

# Clementhorpe flood alleviation scheme

Site compound: revised proposal

October 2019

*On 21 March we submitted our planning application for the Clementhorpe Flood Alleviation Scheme (19/00570/FUL). Following feedback from residents and our partners, we have made a number of amendments to this application. We will submit these revisions to City of York Council in the week commencing 21 October 2019. This note provides details of proposed changes to the compound required to allow construction to commence.*

## Background

The proposed Clementhorpe flood alleviation scheme aims to better protect 135 properties between Skeldergate Bridge and Rowntree Park. The scheme consists of:

- Raising of existing boundary walls at Postern Close and installation of a new flood defence between Postern Close and Postern House;
- Installation of a flood gate on Clementhorpe, at its junction with Terry Avenue;
- Construction of a flood wall in front of Waterfront House;
- Installation of a new flood wall and raising of the road level at Dukes Wharf;
- Construction of a new flood wall to tie into the newly improved defences on Lower Ebor Street;
- Raising the height of the existing flood defence walls and construction of an earth embankment/walls on the boundary of Rowntree Caravan Park;
- Construction of an embankment and dwarf wall on the boundary of Rowntree Park to tie into high ground.

As a riverside location, access to the site is restricted. Following discussions with City of York Council, vehicle access to site will be via Bishopthorpe Road and Butcher Terrace. This

will provide access to the construction area and compound.

## The compound: original proposal

Our original planning application showed the temporary site compound was to be located on an area of open green space south of Rowntree Park.

This location raised concerns from City of York Council's Highways Department in relation to *"impacts on the safety of all users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists at the southern end of Rowntree Park and Millennium Bridge"*. These concerns were echoed by the community.

We received advice from City of York Council on 4 June *"to move the route from the site compound onto Terry Avenue further away from Millennium Bridge"* and they asked for further information about the site's entrance and exit.

## The compound: revised proposal

### Location

The revised location for the compound is at the southernmost end of Rowntree Park in the open space that is currently used as an informal football pitch. The compound will not occupy the full grassed area and access to the community pond will be maintained.

### Access

Access has been determined, in partnership with City of York Council, to reduce the impact on the existing vegetation and to minimise cross traffic with pedestrians and cyclists. A small section of



railings along the boundary of Rowntree Park will be removed to allow access to vehicles.

Construction vehicle movements in and out of the compound will be under supervision. A large turning circle will be used to improve construction traffic flows and minimise cross traffic with pedestrians and cyclists.

### Content

Details on the compound's design are yet to be finalised but Figure 1 provides an indicative plan. The compound will require:

- Site cabins for meetings and facilities for staff;
- Staff parking, numbers to be confirmed;
- Vehicle turning circle;
- Plant and material storage.

The compound will be fenced. We want to invite local groups to create artworks along the fence, such as those already seen in Rowntree Park.

### Hours of working

Working hours for construction workers will be from 07:30 to 17:00 hours, Monday to Friday. Plant movement will take place before and after rush hour to further reduce the risk of injury to the public. Only in exceptional circumstances will weekend working be carried out and this would be communicated in advance to allow residents to make adequate preparations.

### Security

The compound will be lit during working hours but lights will be dimmed outside of these hours.

### Parking suspension

To manage the additional vehicle movements down Butcher Terrace, we propose to implement parking bay suspensions on the northern side of the road between Bishopthorpe Road and the compound. Parking for properties with private driveways will not be affected. As suspension of these bays is likely to cause disruption to

residents, we will allocate sufficient parking outside our compound area to ease the inconvenience. Options for the monitoring of parking within these bays are currently being discussed with City of York Council.

### Reinstatement

Following completion of the work, the compound will be reinstated. Topsoil removed from the site will be cleaned and replaced and reseeded. We will work with City of York Council to improve the existing sport facilities.

