

PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME

OUR PROJECT AT A GLANCE - SUMMER 2020

UPDATES

- Ground investigation works completed across 4 sites
- Online consultation platform launches Summer 2020
- Autumn engagement sessions planned

COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 restrictions our planned engagement sessions for summer 2020 have been put on hold.

Residents will be invited to give their views on the scheme to date via our online engagement website launching summer 2020. More details on www.TheFloodHub.co.uk/psr

CONTACT US

If you have any queries relating to the scheme, please email

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PROJECT AT A GLANCE



Ground investigation work completed ahead of schedule



Ongoing wildlife surveys focusing on biodiversity



5 new trees planted for every one removed



Public engagement platform launching mid July



Ground Investigation Work

Despite COVID-19 restrictions we are pleased to report that ground investigation work was completed two weeks ahead of schedule in June 2020. There are currently no plans to carry out further investigative works.

Further information can be found at www.thefloodhub.co.uk/psr/#ground-investigation-works



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OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

SELF-SEEDED TREES

There are a number of 'self-seeded' trees on the river-side of the flood defences which will be removed. Removal of these will allow access for construction and ensure new defences are not damaged by tree root growth.

Self-seeded trees are trees that haven't been planted or planned, these trees can be as a result of seeds arriving by birds, the river and the wind. They can cause damage to flood barriers, footpaths and walls due to lack of maintenance. Maintenance for trees planned and located close to flood defences is regularly undertaken by the local authority.

DETAILED DESIGN

As you are aware, we are currently in the detailed design phase of the scheme, identifying trees to be protected or removed is a key part of this phase. More information on our tree planting plans will be available in autumn 2020.

During previous public drop in sessions for the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme the community raised concerns about the loss of trees in the area. To facilitate work and ensure the defences have a long life, some trees will need to be removed, this work will be scheduled to avoid bird-nesting season. The areas for replanting are starting to be identified and the trees will range from saplings to more mature trees.

The Environment Agency commit to planting 5 trees for every 1 removed for this scheme.



Prior to any decisions being made about trees a full topographic survey will be undertaken. The survey helps the project team identify where there are trees that need to be removed, trees where the crown can be thinned to provide safe access to the site and trees that have a tree preservation order (more info on them can be found [here](#)).

In line with our commitment to planting 5 trees for every 1 removed as part of this scheme, we are working closely with partners to identify best locations locally where these trees can be planted and are also linking in to the South Ribble Borough Council "Plant 110,000 trees" ambition. Learn more [here](#)