

Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme

January 2024 Newsletter

This is the fifth edition of the Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme newsletter. This newsletter will form one of the ways that we will keep you updated on our Flood Alleviation works in Yarm, as the project develops.

Start of Works - Compound

The Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme has commenced, with works to install the compound area on Bentley Wynd, now well under way. The compound location is highlighted on the map below in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Site compound location

The site compound on Bentley Wynd is managed by our Contractor BAM Nuttall and will remain in place until the works are completed.

Whilst the project is ongoing, unrestricted access will be required for site vehicles to and from the compound, as such parking within the entranceway will be prohibited. During the construction period, there will be some construction traffic around Yarm, although we will ensure this is kept to a minimum.

Start of Works – Flood Gates

The first construction operations on site will commence around the **29th January**, with **Gate 17**, by the Firestation off Bridge Street being replaced first, followed by a large private flood gate nearby. No access onto True Lovers Walk through the Gate 17 opening will be possible during the works, until mid to late **February 2024**.

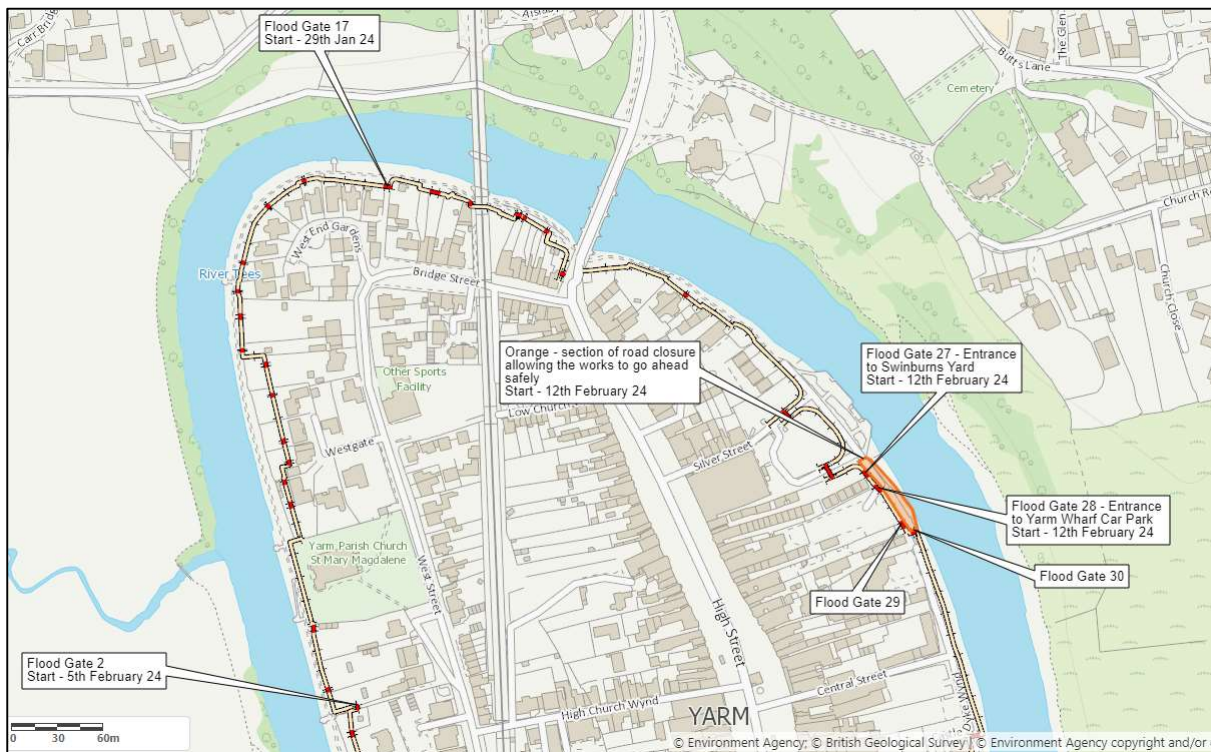


Figure 2. Locations of first flood gates to be replaced.

- **Flood gate 2** off West Street is programmed for its replacement to start around the **5th February 2024**, which we expect will be completed in early March 2024.
- Our works will then move over to the East side of Yarm, where the road highlighted orange in Figure 2 will be closed from the **12th February 2024**, to enable the safe replacement of flood gates 27 and 28, which are on the entrances of Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park. This means there will be no vehicular access to Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park from the 12th February.
- We will be working towards re-instating access to Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park by the **14th March 2024**.
- We will then move onto replacing Gates 29 and 30 in early March 2024.

Please note that all dates provided are our best estimate at this moment in time, and may change, especially if we experience poor weather and the flood gates need to be operated.

