



ISIS Security, 2Bs consulting, Plann Architects and Ems2 join forces to help Oxfordshire prepare for floods

Summary

Oxfordshire has suffered devastation and injury from the effects of floods. Joining forces, a group of small businesses provided information and help to reduce future impacts. Now they offer a range of services for householders and business owners.

What Gives?

It is remarkable how few businesses, let alone households, do not realise they are in a flood zone until it is too late. Ems2 spoke with an Oxfordshire business and a householder who were both badly affected by floods during 2007. Following this, and joining forces with 2Bs consulting and Isis Security, Ems2 arranged a Flood Planning workshop at the Oxford Brookes University supported by the County Council. Joined then by Plann Architects, the businesses collaborated, and developed services and products based on each of their core capabilities to help the local, and wider, community.

Climate Change Adaptation

The affects of Climate Change include extreme weather events such as flooding. We all need to adapt to take in to account a new set of risks. The owners of Ems2, Isis Security, 2Bs consulting and Plann Architects realised there was little in the private sector to support the need for flood planning, alerting and defence in the Oxfordshire area.

Ems2 discovered that the range of kite-marked flood barriers is limited, and so the three entered into a reselling agreement with one of the authorised manufacturers: FloodArk.









Now they have a range of flood protection services applicable to any part of the UK at risk of flooding.

Services Provided

The collaboration has produced a range of complementary services:

- Flood planning workshops for businesses > Ems2
- Canute Flood Warning System > Isis Security
- Bespoke flood barrier defences > 2Bs consulting
- Flood-friendly house design > Plann Architects
- FloodArk defence > Ems2, 2Bs or Isis Security

Collaborating Businesses

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Flood Risk

Businesses can see if they are in a flood zone by entering their post codes on this website:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31656.aspx>

Further information

Consulting from 2Bs:

<http://www.lbdgm.co.uk/>

Isis Security's Canute Flood Warning System:

<http://www.flooding-early-warning.co.uk/>

Plann Architects

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