

Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme - Phase 2

Newsletter 5 - August 2023

The Environment Agency is undertaking urgent and essential work in Arundel to provide better protection to the town from flooding and erosion.

Newsletters will be publicly available on the scheme website and emailed out 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.

We are updating our website with more frequent updates on any issues and progress. There is now also a frequently asked questions document and an indicative timeline.

What has happened so far?

Construction started on 31 July 2023. We have been setting up the site compounds in River Road and Mill Road. Groundwork has been completed in the Mill Road car park and we are replacing the temporary office and welfare units with permanent units.

In the River Road car park we have removed a section of wall to allow materials to be moved on to the jack-up barge when it arrives on site. We have brought a temporary flood barrier to site that will be used to provide protection against water levels if they exceed the ground level in the car park.

We have laid protection on the road surface in River Road. This is designed to prevent damage to the services which run under the road.

We have received some complaints that the road surface has been noisy when traffic passes over the top. To try and reduce this noise we have used tarmac edging to reduce the gradient of the on/off ramps. We will provide some signage to slow traffic. We are investigating other measures to reduce traffic noise and will implement any which are practical.

What will be happening next?

Deliveries of plant and material to the Mill Road car park will continue. This will include sheet piles which will be large deliveries and may result in some temporary traffic disruption.

In the River Road car park, there will be more groundwork to prepare the site for the arrival of the large crane which will be used to load the jack-up barge into the river.

On 31 August a large crane will be delivered to the River Road car park followed by the modules of the jack-up barge, which will be assembled in the river.

We had originally been due to start piling in the river at the start of September. This will now commence from 12 September, although the exact date depends on river and tidal conditions.

What will be the impact in the river?

In the next 2 weeks, lifting pontoons and work boats will be moved up from Littlehampton and docked to the town pontoon. Some groundwork will be undertaken in the river to clear the foreshore in preparation for piling.

We will be moving the jack-up barge to its first piling position near the Memorial Gardens on 11 September. The exact date depends on the river and tidal conditions.

The Local Notice to Mariners was issued by the Littlehampton Harbour Master on 22 July and can be found on the Littlehampton Harbour Board website – www.littlehampton.org.uk (in the Safety section).

This notice gives detail on disruption to river traffic including the dates when the river will be closed to all navigation. There are restrictions in force from

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16 August to 7 September then a full closure from 8 September until further notice.

If this closure affects you and your use of the river, please contact us using the contact details below.

How will the work impact traffic and parking around Arundel?

We continue to work closely with Arundel Town Council, Arundel Festival organisers and affected residents to minimise the impact of the works on the town.

There will be continued road closures and parking restrictions through August. If these are affecting you, please contact us using the contact details below. We will endeavour to time deliveries and road movements to avoid disrupting any festival activities and the farmers' market.

Further information on road closures and parking restrictions can be found on <https://one.network/uk>

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. 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>

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