

Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme March 2020

Project update and recent flooding or near miss events

Andy Brown, Flood Risk Manager, Lancashire

We asked Andy why he felt the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management scheme was so important...

'In terms of flood resilience for the Environment Agency and our partners in this project then this is a once in a generational opportunity for us to get it right, get on and get it done.'

'Our aim is to reduce the risk of flooding to people who live and work in what are currently areas at risk from flooding now and in the future. Alongside that, the work we are doing can and should act as a catalyst for enhancement to the local area. We have, and will continue to engage with you to understand your views on the scheme, how we can try to incorporate your input whilst still providing a standard of protection.'

Our community engagement

We held a number of engagement sessions across October and November 2019 where we spoke to local residents about our proposed plans and listened to feedback. A summary of the engagement can be found here: [The Flood Hub](#)

Storm Ciara & Storm Dennis

Several communities across Lancashire were flooded recently as a result of Storm Ciara, Dennis and other February 2020 storms. London Road and Lower Penwortham was particularly affected with many reports of flooding to businesses and homes. Local road and rail networks were also impacted as well as the brief closure of the southbound section of the M6 around junction 31.



To find out more about types of flooding and how to become more flood resilient please visit: www.TheFloodHub.co.uk

Our project timeline



Our Project Highlights

<p>Jacobs, who are the Environment Agency contractors, awarded the scheme design contract.</p>	<p>This means the scheme is now moving into the detailed design phase, we will be able show you clearer visuals on how the scheme <i>may</i> look in your area so you can better understand if and how your river views will change. These will be shared at future drop in events and online.</p>
<p>VolkerStevin appointed as the scheme builders.</p>	<p>We are pleased that VolkerStevin have been appointed as the scheme builders (by Jacobs). As the largest Flood Risk Management scheme in Lancashire, and one of the largest building projects in Preston and South Ribble, having a local company based in Preston on site shows the immense expertise and talent in our local area working together to produce results that will help protect you, your families and other local businesses’.</p>
<p>Ground Investigation work currently scheduled to begin late April 2020.</p>	<p>Ground investigation will begin for Frenchwood, Walton le Dale and higher Walton of the scheme at the end of April. Learn more about how and why we do them on www.TheFloodHub.co.uk</p>

Our Future Engagement

Digital engagement during Coronavirus outbreak

During the COVID-19 outbreak, we will be engaging with public digitally to keep you updated on the projects progress and provide opportunities for us to hear your views.

Will we be working to update news about the scheme and provide opportunities for you to be involved and share your thoughts and feedback on www.TheFloodHub.co.uk

We are still planning some face to face engagement in late summer 2020, however this could be subject to change.

You can contact the project team by email at: CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk