

## Tenbury Wells Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) – Autumn Edition, October 2023

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you informed about the Tenbury Wells Flood Risk Management Scheme.

We are pleased to update you on the recent developments regarding the alignment for Church Street, where a consensus has been reached with key stakeholders, including the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Parochial Church Council, Worcestershire County Council, Tenbury Town Council, Malvern Hills District Council and Historic England. Additionally, we are excited to share the upcoming steps for the next phase of workshops focusing on B4204 (Kyre Brook) Bridge, Temeside House and Teme Bridge.

### Workshops for Collaborative Solutions

Over the past few weeks, we have hosted a series of meetings and workshops with various stakeholders. The objective was to openly discuss the issues, constraints and merits of each option, and work collectively towards agree a Partners' and Community Representatives' Preferred Solution. We are pleased to announce that through collaborative efforts and constructive discussions, a consensus has been reached – the Highway Wall option will be taken forward.

Whilst this is a positive step forwards, Church Street remains a challenging and complex area of the site. There are a number of issues and constraints associated with this option, including:



- Movement of marked and unmarked graves, requiring faculty consent (taking approximately 2 years).
- Grade II\* listed church left on the wet side.
- Highway narrowing of approximately 700mm for approximately 40m, and approximately 200mm for approximately 60m, requiring various approvals and consents (taking approximately 18 months).
- Loss of informal parking on Church Street (where the highway is narrowed by 700mm).
- Temporary impacts during construction, including road closures that will prevent property access by vehicle for periods of the construction phase, and impacts to Church events and activities.

The consensus reached during these workshops is a significant step forward in our efforts to protect Tenbury Wells from flooding. We will now be working with Partners to work through the technical detail. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of this.

## Next Steps: Stakeholder-Specific Workshops continued

Building on the success of the Church Street Workshop, we are now moving forward with the next phase of workshops for B4204 (Kyre Brook) Bridge, Temeside House and Teme Bridge. These workshops aim to gather input and insights from stakeholders to shape the Partners' and Community Representatives' Preferred Option for these challenging areas. These workshops will follow a similar format to the Church Street discussions, with opportunities for open dialogue, presentations, and interactive sessions. We encourage all invited stakeholders to attend and actively participate to ensure that your expertise, local knowledge, and perspectives are considered for these areas.

## Cost Assessment

Once all workshops are completed and we understand what the final design alignment and delivery approach is confirmed, we will then complete a detailed cost review to understand the scheme viability.

## Future Engagement

❄️ **Winter Workshops and Engagement Sessions:** Invitations have been sent to selected partners and stakeholders for the October workshops. Keep an eye out for invites to the November and December workshops and engagement sessions. Once all workshops are complete, we will hold a public drop-in event to seek wider community feedback.

📄 **Newsletters Updates:** We will continue to update you via these newsletters, which will provide you with updates from the workshops, the cost assessment and outline next steps for the project.

📧 **Stay Connected:** In the meantime, if you have any questions related to the workshops or our future engagement plans, please do not hesitate to reach out. Please send your enquiries to our dedicated inbox at [Tenbury.FRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Tenbury.FRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## Further information

You can find all our updates on our online information page which can be accessed through <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/tenbury-wells-flood-risk-management-scheme>.

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