

# Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme - Phase 2

Newsletter 7 – October 2023

The Environment Agency have now begun works in Arundel as part of the Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme (Phase 2). This work is urgent and essential and will 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 update our website weekly with useful information and progress. There is also a frequently asked questions document and an indicative timeline.

## What has happened so far?

Construction started on 31 July 2023 and there has been significant progress over the past couple of months. The River Road and Mill Road site compounds remain in constant use and the temporary flood barrier at River Road provides protection if water levels exceed the ground level in the River Road car park.

Following foreshore clearance work around the base of the wall at Memorial Gardens and Tarrant Wharf piling began on 29 September. We have now completed over two weeks of piling and progress continues to be good. During this stage, the jack-up barge has been relocated to different positions along the wall to facilitate the piling work.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of temporary road closures along Mill Road and River Road in order for materials to be delivered safely to the site. All road closures have been approved and coordinated with West Sussex County Council.

On 6 October we hosted a drop-in session for residents in Arundel Museum. During the event we presented information on the scheme, such as

drawings and an indicative timeline. Residents had the opportunity to engage with the project team and ask any questions. **Following the event's success, we plan to host another session on 4 December. More details are to follow.**

## What will be happening next?

Subject to weather conditions and tide levels, we anticipate two to three more weeks of piling. Piling can occur within the hours of 08:00 – 18:00 between Monday and Friday. However, we have permission to move the barge outside of these hours. During piling, there will be a minimum of 90 minutes break time each day. The works may be disruptive to those directly adjacent due to the volume of concussion and magnitude of vibration.

Following the completion of the piling phase we will begin installing the waling beams. This work involves attaching horizontal beams to the river facing side of the new sheet piled wall. These will tie the piles together. These beams will be faced with timber fenders to protect vessels in the river.

We are exploring ways of using these beams to increase biodiversity opportunities on the wall.



Photo of installation of sheet pile

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## What will be the impact in the river?

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](http://www.littlehampton.org.uk) (in the Safety section).

This notice gives detail on disruption to river traffic. As of 8 September 2023, there is a full closure for all craft along the River Arun at Arundel between the A27 Bridge and the Queen Street Bridge. This closure will be in effect until Spring 2024 and includes paddlecraft. If you see anyone using the river, please report this to the Littlehampton Harbour Master, 01903 721 215.

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 Event organisers and affected residents to minimise the impact of the works on the town.

There will be continued road closures and parking restrictions through October. 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 event 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.

## Website

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



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