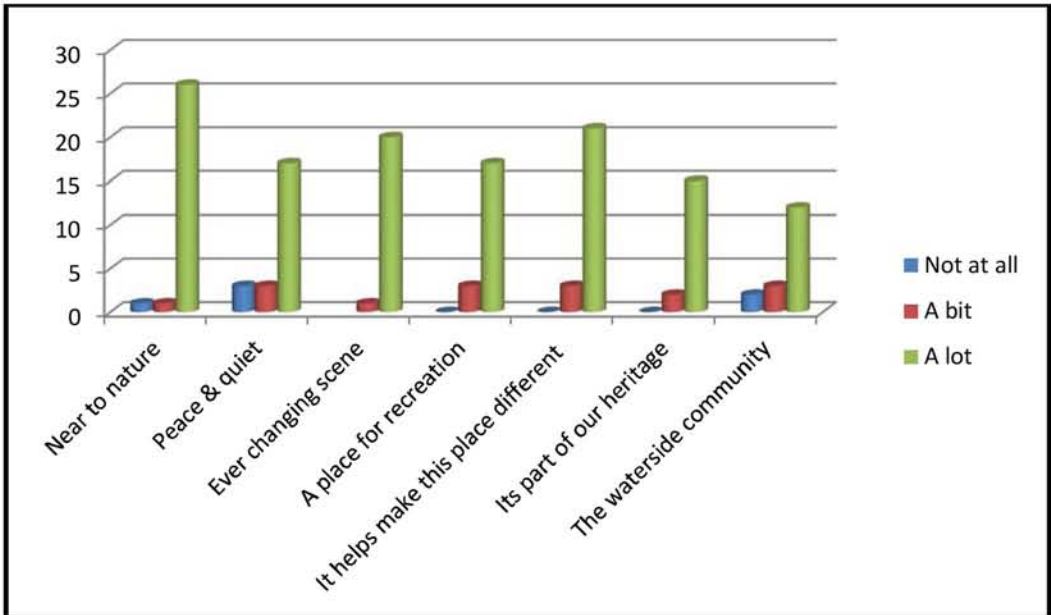


- 60% of the participants had previously experienced flooding and came from the following locations



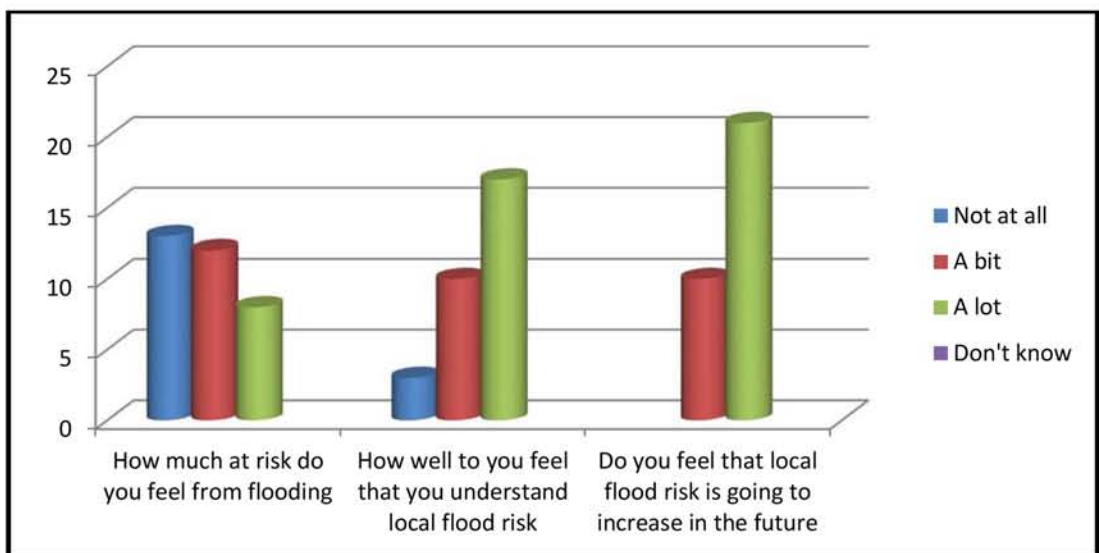


2. Participants expressed the following views of what they liked about living by the river?



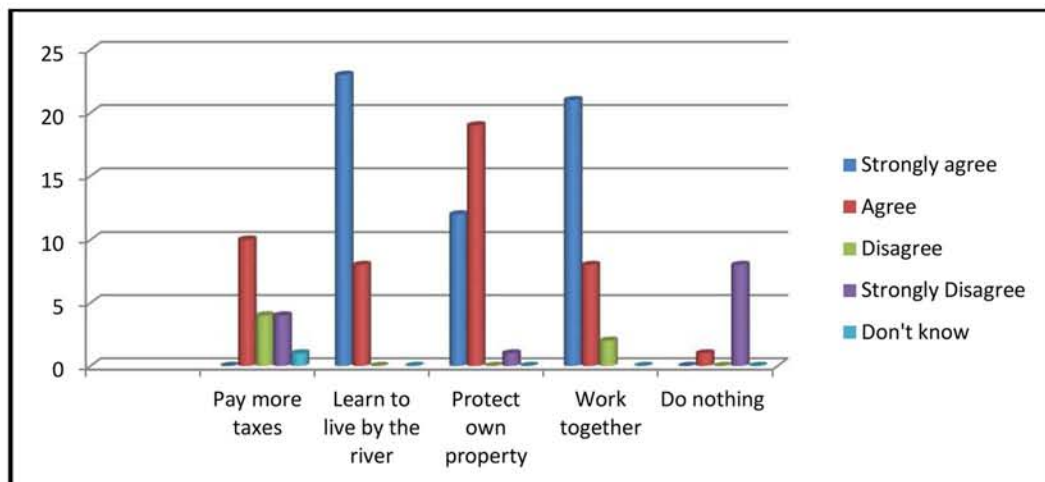
3. Participants held the following views about flooding

3a: Current experience of flooding





3b: Dealing with future flooding: Which of these options do you think that the community should focus on?



4. Suggestions as to what action the community should take to adapt to the risk of more flooding

Now

More information

Might need help to place floodgate in my house (Neighbours)

Have a sign we can legally put up when it floods to stop people driving down Adelaide Rd

More advice and support with flood defences inc grants

More campaigns like this to raise awareness at a community and council level

More warning for residents

Taylor made (local) advanced warnings over 2 hours of excess over projected

On going

information

Community groups

A scaled down version of this event in the Junction pub, with an update/ news etc especially for new comers

SMS alerts from a flood warden

Residents need a list of contact telephone numbers to get help with moving things such as furniture & sandbags

Co-ordinate advance warnings

In future

Compulsory purchase first 3 houses. Not waste money on lost causes

Lessons shared from other at risk communities

Don't build a flood defence wall, unless 100% of property owners along a certain stretch wish to have a wall.



Environmentally pleasing & removable flood barriers

Flood barriers in the river

SCC & EA need to work more closely with the residents and housing associations

Dredge river down to docks area. Use the silt to build up the banks, this is what they used to do

Other comments

I don't feel part of a waterside community but would like it to be so

Pre- recorded telephone message is not sufficient.

Creation of a real riverside community with a pride in area

Problem with trees surrounding the slipway. Leaves block the drains .

Some years the trees are managed to prevent leaf fall and sometimes they are not (like this yr).

Leaves block the drains and cause surface water flooding problems

Offers of help

Vaughan Powell, works at the Virtual Reality lab, University of Portsmouth.

Could produce house level flood simulations. Always looking for good student projects

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