

Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme – Progress update

We continue to make good progress toward delivering the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme, and through this newsletter we aim to keep you updated and share with you some of the most significant steps to date.

Optioneering

We have been carefully considering the options available to protect Tadcaster from fluvial (river) flooding, based on the data gathered from the ground investigations, topographic surveys and other vital information used to design the scheme. We use this data to allow us to create a list of options which are then 'shortlisted' for further analysis. The options identified are being reviewed against a range of criteria, including technical performance, cost, sustainability, health and safety, buildability, and environmental impact to identify those which can be taken forward for detailed appraisal.

Some of the key criteria we are considering are potential alignments of the defences, particularly around the bridge, minimising visual impacts especially around the church, the height of defences required, and the types of defences which will offer the required standard of protection.



This image is to provide an indication of the type of defence being considered to provide enhanced flood protection to the town. It is not a final design. We will be seeking your views on the final proposals, and everyone will be able to share their thoughts.

We will be sharing this information with you, via public consultation where we will invite you to share your thoughts on the proposed scheme. Once the detailed appraisal is complete, we will be issuing further communication to invite everyone to participate and share their views with us. We anticipate this to happen early in 2023.

Enhancements

In addition to the defences themselves, our aim is to enhance the local area as we deliver the flood protection scheme. We recognise that during construction there may be opportunities to enhance the local area where possible and have been consulting with our heritage and biodiversity

specialists, local landowners, Councillors, and the Community Client Group to explore opportunities. These conversations help identify social groups within the Tadcaster Community who can assist us with valuable insight, allowing us to understand community needs as we design the flood defence. Opportunities for enhancements will be a key part of our consultation and we will be asking the community to help us explore ideas.

Communication and engagement

We have recently had focused conversations with residents who are likely to be directly impacted by the construction of the defences and will continue to engage and listen to the wider community as we progress. We are always available at The Ark on Tuesdays between 10am – 12pm for anyone to come chat to us about the scheme and will continue to provide updates to the community throughout the scheme.

Stay Prepared

Remember that even homes and businesses which are protected by flood defences are still at risk of flooding, and as winter takes hold we would encourage you to stay prepared.

Our free flood warning service provides up-to-date information about flood risk straight to your landline, mobile and/or email.

Please continue to be prepared and resilient by signing up to receive advanced flood warnings. Register by calling **0345 988 1188**, or visiting www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings



Flood Warning -
Prepare



Flood Warning -
Act



Flood Warning -
Survive

Get in touch

We would love to hear from you, and there are many ways you can get in touch.

The Ark. Our friendly project team are available at The Ark at Tadcaster Town Council Offices every Tuesday between 10-12. Nick and Karl are happy to meet and discuss the scheme with you.

E-mail. We have a dedicated email account where you can drop us a line at your convenience. tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk

Write to us. Environment Agency, c/o Tadcaster Town Council, The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, LS24 9AQ

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