

Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme

January 2024

Welcome

Welcome to our latest newsletter for the Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme keeping you informed as the scheme progresses.

We are working with our partners to reduce flooding to properties in the Sanway area. Our plans include new flood defences, storage areas for displaced flood water and environmental and community enhancements. Since our last newsletter in September, we have been busy holding engagement events and carrying out ground investigation surveys.

Recent Engagement

In October, we held 2 public engagement drop-ins and 1 online event to provide a scheme update and gather feedback. A total of 50 people attended the engagement events.



During these events we provided updates on the flood defence proposals, environmental enhancements and construction plans. We captured questions and comments using feedback forms and received a total of 26 responses.

We will publish the feedback report detailing the questions and comments received and our response to them on our web page soon.

Some highlights from the feedback include:

- 100% of those who responded said they **understood what the scheme is trying to achieve** - *provide flood protection through the construction of a flood defence barrier and embankment*
- 80% of those who responded **strongly agreed** with the flood proposals.
- 100% of those who responded stated that they were **'very satisfied' or 'satisfied'** with the engagement events.

We answered questions about noise and disruption during the works. Unfortunately for a construction project of this size close to residential properties, noise cannot be eliminated completely. However, we will be tightly controlling this to minimise the impact on the community.

Control measures may include acoustic blankets around noisy construction plant machinery and all plant will have the most up to date engine technology. Noisy works will take place between the hours of 08:00-18:00 Monday to Friday and noise assessments and monitoring will be regularly carried out.

If you couldn't join us at our recent engagement events and would like to find out more about the scheme please go to our web page

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/sanway-byfleet-flood-alleviation-scheme/>

Ground Investigations

Since September 2023 our team has been carrying out ground investigation works, and we are awaiting the outputs. These works are vital to understanding the underlying ground conditions, the soil composition and the height of the water table near the proposed location for the flood defences and flood water storage areas.

As part of the ground investigation works, we have carried out careful vegetation clearance to ensure as little disruption to the local environment as possible.



Upcoming Engagement

We will hold one final drop in and online event in spring 2024. We will:

- Give an update on scheme progress before we submit the planning application in summer 2024.
- Include 'you said, we did' feedback from questions and comments that were raised in the July and October engagement events.
- Continue to gather your feedback in 2024.

Our next newsletter will provide more information about the date and location of our spring engagement events.

If you represent a community group and would like to get involved with the scheme as it progresses, please register your interest. Email: thm.schemes@environment-agency.gov.uk

What's Next?

By Spring 2024 the project team will have finalised the detailed design for the Flood Alleviation Scheme. In addition, we will begin trial trenches across Common Meadows with archaeologists from Surrey County Council. This is to find out if there is anything of archaeological significance in the ground.

Flood Advice

Although we do what we can to reduce flood risk, we cannot remove it entirely. We work to help individuals and communities prepare themselves for flooding by providing information to those who need it. You can find out more on what to do before, during and after a flood by visiting www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding

If you see blockages in the river channel which pose an immediate flood risk, this should be reported direct to our incident line on: **0800 80 70 60**

How to get in touch

You can call us on: **03708 506 506**

Or email us at:

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