

CPRE Oxfordshire is currently campaigning for the water-related impacts of new development to be properly considered, and an end to the practice of discharging untreated sewage into our rivers. We are aware that many Oxfordshire parishes are struggling with issues including flooding and water pollution, but no-one seems to have a complete picture of the problems and we would like to map out the issues. To help us in planning our campaign strategy we would be extremely grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire (less than 20 questions, mostly multiple choice), save it with your Parish Council name and **return it by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021** to:

E: [pro@cprexon.org.uk](mailto:pro@cprexon.org.uk)

**NB We have split this survey into two parts - if you only have very limited time, please complete Part A (just 11 quick questions). If you have a couple more minutes, we would value your answers to Part B (questions 12-19) as well.**

**Your Name** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact Email** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact Number** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Name of Parish** Click or tap here to enter text.

## **PART A**

Q1: How would you rate flooding as a problem in your Parish?

- No problem
- Not Significant
- Moderate
- Serious
- Very Serious

If flooding is a problem, can you give a brief description of what the issues are:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Q2: How often is flooding a problem?

- Never (in living memory)
- Very occasionally (in living memory)
- Occasionally (every few years)
- Frequently (every year)
- Very frequently (more than once a year)

Q3: When flooding occurs what is usually the reason? You can tick more than one box.

- Inadequate or poorly maintained road drainage
- Poorly maintained ditch, stream or river
- New development without adequate soak aways, SuDS or other drainage
- New development on or close to the flood plain
- Increased rainfall due to climate change
- Sewerage infrastructure not able to meet capacity
- Other
- Don't know

Q4: How would you rate sewage/sewerage infrastructure as a problem in your Parish?

- No problem
- Not Significant
- Moderate
- Serious
- Very Serious

If sewage/sewerage infrastructure is a problem, please can you give a brief description of what the issues are?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Q5: Are you aware of the Thames Water's legally permissible emergency use of storm overflows which allow untreated sewage to flow into water courses and rivers in emergency flood conditions?

- Yes I am aware
- No I was unaware

Q6: Do you think sewerage facilities in your area should be improved to cope with demand from development to stop the use of storm overflows?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q7: Are you aware of any water-related risks (eg flooding, drainage, sewage) associated with your District/City Council's Local Plan for future development?

- Yes. If possible, please summarise very briefly [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- No
- Don't know

Q8: If your Parish has a Neighbourhood Plan, does it have any policies on flooding or sewerage?

- Yes. If possible, please include a link: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- No
- Don't know

Q9: Have you objected to any planning applications for new housing or other development on grounds of water-related issues (flooding, drainage, sewerage)?

- Yes. If so, did the development go ahead? Have there been subsequent problems? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- No
- Don't know

Q10: Do you have any photographs / film footage / case studies that would help us with our campaign?

- Yes (*please attach to the email if appropriate or we can contact you separately to discuss*)
- No
- Don't know

Q11: If there is anything else you would like to tell us in relation to these issues, please do so here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Thank you so much for filling in the first part of this questionnaire. If that's all you have time for, please save the file (ideally using your Parish Council name) and return it by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to: [pro@cprexon.org.uk](mailto:pro@cprexon.org.uk)**

**However, if you could spare just a couple more minutes, we would be very grateful for your answers to Part B as well.....**

## PART B

Q12: If you have had a problem with flooding have you been satisfied with the response from a responsible body to stop it from happening again?

- Yes completely
- Yes somewhat
- Not really
- Not at all
- Not applicable as we have had no flooding

Q13: Has a strategic flood assessment been undertaken for your parish and if so, would you be willing to share it with CPRE?

- Yes and willing to share it with CPRE
- Yes but not willing to share it with CPRE
- Not carried one out

Q14: As the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), Oxfordshire County Council has responsibility for local flood risks such as ground water flooding, surface water run-off and ordinary watercourses. They are also responsible for investigating flooding, making their findings public and keeping an up-to-date register. Please indicate any dealings you have had with the LLFA and your experience.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Q15: Do you think Oxfordshire County council is the appropriate body to be the Lead Local Flood Authority?

- Yes (*give reasons*) Click or tap here to enter text.
- No (*give reasons*) Click or tap here to enter text.
- Don't know

Q16: Have you read Oxfordshire County Council's policy guidance [Local Standard & Guidance for Surface Water Drainage on Major Development in Oxfordshire](#) (29 Nov 18)? Do you agree it is robust enough to ensure developers adhere to the construction and upkeep of SuDS and other flood defences during and post development?

- Yes (*give reasons*) Click or tap here to enter text.
- No (*give reasons*) Click or tap here to enter text.
- Don't know

Q17: Should there be National Standards to determine planning applications for drainage systems serving more than one property?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q18: Have you seen CPRE Oxfordshire's [Technical Briefing on the Watch Points for Drainage](#) when assessing planning applications?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q19: If there is anything else you would like to tell us in relation to Part B questions, please do so here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Thank you so much for your help. Please save the file (ideally using your Parish Council name) and return it by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to: [pro@cpreoxon.org.uk](mailto:pro@cpreoxon.org.uk)**

**Your responses will be used to inform our campaigning work on these issues, including mapping where problems are arising to provide a fuller picture of the situation across the county.**



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