



## Bewdley Left Bank Flood Risk Management Project Update

13<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

All of the reinforcement and shuttering is in place around Millside Court (Area 5) with considerable progress made on the concrete pours on the capping beam. This concrete work will continue into next week, alongside further steel reinforcement work in preparation for the flood defence wall itself.



The manhole chamber at the junction of Stourport Road and Millside Court (Area 5/4) has been lowered to the required level. Blinding has been placed and is now ready for reinforcement and shuttering to construct the capping beam.



Redundant gas and water pipes on Kidderminster Road (Area 2) and adjacent to the bridge (Area 1) have been removed. Piling has recommenced on Kidderminster Road (Area 2) and the piling mat construction is progressing adjacent to the bridge (Area 1) in preparation for future piling works.



In Area 2 piling mats have been laid down and piling has begun this week. Although piling work is progressing, with 97 piles installed to date, and 92 still to install, we have more recently encountered a harder section of rock at a higher level and as such piling is a little slower at this time.



Work will begin on the piling mat around the Pleasant Harbour area (Area 0) in the coming weeks, with this preparation work due to commence at the end of May.

### **Community engagement**

We will endeavour to provide weekly updates; however, we will not be able to answer all questions emailed to us. The open sessions at St Georges Hall have to come to an end, but we intend to



arrange more opportunities in the future for the community to speak to us. The details of these will be released in the coming weeks.

### **Bewdley Bridge Closure – Nesting Birds**

As many of you may have noticed over the last few Months, there are some tree branches and debris underneath Bewdley Bridge in the River Severn.

Worcestershire County Council (WCC) had made plans to have their Highways Team undertake the removal of this debris via Machinery from above on 16th May 2024. Signage was placed around the site advising that the bridge will be closed between 6pm and 10pm.

However, an unexpected guest has been spotted by members of the Bewdley community, Jackson Civil Engineering, the Environmental Agency and WCC Local Authority. A nest has been found for a protected species of bird and several eggs have been laid in the nest.

As per legislation nests cannot be disturbed and WCC are aware of this. Appropriate steps are being taken by WCC and they are monitoring & working around this unforeseen barrier and thus only part of the debris was removed on the 16<sup>th</sup> May with a view to remove the rest as soon as Goose and Goslings have moved on. Please refer to their website <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/> to get the latest updates as this progresses.

