Eglinton Flood Alleviation Scheme

Public Information Event Feedback Report Summary
17 September 2026 - Eglinton Community Hall



The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is developing the Eglinton Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) to reduce flood risk to homes, businesses, roads and key infrastructure in Eglinton. The proposals combine flood defences, drainage improvements, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) and localised road raising works.

The Public Information Event took place at Eglinton Community Hall on 17 September 2026 from 2.00pm until 7.30pm. Residents, businesses and stakeholders had an opportunity to review the proposed scheme and preliminary flood defence alignments and provide feedback on the developing design.

The preliminary alignments remain subject to further assessment and refinement through subsequent design stages.

A total of 67 attendees signed the register and 44 completed questionnaires were returned, giving a reported response rate of 66%. Some couples may have signed in separately but completed one questionnaire.

The questionnaires showed strong support among respondents for the proposed scheme. Of the 44 respondents:

View on the scheme	Respondents	Share
Support	32	73%
Do not support	4	9%
Unsure	8	18%

Many respondents wanted further information on the design and potential impacts before forming a final view. Most respondents (75%) reported a direct impact from flooding, highlighting the significance of flood risk in Eglinton and the importance of effective flood alleviation measures.

Respondents ranked flood protection highest (82%), followed by the location of flood defences (68%) and benefits to the wider community (52%). Effective flood risk reduction remains the primary objective, alongside the design, location and wider impacts of the proposed measures.

Flood protection and the prevention of future flooding were the most frequently raised themes. Respondents emphasised protecting homes, businesses and community infrastructure from future flood events.

Other themes included delivery timescales, potential impacts on private property and environmental considerations. Respondents also identified opportunities for upstream and natural flood management measures and called for continued community engagement throughout scheme development.

Feedback on the event was overwhelmingly positive, with 86% of respondents describing it as informative. Suggestions for improvements focused on greater publicity for future events, providing additional technical detail and maintaining regular communication with stakeholders.

DfI will use the feedback to directly inform the next phase of scheme development. Further design refinement, assessment and engagement will address the key issues raised by stakeholders.

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