







PADIHAM FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME WINTER 2020-21

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Dec 2020



Scheme Overview

The Environment Agency, Burnley Borough Council and partners have been working together to develop proposals for a Padiham Flood Risk Management Scheme.

The proposals include floods walls and earth embankments as well as highways modifications.

The scheme will better protect over 150 homes, businesses, public buildings and key infrastructure in central Padiham. It will manage flood risk from the River Calder, Green Brook and surface water. The defences will manage an event similar in size to the Dec 2015 floods.

Critical Milestone Reached

The detailed design stage has reached a critical milestone. We have been able to complete detailed flood modelling and investigations during 2020, whilst always working in accordance with the latest Government guidelines on Coronavirus. The detailed investigations build-on the outline work and proposals shared in October 2019 and, with their completion, we can now commence on the final detailed civil engineering designs.

This is a one-time opportunity to deliver flood defences for Padiham. It is critical that the designs are undertaken correctly so that the defences are the highest possible standard. This will best protect the town against the predicted increased future flood impacts caused by climate change.

The detailed civil engineering designs will progressing throughout the winter and are due for completion in spring 2021. The following legally required planning, consents, agreements and approvals will then be confirmed.

Additional Scheme Investments

£6 million was secured (from the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and Flood Defence Grant in Aid) to deliver the original initial proposals produced and shared in 2017-18.

During the outline design stage in 2018-19, further required work was identified to ensure that a high level of protection is provided. This increased the estimated cost to £9 million.

The Environment Agency and Burnley Borough Council have secured the additional investments including money from the European Structural Investment Funds; Regional Flood and Coastal Committee; and a further £2 million of direct Government Funding announced in July 2020.

The design and construction contractors have been confirmed and the additional funding will help to enable building to start at the earliest possible date.

The Forward Look



Dates shown are indicative, subject to change and estimated from the December 2020 programme

Ground Investigations

Scheme Benefits

Further site investigations will be taking place on the ground in Padiham between January and April 2021. These are the final major investigations and are important for getting the final designs right. They will help us to better understand the condition of existing walls along the riverbanks as well as the local groundwater conditions and any risks posed by old mining work in the area.

Landowners in locations where these investigations are required have or will be contacted directly ahead of any works. Our contractors will be strictly adhering to the latest Coronavirus guidelines to keep the community and our staff safe.



Contact Us and More Information at The Flood Hub

For updates and more information please visit: <u>https://thefloodhub.co.uk/padiham</u>



Other Important Contact Details:

- 1) Report Flooding from the River Calder or Green Brook: 0345 988 1188 (Environment Agency Floodline)
- 2) Report environmental incident (e.g. pollution): 0800 80 70 60 (Environment Agency Hotline)
- 3) Report highways issue or flooding: <u>https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-</u> <u>and-travel/report-it/</u> (Lancashire County Council)

4) Report public sewer flood issue: 0345 672 3723 (United Utilities Hotline) To be added or removed from the Padiham newsletter emailing list, or for any further information relates to the flood defences, please contact: <u>CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk</u>

Call 03708 506 506 (Environment Agency General Enquiries)

You can find more information about Flood Alerts and Warnings and see if you live, or have a business, in a flood 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, check your tariff rates)



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