

Radcliffe and Redvales – Flooding Newsletter

September 2020

2020 Community Drop in's

Community drop in sessions are currently postponed until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Project update/ Flood Scheme update

Phase 1

The project team are pleased to announce that Phase 1 flood defences are now watertight and reduce the risk of flooding to properties in and around Parkside Close. Construction completion of Phase 1 will be in mid-October 2020, with additional landscaping activities in the autumn.



Flood defences at the rear of businesses on Dumers Lane



Flood defences along Dumers Lane



Flood defences in Close Park

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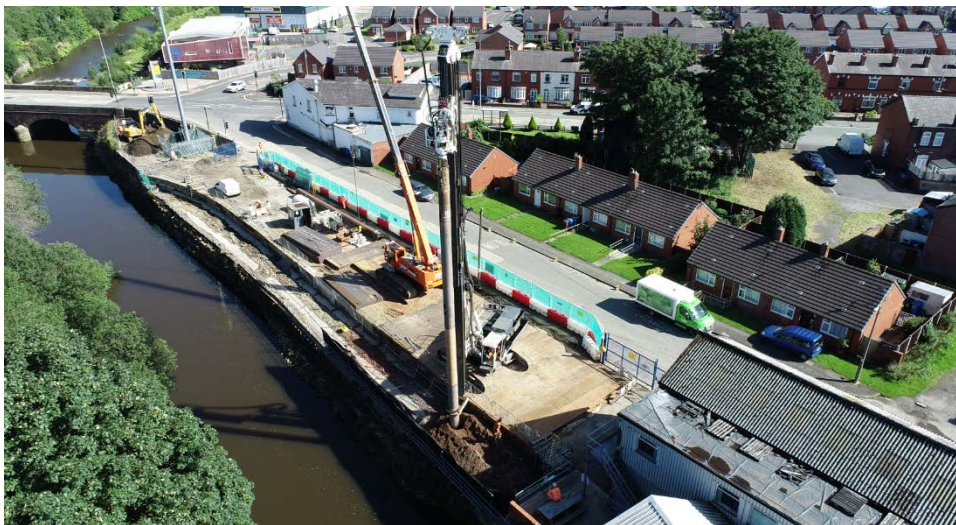
Phase 2

The project team has been successful in starting construction of Phase 2 of Radcliffe and Redvales FRMS on 7th July. The initial site set-up was complete with Redvales Business Park site compound and York Street chemical works access ramp prepared.

Since then progress has been excellent, in Warth Road piling has begun with approximately 200m already in place. Piling work has also begun on Redvales Business Park behind Sambro where vibration monitoring equipment is registering very minimal disruptions to local businesses. Going into September, construction of the access road/ pile mat continues towards the rear of Central Avenue will be completed.



The project team and our partners Bury Council remain committed to achieving completion of the scheme to reduce the risk of flooding to 873 properties by March 2021. The works will include a new community green space and wetland, this will leave behind a more natural floodplain and provide new habitat for a range of wildlife from birds to invertebrates.



The scheme will also look to provide environmental benefits through the incorporation of new wildlife features along the River Irwell such as otter holts, bat and bird boxes, bird ledges on our defences, and new riverside planting removing the invasive plant species that have spread along the river channel.

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Bury Council Update

National and local planning policy is clear that new developments shouldn't be granted planning permission if they would be at risk of flooding – or if they would increase risk of flooding for existing properties. Applications for development in flood risk areas therefore have to demonstrate, through a Flood Risk Assessment report, that they won't increase flood risk. If the risk is from a main river, the Council consults the Environment Agency, which advises whether a flood risk assessment does indeed demonstrate no increase in risk. Bury Council won't approve a planning application that the Environment Agency has maintained an objection to.

Recent development proposals

Development proposals which may be of interest include:

- York Street. A new planning application for 201 houses on the cleared site north of York Street has been submitted by Countryside Properties and Seaham Estates (Reference number 65847). However, there is also an approval from 2015 for 143 houses and business unit (56744, 60418, 60691), which the landowner is claiming to have made a start on.
- Former East Lancs Paper Mill site (62969) Outline planning permission was given in December 2018 for a development of up to 400 new homes along with extensive areas of public open space and new sports provision. A reserved matters application is still awaited.
- Morris Street. Revised plans have been submitted for the proposed development of 26 dwellings behind the newly constructed flood defences. The application reference number is 65015.

The Flood Hub Page is now live

The Flood Hub is your one stop shop for flood advice and information. It is funded by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and has been developed by Newground and other partner agencies to support communities at risk of flooding across the North West. You can find all the up to date project information along with advice for planning and preparing for floods in the North West, to protect homes, businesses, land and wildlife.

Visit <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/radcliffeandredvalesfas/?term=radcliffe> for more information!

