

Keeping You Informed

Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme

September 2020

The Environment Agency is working with Calderdale Council to design and build a Flood Alleviation Scheme for Hebden Bridge.

Ground Investigation and Minor River Channel Works

As part of informing our continuing design work and construction methodology for the scheme, we will be carrying out ground investigation and minor river channel works at a number of locations in the town.

Over the coming months, our delivery partners BAM Nuttall will be undertaking a number of activities or 'early works' which can be delivered under Permitted Development, (where planning permission is not required). These involve ground investigations, CCTV culvert surveys and minor in channel works. The minor works, include repointing and installation of flap valves and utility diversions in preparation for later installation of the raising flood barrier defences.

Any residents, property owners and businesses directly affected by these activities have been contacted and provided with more details of the work taking place in their local area. Any disruption to the general community whilst this work takes place will be kept to a minimum. However, there will be a need for localised pavement diversions and road closures to close off access to specific areas for short amounts of time. Any closures will be clearly advertised ahead of commencement of work and we will keep you informed as the work progresses.

A key element will be the remediation of the Vale Centre site (Stubbing Holme Road) which will be used as a site compound during this early work to store materials and machinery. Works in this area consist of repairing the dilapidated riverside wall adjacent to Stubbing Holme Bridge, including the relocation of the flood warning siren.

We will also be investigating the condition of existing utilities, providing protection and resurfacing the existing surface.

By delivering these small elements ahead of the main scheme construction we will be able to reduce the risk of unknowns ahead of construction commencement and minimise the amount of time spent in these areas during the main construction phase. The main construction work for the scheme is currently planned for summer 2021.

Coronavirus restrictions

All work by our delivery partners, will be carried out in line with the ongoing coronavirus restrictions and may be subject to change. We will ensure that any work carried out or postponed is done so in line with the 'safe systems of work' outlined by Public Health England and will continue to review our activities based on Government guidance provided at the time.

Contact us

If you would like to contact a member of the project team, please email:

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