

OUTSTRAYS TO SKEFFLING MANAGED REALIGNMENT SCHEME (OtSMRS) NEWSLETTER

July 2021

Current activities

Since sending out the last newsletter in April, our contractors, JBA Bentley, have installed a temporary site compound in the area south of Welwick for surveying and a secondary compound in the fields adjacent to Winestead Drain to enable them to begin working on the area known as West 2.

Throughout June they have also been conducting ground investigations along the line of the new embankment and carrying out additional survey work in the centre of the planned realignment area.



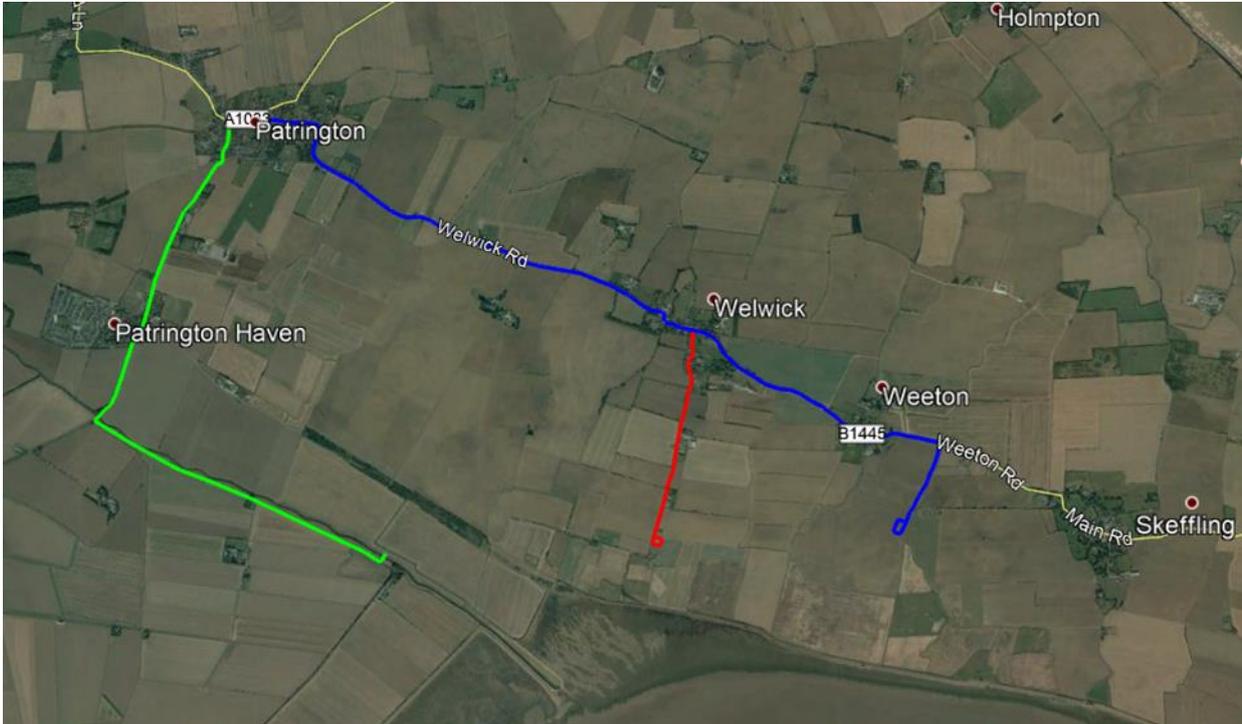
A ground investigation rig working along the line of the new embankment

We started doing archaeological surveys on the eastern side in mid-June, using a mixture of trenches, strip mapping and hand augers. This work will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to invite people to the site whilst this work is carried out. However these activities will be recorded through time-lapse videos and still photography and made available for anyone who is interested to know more about them; please contact us using the email address below if you would like to know more. We will provide details of how to access this information as the work continues.

The fields in West 2, next to Winestead Drain, have recently been sprayed and cleared to enable JBA Bentley to start creating the area of wet grassland habitat. This was done under the close supervision of an ecologist to ensure that any ground nesting birds and other animals were protected from spraying. Once the ground nesting bird season is over, we will carry out more work to clear and prepare the eastern site for the main construction period which will start next spring.

Other work planned for this year

Later in the summer, we will construct the main site compound and associated access roads (known as haul roads). This will be located in the fields off the B1445 between Weeton and Skeffling as shown on the plan below (the blue route). In order to connect the haul road from the new site compound to the main road, we will need to install a temporary traffic light for two weeks, roughly between the end of July and early August. This will only operate on week days, during working hours.



Site Access Routes

Access to the site will follow main roads for as long as possible before splitting in Patrington to head to either the East (blue route) or West (green) side of the scheme. The plan below provides an overview of these routes from the point where they split in Patrington, including a temporary red route which is being used for a compound for the archaeological and site investigations. More details can be found in the summary of the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) on the Outstrays to Skeffling website (address shown below).

Repairs on the embankment

We are currently carrying out work to improve the Humber embankment between Skeffling and Easington. This involves installing larger rocks at the bottom of the existing stone banks, to prevent the smaller rocks from being washed away in a high tide, shown in the photo on the next page. We are using a hard wearing limestone brought from a quarry in North Yorkshire for this work. It should be completed by the end of this month (July).

We are planning a similar approach to repair about 100 metres of the embankment south of Skeffling, near Hawkins Point.



Repairs being made to the embankment between Skeffling and Easington

Contacting the JBA Bentley Team

From early July, if you have any questions or concerns about the scheme, you can contact the JBA Bentley team on their site mobile number: 07800 508558. You can also contact Paul Craig, the site manager on his mobile number: 07837 454048 or phone/email Environment Agency staff using the number and email address given below.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email us at: Welwick.Skeffling@environment-agency.gov.uk

Or visit the scheme's webpage at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/outstrays-to-skeffling-managed-realignment-scheme/>

Or phone the Environment Agency's National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506506 and ask for Andrew Gee, Project Manager, or Nikky Wilson, Engagement Specialist.