

## Preston & South Ribble GI - Reactive Lines

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# Why are we still working on flood risk management schemes during a national emergency?

The Environment Agency's priorities are to protect the health, safety and well-being of our own staff, the public and the businesses and partners we work with; to prevent loss of life and serious harm to the environment; and to keep our critical operations running.

The Government has asked the Environment Agency to continue designing and building critical flood risk management schemes, providing that our staff, consultants and contractors can identify safe methods of working which meet Public Health England guidelines. Our aim is to continue to protect lives and livelihoods from flooding, and to safeguard jobs in the construction industry.

### Why are these works continuing during the Covid-19 Pandemic?

The Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme is a key project which will reduce flood risk to our communities. Ground investigations do not pose a risk to our contractors or communities.

# What works are currently being planned / carried out for the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme?

Site contractors, who are working on behalf of the Environment Agency, will be carrying out important ground investigation works. These works are essential for informing the detailed design of the proposed scheme, as we need to ensure we are basing our design on true ground conditions. Our contractors have identified safe methods of working that follow Public Health England guidelines, and have appropriate personal protective equipment. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact our contractors VolkerStevin on 07714412259

### What safety measures are you taking?

Following government advice we are clear that safety of the public, our staff and contractors is our priority. Those working on the scheme have been trained on social distancing and will not put anyone at risk. If the work cannot be done safely, the work will stop. All personnel working on the scheme will be working to government guidelines which can be viewed here:

### https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-letter-to-theconstruction-sector

### Where will you be carrying out these investigation works?

We will be working in the following locations:-

- Frenchwood,
- Walton le Dale
- Higher Walton

#### Who should I contact if I have a query about this work?

We want to continue to ensure our communities support this project and so we will seek to minimise disruption as far as practicable. However, if you have a query regarding the ground investigations being carried out in your area, please contact

Peter Carradice - Senior General Foreman - 07714412259

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#### Where can I find out further information on this scheme?

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we will not be carrying out face to face engagement events or community drop-ins for the foreseeable future. Once we are confident that community drop-in events can be held safely again, we will advertise the dates and locations.

Key information about the scheme is available at the following location:-

www.TheFloodHub.co.uk/psr/

If you do not have internet access or have accessibility requirements please call our customer contact centre via 03708 506 506 alternatively, please email: <u>CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk</u>

Please note: We are currently unable to process postal queries at this time.

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