

P-05-801 Save the trees and ground in Roath Mill and Roath Brook Gardens before it's too late – Correspondence from a local resident to the Committee, 03.01.19

To the Petitions Committee of the National Assembly

I am a resident of Roath and have followed closely and with interest, the proposals for the Roath Flood Defence Scheme that was open to public consultation and involvement from 2013-2014. I attended exhibitions and meetings where questions were welcomed and answered readily.

I support the project and understand the difficulties in transforming an area that holds its history and environment to heart. From the information available and because of the impact of global warming and associated climate changes, I believe that the major engineering works are necessary for the future of the community.

I am concerned that the residents' action group formed to save the trees and grounds in Roath Mill and Roath Brook Gardens have halted the project - for a year now. I have heard the recordings of the Petitions Committee at the Senedd on 13 November 2018 and 27 November 2018 (P-05-801 Save the trees and ground in Roath Mill and Roath Brook Gardens before its too late).

I wish to state that

1. the action group does not speak on behalf of all the residents of Roath as is stated during the submission of evidence
2. a number of residences remain significantly at risk of flooding without further works being carried out
3. alternative proposals do not offer reliable, long term protection to the properties
4. trees have a natural life and some in the Roath Brook and Roath Mill gardens are old and fragile
5. the project is looking to protect future generations of residents, not trees
6. once the project is completed then residences may benefit from an improved home insurance cover
7. the project has replanted and added trees to the local environment and other areas of Cardiff
8. the delay is costing the public and, in my view, is unethical when public money is in short supply.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely

Jill Davies
Resident of Roath.

