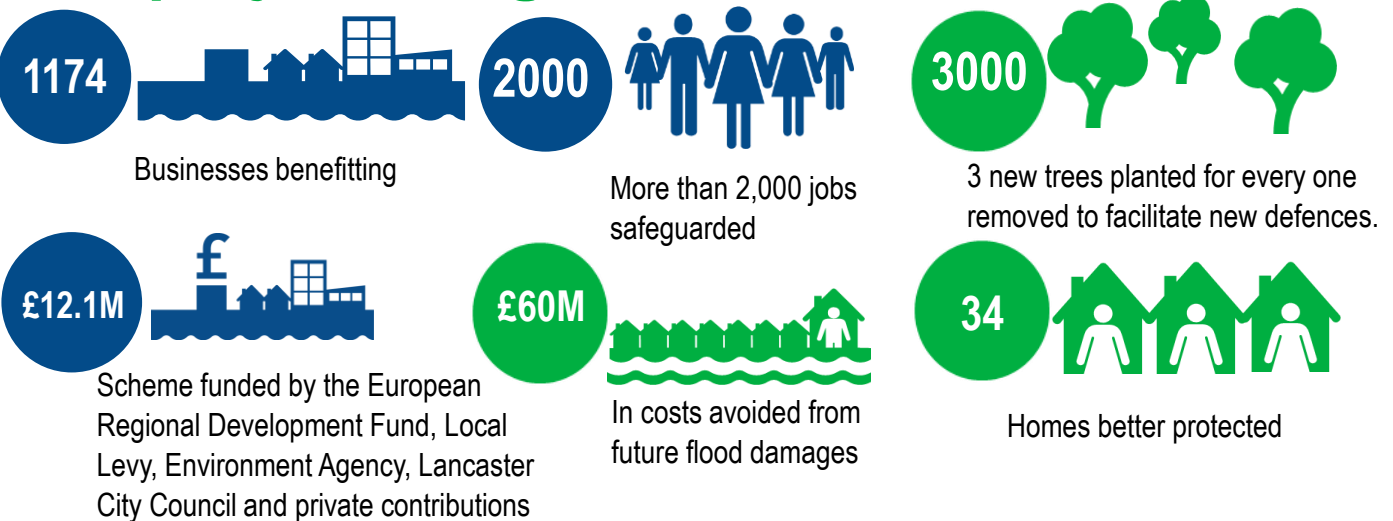


# Caton Road, Lancaster Flood Risk Management Scheme

## February 2021 newsletter

**Update:** The Caton Road, Lancaster, flood defence works are classed as “essential construction works” by the government which means the project has continued with construction throughout 2020/21. There have however been ongoing challenges as a result of Covid-19, flooding and freezing weather. We have seen our supply chains impacted during 2020 as a result of Covid-19 as well as impacts on our workforce and travel. These have caused some minor delays. **Despite these challenges, the Millennium Way cycle path is still anticipated to open at the end of March 2021, weather dependant.**

## Our project at a glance



## What is left to complete?

The main flood walls were completed in December 2020 completing the fluvial flood protection. There are however ongoing construction works in progress on site including the installation of coping stones to the top of the new wall, reinstatement and re-surfacing of the cycle/foot path, landscaping works (including tree planting and fencing) and re-installation of street lighting. The new scheme will reduce flood risk to homes and businesses on the left and right banks of the River Lune in the Caton Road and Aldrens Lane areas.



Re-surfacing of the new cycle path.

## Additional funding

The Environment Agency have been successful in securing a further £1.4M from the Government's Accelerated Flood Fund for the project. A total of £170M was available in summer 2020 for flood defence schemes which were considered nationally significant' and were 'shovel ready'. This was a competitive fund and the Caton Road scheme was one of two projects awarded funding in Lancashire.

Though no flood defence can ever provide complete flood protection especially from catastrophic and high magnitude events, this additional funding will now contribute towards providing additional surface water flood mitigation during 2021 and 2022. Works will likely include additional upstream flood storage on the River Lune, further health and safety and amenity improvements to the fluvial defences, invasive species removal, additional surface water mitigation for the industrial estates and enhanced flood protection for communities in the Aldrens Lane area.

**Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and in line with the latest government advice we have been unable to carry out face to face engagement. You can still contact us on:  
Lune3Project@lancaster.gov.uk**

### Tree Planting

It is a requirement of the planning consent that we replace any lost trees at a ratio of 3:1

We are re-planting up to 1,000 trees 'on-site' as part of the landscaping works, and due to the restricted site area over 2,000 trees 'off-site' at locations in the surrounding area including Blue Wigwam, Ms Whalley's Field, Tunnel Field and Newton Beck.



As part of our ongoing work to improve flooding in the Caton Road area, we will be undertaking some ground investigation work to better understand the cause of some surface water flooding. As you will be aware, Caton Road is subject to surface water flooding in periods of high rainfall. It is our understanding that a culvert in the road is blocked, and we will be undertaking a trial dig to better understand the issue in the hope of providing a solution.

In order to safely undertake the work, we require **traffic management to be in place from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March adjacent to Nelsons Way.**

### Keep up to date

If you would like to keep up to date with the work on this project at

[www.lancaster.gov.uk/Lune3project](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/Lune3project) and [www.thefloodhub.co.uk/lancaster](http://www.thefloodhub.co.uk/lancaster)