

Keeping you informed

York Flood Alleviation Scheme

December 2018

Proposal for work on Clifton Ings



A view of Rawcliffe Meadows from Clifton Ings barrier bank

Clifton Ings Flood Storage Area

Clifton Ings flood storage area is one of many flood defences managed by the Environment Agency in York. During a flood event, the storage area is allowed to fill with water, reducing peak water levels on the River Ouse. When river levels return to normal, water is slowly released back into the river. This reduces the risk of flooding for the city centre and also protects properties in Clifton and Rawcliffe. But Clifton Ings doesn't just provide flood alleviation. The floodplain is also a popular recreational space used by dog walkers, cyclists, runners, ramblers and nature-lovers. It is also a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), noted for its rare plants and insects, including meadow grassland species and the bright green Tansy Beetle.

What are we planning to do there?

To better protect homes and businesses in Clifton and Rawcliffe, we plan to raise and extend the Clifton Ings barrier bank which runs between Rawcliffe Country Park and Homestead Park. The work is expected to take a minimum of two years and public access to footpaths and the cycle track along the Ings will be restricted during this time. We also want to install a new pumping station in Blue Beck to stop water backing up and spilling onto the A19.



The Tansy pond managed by Friends of Rawcliffe Meadows

How can I find out more?

We will be hosting a public drop-in session to talk about our plans at York Sports Club from 2pm to 7pm on Monday 3rd December. Come along and find out more!

Come see us at The Hub on Wellington Row

Monday | Wednesday | Thursday
10am – 4pm



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Christmas opening hours at the Hub

We are delighted to have welcomed 73 people to the Hub since our last newsletter was sent out in September. It's always good to hear your thoughts, listen to concerns and answer your questions.



The Hub is located next to Lendal Bridge opposite Aviva

The Hub will be closed to the public over the Christmas and New Year period, from 24th December to 3rd January. We will reopen again on Monday 7th January.

If you have any queries during this time please contact us via email.

Next steps for the Foss Storage area

In September we held drop in sessions in Strensall and on Huntington Road to share our plans to build an upstream storage area north east of Strensall. In total, over 150 people attended which gave us the opportunity to gather a wide range of views relating to flooding in the area. If you would like to find out more about our findings from the event, have a look at our [post-event report](#) on our web pages*.

Emergency Speed Training with City of York Council

Do you know what to do or who to turn to during a flood event? With so many agencies involved in keeping the city safe, sometimes the answer can get a bit confusing. That's why City of York Council held an Emergency

Speed Training event in October, providing attendees with the opportunity to speak face-to-face with organisations involved in emergency response.

We spoke to over 40 individuals on the night and shared community emergency plans. We were pleased to hear that so many of you have already signed up for flood warnings. If you would like to find out more about and sign up to our Flood Warning Service, call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or visit our website www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

Keeping Clementhorpe informed

Last week, we distributed a newsletter in the Clementhorpe area to update residents on the development of proposals to reduce the risk of flooding in the area. If you would like a copy of the newsletter, you can pick one up from the Hub, request a copy via email or download it from [our web pages](#)*.



Our proposals on display at a drop-in event earlier this year

Getting in touch

If you have a question for our team, you can email us at:

yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk

We check the inbox on a regular basis and aim to respond to enquiries as quickly as we can. However, there are times when the answer to a query isn't straight forward and we need time to research and speak to the right people before getting back to you. In this instance, we will aim to respond within 10 working days.

*Find out more at: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas/>

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