

Statement of Community Involvement

Following the record high tide in April 2024 a group of residents in Mill Lane and Harbourside got together to raise funds to build the flood embankment which is the subject of this planning application.

Upgraded flood defences for Langstone have been designed by Coastal Partners, and were subject to a lengthy public consultation process.

Unfortunately, the Mill Lane section did not attract sufficient finance and Coastal Partners had to drop it from their scheme.

However, the designs of the proposed defences have been made available to the residents.

The April 2024 tide topped the existing flood defences and several gardens were partly flooded.

It is intended that the subsequent sections of the Coastal Partners scheme will be undertaken by the individual frontage owners, so that the complete Frontage 1B is upgraded.

The works in this planning application represent the first step and address an urgent deficiency in the existing defences.

Fifteen householders in Mill Lane and Harbourside have committed to finance this section of the defence.

Clearly the proposal has strong local support.