We have spoken directly with all landowners and occupiers who will be impacted by the replacement of this first group of gates. We will continue to engage with landowners and stakeholders about the timing of future phases of works.

Car Parks and Rights of Way

As mentioned above, the replacement of some of the flood gates will impact access to the True Lovers Walk public footpath and the Yarm Wharf Car Park. To allow a safe operational working area for the contractors, and to ensure the safety of members of the public, sections of the footpath and the Yarm Wharf Car Park will be closed during the works. Notices and signs have been installed in advance of the footpath and carpark closure, and we will aim to minimise the disruption by opening up sections of footpath and the car park as soon as we possibly can. Throughout the last few months, much work has been carried out behind the scenes to develop and with our stakeholders agree a programme for the replacement of this first group of gates. This includes many discussions with Stockton Borough Council over the

Traffic Management and sequencing of the works to mitigate or reduce any disruption to Yarm.

Tree Works

To allow safe access throughout the site to the required work locations, our contractors need to raise the canopies of various trees and remove low hanging branches along True Lovers Walk – one tree will also be partially felled due to it overhanging a new gates operational area. This tree work is being done in-advance of the works so that no unwanted or unmanaged damage is caused, that may impact the long term health of the trees. These works will be carried out by an approved Tree Surgeon with localised footpath closures in place managed by the onsite staff to allow safe passage for pedestrians along True Lovers Walk. This work is commencing on the 25th January 2024 (weather permitting) and will take approximately one week.

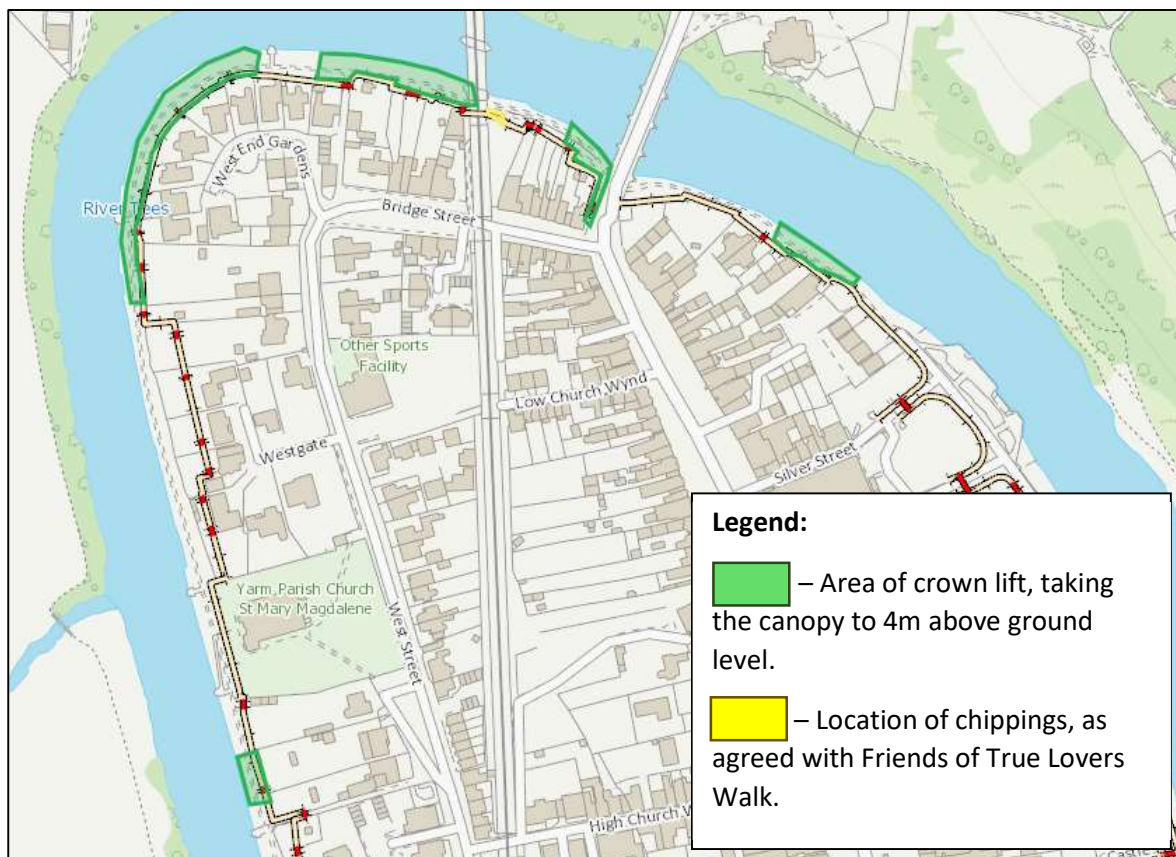


Figure 3. Tree Clearance Drawing

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