

Radcliffe and Redvales - Flooding Newsletter

October 2019

COMMUNITY DROP IN

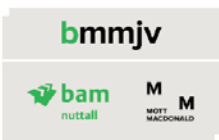

Thursday 17th October 2019
Radcliffe Road Baptist Church
BL9 9LH
3.00pm - 7.00pm

Phase 1 and 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 is for details on design for Phase 2, staff will also be available to speak to residents concerning Phase 1 for those who are unable to attend the community drop ins at Close Park Rangers hut on alternate Fridays (schedule of Phase 1 drop ins below)

	<p>Radcliffe and Redvales, Bury Flood Risk Management Scheme</p> <p>Phase 1 Drop-in Sessions</p>	
<p>We will be holding fortnightly drop in sessions at the Ranger Hut in Close Park for the duration of these works so that members of the public can call in and have a chat about the scheme with our contractor (BMM JV) and Environment Agency staff.</p> <p>Drop in sessions will be on alternate Fridays between 10:30 and 14:30 on the following dates:</p>		
<p>Friday 26th July 2019 Friday 9th August 2019 Friday 23rd August 2019</p>	<p>Friday 6th September 2019 Friday 20th September 2019 Friday 4th October 2019</p>	<p>Friday 18th October 2019 Friday 1st November 2019 Friday 15th November 2019</p>
<p>All welcome.</p> <p>Venue: Close Park Rangers Hut, Close Park, Radcliffe, Bury</p>		

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Project update / Flood Scheme update

The project team have had a successful start to the construction of Phase 1 of Radcliffe and Redvales FRMS where you may have seen that the piling works at Close Park are underway and construction works have started on the embankment. The project offices at Morris Street Compound are up and running and surveys are currently being completed on Dumers Lane ahead of starting the piling works. Work in Close Park has progressed well but we have experienced some delays, particularly around Dumers Lane and Morris Street. Overall, these are not expected to have a significant impact on the project and we are doing all we can to regain some of the lost time.

Phase 2 Planning Applications will be submitted in autumn 2019. There are 3 applications being submitted:

- Warth Business Park;
- Keswick Drive
- Lower Hinds, Bury Point, Redvales Business Park and the minor alterations to Hardy's Gate Bridge.

The project team have been working with stakeholders affected by the design and construction and we thank them for their cooperation and understanding. The detailed design of the defences will be completed once the planning application is submitted.

Construction of Phase 2 will start following completion of Phase 1. The deadline for completion of the defences (excluding landscaping and environmental works) is still March 2021. The project team and our partners Bury Council remain committed to achieving completion of the scheme to reduce the risk of flooding to 873 properties by March 2021.

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:

- York Street – 143 houses and business unit (56744, 60418, 60691) - This is a 2015 approval but a revised proposal is still expected.
- Former East Lancs Paper Mill site (62969) Outline planning permission was given in December 2018 for a development of up to 400 new homes along with extensive areas of public open space and new sports provision. A reserved matters application is expected.

