

The Government has confirmed that construction sites should continue to operate during the current Coronavirus pandemic and to support the continued delivery of this Nationwide, we are working very closely with our delivery contractors to ensure they are working to the guidelines published and enforced by Public Health England.

It is vitally important that all of our pre construction, or construction sites operate during this period in a way that ensures the protection of the workforce and minimises the risk of spread of infection. The measures that Public Health England have put in place ensures consistent measures on all sites of all sizes, especially recommendations around social distancing.

If an activity cannot be undertaken due to a lack of suitably qualified personnel being available, or social distancing being implemented, it should not take place. We will ensure that our staff and contractors' workforces are implementing Government guidance to protect them, their colleagues, their families and the UK population as a whole.

Undoubtedly, the Coronavirus has had huge impacts on our daily home and working lives and this has, and will, result in some delays to us delivering Flood Risk Management Schemes across the Country. These delays are particularly linked to supply chain delays in the ability of us mobilising and deploying people, equipment and materials, as well as ensuring we can work in public places safely. However, until Government guidance changes we will continue to plan the delivery or continue the delivery of our schemes where we can.

Below is a summary of our active schemes we continue to progress and the stage at which we are currently working at.

Community	Business case progressing	Concept design	Detailed design	Construction underway
Kendal	✓	✓	✓	
Burneside, Staveley and Ings	✓	✓		
Appleby	✓			
Low Crosby	✓			
Rickerby	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carlisle Phase 1 (Warwick Road and Melbourne Park)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carlisle Phase 2 (Sands Centre, City Centre, Bitts Park)	✓	✓	✓	
Carlisle Phase 3 (Denton Holme, Caldewgate and Willowholme)	✓			
Egremont	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flimby	✓			



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What does this mean for the Kent Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme Kendal, Burneside, Staveley & Ings

Although we are in a difficult time, we are committed to, and are successfully progressing, the delivery of the proposed three phase Flood Risk Management Scheme to better protect residential and business properties from flooding in the Kent catchment, and improve the local environment and community amenities. It is inevitable that there will be some minor delays to the overall programme, and construction of flood defences through Kendal (Phase 1) is now programmed to start in Autumn 2020.

Meanwhile, over the remainder of this year, work will progress to develop the scheme design for Burneside, Staveley and Ings (Phase 2), and upstream measures including storage (Phase 3). Complimentary to this, Natural Flood Management interventions will also continue to be delivered to 'slow the flow' where we can implement safe working practices.

The diagram below illustrates the process to deliver key pieces of work for Kendal in order for us to reach construction start. Work that has been impacted by the Coronavirus is indicated below. We will continue to monitor our intended programme to align with the developing situation.

