

Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme

July 2021

Welcome

Welcome to our latest newsletter for the Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme.

We are working with our partners to reduce flooding to properties in the Sanway area.

Our plans include new flood defences, environmental and community enhancements and a compensatory storage area for displaced flood water.

This newsletter is our way of keeping you informed as the scheme progresses.

Since our last newsletter in September 2020 we have been working on our outline design for the scheme, evaluating our options using engineering, economic and environmental criteria, so that we can agree a preferred option. This is called the options appraisal stage of the project.

Ground investigations

For the appraisal we are about to start Ground Investigation works. This is vital to understand the underlying ground conditions, the soil composition and height of the water table near the proposed location for the flood defences and compensatory storage area.

We have chosen locations for our investigations specifically to avoid utility services, major tree canopies, boundaries, drains, root protection zones, bat roosts and the River Wey.

Our work will start in August and we are planning to use rigs, like the one shown in the picture.



Dando Investigator Cable Percussion Soils Boring Rig

Update from the March 2021 engagement

We had a successful engagement event in March 2021. We shared our latest proposals for flood defences and several potential environmental and community opportunities. We shared information on our consultation website - Citizen Space and provided an online feedback form to capture people's views. This was followed by two virtual events for the community to share their views with us.

We received responses to the online feedback form and 50+ people attended, across both virtual events.

The responses were largely positive with the majority of responses agreeing or strongly agreeing with the overall proposals for the scheme.



Image taken from a virtual event held Spring 2021

Our communication channels remain open via the scheme email address. Find out more about the scheme at the following link:

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

We are in the process of finalising the report on this first engagement event which will soon be uploaded on our dedicated Citizen Space webpage for you all to see.

We are considering the feedback received from you and we will reflect on this as we develop our proposals.

We will share the findings of our options appraisal with you and seek your views on this before selecting a preferred option for the scheme.

Next engagement event

We are currently planning our next engagement events which will be held in **after the Summer Holidays 2021**. We plan to host both a face to face drop-in event and an online event using Zoom. We believe that using both online and face to face is the best way to reach as many people as we possibly can. We will also have the latest information on the consultation website for you to look at and have your say.

The face to face event is subject to change depending on Government regulation at the time of consultation regarding COVID19.

All being well, we will have our project team there to explain the proposals, answer your questions and hear your feedback and comments.

We will let you know about the virtual meeting booking details and about the venue for the drop-in engagement later in the summer.

Please come along to either our virtual or face to face event to see how we're progressing and have your say on our latest proposals.

Prepare for flooding

Although we aim 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 about 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 then this should be reported directly to our incident line on:

0800 80 70 60

How to get in touch

You can call us on

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