

## Welcome to our fifth newsletter!

Many homes and businesses in the Roath, Penylan and Newport Road areas are at risk of flooding from the Roath Brook and the River Rhymney. Natural Resources Wales is working with partners and the community to design and deliver a flood scheme.

## October's Public Drop-in Session

We are very grateful to everyone who has provided feedback on the draft proposals. Following on from the public drop-in session and exhibition in September, a further drop-in session was held on 7th October, with a particular emphasis on the Waterloo and Railway Gardens (the Sandies / Minster Gardens) areas.



October 2014 Public Drop-in Session

## You can still view and comment on proposals...

Copies of posters from September and October are available to download from our website. You will note we tweaked four slides to include new visualisation sketches and an updated plans for Railway Gardens. Although the deadline has past, please feel free to continue to email your feedback.

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## We asked, you said, we did!

We are grateful for all the valuable feedback, questions, comments and suggestion sketches from local residents, park users and community groups. Below is a summary of feedback received and how it has been incorporated:

Over three quarters of respondents were **supportive of proposals**.

As shown on the October drop-in materials, we have removed the **access ramp from Waterloo Gardens Road to Railway Gardens** due to privacy concerns.

All agreed to maintain the current height of **railings** for security of the Gardens. Several comments emphasised a preference for an in-keeping style of hand railings – something we are working on.

Consensus of opinion was to provide landscape planting to screen the flood wall and parapet at **Waterloo Road bridge** in lieu of steps.

Your feedback indicated that the **style of replacement footbridges** should be in-keeping with the nature of the parks. We will draw inspiration from the recently replaced footbridge in Roath Brook Gardens.

Many liked the **proposals to integrate Railway Gardens into the wider park** network although some expressed concern that the open space is retained for ball-games and were keen to discourage antisocial behaviour.

The proposal of a new single footbridge in Railway Gardens to improve the network through the parks was supported.

We will follow-up with those who expressed support for the various **community initiatives** including park watch, brook litter clearing and community flood plan.

## What's next?

We are working to finalise the design and will continue to share updates through newsletters. We are preparing two Planning Applications to Cardiff Council, the first for works between Colchester Avenue and Ipswich Road and then, in early 2015, for works between Penylan Road and Colchester Avenue.

The vast majority of those who provided feedback regarding **wall cladding finishes** were supportive of the proposals to use a combination of materials; namely brick and stone. Some people noted the use of brick in the Edwardian landscape. Others favoured stone. The key message was that the walls should be in-keeping with their surroundings.

You have provided some very helpful preferences for **replanting proposals**. Key messages include:

- We will replant with indigenous species, in appropriate spaces.
- We are making every effort to retain memorial trees but a small number may need to be relocated. We will discuss directly in advance of finalising proposals with anyone affected.
- We will consider additional planting or earth banking to screen the structures as appropriate.

There was a range of views on prioritising **amenity improvements** and **wildlife enhancements** such as new habitats to attract more wildlife. Some supported creation of an Art or Nature Trail. We will seek to enhance the existing uses of each locality as much as possible and where our limited funding allows.

