

Radcliffe and Redvales - Flooding Newsletter

June 2019

COMMUNITY DROP INS

Thursday 6th June
Close Park Ranger Hut
M26 2QA

3.00pm - 7.00pm
Phase 1

Thursday 27th June
Radcliffe Road Baptist Church
BL9 9LH

3.00pm - 7.00pm
Phase 2

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

Community Drop in's

Please note that the drop in for Phase 1 on 6th June will only have information available for the areas of Close Park, Dumers Lane and Morris Street.

The Drop in for Phase 2 on 27th June will only have information available for the areas of York Street, Hardy's Gate Bridge, Warth and Redvales.

If you are unsure of which drop in to attend please see the plan over the page for details of phases.

Project update / Flood Scheme update

We are pleased to announce that the Radcliffe and Redvales FRMS £40 million project has now had its final business case signed off, Phase 1 planning permission approved and the contracts have been awarded for construction of Phase 1 and the detailed design and construction of Phase 2.

A series of walls and embankments will be constructed in Phases 1 and 2 along the River Irwell that will reduce the risk of flooding to 873 properties.

The construction of Phase 1 will start in mid-June with work taking place in Close Park and off Dumers Lane and Morris Street. The proposed replacement of Hardy's Gate Bridge will no longer take place, but some minor alterations will take place as part of Phase 2. We will be holding regular, informal community engagement sessions at the Ranger Hut once construction has started - keep an eye on the park and project noticeboards for these dates.

The design of Phase 2 is continuing and will be completed during summer 2019. The planning application for Phase 2 will be submitted in September with the construction to follow on from the completion of Phase 1. The deadline for completion of the defences (excluding landscaping and environmental works) is still March 2021. There are still hurdles to get over, particularly planning for Phase 2 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.

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Bury Council Update

Recent development proposals

National and local planning policy is clear 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 (ref no 60424), this development is now complete.
- York Street – 143 houses and business unit (56744, 60418, 60691) - This is a 2015 approval but a revised proposal is expected.
- Morris Street – 14 houses (55583) Planning permission has now expired.
- Former East Lancs Paper Mill site (62969) Outline planning permission was given in December 2018 to a development of up to 400 new homes along with extensive areas of public open space and new sports provision. .

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!

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.

We have now set up an email address specifically for the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management project that can be used for any queries or comments in regards to this project:

RadcliffeRedvales.FRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk

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 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 flood risk, you can email: FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk

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

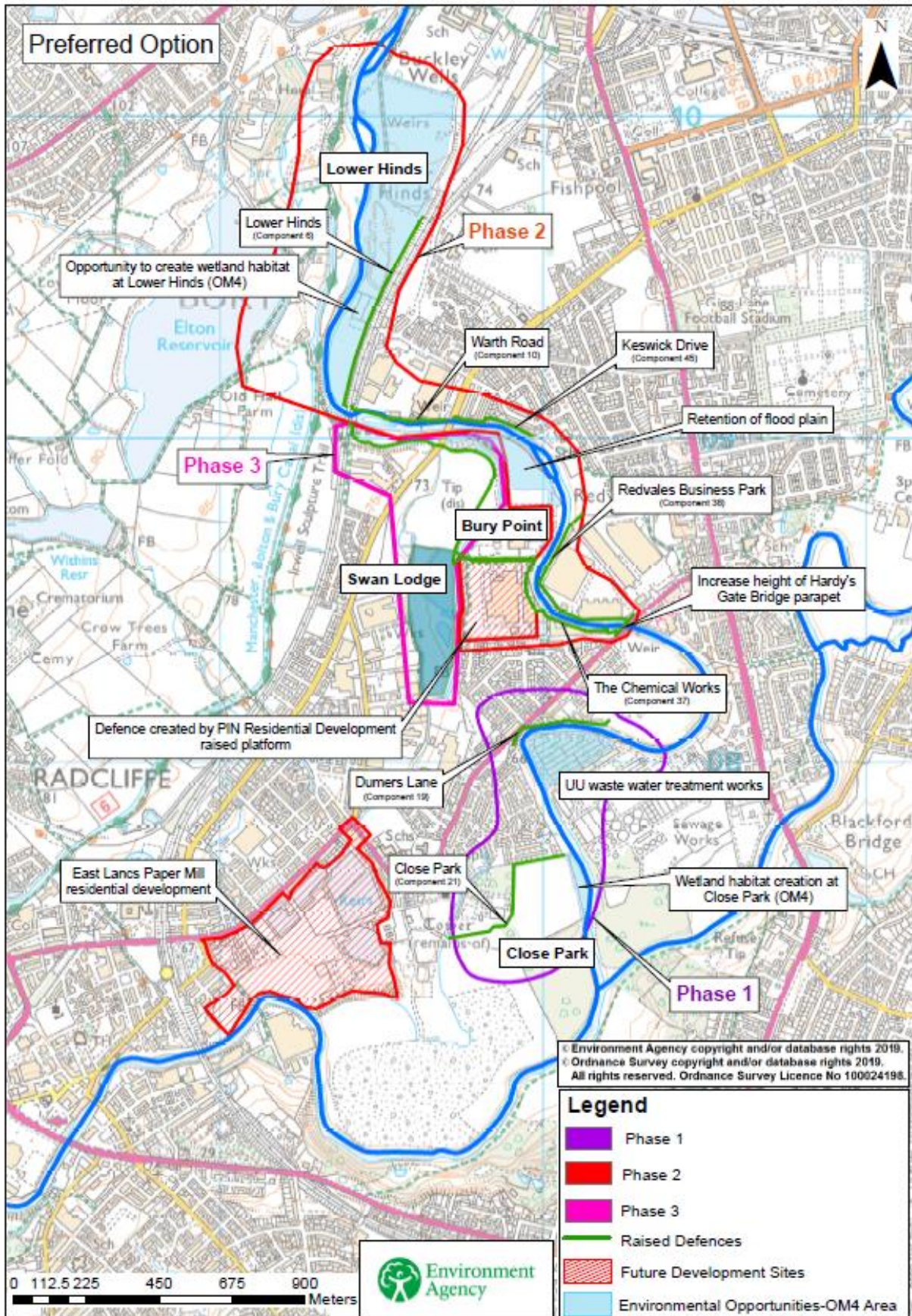
Bury Council's website for flood risk information is: www.bury.gov.uk/flooding-advice

You can also follow the Environment Agency on Twitter @EnvAgencyNW

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