

# Radcliffe and Redvales - Flooding Newsletter

December 2018

## **COMMUNITY DROP IN**

**Monday 10th December  
Radcliffe Road Baptist Church  
BL9 9LH  
4.00pm - 7.00pm**

**COME ALONG AND SPEAK TO STAFF  
FROM BOTH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND BURY COUNCIL**

## **Project update / Flood Scheme update**

The Radcliffe and Redvales project has continued to make significant progress over the last couple of months with the detailed design being developed for phases 1a and 1b and the planning applications due to be submitted on 5th December and 30th January respectively. To support this there have been a number of surveys completed and you may have seen some activity particularly in the Close Park area. We have continued to liaise and engage with those affected including landowners and the users of Close Park.

The construction of these defences is still currently planned for early summer 2019, subject to planning permission and approval of the business case.

The design of the remainder of the scheme will be completed during summer 2019 with the construction to follow, most likely from early 2020. The deadline for completion of the defences (excluding landscaping and environmental works) is still March 2021. To achieve this programme the project team are currently completing the contract documents and specifications.

There are still hurdles to get over including planning, finalising all the funding and approval of the business case but the project is moving forward and the project team and our partners Bury Council remain committed and positive on our achieving completion the scheme by March 2021.

## **Bury Council Update**

### **Recent development proposals**

People often ask whether new development increases flood risk. However, national and local planning policy is clear in stating that new developments shouldn't be granted planning permission if they would be at risk of flooding – or if they would increase risk of flooding for existing properties.

Applications for development in flood risk areas therefore have to demonstrate, through a flood risk assessment report, that they won't increase flood risk. If the risk is from a main river, the Council consults the Environment Agency, which advises whether a flood risk assessment does indeed demonstrate no increase in risk. Bury Council won't approve a planning application that the Environment Agency has maintained an objection to.

Development proposals which may be of interest include:

- Warth Road – 65 houses (60424), this development is almost complete.
- York Street – 143 houses and business unit (56744, 60418, 60691) - The applicant is currently seeking to discharge the conditions attached to the 2015 planning permission, but a revised scheme is still anticipated.
- Morris Street – 14 houses (55583) Planning permission has expired.
- Former East Lancs Paper Mill site – 400 dwellings plus sports pitches and open space (62969). This application is still current.

## The Flood Hub Website is now live

The Flood Hub is your one stop shop for flood advice and information. It is funded by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and has been developed by Newground and other partner agencies to support communities at risk of flooding across the North West. You can find all the up to date information on planning and preparing for floods in the North West, to protect homes, businesses, land and wildlife.

Visit <http://www.thefloodhub.co.uk> for more information!

## Temporary Defence exercise

On Thursday 18th October 2018 the Environment Agency tested the deployment of the temporary defences at Close Park, Bury.

The exercise was a great success, being able to rehearse, plan, transport and construct the Flood Barriers on site gave us vital information for the time line, resources and equipment required to deploy and erect the Defences on site. The time line is 6 hours including transporting from our Depot; briefing on site and deploying/constructing the barriers in situ.

## How will we keep you updated and involve you

We will continue to use the Radcliffe Flood Action Group to share information with residents as well as producing more newsletters and holding public drop-in sessions linked to key stages of the project. As a general rule we shall be focussing our direct communication at those people affected by the flooding in 2015. However we are looking at the best ways to keep everyone up to date with progress and we would welcome your ideas for this.

If you are outside the flood area and would like to be kept up to date with the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme via email, please email [floodresiliencegmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:floodresiliencegmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk) to be added to the mailing list. We aim to send regular updates as well as quarterly newsletters. We will also let you know when we are holding community drop-ins.

