

Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme - Phase 2

Newsletter 6 – September 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. The River Road and Mill Road site compounds are now complete and permanent office units are now in place in the Mill Road car park. River barges have been delivered to the River Arun.

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 which has now arrived 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 are in the process of investigating other measures to reduce traffic noise and will implement any which are practical.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of temporary road closures along Mill Road, River Road, the High Street and Maltravers Street in order for materials and cranes to be

delivered safely to the site. All road closures have been approved and coordinated with West Sussex County Council.

We have now completed foreshore clearance work around the base of the wall below Memorial Gardens and Tarrant Wharf at the bottom of Arun Street. The works involved the removal of debris and rubble in preparation for piling.

What will be happening next?

Subject to weather conditions, notably forecasted high winds, we will be moving the jack-up barge to its first piling position adjacent to the Memorial Gardens.

Once the jack-up barge is in position, we anticipate the works for piling beginning over the week commencing 25 September. The piling work will involve embedding 18m long steel pikes into the bedrock under the riverbed.

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.

We have been working with Arun District Council to ensure the disruption is minimised as much as possible. Noise reducing equipment will be fitted and noise monitoring is currently in place.

Want to find out more?

We will be hosting an in-person drop-in event on 6 October between 9:30am-12:00pm inside the Arundel Museum. If you have questions or simply want to chat, please drop by. Our team members will be there to provide answers and assistance for any queries you may have. We look forward to meeting you!

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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 (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 Queens 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 September and 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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