

Flooding Intervention Policy


In 2015, the Council announced the Flooding Intervention Policy, where it will help (1) property owners who've had frequent above-floor flooding, (2) where their flooding has been worsened by the earthquakes and, (3) planned flood mitigation schemes won't offer a timely reduction to their flood risk.

The Council will work with these property owners to determine the most appropriate, cost effective option for their property, which might be reducing their flood risk through localised drainage works or house raising, or the Council may offer to purchase the property. A purchase offer would be voluntary.

Flockton was the first area where this policy was applied. Now that the Council's Land Drainage Recovery Programme has completed sufficient flood risk investigations for the Heathcote River, it is proposed to enact this policy in the Heathcote area if Council approval for funding is obtained.

1  **Flood risk investigations**
The Council does thorough investigations into flood risk in an area - modelling, floor level.



2  **Options to reduce flood risk in the area are developed and agreed by Council.**

Options to be presented to ITE and then to Council. If Council approval is obtained, potentially eligible property owners will be approached.



3  **Properties within a flood risk area are assessed to determine the benefits of the mitigation works.**



4  **or** 

Some properties don't have their flood risk reduced by timely mitigation works, and meet policy criteria.

Most high risk properties benefit from timely, area-wide mitigation.



The Council will offer assistance to these property owners if approved at 23 November Council meeting.