

## Flood Risk Management Scheme in Hambleton

August 2020

### An update from the Environment Agency

Welcome to the summer 2020 edition of the Hambleton Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) Newsletter. The newsletter will be updated regularly and will provide scheme updates to our communities to get your feedback.

#### Hambleton FRMS Overview:

- A large part of the village is in flood zone 3 which is an area with the highest probability of flooding. The risk of flooding in Hambleton is likely to increase in the future as a result of climate change.
- The existing defences, extending from the Shore Road to the embankment in front of Hambleton Fisheries, do not provide a consistent standard of flood protection. Intervention is therefore required to ensure the longer term safety of the community in Hambleton.
- Flood defences will better protect over 600 properties.
- Linear flood walls are proposed from Kiln Lane, north of Wardleys Pool, to the end of the existing embankment near Peg's Pool.
- The Hambleton FRMS will provide a consistent standard of protection against a flood event with a 0.5% chance of occurring in any one year and accounts for climate change.



Proposed location of flood defences in Hambleton

#### Scheme update

In May 2020 we announced that additional Government funding had been secured for financial year 2020-2021 that had un-paused the project. This has been possible as the Hambleton FRMS has been identified as a local and national priority.

Since this announcement we have been progressing the environmental assessments and detailed design and drafting documents associated with the planning application (e.g. Flood Risk Assessment). We will be contacting individual stakeholders in the coming month to discuss elements of the detailed design. We have revised the project timeline\*, in light of the additional funding. The planning application is scheduled for submission in spring 2021, with construction proposed to begin in autumn 2021.



\* Timelines are indicative and based on the current best estimate programme. The impact of COVID-19, for example, could alter the timescales.

## Engaging with our communities

We are committed to engaging and consulting with the community despite the challenges and restrictions that COVID-19 has created for face-to-face engagement.

Public engagement is primarily online at present. We continue to respond to individual enquiries and provide community-wide scheme updates via Newsletters and the Flood Hub page (<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/hambleton/>). We are actively reviewing possible engagement options as Government guidelines change and will ensure safe ways of working are upheld.

We will engage with the public prior to the submission of the planning application, as planned. The format of this engagement will be subject to Government guidelines and restrictions. Options being considered include an online public engagement platform and managed attendance drop-in events, using appointments and implementing social-distancing guidelines.

## Ground investigation work

We will be carrying out ground investigation surveys in a number of locations in the area. The surveys are planned to be undertaken in autumn 2020 and are likely to take less than 4 weeks to complete. Hand dug pits are required to confirm the utilities present and inspect existing infrastructure.

We will seek to minimise disruption. However, it is possible that footpaths or roads may need to be partially diverted temporarily. We will provide further information in advance of these works beginning.

## Opportunities for Environmental Enhancement

We are investigating opportunities for environmental enhancement in the vicinity of Hambleton as part of the scheme and working to identify interested landowners.

The protection and enhancement of the environment can deliver significant benefits for biodiversity, landscape quality and character and air quality. Examples of environmental enhancement include tree and hedgerow planting and habitat restoration.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact us at [CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk).

## Where can I sign up for Flood Warnings to my phone/email?

You can receive flood warnings directly to your landline and mobile phone. These warnings give you the opportunity to put your flood resilience plans into action, such as raising furniture and making sure you have everything you need with you in case you need to evacuate.

You can find out if you live, or have a business, in a flood warning area and register by searching for your location at:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Alternatively, telephone **Floodline: 0345 988 1188 (24-hour service charged at normal tariff rates)**

## National Incident Hotline

To report an environmental pollution or flood related incident such as discoloured water, ill or dead animals within a watercourse, debris blockages, damaged or collapsed river/canal banks, unusual changes in river flow or flooding from a river or the sea call:

**0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service Freephone)**

## Staying in touch

For further information relating to the scheme, or if you would like to be added or removed from our mailing list, please contact us at:

[CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk).

We are keen to hear everyone's view and appreciate that not everyone has internet access. If you would like to arrange a call with one of our project team please call our national Customer Services Centre on 03708 506 506 and ask to speak to someone regarding the Hambleton Scheme.



River Wyre at Hambleton