

Dear Residents,

We would like to invite you to participate in a compensated online focus group to discuss your thoughts, views and experience of flooding in the area. Your contributions, which would be treated anonymously, would feed into a piece of research for the Environment Agency exploring how communities such as yours could be better protected against the damage caused by flooding.

You would be compensated £25 for participation in a 90-minute online video conference call using Google Hangouts during the working day between the dates **now and 24th April**. Also, on the conference call would be up to five other participants as well as two researchers from WPI Economics, a research consultancy who are assisting the Environment Agency on this project.

If you would be prepared to participate and have some availability during time stated, please would you answer the following questions below:

1. I am a (mark as appropriate):

Tenant	
Homeowner	

2. In the past, flood water has entered my home, at least in part as a result of heavy rainfall

Yes	
No	

3. If yes, did this flooding take place before or after September 2019?

Yes	
No	

4. Please tick the following statements where they are correct for you

I have looked up my home's risk of flooding online	
I am signed up to flood warnings	
I have discussed my risk of flooding with friends, family or neighbours	

I have discussed my risk of flooding with a professional (e.g. a builder or surveyor)	
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Please could you complete the above and return to joe.ahern@wpieconomics.com. In your response, please can you also provide some sense of your availability during the times and dates mentioned.

Many thanks,

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