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Submitted to Flood Resilience Strategy: consultation

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Consultation structure

Guiding principles

1 Do you support the change from fixing flooding problems to creating flood resilient places?

Yes

Why/Why not? Please limit your answer to 500 characters or less.:

Flood problems can be place specific. They range from high frequency, low level events to the occasional catastrophic flood. Although local flood measures/defences can still be part of the solution, the whole issue needs to be looked at on a catchment wide basis, as flood resilience means involving other communities upstream and downstream, including, in our case, the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA).

2 How can decision makers ensure that actions taken to improve flood resilience align with the aims of a Just Transition to achieve a fairer, greener future?

Please limit your answer to 1000 characters or less.:

We are unclear about the meaning of "align with the aims of a Just Transition". Water management requires to be approached in a holistic manner, considering drought issues as well as flood issues.

3 Who do you think has a role in Scotland to help us become more flood resilient and help us adapt to the impacts of climate change?

Q3 answer - Individuals:

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Q3 answer - Homeowners:

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Q3 answer - Businesses:

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Q3 answer - Scottish Government:

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Q3 answer - Scottish Water:

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Q3 answer - Local Authorities:

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Q3 answer - Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA):

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Q3 answer - Landowners/Land managers:

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Q3 answer - Farmers and crofters:

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Q3 answer - Housebuilders/developers:

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Q3 answer - Community groups:

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Q3 answer - Other (please specify in text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

CNPA

Main themes

People

4 What support do communities need to become involved/engaged in climate adaptation and flood resilience planning?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

There needs to be a functioning consensus between the communities and the relevant authorities. In our case, in Ballater, support for the community also comes from the Community Council through its Flood Issues Group.

5 What should local authorities be doing to ensure meaningful community participation when taking decisions about improving flood resilience?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

There has to be genuine dialogue between local authorities and the communities right from the start, to ensure meaningful involvement.

6 What would help communities understand their current and future flood exposure and the range of options available to them to help them become more flood resilient?

q6 answer - Access to flood maps showing current and future flood exposure:

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q6 answer - Access to local flood history:

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q6 answer - Access to information on community 'self help' options:

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q6 answer - Access to flood resilience advice/support:

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q6 answer - Access to information on the range of flood resilience options available for their community:

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q6 answer - Other (please specify in the text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

Hydrological data- In Ballater we have access to these other areas of knowledge, but we feel it is vital to explore data analysis and are working with CNPA to develop this.

7 What actions could communities take to improve their flood resilience?

Q7 Answer - Set up a local community flood resilience group:

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Q7 Answer - Develop a local community flood response plan:

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Q7 Answer - Share local knowledge of what happens during floods with organisations like SEPA and local authorities:

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Q7 Answer - Link up with their local climate action group:

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Q7 Answer - Other (please specify in text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

Link to other local communities in the catchment.

8 What actions could householders/businesses take to improve their flood resilience?

q8 answer - Learn about flood exposure in their area:

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q8 answer - Invest in property resilience measures, such as installing flood gates, raising electrical wall sockets and using flood resilient building materials:

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q8 answer - Join a community flood action group:

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q8 answer - Sign up to Floodline for flood alerts and warnings:

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q8 answer - Seek advice on flood resilience:

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q8 answer - Make sure they have flood insurance:

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q8 answer - Other (please specify in text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

Create a self insurance fund.

9 What would you do to improve your personal flood resilience?

q9 answer - Find out how exposed you are to floods:

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q9 answer - Sign up to Floodline for flood alerts and warnings:

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q9 answer - Have a personal flood plan ready to put into action when flooding is expected:

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q9 answer - Ensure you know what to do if your property was to get flooded:

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q9 answer - Check your flood exposure before buying or renting a property:

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q9 answer - Make sure you have flood insurance:

6

q9 answer - Other (please specify in the text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

Create a self insurance fund.

Places

10 How can we ensure that our places are designed to be flood resilient in future?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

After any flood event, attempt to "build back better". Local catchment issues need to be addressed.

11 To what extent do you agree that there is a need to make space for water to improve the flood resilience of our villages, towns and cities?

Strongly agree

12 In urban areas, we should make more use of our greenspace and urban watercourses to help manage increased rainfall and reduce the impacts of surface water flooding. Which of the following do you think would be most helpful?

