

Mytholmroyd Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency is working in partnership with Calderdale Council and VBA to deliver the Mytholmroyd Flood Alleviation Scheme

Keeping you informed Flood Mitigation Measures

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As we continue to build the flood defence scheme for Mytholmroyd, we are aware of concerns around flood mitigation and what would happen if a flood event were to occur as work progresses.

When anyone carries out work in the river, there are strict processes that must be applied to ensure that the current level of flood protection in that area is not compromised. Part of the Environment Agency's permitting process in building a flood alleviation scheme requires the contracting partner to undertake modelling to examine the impact of the work on flood protection throughout the construction phase. A flood mitigation plan is submitted to the Environment Agency by construction contractors to fully demonstrate that they have taken into consideration all impacts of the work in relation to any future flood events.

Before any permits are granted, evidence needs to be provided to substantiate that the proposed measures are adequate. The data received in determination of the permit for Mytholmroyd demonstrates that appropriate mitigation measures are in place should a flood event occur.

You will be aware that there is currently a reduction in the channel width at Caldene Avenue where we are installing foundations for the new highway bridge.

We have temporarily raised the wall heights along Burnley Road and Caldene Avenue using sandbags to mitigate against the restriction in channel, to ensure that no-one is placed at a higher flood risk as a result of our works.

There are also sections of existing flood walls that are being dismantled ahead of new replacement flood walls being constructed.



We have dedicated teams who continually monitor weather conditions and we have temporary defences to deploy if required – sometimes these may be placed as a precaution if the weather forecast is unpredictable. Staff will be placed on standby if forecasts indicate there may be a requirement for action. Emergency procedures are also in place should we need to react quickly.

If you have any concerns, questions or feedback please contact us by email - mytholmroydFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk.