ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Land Drainage Improvement Works (Amended) Regulations 1999 SI 1999/1783

York Flood Alleviation Scheme: Flood Cell B4 from Ouse Bridge to Lendal Bridge

The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the flood defences on the River Ouse in the City of York between Ouse Bridge and Lendal Bridge (NGR SE6017951647 - SE5995351894) a distance of approx. 0.35 kilometres. The proposed improvement works will involve the following:

- The raising of Lendal Bridge flood gate by 300 millimeters. A further 150 millimeter demountable panel can be attached for extreme events;
- The raising of the floodwall along Wellington Row/ North Street by 380mmm and the installation of new flood gates to the same level. A new, wider flood gate will be installed immediately downstream of “The Hub”, providing a clear access opening of 2.5 metres;
- The raising of the existing wall within the car parks of Park Inn/beneath the riverside walkway by 230 mm.

The improvement works form part of the wider works within the York Flood Alleviation Scheme: Flood Cell B4 project from Scarborough Bridge To Ouse Bridge (Right Bank). The York Flood Alleviation Scheme aims to better protect 2000 properties from flooding by 2021. More information about the scheme can be found on our webpages at: https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas/

The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. With reference to Schedule 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 (as amended), as well as the characteristics of the improvement works, the location of the improvement works and the type and characteristics of the potential impact, it is considered that the proposed works will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The following mitigation and preventative measures have been considered:

- Construction management to mitigate the effects from noise, vibration and dust.
- Consideration of land contamination during construction.
- Impact on heritage assets – consideration of design and detailing of defence walls and resilience to listed buildings; to ensure no undue harm to the special historic and architectural importance of listed buildings, considering their setting and the character and appearance of the conservation area.

An Environmental Report and associated environmental assessments (Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Bat Survey Report, and Heritage Statement etc.) have been prepared and are available from the Project Manager via the contact details below. Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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