

# Clementhorpe Flood Alleviation Scheme

Project update

September 2020

---

*This document provides an update on the Clementhorpe Flood Alleviation Scheme. It will be published electronically at regular intervals to anyone on the Clementhorpe mailing list. It will also be made available on our webpages.*

---

## What we've done since our last update

On Tuesday 21 June, we received the final planning decision and planning conditions from City of York Council. Throughout August and early September, we have prepared the information required to satisfy pre planning conditions. This will help work to start to better protect 135 properties from the risk of flooding. In our August project update, we explained that we would:

- submit the remaining information required to satisfy pre planning conditions to CYC for approval;
- submit flood risk and environment permit applications to the Environment Agency for approval;
- carry out crown lifting along Terry Avenue as agreed with City of York Council;
- install a notice board in the Millennium Bridge area to allow construction information to be viewed locally;
- carry out a sewer survey along Terry Avenue to link the findings of the underwater dive with our current knowledge of the Terry Avenue sewer;
- start the dilapidation survey, in partnership with City of York Council; and
- Prepare material, including visuals and construction information, for public communication planned for September.

## Planning conditions

Unfortunately, satisfying the pre planning conditions has taken longer than expected. This is due to the complexity of the work involved and our reliance upon a number of other parties. Our intention is to have submitted the information to satisfy our pre planning conditions before the end of September. This material will then be available to view on the City of York planning portal via this [link](#) (reference number: 19/00570/FUL). City of York Council will have eight weeks to respond to the information that we have submitted.

## Crown lifting

On 27 August we carried out crown lifting of trees along Terry Avenue to prevent damage by moving vehicles. This involved the removal of lower branches, to a height of five metres above ground. We advertised works using posters along the route, posts on social media and within our August Project Update. Before beginning work, a full site walk-around was carried out to confirm which trees required work and to check for nesting birds. Birds were found in two trees. This means that work to crown lift these two trees will not start until the birds have left.





Figure 1 - Picture taken before crown lifting



Figure 2 - Picture taken after crown lifting

## What happens next?

You will continue to see increased activity across the site in terms of people making site visits, carrying out surveys and doing other preparatory work. No construction work can begin until City of York Council have finished their review of documentation we are due to submit this month. City of York Council will have eight weeks to conduct their review.

### Virtual meeting: 29 September

After the success of our virtual meeting in July, we will be holding another on **Tuesday, 29 September at 6:30pm**. We will present further details of what we will be constructing and how we will reduce the impact of construction on the community. To help us prepare, we have developed a quick survey to gather information on the topics you feel require further information. You can access the survey via this [link](#).

We will take the responses to this survey into consideration when preparing the event.

The event will be hosted via Zoom. You can join the meeting using this [link](#) or by entering the following log-in details:

**Conference ID:** 839 9622 5515

**Password:** YorkB8

If you have any questions you would like to submit before the meeting, please do so either via our page on the polling platform, Slido (webpage: <https://www.sli.do/>) by typing the *event code*: #YorkB8, or via our email account (details on the next page). We will seek to answer these questions in a Q&A session at the end of the meeting.

If you missed the last event, we have produced a written summary of the event which was shared via the Clementhorpe mailing list and is available on request.

### In September we plan to:

- submit the remaining information required to satisfy pre planning conditions to CYC for approval;
- hold a virtual public meeting on 29 September;



- confirm specifications of the site information centre, to be located within Rowntree Park as part of the site compound;
- design site hoarding, for installation upon construction starting; and
- Complete the dilapidation survey, in partnership with City of York Council.

## How can I contact the Environment Agency?

If you have any questions about any information in this update, or any other aspect of the scheme please contact us via email. You can also sign up to our mailing list to get future correspondence via email. We will be sharing updates on our scheme via our website, email newsletters and social media pages.

- Email: [yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- Webpages: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas/>
- Facebook: search for 'York Flood Alleviation Scheme'
- Twitter: @EnvAgencyYNE
- Phone: We encourage members of the public to contact the team by email. However, if you are unable to access emails, you can ring our National Customer Contact Centre (NCCC) on 03708 506 506. NCCC will note down your query, send it on to us and then a member of our team will look to ring you back.

## A change to our team

We are very sad to say goodbye to Vikki McCausland, who has left the York Flood Alleviation Scheme team to take up an exciting role with the Environment Agency team responsible for property flood resilience at a national level. As such, Vikki will no longer be involved in the Clementhorpe flood alleviation scheme. However, you can still contact the team via the contact options listed above.

