

Rochdale and Littleborough - Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter 2

September 2018

COMMUNITY DROP IN EVENTS

Littleborough

Tuesday 18th September 2018

**Harehill House, Hare Hill Rd,
Littleborough**

OL15 9HF

3pm-7pm

Rochdale

Monday 24th September 2018

Number 1 Riverside, Smith Street

Rochdale

OL16 1XU

3pm-7pm

Welcome to the second Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter. We will be sending out these newsletters on a regular basis as we develop the project to ensure that you are kept up-to-date with progress, are able to ask questions of the project team and can contribute your ideas.

Funding Update

You may have seen in the local and national media, or through your local Flood Action Group, that the project has received a funding boost of £5m from the government. This is obviously fantastic news for the project and something that the project team (Environment Agency and Rochdale Council) has been working extremely hard to secure. This £5m is in addition to contributions from the Council, Transport for Greater Manchester and the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

The project team continues to work towards ensuring that full funding agreements are in place by spring 2019 so that construction contracts can be awarded during summer 2019.

Project Update / Flood Scheme Update

The project has made good progress since the previous drop ins (1st March 2017 in Littleborough, 29th June 2017 in Rochdale). The detailed design of the Littleborough phase of the works was commissioned and started in June this year with the aim of beginning construction work in Littleborough in late summer/autumn 2019 should funding be fully in place. There is a great deal of work that is required to happen before construction can start such as undertaking ecological surveys and ground investigation works to finalise designs. Once our designs are finalised, we will be submitted a detailed planning application later this year.

The Rochdale phase of the works will begin detailed design during 2019.

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03708 506 506**

**incident hotline
0800 80 70 60**

**floodline
03459 88 11 88**

Rochdale Council Update

Your property may have benefitted from measures such as flood resistant doors, barriers, and self-closing air bricks through the Storm Eva property flood resilience grant scheme, part of the recovery funding made available after the flooding experienced on 26 December 2015.

It is important to regularly inspect and maintain these measures to check for faults and damage or where adjustments may need to be made. For example, after the recent hot weather some doors and other measures may have been affected by the heat. It is also important to follow manufacturer's instructions to make sure that flood doors are properly sealed by using the locking mechanism and that barriers are kept in a safe and accessible place so that you can fit them quickly when needed.

For further information please visit www.rochdale.gov.uk/flooding or call 01706 924 459.

Ground Investigation

You may notice some Ground Investigation (GI) taking place in a number of locations in open ground from late September 2018 throughout the autumn period. This is to assist in the detailed design of the flood risk management works and to help us to manage and minimise risk.

Discussions with affected landowners are currently ongoing. In the coming months it is possible that you will see the ground investigation machinery around various sites in Littleborough.

Should you have any questions regarding the Ground Investigation please contact the GI project manager, Stephen Kennedy at floodresiliencegmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk

What will happen next?

- 1) Outline Business Case completed and submitted for review in February 2018. This was approved to progress in May 2018.
- 2) We will continue to develop and finalise the funding for the project throughout 2018 and early 2019.
- 3) Drop-ins in Littleborough and Rochdale will take place during September 2018. See confirmed dates above. These will continue to happen at regular intervals during the project.
- 4) The project will be submitted for Full Business Case approval in spring/summer 2019.

Environment Agency Flood Alerts / Warnings

Even with flood defences in place, you can never entirely remove the risk of flooding. It is important that you prepare for this by signing up for free flood warnings by phoning Floodline, on 0345 988 1188, or by going online: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

How will we keep you updated and involve you

We will continue to use the Littleborough and Wardleworth Flood Action Groups to share information with residents as well as producing more newsletters and holding public drop-in sessions linked to key stages of the project. 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 Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme via email, please email floodresiliencegmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.

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

Rochdale Borough Council's website for flood risk information is: www.rochdale.gov.uk/flooding

You can also follow us on Twitter @EnvAgencyNW

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