

Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) January 2019 Newsletter

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Progress to date

We have resumed working after the Christmas break and continued the piling works.

The piles are being installed nearly 7 metres into the ground, into very hard material. In some areas the ground has been even harder than expected. In these locations, we have used an impact hammer to complete the piling.

We continue to carefully monitor any noise and vibration arising from the piling activities. Limits 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.

Next steps

Over the next few weeks, the primary focus will be completing the piling works. Following this, work on the cladding, drainage, and pumping station (next to Catteshall Bridge) will commence.

Completion of the works, including landscaping, is expected late-summer.



Finished section of sheet pile wall (before cladding)



Sheet piling works in allotments

Would you like to visit the scheme?

On Wednesday February 6th at 14:00, we will be holding a tour of the construction work. This will provide a unique opportunity for residents to find out more about the work involved in this scheme.

The tour will last for around an hour. For safety reasons we will not be going into the working area and you will not need protective equipment. You will be accompanied by members of the project team from the Environment Agency and Team Van Oord.

As numbers are limited booking is essential. To book a place, please email angela.spinks@mackley.co.uk stating your name, with details of any specific requirements.

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.

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



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Pre auger machine in allotments

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

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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