The Flood Hub Website is now live

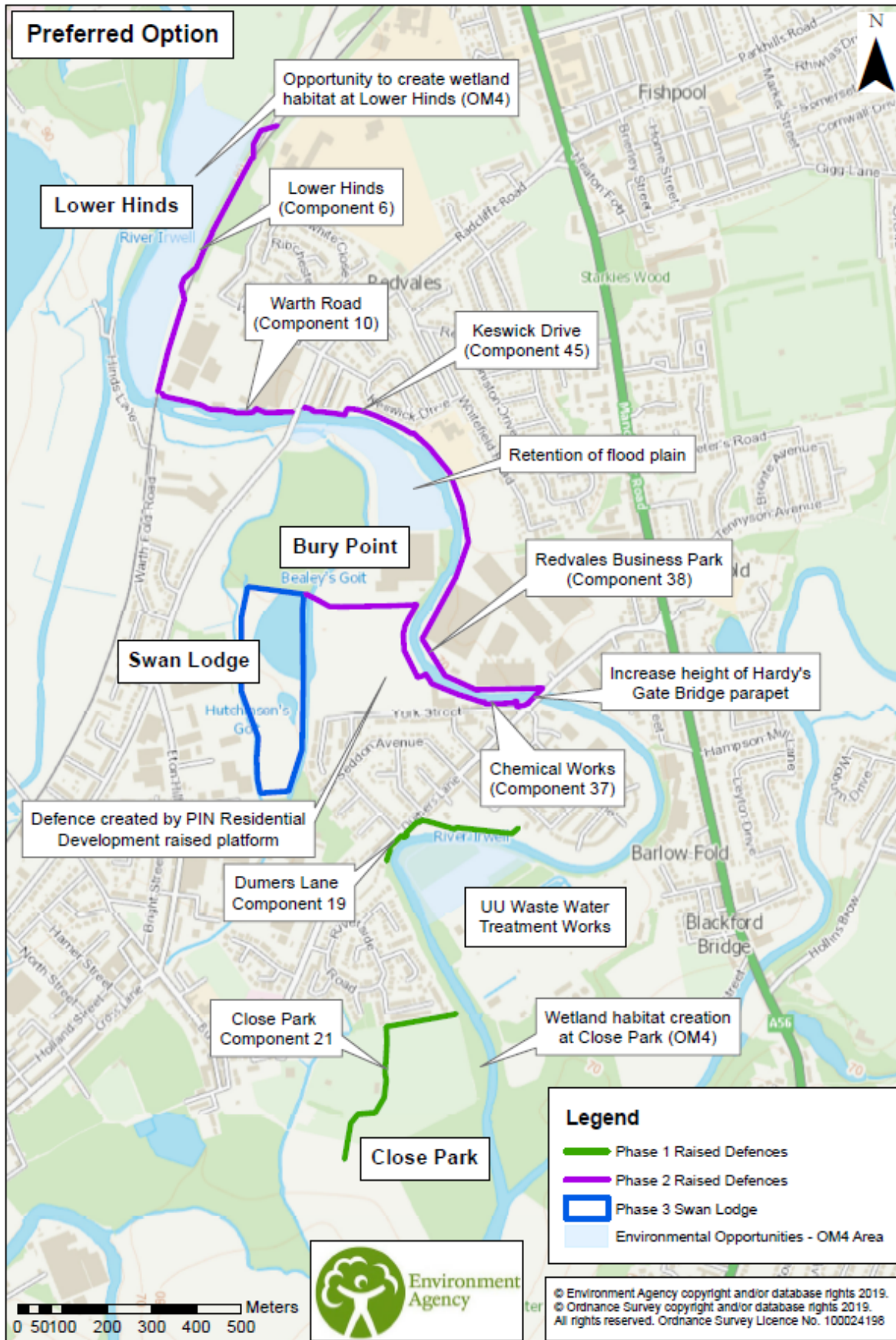
The Flood Hub is your one stop shop for flood advice and information. It is funded by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and has been developed by Newground and other partner agencies to support communities at risk of flooding across the North West. You can find all the up to date information 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!

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Springwater Group

The Springwater Group is local people who feel passionate about the park working together to improve its image so that more people in the community can enjoy and explore.

Springwater Park is a well-used and well-loved green space in Whitefield, Bury, Greater Manchester. It lies at the edge of densely populated areas of housing and busy roads, but in spite of this it is a beautiful and peaceful green area comprising riverside plains and gently rolling woodland, which is wonderfully wild and natural. Springwater is a haven for wildlife, as well as being a haven for local people who use the space to play, exercise, picnic, bike, swim, climb, run, walk and relax.

Unfortunately over recent years Springwater Park had suffered neglect, causing it to become rundown and a target for anti-social behaviour. This prompted a group of local residents to come together to form LOVE SPRINGWATER PARK with the aim of halting this decline, and beginning to improve the park. Since the group formed in autumn 2017 we have cleared pathways, begun woodland management, cleared back over 5 hectares of overgrown land, begun tackling invasive species which pose a danger to people who visit the park and which would destroy natural ecosystems if left unchecked, removed sacks and sacks and sacks and sacks of rubbish, and hosted our first community event in our newly created community space in April.

As a direct result of our work the park already feels more welcoming and open to find out for more information please see visit key links below

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/867110796797482/>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/lovespringwater?lang=en-gb>

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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