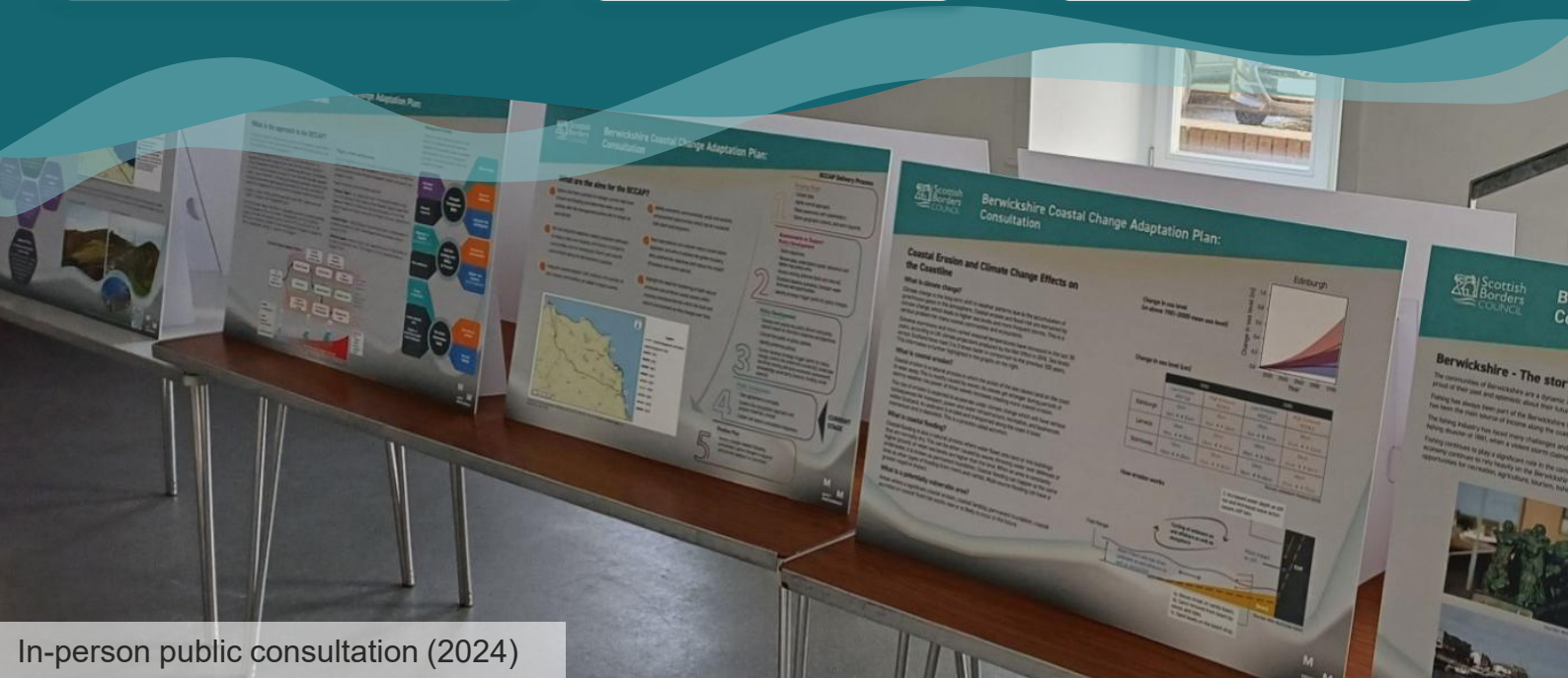


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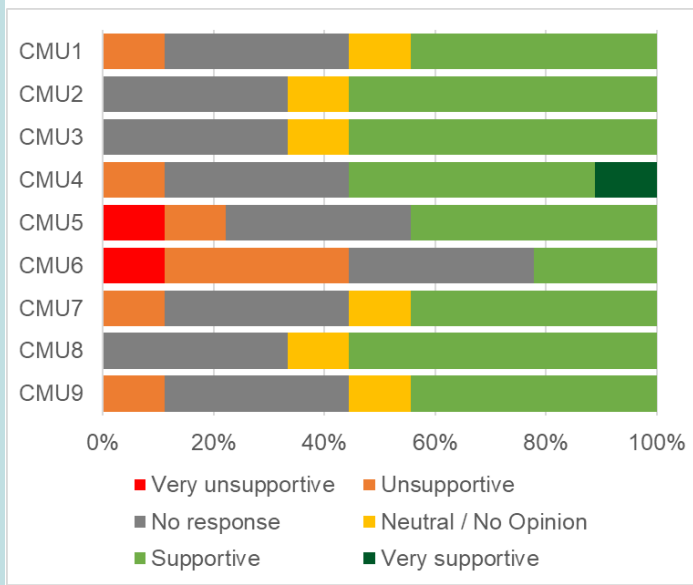
In-person public consultation (2024)

Overview: This case study aimed to understand stakeholder opinions on the Berwickshire Coastal Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP) by using a variety of consultation methods including both in person and online consultations. The online material developed for the CCAP and coastal path was well received. The website allowed stakeholders to review information at their convenience.

What we have learnt: The information provided from the public consultation was invaluable. It highlighted areas of the coast that held the most value to the public. We adapted our short and long-term policies in some areas in response to feedback.

Running consultations close together divided focus: To reduce this, we recommend using a website as a launching space to inform the public on related plans and schemes in one space to clarify their connections, differences, and timelines.

We asked consultees to provide their opinion on the Coastal Change Adaptation Plan for each Coastal Management Unit (short-term policy opinions shown below)



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Online consultation preview – Berwickshire Coastline (Mott MacDonald,2024)

Consultation messaging needs to be clear: The local community was directly affected by Storm Babet and raised strong concerns regarding the damage. We need to make it clearer how a trigger-based system works with funding for action plans. Highlighting the flexibility of dynamic adaptation pathways (depending on funding availability during Phase 2 may help alleviate these concerns).

Understanding of adaptation policies: We recognise that we need clearer communication and education on the nuances and implications of adaptation policies. During the public consultation we used real-life examples to explain the differences between sub-policies. In Phase 2 we will reinforce and recontextualise these policies to ensure they are comprehensible for a wide range of stakeholders.

“The CCAP has received good public support, and we are excited to work together with the local communities to adapt to changing conditions” – Duncan Morrison, Scottish Borders Council

Follow the QR code to see the story so far.



#adapt

#community

#engagement

Online Consultation webpage
(Mott MacDonald, 2024)

Coastal Management Unit 1 - Lamberton to Burnmouth

This unit covers Lamberton to Burnmouth starting at the Scotland-England border. South of Burnmouth is a sandy gravel beach. Erosion of the cliffs is limited. The East Coast Mainline railway also runs along the cliff edge in this area.



Short-term Policy

No Active Intervention (NAI) - Local Activity Only

Where works to repair or construct short sections of defences within a longer length of otherwise NAI shoreline might be permitted e.g. an isolated property.

Physical Trigger Example

Failure of the rock revetment at Hilton Bay (leading to requirement for further local activity).

Inhibiting Trigger Example

A new risk to the A1 road is identified and greater intervention is required.

Enabling Trigger



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