

Caton Road, Lancaster Flood Risk Management Scheme

June 2020 newsletter

Work is continuing on the Flood Risk Management Scheme in Lancaster to better protect the city from the effects of flooding despite the ongoing challenges faced by Covid-19. Our work has been identified as essential by the government and they are keen for us to continue progressing, where it remains safe to do so. Our priority in these difficult times is the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and the public, and additional safety measures have therefore been put in place. There has been understandably some impact on our supply chain, workforce and travel, however we expect at this stage to remain on time and programme.

Our project at a glance

1174



Businesses benefitting

2000



More than 2,000 jobs safeguarded

3000



3 New trees planted for every one removed to facilitate new defences.

£10.8m



Scheme funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Local Levy, Environment Agency, Lancaster City Council and private contributions

£60m



In costs avoided from future flood damages

40



Homes better protected

Project update

- The foundations for 3 sections of the scheme have now been completed.
- The first pre cast wall unit was laid on the 9th March, and to date we have installed over 550 units, equating to 40% of the total number of units to be placed.
- Flood mitigation will be delivered in the form of a new flood wall along the river lune and adjacent to Aldrens Lane. These works will be undertaken later in the year and it is likely that there may be some disturbance in the form of temporary traffic lights for road users.
- The project is on program, with the Riverside Path still planned to be open for December 2020.



Flood wall units starting to be put into place along the Millennium cycle path.

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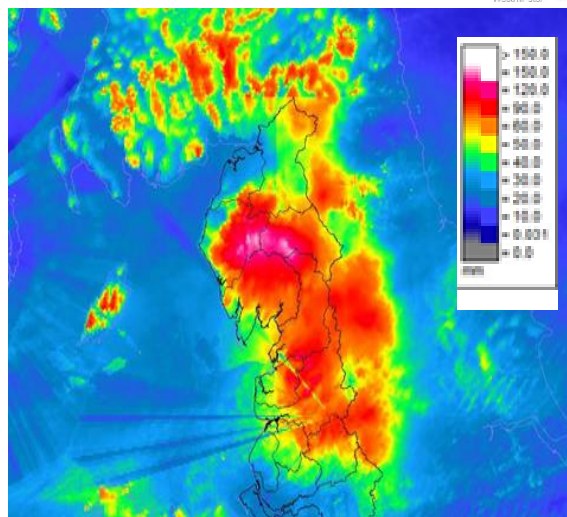
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Storm Ciara

Storm Ciara brought intense and heavy rainfall on the 9th February 2020 to the whole of the North West. Lancaster suffered flooding to homes and businesses and the industrial estates along Caton Road were also impacted by the flood waters.

The Environment Agency and Lancaster City Council visited affected communities in the immediate aftermath and spoke with residents and business owners individually. We took evidence from the area to provide us with more information about how the flooding occurred. We concluded that once the new flood defences are completed they would mitigate the impacts from another storm the size of Ciara and we therefore did not need to adapt the project as a result. .



Heavy rainfall during Storm Ciara – over 26 hours, 8th/9th February 2020

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and in line with the latest government advice our drop-in centre located on Kingsway carpark has temporarily closed. You can still contact us on: Lune3Project@lancaster.gov.uk

Cycle route temporary diversion

The project team believe that the temporary, alternative, pedestrian and cycle route along Caton Road has been successful and is being well used. The use of the green textured surfacing has meant it is clearly defined. There have been no conflicts between traffic and path users reported, even with increased use. Reduced traffic volumes may be helping with safety and as people become more familiar using it.



The Riverside Path by the Holiday Inn will be closed from the 4th June

The path will be closed for a 6 month period whilst we construct this section of the flood defence work. The alternative route will be extended and sign posted with improvements also proposed to the on-road cycle lane provision.

Lancashire County Council Highways

The project team are currently working together with Lancashire County Council to look at issues where drains surcharge (back up) during heavy rainfall and affect the roads. We are looking at surface water flooding and will keep you updated as we progress.

Keep up to date

If you would like to keep up to date with the work on this project at www.lancaster.gov.uk/Lune3project and www.thefloodhub.co.uk/lancaster