

Ground Investigation and Minor River Channel Works - Update

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

Work is continuing in Hebden Bridge to inform our design work and construction methodology for the scheme.

Our delivery partners, BAM Nuttall, have been undertaking a number of activities or 'early works' which can be delivered under Permitted Development, (where planning permission is not required).

Work update

CCTV surveys are now almost complete with some additional surveys to take place around Stubbing Holme Road and Valley Road.

The penstock (pictured right) has been removed from the opening of the culvert at Valley Road and we are planning to return to this area w/c 30th November to install non-return valves to the existing drainage outlets along the wall.



Ground investigation work within the Hebden Vale Compound is now complete. Remaining works include re-location of the flood warning siren and repairs to the dilapidated river wall.

The steel beams that were overhanging the river at Central St Mill have now been cut back and we plan to return to this location mid-December to coat the 'cut ends' with protective paint.



Ground investigation work on Central Street is also complete. However, we still need to carry out work at Central Street School. We are working closely with the school to ensure that we can complete this work with minimal disruption.

Work at Riverside School is due to be completed by end of this week.

Some ground investigation has already taken place on Old Gate. We require additional visits in this area, which are currently planned for w/c 30th November for around three days. The road will be closed temporarily whilst we set up machinery and the footpath will also be closed for the duration of the work.

Ground investigation work (pictured right) in The White Lion carpark is complete.



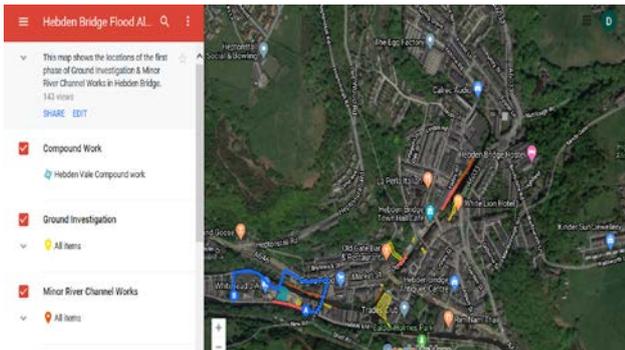
Additional Work

To further assist with the scheme design, we will be

undertaking some investigation work in additional locations. One of these locations is Calder Holmes Park, where we will be carrying out work during week commencing 30th November. Public access to Calder Holmes Park will remain open and working areas will be cordoned off using herras fencing. We may need to revisit the park in the spring to reseed grass areas.



For information on where we will be working within the park and where other additional works are taking place, please keep an eye on our Google map, which can be found on Eye on Calderdale / floodworks / Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme. The map is regularly updated and enables you to select a location to access a description and approximate duration of the work taking place.



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 of the scheme is currently planned to commence during summer 2021.

Coronavirus

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

More information about our proposals for the Scheme for Hebden Bridge can be found by visiting www.eyeoncalderdale.com 'flood works'.

If you would like to contact a member of the project team, please email: HebdenbridgeFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk.

To receive copies of updates about the scheme via email, you can sign-up to our regular updates by emailing 'subscribe' to HebdenBridgeFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk

Other News !

5K challenge for Calder Community Cares

Members of our project team at Hebden Bridge FAS have set themselves the challenge of running 5km per day every day in December (inc Christmas Day) to raise money for Calder Community Cares, who operate in Hebden Bridge, Todmorden & Mytholmroyd. Calder Community Cares look after nearly 400 people who are elderly, isolated and lonely. They are now expanding their reach to assisting families who are experiencing food poverty during these difficult times.

The money raised as part of this challenge will help Calder Community Cares to keep on taking care of those who find themselves in need. If you would like more information about our 5k challenge, please contact the project team.

