

Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) December 2018 Newsletter

07 December 2018

Progress to date

There has been lots of activity in November. We have:

- set up the site compound and accesses
- cleared an area for working
- diverted overhead cables
- started piling works

You will have noticed lots of heavy rain in November. This required us to carry out additional works to the access road in Lammas Lands, before construction could begin.

The good news is that piling works have started and are well underway.



Installing the sheet pile wall at Lammas Cottages

How will the scheme be built?

We are installing a 525 m sheet pile wall, clad with timber along the bank of Hell Ditch. A sheet pile wall is made up of individual piles driven into the ground that connect together.

Vibration will be monitored throughout the works. Limits for vibration have been set and work will stop if measured levels get close to the limit. Building surveys have been carried out to assess the condition of nearby properties.

Plan for December?

The primary focus will be on continuing the piling works. Our contractors TVO will then break for two weeks over the Christmas period (22 December to 06 January inclusive).



Auger working at Lammas Cottages

What happens after Christmas?

We are highly reliant on the weather, due to much of the work being undertaken in the flood plain. The main focus will be continuing the piling works. If the weather is kind, then sheet piling works will resume early in the New Year. However, if the weather conditions are poor then TVO may need to stop work and resume when the weather is drier. We will provide an update early in the New Year.

Jeremy Hunt MP visit

On 9 November, Jeremy Hunt MP paid a visit to the site, accompanied by councillors from Surrey County Council and Waverley Borough Council. Jeremy Hunt commented "start of works are the culmination of several years' planning and hard work by many local organisations and people."



Jeremy Hunt MP in the digger with the Environment Agency project team and members of the partnership who have supported the project

What if there is a flood before the flood wall is completed?

We intend to provide temporary protection upstream of Catteshall Road Bridge in the event of a flood. Specifically, a barrier made up of a metal A frame about 1 metre high draped in heavy duty plastic sheeting to block a flow route

from the river and reduce the likelihood of properties flooding.

Prepare for flooding

Although we work to reduce flood risk, we cannot remove it entirely. You can find out more about what to do before, during and after a flood by visiting

www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding

If you have any queries about the information contained in this briefing or would like to be added to our mailing list please contact:

[Enquiries THM@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries_THM@environment-agency.gov.uk)

If you see blockages in the river channel which pose an immediate flood risk then this should be reported directly to our incident line on:

0800 80 70 60

Riparian ownership

If a stretch of river, stream or channel runs through or under your land, or on the boundary of your land, you will normally be a riparian owner. For guidance about your riparian responsibilities and rules to follow for watercourses on or near your property, and permissions you need to do work around them visit:

www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse

Where can I find out more?

The posters at the site entrance are updated regularly with progress information.

You can find out more about the scheme on the project webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/godalming-flood-alleviation-scheme/godalming-flood-alleviation-scheme>

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