

## What are we telling you about?

We are writing to let you know about improvement works to Abbey Sluice and its associated structures. These works will include the installation of a new access cover, an access ladder to the foreshore, and the installation of a davit arm, which will provide additional safety measures.

## Where is this happening?

Our contractors will be working in two separate locations:

- **Thames Path** – In the vicinity of Abbey Sluice, which is situated in the north eastern part of the Borough of Bexley.
- **Near Thameslink Place** there will be a fenced area to provide access to the chamber.

## When are we doing this work?

Our contractors will be working at these locations from 9<sup>th</sup> March until 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 during the hours of 07:00-18:00.

## What will we be doing?

On the **Thames Path** we will be working on both the Thames Path and on the Foreshore. Works will include the installation of a new access cover, access ladder and the installation of a davit arm, which will provide additional safety measures.

Near **Thameslink Place**, in order to provide access to our contractors; a small fenced off area around the entrance of the inlet chamber will be erected. This will allow contractors to install a new stainless-steel eel ramp within the inlet chamber to improve the safe passage for eels to and from the River Thames.

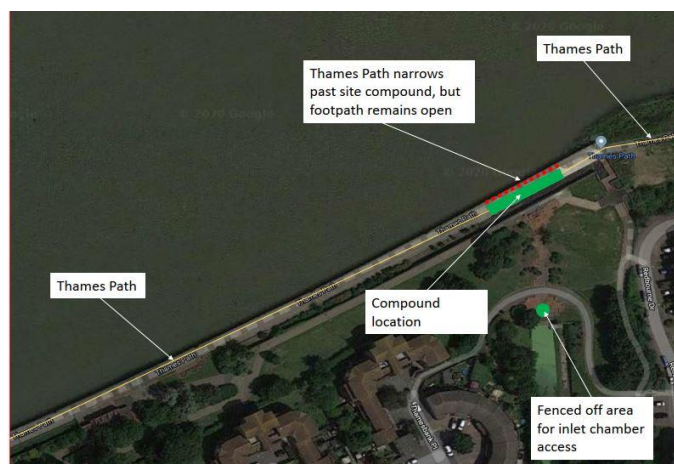
## Why are we doing this work?

These works form part of the necessary improvements to flood defences in the Thames Estuary in order to maintain the flood protection of the local area. The access improvement works will enable any future works to be carried out in a safe manner and will allow easier and safer access for inspections.

All our current, and proposed future, activity on-site is taking place within our Thames Estuary Asset Management (TEAM) 2100 programme. TEAM2100 is a 10-year programme of works to refurbish and replace existing tidal flood defences, one of the key first steps in delivering our Thames Estuary 2100 plan - our vision of how tidal flood risk management will be delivered across the Thames Estuary and is available to view via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/thames-estuary-2100-te2100>

## What is the impact of the work?

To maintain the safety of the public, and to provide a secure area for the site compound, a section of the Thames Pathway will be fenced off. **However, a pathway will be provided for pedestrian access.** Please see the photo below:



## What should I do in the meantime?

We will provide an update should any of the dates, timings or locations stated above change for any unforeseeable and unavoidable reason.

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