Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme Key Facts

The Environment Agency is delivering a 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. Kendal is the first phase to be delivered with construction starting in Autumn 2020. Here is a snapshot of some of those benefits being delivered as part of the scheme:

Key dates

Dec 2019
£76m
Funding approved to deliver all three phases

Jan 2020
Phase One Kendal detailed design continues

July 2020
Discharge of Phase One planning conditions

Natural flood management projects underway

Autumn 2020
Phase One – Kendal construction starts

Phase One - Kendal scheme complete

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Planning application approved unanimously by SLDC Planning Committee in June 2019 to deliver phase one through Kendal.

Homes and businesses in Kendal in some locations currently have a less than 1 in 5 year standard of protection that is more than a 20% chance of flooding in any given year.

The first phase of the Kendal scheme will reduce flood risk directly to 170 homes and 227 businesses and once all three phases of the scheme are complete this would reduce flood risk further providing a 1 in 100yr standard of protection or a 1% chance of flooding in any given year.

Once all three phases are complete, there will be increased resilience of roads and bridges as the upstream storage elements allow water levels to be controlled through the town.

To minimise disruption in the town we will deliver our works in small sections we term as ‘reaches’. This ensures we keep all localised disruption to a minimum.

Our traffic management plans will ensure our works cause minimum disruption to traffic movement through around the town.

Kendal Scheme benefits

6km of defences through the town using a combination of walls finished mainly in local stone, grass embankments and integrated sections of glass panels. With more than half of the defences set back from the riverside, access to existing open space and riverside views will be retained.

We will be planting at least 3666 trees through the town of a variety of species. Larger, semi-mature trees will be planted in places that are accessed the most. This is following a maximum of 545 trees in the town requiring removal but we are working hard to reduce this number.

We will deliver 55 hectares of improved habitat for wildlife and recreational space for the community in two areas in Kendal and in the Upper Kent catchment.

We will be undertaking minimal in river works during construction as the majority of our defences are set back from the rivers edge. This means our works will have little to no impact on the existing river environment.

We are supporting the delivery of up to 3km of new and improved riverside footpaths and exploring the opportunity for a further 6km of newly connected walking trails in the town.

The scheme is the stepping stone to delivering a wider programme of enhancements to the town. Working in partnership we will support other potential improvements to the area for the benefit of the local community and visitors to the town.