Which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Increasing the use of sustainable drainage systems:

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Which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Creating blue and green drainage networks to enhance existing drainage systems:

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Which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Using available greenspace such as parks and sports pitches to help soak up and store water in the heaviest rainfall events to prevent drainage systems becoming overwhelmed:

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Which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Creating raingardens in public parks and streets:

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Which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Other (please specify in the text box below):

If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

13 If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful?

If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Using soil, and land management techniques to slow down the flow of water and increase infiltration and water retention.:

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If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Using river and floodplain management techniques such as re-introducing meanders to rivers to slow flow and enhancing floodplains and wetlands to increase storage.:

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If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Increasing woodland to help intercept, slow and store water throughout a catchment.:

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If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Restoring peatlands to absorb, store and release water slowly.:

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If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Enhancing natural dune systems to maintain a natural barrier that reduces the risk of tidal inundation:

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If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Managing saltmarsh and mudflats in estuaries to store water and dissipate wave energy.:

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If we are to make more use of our river catchments and coastal areas to increase our flood resilience, which of the following do you think would be most helpful? - Other (please specify in the text box below):

If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

14 Should moving communities away from areas with the highest exposure be considered as an option?

Yes

Please explain your answer in 1000 characters or less.:

This may be necessary if insurance is unattainable in high flood risk areas, which might occur in coastal areas as well as areas close to rivers.

Processes

15 How might information, guidance, direction and technical support be provided for communities and flood management organisations?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

On the one hand, provision of support could be directed via a national strategy, whereby government agencies could approach flood affected areas to offer assistance directed by such agencies. However, communities which have informed groups or individuals available, such as our Flood Issues Group, might be able to have different authorities address specific issues highlighted by the community group.

16 How can we improve efficiency, consistency and value in delivering flood actions?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

To ensure that there is sufficient funding to support adequate responses across a number of flood affected communities, initial engineering work should be carried out, based on asking the right questions and studying the hydrology, before any final investment decisions are made about specific flood events.

17 Other than large flood protection schemes, what flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on?

Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Maintaining existing flood protection:

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Small flood protection schemes:

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Natural flood management:

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Blue and green infrastructure (e.g. multi-purpose green space, such as floodable sports pitches):

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Flood forecasting and warning:

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Property level flood resilience measures:

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Supporting local community flood resilience groups:

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Other than large flood protection schemes, what other flood resilience actions should we focus on supporting/spending available funding on? - Other (please specify in the text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

Catchment level study is essential.

18 Do you think there is enough evidence and information to support the delivery of a broader range of flood resilience actions?

Yes

If No, please let us know what you think our evidence and information gaps are.:

There is a link here to what we are proposing with CNPA, using existing data to take things forward on a catchment basis.

19 What other funding sources or mechanisms could be used to support flood resilience?

What other funding sources or mechanisms could be used to support flood resilience? - Financial contributions from those who directly benefit from improved flood resilience (e.g. private sector/businesses):

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What other funding sources or mechanisms could be used to support flood resilience? - All new development makes a contribution:

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What other funding sources or mechanisms could be used to support flood resilience? - Support natural flood management through payments to farmers, crofters and land managers (for example, Forestry Grant Scheme, the future agricultural support framework or Peatland ACTION payments):

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What other funding sources or mechanisms could be used to support flood resilience? - Other (please specify in the text box below):

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If you selected 'Other', please specify your answer:

Access to a Community Council budget.

20 What is your main concern about flooding?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

Currently, the system to address flood issues is fragmented and limited. A holistic approach to water management, including drought and flooding, and also for protection of peat as a carbon sink and the environment at a catchment level, is required.

21 What one thing would do the most to improve Scotland's flood resilience?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.:

22 Do you have any other comments?

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less. :

As noted in our response to question 20, a catchment level approach, as opposed to addressing individual, potentially vulnerable areas, is required where appropriate.

About you

What is your name?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Ballater Community Council Flood Issues Group, along with the CC's of Braemar and Mid-Deeside.

Further information about your organisation's response

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I consent

Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Very satisfied

Please enter comments here.:

We are happy to be able to share our views with the wider population in order to help communities with flood resilience.

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Very satisfied

Please enter comments here.:

As above.