

Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) March 2019 Newsletter

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Progress to date

There has been lots of progress in February. The piling works are now almost complete. A small amount of piling is left to complete, at the tie-ins to Catteshall Bridge.

Work started in February on the drainage and pumping station (next to Catteshall Bridge).



Sheet piling downstream of bridge (Feb 2019)

Next steps

Over the next few weeks, we expect to:

- continue the drainage works
- continue pumping station works
- start the cladding work

Target date for completion of the whole works, including landscaping, remains late-summer 2019.

Work at Catteshall Road for the demountable flood barrier

In May 2019, we plan to start the works for the demountable flood barrier at Catteshall Road.

This work will inevitably involve some road closures. We will of course keep any road closures to a minimum and are consulting with Surrey County Council. We will be able to provide more details in future newsletters.



Sheet pile wall in allotments (before cladding). The square piling separate to the wall is for installation of the pumping station.

Cladding to be installed

Accoya timber cladding will be installed to integrate the new flood wall into the landscape and townscape. The cladding will be durable and sustainable. It was selected based on feedback during the planning and consultation process.

Accoya will weather over a number of months to a natural colour.



Accoya cladding: left- newly installed right - after weathering of the timber Source: Accoya Technical Leaflet Weathering V08.15-3.

Would you like to visit the scheme?

On Thursday March 14th at 14:00, we will be holding a tour of the works. This will provide an 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.

The team held the first tour of the scheme on 6 February. We plan to hold further tours (one every 6-weeks or so). Each tour is different, so you can attend more than one if you wish.



The first scheme tour held 06 February 2019

What if there is a flood before the demountable barrier is completed?

We would provide temporary protection in the event of a flood.

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

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

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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