

OUTSTRAYS TO SKEFFLING MANAGED REALIGNMENT SCHEME NEWSLETTER, August 2019

Approval of our planning applications

We are pleased to report that on Thursday the 8th August both of our planning applications for the scheme (one for the eastern side and the other for the west) were approved by ERYC's Planning Committee. Creating new habitat in this part of the estuary will provide an important mixture of habitats for birds and other wildlife, helping maintain the unique nature of the Humber Estuary and allowing further flood alleviation schemes to be built.

Contractors appointed for the scheme

We have recently appointed JBA Bentley as our contractors to undertake the investigations, design and construction of the scheme. They are currently working on several other large schemes across the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Next Steps

The approval of our planning applications means we can now start to develop the next phase of our project. We will be undertaking more detailed site investigations, building on the work that was started last year to inform the design of the scheme.



A construction rig for digging boreholes for ground investigations

Our next step will be to carry on with ecological surveys and ground investigation works, and initially on the western area of the site, near Outstrays Farm. During these site investigations, there will be a temporary works compound set up in the yard at the farm with associated deliveries of equipment.

Public and permissive footpaths will be unaffected by this work but access along the existing flood banks and access routes from Outstrays Farm will be restricted whilst the investigations are ongoing.

We will also be working over the coming months to discharge our planning conditions in advance of starting the main construction phase. This will include a workshop on the design of the habitat creation and mitigation area (known as West 2), to be held in the autumn this year. Anyone interested in attending this workshop should contact the project email address, given below. We will also produce a construction phase management plan and programme of works, including traffic management proposals. Once these are ready, we will organise further drop-in events to share them.

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