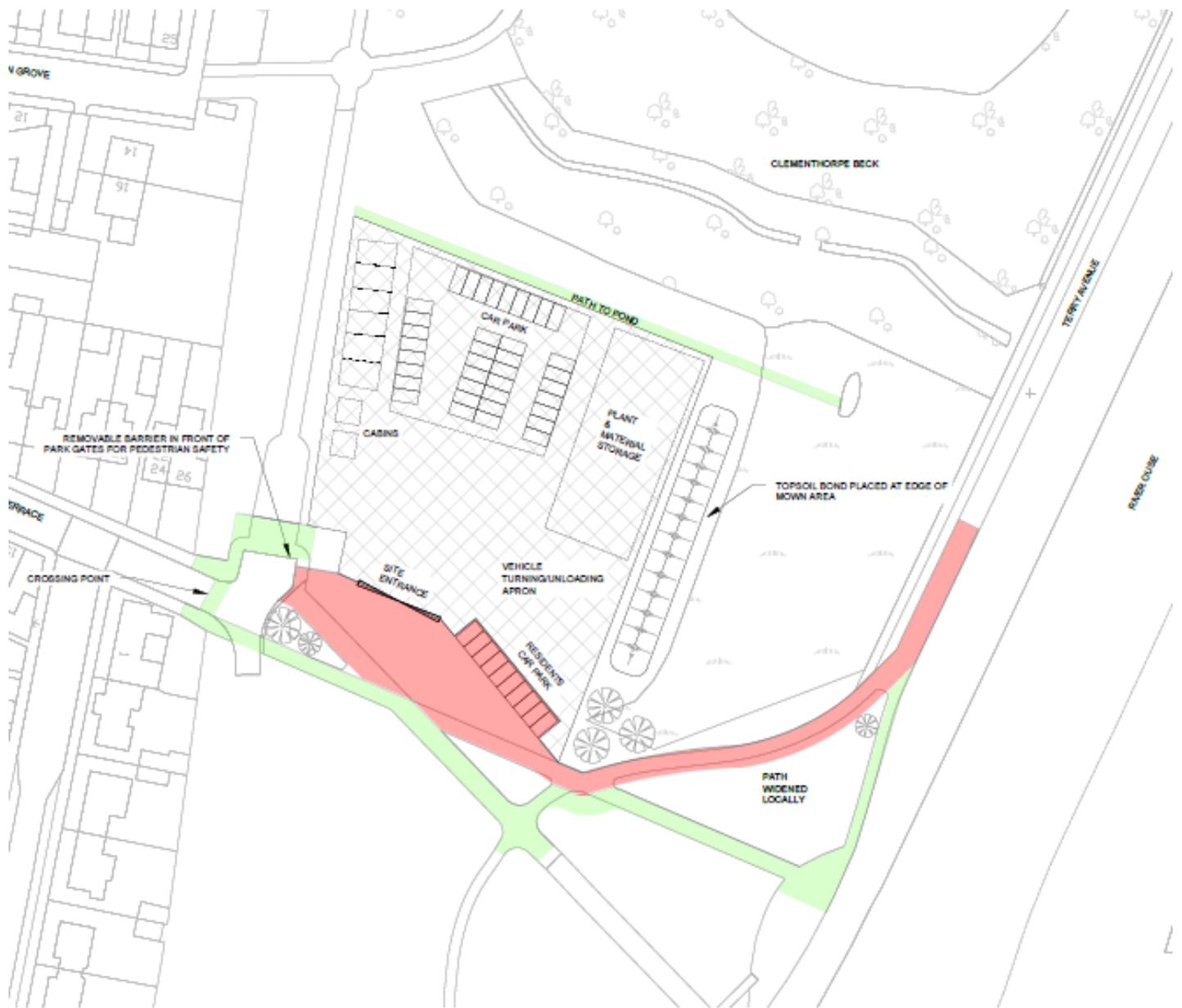
We also want to work with the local community, Friends of Rowntree Park, Sports England and City of York Council to identify any other opportunities to improve facilities in this location.

### Next steps

- October: Submission of revised planning documents;
- October - December: Ongoing engagement including site events and workshops to explore opportunities;
- December: Planning Committee meeting;
- Spring 2020: Construction starts.



Figure 1: Revised proposal – indicative layout



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