

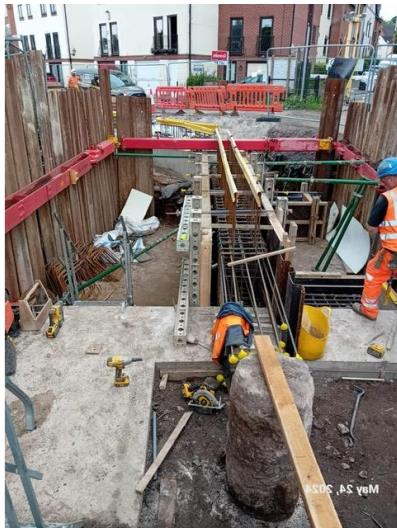


## Bewdley Left Bank Flood Risk Management Project Update

20<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The concrete capping beam and steel reinforcement work for the flood defence wall is now nearly complete around Millside Court (Area 5), with only a short section of the reinforcement to be completed this week.

In the section around some of the key underground services in area 5 the capping beam is required to be deeper and more substantial. The steel reinforcement and shuttering should be in place towards the end of this week, with concrete for the pile cap and capping beam poured at the end of the week.



More of the piles installed along Stourport Road (Area 4) have been dug out and exposed, in preparation for the concrete blinding and trench sheets.



While we have been digging out this area we have discovered a previously unknown section of the quayside wall. Our designers (ARUP), construction contractors (Jacksons) and heritage leads are working together to resolve this issue in order to progress with the work along Stourport Road.

Piling continues along Kidderminster Road (Area 2), but with the underlying rock being higher and harder this section remains challenging. We expected differences in natural geology on site, so our piling contractors and main contractors on site are working together to come to a solution, to ensure that we keep progressing with this stage of the works.

The piling mat is now complete adjacent to the bridge (Area 1) and is now awaiting a plate bearing test to confirm that it is ready for works to start in this section. Piling work will begin here once this is confirmed and we have moved on from Area 2.



Work on excavating the old wall that stood next to the footpath at Pleasant Harbour House (Area 0) was completed last week. Now this is done, we will be removing topsoil and putting down stone, in preparation for the piling mat.

Whilst this work is ongoing the footpath will be closed for safety. Please follow the diversion using Pewters Alley

### **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.