

# Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme

## February 2024 Newsletter

This is the sixth 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

Set up of the Construction compound at Bentley Wynd has now been completed, with the installation of the Offices and Welfare units as well as the laydown area for materials. A CCTV system covering compound area only has been installed. 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, We need to have clear access to the compound at all times therefore parking is not allowed in the entranceway or beside the compound.. During the construction period, there will be some construction traffic around Yarm, although we will ensure this is kept to a minimum.



*Figure 1. Site Compound installed*

### Start of Works – Flood Gates

Construction on the Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme commenced on the **29<sup>th</sup> January** as planned, with work commencing on **Gate 17**, by the Firestation off Bridge Street. The Large Private Gate, **Gate 18** in close proximity to Gate 17 has also commenced. Temporary Flood Defences have been installed with the old flood gates being removed to allow construction of the new foundations.



Figure 2. Temporary Defences in place at Gate 17.

No access onto True Lovers Walk through the **Gate 17** opening will be possible during the works, until mid to early **March 2024**, with footpath signage installed warning of closures.



Figure 3.

Works on **Flood Gate 2**, off West Street have also commenced with a footpath closure to True Lovers Walk off West Street at this location. We expect will be completed in early **March 2024** and the access to the river reopened.

Our works have progressed over to the East side of Yarm, where the road highlighted orange in Figure 4 is now closed, to enable the safe replacement of **Flood Gates 27** and **28**, which are on the entrances of Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park. Unfortunately this means there will be no vehicular access to Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park from the 12<sup>th</sup> February. Access will be closed off at **Gate 30** to allow for a safe working area and to segregate the general public.

We will be working towards re-instating access to Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park by the **14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

We will then move onto replacing **Gates 29 and 30** in **early March 2024** for a 4 week period maintaining the closure through **Gate 30** for this duration.

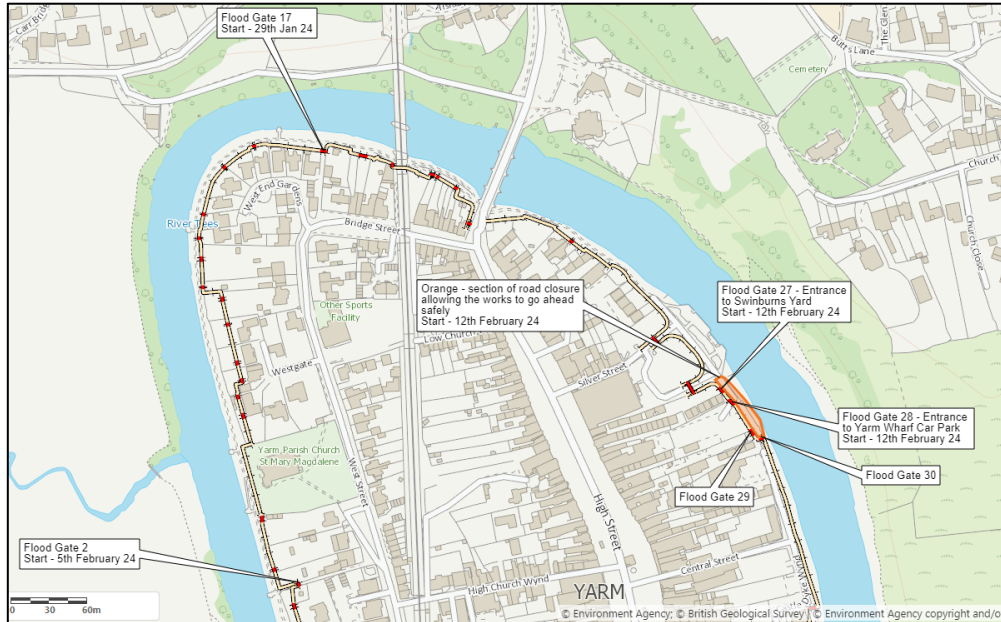


Figure 4. Locations of first flood gates to be replaced.

Flood **Gates 31 and 32** will commence **late March 2024**, with a footpath closure shown below to maintain safe segregation of the workforce and the public. During this period some temporary traffic lights will need to be in place to maintain a safe flow of traffic past the work area at gate 31.



**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 occupants 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. We have been working closely with Stockton Borough Council to keep disturbance to a minimum.

Notices and signs have been installed in advance of the footpath and carpark closure, and we will open up sections of footpath and the car park as soon as we safely can.

## Finding out more information

If you would like more information or have a specific question check the Frequently Asked Questions Web page via the QR code or link below, or if you have any other questions please get in touch with us via [EA-YarmFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:EA-YarmFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk)

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