

Paragraph Supporting Documents: 1. Hayling Island Emergency Plan Proposals by HIRA August 2017 2. Hayling Island Emergency Planning Framework November 2017

Both these documents were published in 2017 and are relevant to the issues of Flooding which is only one of the emergency issues that could affect Hayling Island and its permanent as well as temporary residents and visitors inasmuch as the A3023 is the only permanent means of public evacuation as well as emergency vehicle access off and on the Island. They both need to be brought to the attention of the current Hearing in relation to Hayling Island's Transport problems as well as the Island's Flooding concerns.

In early 2017 a Hayling Island Residents' Association resident member who worked for the Ministry of Defence in the UK in relation to emergency response requirements, brought to HIRA's attention that Hayling Island was, especially in contrast to other UK Islands and coastal communities, completely unprepared for any 'catastrophe' whether man-made or natural (as in storm surges for example). I obtained & read Havant Borough Council's (HBC) current HI Emergency Planning Framework by Stuart Pinkney and it was so out of date as to include premises etc that no longer existed, and it had a small number of similarly out of date contacts. Therefore I arranged for Hants. County Council (HCC) Fire & Rescue Lead plus Stuart Pinkney of HBC to speak to our Public Meeting and take questions. The HCC Lead subsequently offered to attend a small HIRA led sub-committee including myself, HIRA members namely a retired Police Officer, the MOD contractor and an experienced Island First Responder and Fire Officer to discuss how HBC's then EP Framework could be updated & fit for purpose. Out of that came the HI Emergency Plan Proposals by HIRA, attached, which we submitted to HBC's Stuart Pinkney for his consideration; the MOD contractor, because of his work, does not want his name published. The attached Nov. 2017 updated HBC's previous Framework but we never had any answers to our questions in HIRA's Proposals nor were we informed of why many of our practical proposals were not included or even rejected.

The MOD contractor explained to us that

- a) any regional emergency whether land or coastal requiring for example army and civilian rescue services would be prioritized to the largest affected locations which in our regions would be Portsmouth/Portsea Island so we are left wondering how Hayling's population of approx. 18000 people could be served – this is not explained in the Framework;
- b) any regional or local emergency requiring naval/army 'boats' would take at least 8 hours to travel eastwards to Hayling from their bases further west. How then would our emergency be managed given the A3023 single road bridge to the mainland?

Our small group also learned that the extent of HI's preparedness for its Framework was & I understand still is a 'desktop' exercise at our local larger Community Centre, namely 2 individuals sit for a few hours in a room there where presumably they are to coordinate or manage whatever emergency has arisen. In contrast, the Hants. County Council Fire & Rescue Lead had explained to us that Hayling needed, for example, a street by street summary of emergency need and contacts which could be coordinated with Fire & Rescue services. Hayling does not have that. There have been no practical dry-runs of problems with communication, access etc. involved in emergency work.

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