

Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme - Phase 2

Newsletter 12 – July 2024

The work on Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme (Phase 2) is nearing completion. This work is essential and will provide better protection to the town from flooding and erosion.

We update our website weekly with useful information and progress. There is also a frequently asked questions document.

What has happened so far?

Construction started on 31 July 2023. The sheet piling phase was successfully completed on 25 November 2023. All piles are now in place in front of the masonry wall at Tarrant Wharf and the Old Warehouse. In March 2024, the project designers reviewed the previous designs and proposed a more efficient alternative. As part of the new design, foam concrete will be used as a lower-density alternative behind the sheet pile wall.

With the majority of the work completed, the jack-up barge and the 9-float barge have been removed from the river, as they are no longer needed for the final stages of work. The remaining tasks will be completed from a single barge.

On 24 May we hosted a drop-in session for residents in Arundel Museum. During the event we presented information on the scheme, our next drop-in will be held on the 9 September in Arundel Museum.

The capping beam along the sheet pile wall has now been completed, matching the Phase 1 works. Work began on July 8 to pour the concrete between the sheet pile wall and the old masonry wall, with the concrete being pumped from a lorry stationed on Arun Street and through Memorial Gardens.

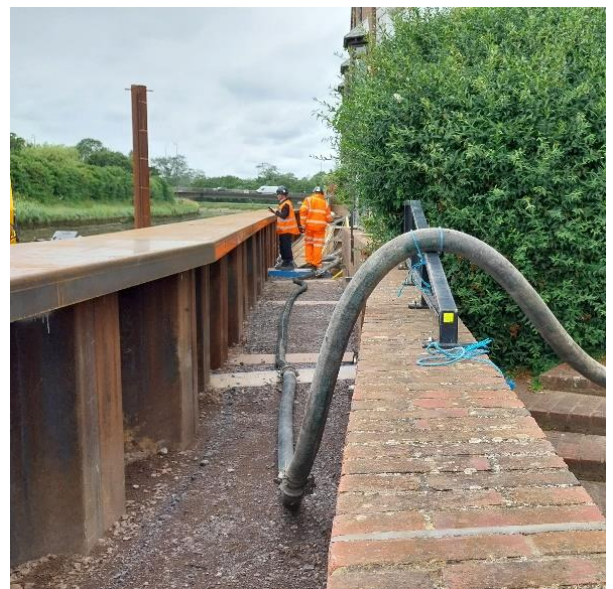
What will be happening next?

We have a full programme for the remainder of the works. Over the next couple of months, work will include installing the replacement balustrade and ladders on the sheet pile wall. Following this, there

will be 2 more foam concrete pours in July and August, each requiring time to cure between them. During each pour, parking spaces will be required on Arun Street, further details on road and parking suspensions are provided below.

Once the foam concrete is in place, finishing works including brickwork and paving are scheduled for September. This also includes the replacement of dividing walls between Memorial Gardens, the Old Warehouse and Tarrant Wharf.

Demobilisation of the site has already begun, with equipment no longer necessary for the remaining works being removed. Demobilisation of the River Road compound is scheduled to commence in mid to late August. This will include removing the crane, temporary road protection, reinstating the tarmac at River Road, and restoring the car park. The complete removal of equipment from the Mill Road Compound is expected in October.



New sheet pile wall at Memorial Gardens

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How will the work impact traffic and parking around Arundel?

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

A temporary road closure between Mill Road Car Park, High Street, New Cut, and Maltravers Street is planned for 23 July at 6AM. This closure is necessary to safely move the crane from the site compound to the A27. The removal of the crane from River Road is scheduled for mid-August and will require another temporary rolling closure. Exact details will be communicated closer to the time.

There are 2 further road closures and parking suspensions scheduled in July and August along River Road and Arun Street. River Road will be closed between Arun Street and Brewery Hill while the vehicles are in the works area. 3 car parking spaces along the right-hand side of Arun Street in front of houses 13-17 will be suspended. The bollards along River Road will be down to allow access along the road. Updates can be found on our website.

What will be the impact in the river?

Following the removal of the JUB from the river, A27 Bridge has been re-opened to all vessels and paddlecraft. Ongoing temporary restrictions will remain in place due to the presence of commercial support vessels. For more detailed information, please refer to the Littlehampton Harbour Master's Local Notice to Mariners available [here](#).

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.

Website

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



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