

Sea Defences

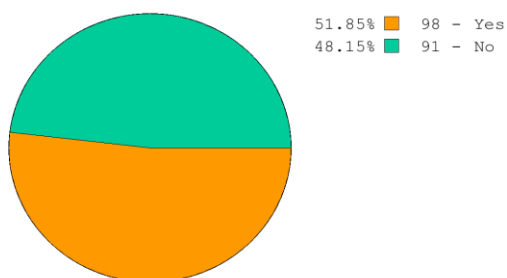
Some areas of Great Woking are designated as flood risk locations, hence the importance of sea defences. 229 valid submissions have been received on this subject.

Overview: Over half of respondents are satisfied with the sea defences as they stand. 68% know how to find out if their homes are at risk but only half of those know how to protect their property.

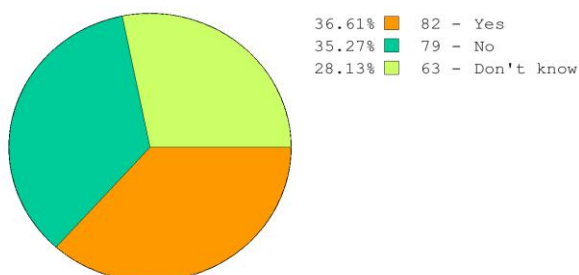
60% of respondents would like more information to be made available and over 68% do not know how the Environment Agency early warning system works – 80% would like to know.

95% of respondents would prefer that the emergency warning siren which once operated in Great Woking should be reinstated.

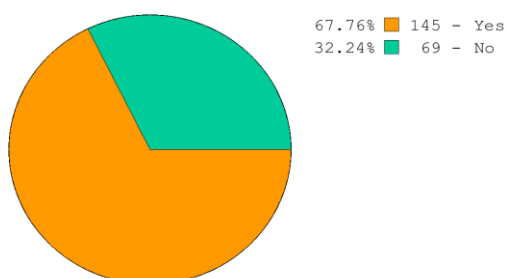
Are you satisfied with sea defences protecting Great Woking?



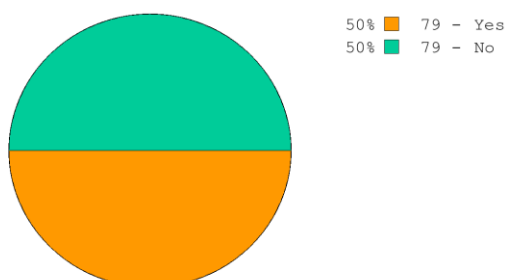
Do you live in a flood risk location?



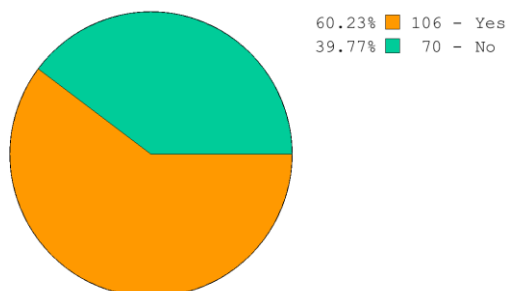
Do you know how to find out if you're in a flood risk location?



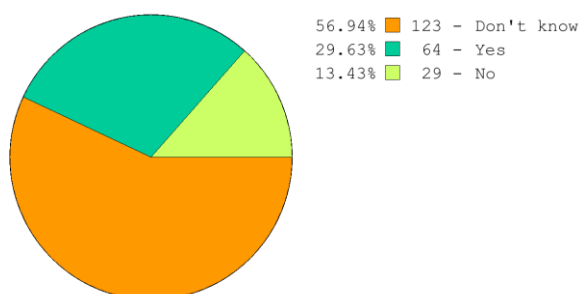
If you live in a flood risk location do you know how to protect your home?



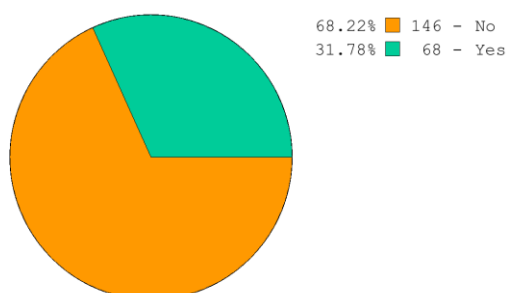
Would you like to attend informative talks to help find out how to protect your home?



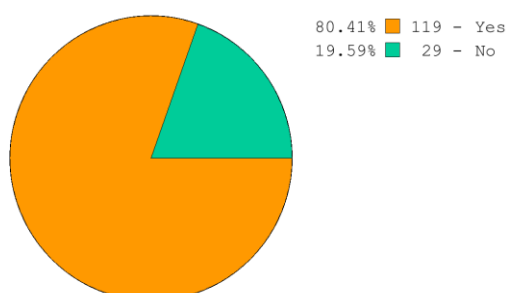
Are you satisfied with the Environment Agency warning system?



