

Making space for water - Churchtown and Crossens, Southport

Report from the consultation





Why was there a consultation about Making space for water – Churchtown and Crossens, Southport?

Sefton Council wanted your views on its plans to make space for water in Churchtown and Crossens, Southport to help lower the flood risk in the area and create areas for nature and people to thrive.

When did the consultation happen?

The consultation started on Monday 11th September 2023 and ended on Sunday 6th November 2023.

Questions



1. What do you think about it?

Good

Bad

Not sure



How people shared their ideas:

- We had both paper and electronic questionnaires.
- We held events for people to tell us what they think and explain more about the work.

What we are doing with what you tell us

We have put all the things people have told us into this report and will use it to shape the designs of work at the next stage.

This report will show you how many people answered questions.

It will also include a summary of the comments people made.

Not all the comments will be in this report.



Lots of people said the same things.

Others will be unique ideas and suggestions.

All the comments are available for you to see if you would like.



This information will help the Council make changes to the concept designs that will be made into more detailed designs ready for planning approval.

The following pages are a summary of what we were told during the consultation.

Thank you to everyone who took part.



Section 1

Questions were asked about people's thoughts on the plans to make for water.



1. **Those who filled in the questionnaire were:**

Residents in PR8 and PR9 postcodes.



2. **We asked - Are you aware that the risk of flooding in some areas of Churchtown and Crossens, Southport is high?**

Yes. No.



3. **We asked - Do you think something should be done to lower the risk of flooding in the area?**

Yes. No.



4. **We asked - Do you think the plans to reduce flooding in the area will also help nature, wildlife and people thrive in the area?**

Yes. No.



5. **We asked - If the project goes ahead would you like to help monitor the growth of the plants, wildlife and cleanliness of the water in the areas created to help lower flood risk?**

Yes. No. Unsure.



6. **We asked - Do you think information should be displayed on site telling people about what has been done and why?**

Yes.

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No.

5



7. **We asked - Do you have any thoughts you would like to share about the plans for this work?**

14 people were supportive of the plans providing positive comments about nature, wildlife and lowering the risk of flooding which would be welcomed.

12 people raised concerns about new housing development in the area and the feeling that this has increased flooding in the area. Comments were noted and will be passed onto the planning team for consideration.

9 people were worried about who will maintain the wetland areas after built.

5 people raised issues outside of the plans relating to other organisations management of flood risk such as the Environment Agency or United Utilities which have been passed on to these organisations.

5 people wanted further information on the plans.

2 were worried about the loss of recreation space and health and safety of the wetlands.

1 worried about the effects the plans would have on existing nature and wildlife in the area.

1 thought the plans were not appropriate for the area.

1 raised a concern if parking restrictions would be brought into the area.



What happens next.

The next stage of the plans will be applying for planning permission, creating some detailed designs, and securing the funding. It is hoped the work will start before winter 2024.



If you answered 'yes' or 'unsure' to question 5 that said:

'If the project goes ahead would you like to help monitor the growth of the plants, wildlife, and cleanliness of the water in the areas created to help lower flood risk?'



Then please email:

flooding@sefton.gov.uk

or call 0151 934 2961.



Please tell us you are contacting us about the 'Making Space for Water project'.

Please give us your name and contact details. We will get in touch with further information or opportunities.

Section 2

Results from the Questions About You



These questions were optional, you did not have to answer them.

Filling in this form helps us make sure we are reaching everyone in Sefton.

All this information is private.

We bring together the answers.

1. How old are you?



Under 18. 18-24. 25 – 34.
35 – 44. 55 -64. 65 – 74.
75 – 84. 85+.
Prefer not to say.

2. Sex.



Male.



Female.



Prefer not to say.

3. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?



Yes.

No.

Prefer not to say.



4. Do you currently live as your birth sex?



74

Yes.

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No.

5

Prefer not to say.



If no, please tell us your gender identity? No responses

5. Relationships - How would you describe your sexual orientation?



65

Heterosexual or straight.

1

Gay/Lesbian.

1

Bisexual.



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I identify differently.

11

Prefer not to say.

Please tell us how you identify. Not answered



6. Are you cared for by Sefton Council?

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Yes.

74

No.

4

Prefer not to say.



7. Have you ever been cared for as a child by Sefton Council or any other council?

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Yes.

76

No.

4

Prefer not to say.



8. Disability - Do you have any of the following?



Physical Impairment.

3



Visual Impairment.

1



Hearing impairment or Deaf.

3



Learning difficulty.

0



Learning disabilities.

0



Autism Spectrum Conditions.

1



Long-term illness that affects you daily life.

10



Dementia.

0



Mental Health Condition.

2



Prefer not to say.

11

If you have Cancer, diabetes, or HIV this is seen as a disability under the Equalities Law. Or you have selected any of the boxes in question 16.

9. Do you think of yourself as disabled?



7

Yes.

43

No.

7

Prefer not to say.



10. What is your religion or belief?



No religion or belief.

30



Christian.

34



Hindu.

0



Muslim.

0



Jewish.

0



Sikh.

0



Buddhist

0



Prefer not to say.

12

Other.

1

Please tell us: Agonist

11. Race and ethnicity - do you identify as:



Prefer not to say.

8

White.



67

English.
Welsh.
Scottish.
Northern Irish.
British.

0

Irish.

0

Gypsy or Irish Traveller or Roma.

0

Polish

0

Portuguese

0

Latvian.

0

Lithuanian.

Mixed and Multiple Ethnic groups.



2

White and Black Caribbean.

0

White and Black African.

0

White and Asian.

Asian or Asian British.



0

Indian.

0

Bangladeshi.

0

Pakistani.

Chinese.

Black or Black British.



African.

Caribbean.

Other Ethnic Group.



Arab.

Other Ethnic background. Please tell us:
European



The information does not allow us to be able
to tell us who you are.
But it will help us to understand if we are
missing people out.