

What are we telling you about?

We are writing to let you know about improvement works to Lake 5 Sluice and its associated structures. 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.

Where is this happening?

The works will be carried out in the vicinity of Lake 5 Sluice, adjacent to the Thames Path which is situated near Princess Alice Way. There will be works taking place within the outfalls of Lake 5 Sluice as well as on the promenade, with the main site compound area being set up on the upper walk on Princess Alice Way (detailed in the photo on the right).

When are we doing this work?

Our contractors will be working at these locations from March until 20th May 2020 during the hours of 07:00-18:00, Monday to Friday.

What will we be doing?

The works will include:

- An installation of a new access ladder to the existing wall
- Removal of part of the wooden fender
- Installation of a davit arm, which will provide additional safety measures
- The replacement of existing pumped and gravity flap valves, which prevent the flow of water from the River Thames
- A new valve access platform will also be installed on site, which will provide a safe and level working area at the base of the new access ladder

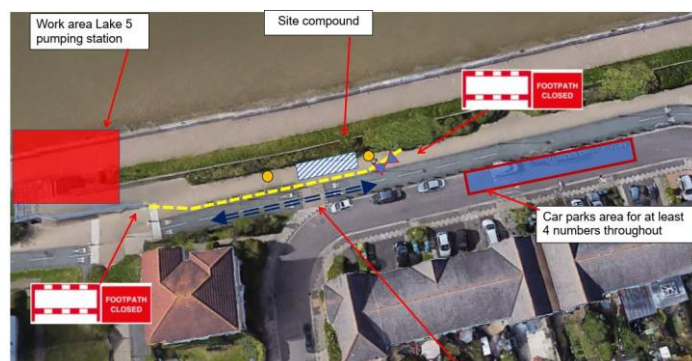
Why are we doing this work?

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?

In order to maintain the safety of the public and to enable the works to be completed safely the Thames footpath and the upper walk on Princess Alice Way will need to be closed as detailed in the drawing below. The parallel footpath / cyclist can be used as a diversion route as detailed. The compound will be set up on the footpath adjacent to the works area and will be fenced off to prevent unauthorised access.



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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