

Update on Queen's Wood Flood Management Plan

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We still have heard nothing from Haringey Council about whether, and, if so, how they intend to proceed with the proposed flood management scheme. However, on Wednesday 14 July, members had a very full discussion of the scheme at our AGM. Fortuitously, this followed a few days after the worst flooding in the wood for many years. On Monday 12 July, the heavy rains which caused flooding in many parts of North and West London and, indeed, later the near Continent, led to streams overflowing and creating a lake of water at the Wood Vale entrance, which then overflowed, rushing down the passageway to Wood Vale and flooding a number of houses the other side of the road.

A full note of the discussion at the AGM has been placed on our website (click [here](#) to read). The consensus was that, while the flooding of houses in Wood Vale showed a need for action to manage flooding in the area, it was far from clear that the works as currently proposed would have prevented flooding, much of which stemmed from outside the wood or would not have been held back effectively by the works.

We intend to talk to the Council about all this as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are looking into whether we should employ a hydrological expert who can help us analyse this aspect of the proposals further. And we would be very interested if members affected by the flooding in Wood Vale who have relevant evidence, anecdotal and photographic, or opinions could let us have these, if possible before 5.00pm on Thursday 22 July, since a group of us are going to look at the position in greater depth the following day. Please send anything you have to info@fqw.org.uk, giving your house number so we can relate the evidence to precise locations.