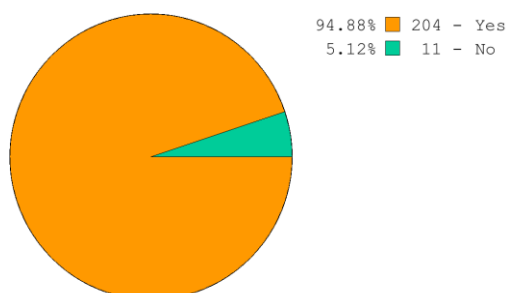
Do you know how the system works?



If no, would you like to know?



There used to be a siren in GW to warn of flood and other emergencies would you like to see this reinstated?





THE GREAT WAKERING
PARISH PLAN 2015

Community Views and Comments

Q: Are you satisfied with sea defences protecting Great Wakering

“Parts of the Barling creek wall is low and an obvious tidal ingress point should we ever have another flood. It would reach Wakering from the north east”

“They need improving to give a protection of at least a 1 in 200 chance of flooding.”

“There are significant weaknesses in sea defences at Pigs Bay and Havengore Point especially, and repeated studies by the EA and its agents have yet to be acted upon to cope with their rising sea level expectations.”

As a family of 6, two adults and four children, we would like to see the sea wall restored to a 1 in 200 at least and not a 1 in 50 as proposed, *I don't know enough about the sea defences to be able to comment.* Sea wall has deteriorated and we could suffer from a similar situation as per Feb 1953 if similar conditions happened, *With global warming being an ever growing threat, I expect as sea levels rise our sea defences will become inadequate.* Future proof the area by raising the walls a little more. Perhaps also create more marsh land. No housing development of any kind on the MOD land! *Defences not maintained properly.* Don't know what they are, *With recent news about insurance companies refusing house hold insurance I feel that more money needs to be invested in sea defence.* General lack of maintenance of sea walls particularly Foulness Island, *Money for them has been misspent, house insurance is going up astronomically as we are in risk area and nothing is being done.* Push for as much Central Govt. funding as possible, emphasising M.O.D. involvement, *Parts of the Barling creek wall is low and an obvious tidal ingress point should we ever have another flood. It would reach Wakering from the north east,* I would suggest the current sea defences are neither high enough nor complete enough to protect the village from a repeat of the disaster of 1953. *They need improving to give a protection of at least a 1 in 200 chance of flooding.* We the villagers would appreciate some honesty from the council, some real effort on their part to improve the defences against the sea, and a real effort on their part to push the Environment Agency to get it done. Perhaps the council should also stop the practice of allowing house building in flood areas. An increase in height of the Sea wall by 1m would safe guard homes in the flood zone for the foreseeable future. *Do enough to stop the insurance companies from taking advantage of the environment flood risk maps,* My husband lived here when the floods occurred in 1953 and the present defences could not cope with another flood such as that was. *Sea defences need to be improved to satisfy insurance companies. We are all paying exorbitant premiums, and in some cases unable to obtain house insurance. I have seen sea levels reach the top of the sea wall in my time here. There are significant weaknesses in sea defences at Pigs Bay and Havengore Point especially, and repeated studies by the EA and its agents have yet to be acted upon to cope with their rising sea level expectations.* The current sea defences are barely able to cope with a high spring tide at the moment. It would not take much to cause another flood... *To a standard that means I can obtain AFFORDABLE home buildings insurance - at present it is proving difficult to get home insurance that is not extortionately overpriced!!* They should be brought up to satisfactory standard without delay - certain council members advise that this is not the case. This shows a lack of regard by council members and a failure in carrying out their duties, *Don't know, but we have been refused insurance from one company*

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because of flood risk. Our house was not flooded in 1953, I do not know how they could be improved, but when looking to buy a house recently, we were advised that this area is in the highest risk level, which I understand can make it difficult to obtain reasonably priced home insurance and some companies will not do it at all!! Therefore, something definitely needs to be done!

“Don’t know what the system is, do they?”

Q: Are you satisfied with the Environment Agency warning system?

“Every household should be provided with details of the EA warning system.”

Not sure of current system, Not aware of what form the warnings would take, **We would like flood warnings and flood alerts**, I was told by a lady in Shoebury that she gets phone alerts about floods, but no idea personally. **Is there one? Don’t know what the system is, do they?** Despite vociferous and persistent local scaremongering, I believe that the Environment Agency have assessed the risks appropriately. Most of residential Great Wakering is outside the EA's "risk of extreme flood" assessment. Curiously enough, the housing at greatest risk has largely been constructed in the last twenty years, on the northern periphery, and commands the village's highest prices. **Every household should be provided with details of the EA warning system.** Bring back flood sirens. **What warning system!!** Excessive numbers of Coastal Flood Warnings currently being made are liable to result in a 'crying wolf' mentality for recipients, and appear made to protect the backs of the Environment Agency - IF NOT they must confirm there is a far greater risk of inundation of homes by sea than currently admitted or addressed.

