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 Winter 2020. Here is a snapshot of some of those benefits being delivered as part of the scheme;

Key dates

















Discharge of Phase
One planning
conditions



f Phase Natural flood management projects ons underway











Phase One Kendal construction starts



Phase One - Kendal scheme complete



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Scheme key facts



A proposed three phase scheme to Include a combination of linear defences, improved pumping and conveyance, upstream storage and complimentary Natural Flood Management interventions.



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 disprution 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 oportunity for a futher **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.