How will we keep you updated and involve you

We will continue to use the Radcliffe Flood Action Group to share information with residents as well as producing more newsletters and holding public drop-in sessions linked to key stages of the project.

If you are outside the flood area and would like to be kept up to date with the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme via email, please email floodresiliencegmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list

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If you would like more information about flood risk, you can email:

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Visit our website for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding>

Bury Council's website for flood risk information is:

www.bury.gov.uk/flooding-advice

You can also follow the Environment Agency on Twitter:

@EnvAgencyNW



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Positive tweet alert 📢

Today is not only the #EA2025 launch but construction on Phase 2 of the #Radcliffe & #Redvales #flood scheme, protecting more than 800 properties has started! 🏗️

Working in partnership with @BuryCouncil will help us create a #climate resilient future



James Daly MP #StayAlert and 2 others

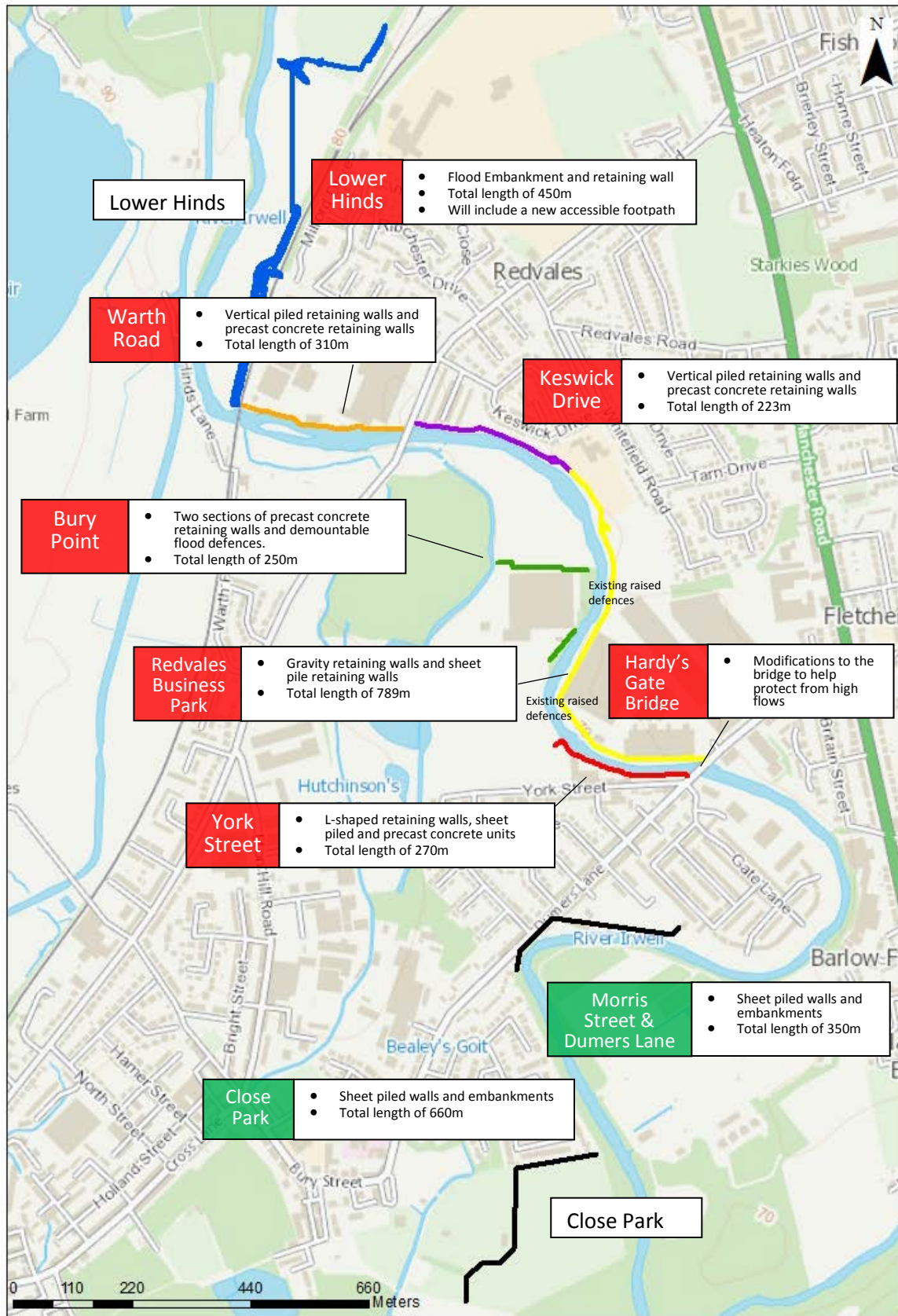


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