

Greyfriars Flood Risk Management Project Update

18 February – 28 March 2024

Since our last update in January 2023, we have been working hard pursuing further funding and meeting with stakeholders to push the project forward. More recently we have been undertaking feasibility works, such as archaeological investigations as well as Ground Investigation (GI) surveys, which commenced at end of February 2024. We recently contacted landowners regarding these works and we wanted to share some further information regarding this.

Due to the history of the site, we are undertaking these investigations and surveys in order to prevent potential disturbances of archaeological artifacts on and near to the possible flood defence route. We have been working closely with the Council Conservation Officer to identify the locations of the trial pits which have allowed these investigations and works to take place.

Photos of the archaeology surveys:



Archaeology dig – Fryers Gate. Photo taken on 6 March 2024



Archaeology dig – Wye Terrace. Photo taken on 6 March 2024



Archaeology dig - campsite. Photo taken on 6 March 2024

We are undertaking a series of Ground Investigation surveys which are clustered around the anticipated alignment of the potential defence. This work consists of a combination of trial pits, boreholes, soil/ rock sampling and ground penetrating radar (GPR) scanning. This allows us to confirm the suitability of the potential flood risk management alignment from a perspective of the ability and ease with which the structure can be built efficiently in terms of time, cost and quality. It will also inform the design of any potential flood defence in terms of its required size and scale below ground level.



Ground Investigation at the Rowing Club. Photo taken on 6 March 2024

Temporary traffic management at Bridge Street

We have been undertaking Ground Penetration Radar (GPR) surveys in Bridge Street, adjacent to the Old Wye Bridge. To facilitate this survey, it has been necessary to deploy two-way temporary traffic lights to allow safe working for the survey team. Temporary traffic management lights will be in place between Sunday 24 March and no later than 3:00pm on Sunday 7 April.

We would like to thank all residents and landowners for supporting these survey works and granting the required access to their properties. We are expecting to complete these survey works by the end of April. Once the surveys works will be finished, the reinstatement will commence.

We will update you further as we approach the completion of works. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the project progress, please email us on:

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Next steps:

Once we have obtained the final ground investigation and archaeology reports, we will review the foundation designs, which will take several months. Once we have finalised the foundation designs, we will then review the potential flood risk management scheme costs and viability. As soon as this has been completed, we plan to run a public face-to-face meeting, details of which will be provided nearer the time, to update the community.