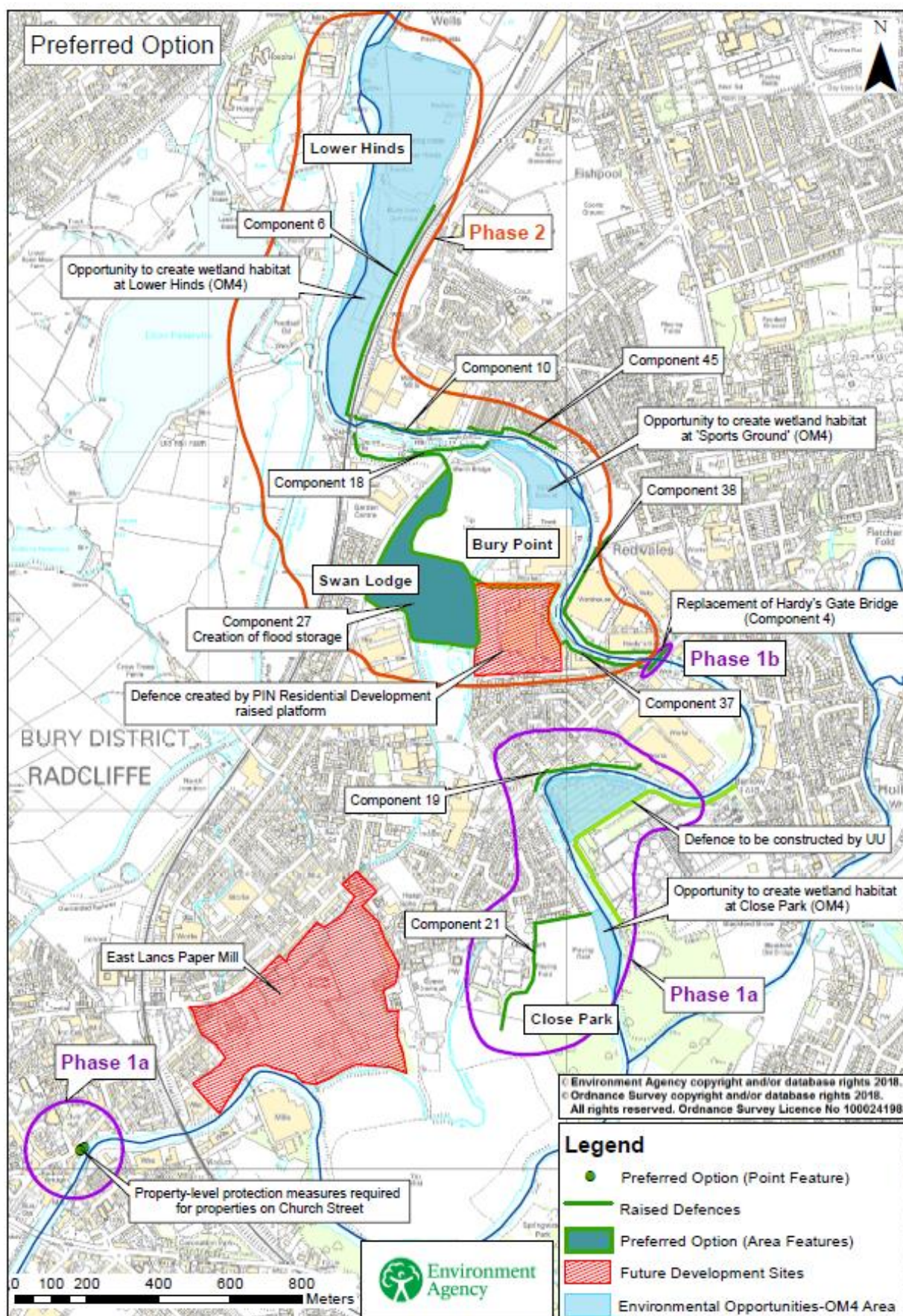
If you would like more information about our flood risk management work in the area or about the project, you can email: [FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Visit our website for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding>

Bury Council's website for flood risk information is: [www.bury.gov.uk/flooding-advice](http://www.bury.gov.uk/flooding-advice)

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