

Keeping you informed: Lower Bootham flood defence improvements

Edition 2: June 2019

Welcome

Welcome to the second Coppins Farm to Scarborough Bridge newsletter. Coppins Farm to Scarborough Bridge is the area between Ouse Bridge and Scarborough Bridge as well as the Burdyke catchment.

The aim of this newsletter is to provide an update on our, the Environment Agency's, plans to improve our existing flood defences between Ouse Bridge and Scarborough Bridge – the Lower Bootham flood defences.

This newsletter focuses on our work to deliver the **'Lower Bootham flood defence improvements'**, as described below.

What we plan to do

Using our Permitted Development powers, we will better protect over 130 homes and 18 businesses in the area by:

- raising the existing embankment on the left bank of the River Ouse, in the grounds of St Peter's School, linking it to a new flood wall on the north eastern side of the school grounds;
- raising the existing flood wall and gates at Almery Terrace;
- offering Property Flood Resilience improvements to three properties on Government House Road.

What we've done since April

In April we carried out preparatory works to allow access to site and set up our compound. This consisted of hedge removal, tree pruning and fence post removal. Whilst this work is complete, minor additional work is required to very lightly prune a few branches of Horse Chestnut tree at the end of Westminster Road prior to works

commencing. We have agreement from City of York Council to carry out this work.

On 13 May we held a public drop in session at York Youth Hostel on Water End. In total 30 residents attended. At this event we provided:

- an overview of the scheme and our construction phases;
- information about the impacts of construction, including noise, traffic and vegetation management;
- details of how we will enter and leave the site.

All material displayed at this event and a summary of the feedback received is available to view on our webpages and at the Community Hub.

On 10 June we carried out Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and drainage surveys. These surveys have confirmed the location of buried utility services, pipes and existing drainage at the bottom of Westminster Road. This allows us to carry out our works safe in the knowledge that we will not impact on existing utilities.

When will work start?

The works will be split into four phases (see Figure 2), starting this summer and completed by the end of 2020.

Phase 1: St Peter's embankment section 1

Raising the existing embankment in the grounds of St Peter's School. Work to commence 8 July 2019 however a marked increase in activity will be seen from the 15 July. Work will be completed in November 2019.

Phase 2: Almery Terrace

Raising the existing flood wall and gates along Almery Terrace and improvements to the Network Rail embankment. Work to take place autumn 2019 – spring 2020.

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Phase 3: St Peter's embankment section 2

Raising the existing embankment in the grounds of St Peter's School. Work to take place summer 2020.

Phase 4: Property flood resilience

Property flood resilience will be installed, where agreed, to three properties on Government House Road. Discussions will begin later this year.

Phase 1: July to November 2019

Works to deliver phase 1 of the Lower Bootham Improvements will commence on the 8 July. Whilst construction is located on the grounds of St Peter's School the impact of our works will be visible from Westminster Road.

Parking suspension

From 22 July, week day (Monday to Friday) parking suspensions will be in place on Westminster Road between the existing bollards and The Avenue. This is to avoid congestion and give improved access in and out of site for construction traffic. The suspension will be advertised in the local area from Friday 12 July and be in force throughout the construction period.

Footpath diversion

During construction, you will not be able to access the footpath through St Peter's School grounds via Westminster Road. Pedestrian access will be maintained through the grounds via its existing access on The Avenue. Access to the riverside path from Westminster Road will be still be possible.

Tree protection

Access to the site passes very close to the Horse Chestnut tree at the end of Westminster Road. To protect the tree from damage, the closest bollard will remain in place and a geo textile will be laid to protect its roots from vehicle movements. A clear tree protection area will be marked out for the geotextile.

Staying in touch

Phase 1 works are being delivered on our behalf by BAM Nuttall. Should you have any concerns during the construction period relating to the work being carried out, you should contact the Site Supervisor (Richard Ellis - 07872 382344) or Contractor (Nigel Robinson - 07778 932318). These contact details will also be displayed on site signage.

Public event phase 2

On 12 July we are holding a public drop in to update residents on the next phase of works: Almerly Terrace. This event is being held between 2pm and 7pm at St Olave's Church Hall, Marygate, YO30 7BJ. The purpose of this event is to update residents on phase 2 delivery including the impact of our works on local residents and the wider city. This is particularly important as the works will require the closure of the riverside footpath and cycleway for part of the construction period. This event will be advertised further in the coming weeks.

What happens next?

Date	Activity
8 July	Phase 1 construction starts.
12 July	Phase 2 drop in event.
November 2019	Phase 1 completed.
Autumn 2019	Phase 2 construction starts.

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