

Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) April 2019 Newsletter

April 2019

Recent progress

March has seen significant progress with the cladding, drainage and the large pumping station (located at the allotments). Shortly, we will begin the landscaping and reinstating some of the gardens affected by the works.



Section of completed flood wall with cladding



Sheet pile wall with cladding in progress



Sheet pile wall awaiting cladding

Next steps

Over the next few weeks, we expect to:

- begin the garden reinstatement
- finish the drainage works
- continue the cladding
- continue pumping station works

Target date for completion of the construction works subject to weather conditions, remains late-summer 2019.

Steps over the flood wall

It is proposed to provide steps over the flood wall at the allotments and other locations where the owners wish to maintain access to the river. It has been asked what these steps would look like. A set of steps has been made and placed in front of the site offices for people to see. Photo below.

If you wish to view the steps, please follow signage and keep within pedestrian access. Do not enter the construction area.



Steps example constructed in front of the site office



Work at Catteshall Road for the demountable flood barrier

We do not expect to close the Catteshall Road. The design proposal for the demountable flood barrier at Catteshall Road has been reviewed; thus, the road closure is no longer necessary.

We are in the process of finalising the details for the demountable barrier. The demountable barrier across Catteshall Road will only be deployed when flood water levels are high.

Would you like to visit the scheme?

On Thursday April 25th 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.

We hold tours (one every 6-weeks or so). Each tour is different, so you can attend more than one if you wish.

What if there is a flood before the works are completed?

There are a few small locations where the flood defence is still to be completed (e.g. in the allotments adjacent to the bridge). 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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