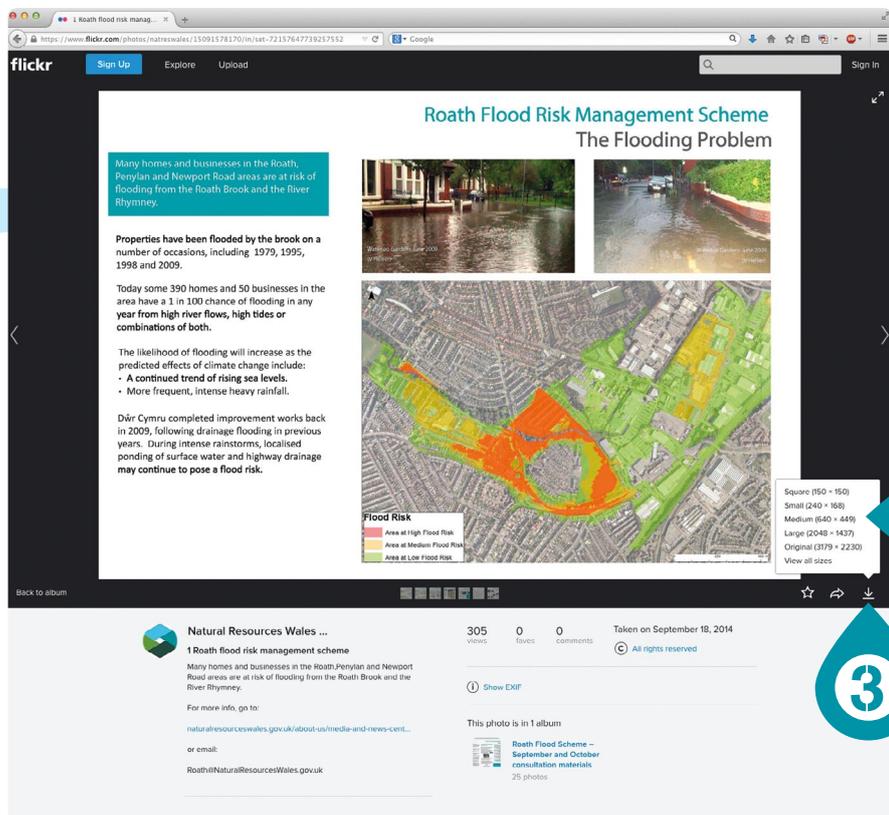
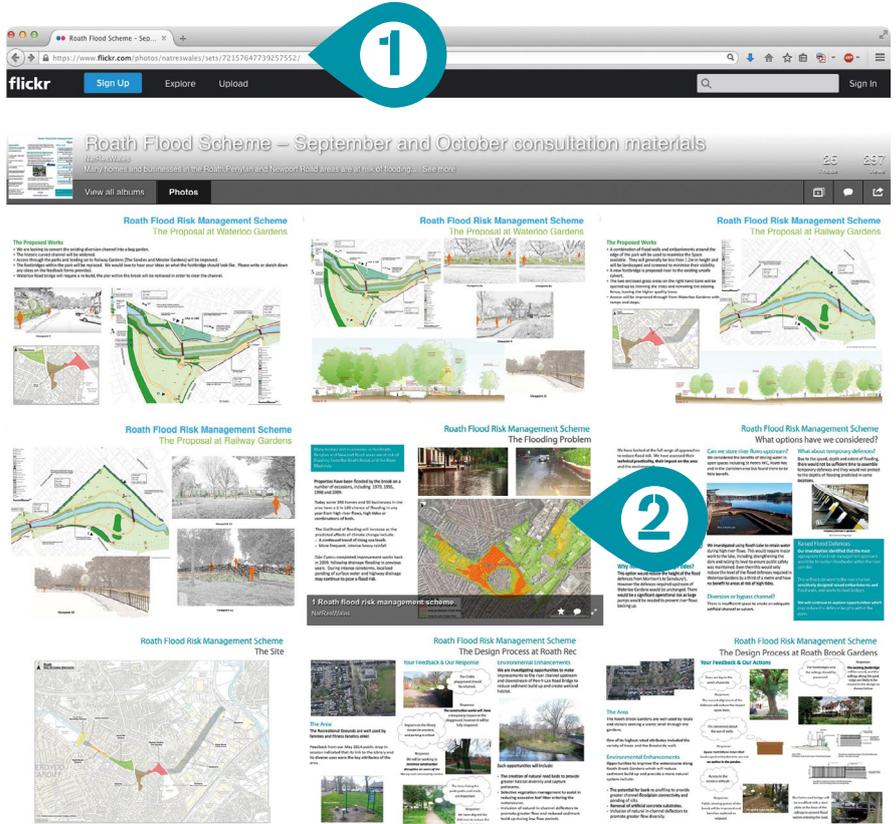
## Who else are we talking to?

We have been consulting many organisations including Cardiff Council, Cadw, GGAT, Cardiff East Conservation Group and DCWW. We have also had three Design Commission for Wales' reviews.

## A few people have asked how to view larger versions of the public drop-in materials...

We do hope this guide helps. Please email: [Roath@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:Roath@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) should you have any problems.

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