

Arundel Tidal Walls Scheme - Phase 2

Newsletter 2 - March 2023

The Environment Agency are planning work in Arundel in 2023. This newsletter provides some updated information and contact details. Please share this with any of your neighbours who may be interested, in case they have not received a copy of this newsletter.

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

What work is planned?

The Environment Agency will be working with our construction partners VolkerStevin in Arundel to complete works on the river wall adjacent to River Road/Tarrant Wharf. These works will construct a new section of sheet pile wall in front of the existing masonry wall at Tarrant Wharf and the Old Warehouse.

This work is essential and will provide protection to the town from flooding and erosion.

When will this work be happening?

We originally expected to be on site in March 2023, which we shared with you in our previous newsletter.

Over the last few months, we have undertaken a thorough investigation of the possible impacts of the work on residents and the wider community through site investigations, surveys and engineering reports. This work has been critical to ensure the health and safety of residents, our

workforce and the wider town in advance of starting construction.

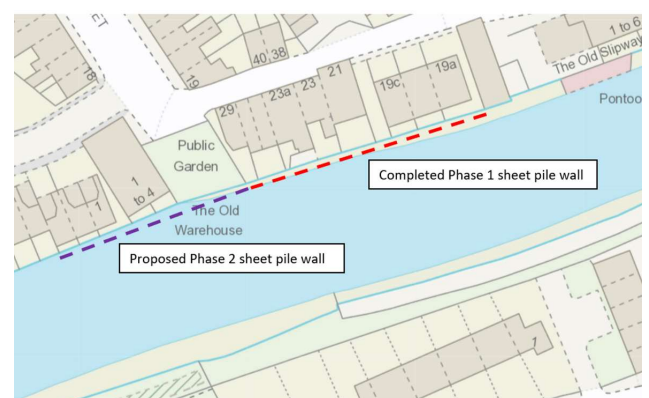
As a result of these critical activities we have had to delay the planned start of works. We will keep you informed on anticipated construction timings when they are finalised. Currently we expect site set-up to begin sometime during or after May 2023. Once work starts, we expect it will take approximately 9 months to complete.

What construction is planned?

A jack-up barge will be placed in the river and will be used to construct the sheet pile wall. This barge will move up and down the site as necessary and will be supported by a moveable pontoon and other working vessels.

The piling will be among the first actions we undertake once the site has been set up and will be noisy and disruptive. This work may take up to three months but could be significantly less than that if no unexpected disruption is experienced.

There will then be a series of activities to build up the ground level between the old masonry wall and the new sheet pile wall, stabilise the new sheet piles and finish the top of the wall and remaining non-structural details.



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What will be the impact on the Town?

Construction work in the river will be supported by two site compounds, one of which will be a small site compound in the Arun District Council car park in River Road. This will be used to transport materials in and out of the river through the use of a small crane and associated equipment.

Site traffic will move in and out of Arundel using pre-agreed routes that have been developed in consultation with Arundel Town Council and Arun District Council.

The road surface and subsurface services in River Road will be protected to minimise any impacts and we are working with the local authorities to make sure that the impacts on local road users are reduced as far as possible.

Because of the unstable nature of the wall the barge will be placed further out into the river than in the previous phase of works (Phase 1). In addition, the river is narrower in the new work area. Therefore, we expect that there will be disruption to river traffic with the river being impassable to river vessels for some or all of the construction period. We are working with the Littlehampton Harbour Master and 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.

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>

QR Code

Scan this code using a QR scanning app on your smartphone to access the website.



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