

Your Tidal Thames – Stakeholder Workshop

10.00 – 3.45, 27th June 2012

Room G07 Exhibition Room, Pearson Building, University College London, Gower Street, London.

This workshop brings together organisations who have an interest in working together to improve the Tidal Thames. It will be a participative day, so please come ready to join in.

Aims

- Introduce the Your Tidal Thames project, hear about the role of Thames 21 and the Thames Estuary Partnership in hosting it and progress to date.
- Begin to develop a shared understanding of the current status of the tidal Thames.
- Discuss the ‘catchment approach’ to improving the river and meeting Water Framework Directive targets, in particular to help everyone understand what this means for their own organisations.
- Discuss the possibility of forming a Your Tidal Thames Strategy Group.
- Agree next steps.

Preparation

Please read these papers before the meeting, and if needed share them with colleagues so you can come to the meeting ready to join in the discussion.

- An Initial Summary document detailing the information held by the project on the current status and identified issues and pressures affecting the tidal Thames taken from the River Basin Management Plan released by Environment Agency. This includes a summary table developed by the Project Team breaking these issues and pressures down into more detail and initial thoughts of possible actions that could be taken or engagement needed.
- An introduction to the project area and progress made by the Project Team to date including our thoughts on how the engagement process may work and the potential role of the Strategy Group
- The draft Catchment Plan Template which we are using to capture stakeholder’s opinions and suggestions

Agenda

Refreshments will be available from 09.30.

10.00 Welcome and introductions

Context and introduction to Your Tidal Thames

Presentation on the project and the national context, progress to date and an overview of the process of developing a catchment plan for the tidal Thames, followed by questions and discussion.

What we know about the tidal Thames

Sharing what the project team has gathered so far about the state of the river, existing projects and activities to improve it. The team plans to supplement this picture with additional views and data from the public and stakeholders. Questions and discussion of these plans and of your additional information and perspectives on the evidence, priorities and activities.

Lunch

Taking a catchment based approach

Presenting more detail on the catchment based approach, what a catchment plan is and how Your Tidal Thames intends to develop a catchment plan. Discussion of this and how your organisations might get involved.

Setting up a Strategy Group – presentation and discussion

Reminder of the proposed role and activities of a Strategy Group. Discussion on this idea, how it might work and who might want to be involved.

Agreeing next steps

Discussing and agreeing any decisions and actions arising out of the previous sessions. Feedback on the workshop.

3.45 Close