

Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme - Phase 2

Newsletter 4 - July 2023

The Environment Agency are starting works in Arundel in 2023. This work is essential and will provide protection to the town from flooding and erosion.

Newsletters will be publicly available on the scheme website and emailed to our distribution list. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact us to provide your email address. We will also aim to provide paper copies through Arundel Town Council noticeboards and public events.

When will this work be happening?

We still have a planned start date of 31 July 2023. As previously stated, the complex nature of the construction means that the programme may change as the work progresses. Any changes to the programme will be communicated with as much notice as possible through the project website and direct contact with any affected residents.

As we move towards construction, we will be hosting more regular updates on the scheme website, email mailing list and notices on the town council website.

What will be the impact on the Arundel Festival?

The work that we are undertaking is urgent and will provide protection from flooding and erosion to the town and its residents. If the wall collapses before we are on site, we have an emergency plan in place to stabilise the wall. This plan would take time to enact and once deployed would delay the main works. Given the urgency and the delays that would result from the emergency plan we need to start the main works as soon as possible.

Starting on site as soon as possible will unfortunately involve some works coinciding with the Arundel Festival:

- There will be activities related to setting up the site compounds and jack-up barge in the river that will overlap with the festival.
- The main piling work will not start until September. This is the noisiest phase of works and will not coincide with the festival.
- We are working closely with West Sussex County Council to make sure that any road closures and vehicle movements are timed to minimise impacts on any town events that are being held. This includes the Arundel Farmers market.
- We have also been working closely with event planners in Arundel Town Council and Arun District Council to gather information on town events. We will plan our deliveries to avoid road closures and prevent clashes. We will also time deliveries to avoid town events wherever possible.

What will be the impact in the river?

A jack-up barge will be brought into the town and placed into the river towards the end of August. This is the same barge that was used before in 2019. Because of the unstable nature of the existing wall the barge will be placed further out into the river than in the previous phase of works. We expect that there will be disruption to river traffic due to the position and size of the barge in the river, as well as this new work area in the river being narrower than the previous phase of works. We are in ongoing discussions with the Littlehampton Harbour Master and our contractors. **We are also keen to work with river users to understand the impact this may have. If you would like to discuss any concerns please contact us using the details below.**

customer service line
03708 506 506

incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

floodline
03459 88 11 88

How will the work impact Traffic and Parking around Arundel?

We have submitted our Temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TTRO) with Arun District Council (ADC) and have planned all traffic movements and restrictions with the aim to minimise disruption to the town.

Where possible we have avoided closing roads by utilising rolling roadblocks which will be in place no longer than 15 minutes at a time and avoiding peak hours. In August there will be 1 week of restricted access in River Road so that we can install protective matting over the road surfaces. During this closure we will maintain access to River Road for residents and anyone parking at Crown Yard Carpark. For a full list of parking restrictions and traffic movements please visit ADC traffic portal at <https://one.network/uk>

Similar to Phase 1 works in 2019 we will have a site compound at Mill Road Carpark and River Road Carpark. To reduce impact on parking capacity we have been working closely with the Castle Estate to design a compound with a reduced footprint.

All permit holders for River Road have been contacted by ADC directly. If you are a River Road Permit holder and have not been contacted, please let ADC know as soon as possible. If you have concerns around how parking and traffic restrictions might affect you, please contact ADC at car.parks@arun.gov.uk or contact us using the following information.

Project Timeline

A simplified project timeline will be added to the project website. This timeline will be updated as the project progresses.

Contact us

We are keen to hear your views going forward; your feedback will help us plan our work to minimise impacts on the town.

We have a new website for Phase 2 of this scheme. We will be using the website to communicate more regular updates on project progress, both before the scheme commences and during construction. We will also use it to provide up to date contact details and collect feedback.

Website

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/atws-phase2-info-page>

You can scan this code using a QR scanning app on your smartphone to access the website:



E-Mail:

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Telephone: 03708 506 506 (9am-6pm Mon - Fri)
Please ask to speak to Michael Carleysmith or Marc Pohl

Or write to: Michael Carleysmith, Environment Agency, Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1LD.

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