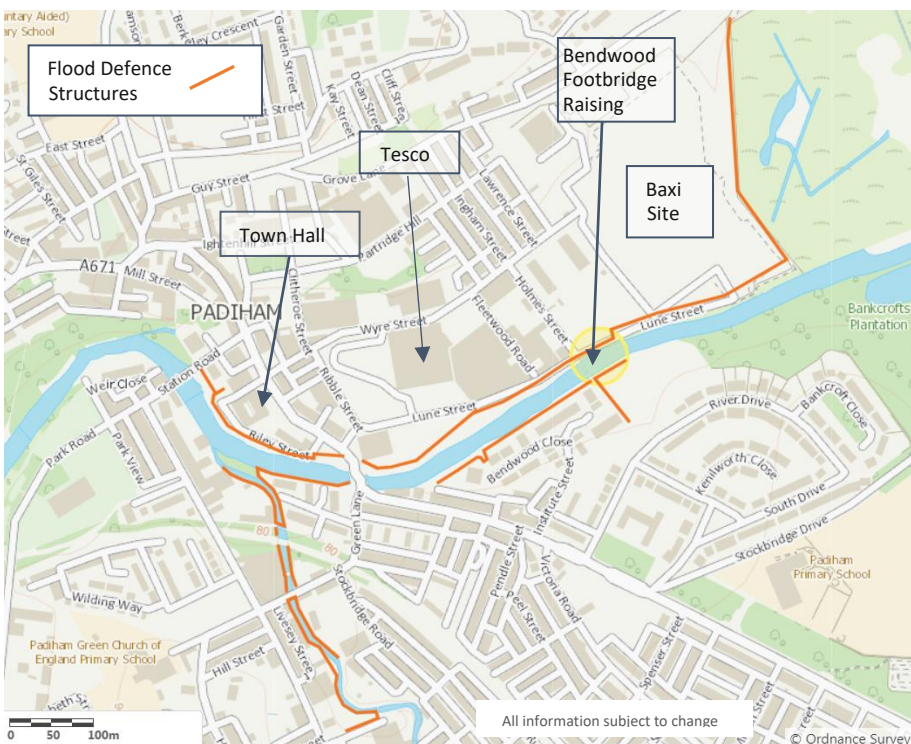


PADIHAM FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME WINTER 2021/22

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

December 2021



Scheme Overview

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

The scheme will benefit approximately 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 December 2015 floods.

As the start of the construction works gets closer, we would like to share our progress with you and a look ahead to the works which will be happening over the next couple of months.

Work completed between September and December 2021

Following the public engagement session, we have been busy with the following:

- Analysis of ground investigation information obtained to date.
- Reduction of Padiham 'beach' level to gather information, trial pits to confirm depth of foundations for existing walls and the bridge.
- Developing agreements with Lancashire County Council for the changes to Bendwood footbridge and bridges in general.
- Detailed design works for the flood defence structures.
- Pre-application discussions with Burnley Borough Council on the planning application and development of a strategy to ensure the earliest start for construction.
- Additional surveys for the scheme.
- Early engagement with Utilities providers to identify where the flood defence structures interact with their service and possible requirements for utilities diversion works.
- Submission of information to gain a lawful development certificate for part of the works we can complete under permitted development rights.



Works at Padiham Bridge

Forward look of work during January - March 2022

Currently our plans for the next couple of months is as follows:

- Formal pre-application advice and screening opinion submission for works we can't complete under permitted development rights.
- Additional submission of information to gain a lawful development certificate for works we could complete under permitted development rights.
- Completion of further ground investigation works for the Green Brook Area and former Baxi site.
- Enabling works for the areas we can complete under our permitted development rights and setting up of a site compound.
- Continued work on the planning application for the works we can't complete under our permitted development rights, including a separate application for the site compound.
- Tree work where trees would impact the scheme. This will include felling, pollarding, coppicing and also removal of recently fallen trees due to Storm Arwen.
- Continue with the detailed design for the scheme.

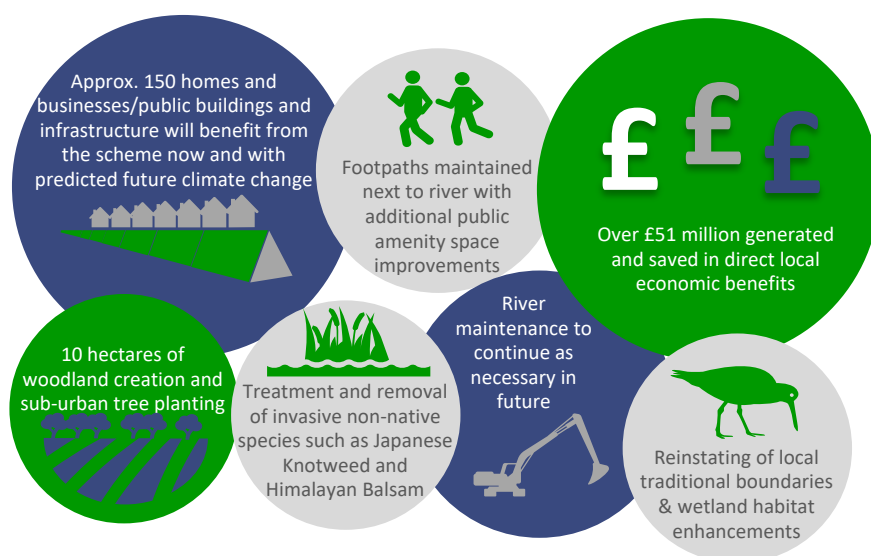
Adapting our work plan

Our work schedule has had to change due to a number of issues we have found when analysing the information from the ground investigation works. This has shown ground conditions in parts of Padiham are a lot more complex than previously understood with the presence of extensive shallow ground workings, and highly pressurised artesian water which impacts on defence design and delivery.

These challenges have resulted in changes to our approach and programme. We are now starting the enabling works for the first phase of construction in Spring 2022.

We will continue to update you at regular intervals especially as key milestones are reached.

Scheme Benefits



Contact Us and More Information at The Flood Hub

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



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:
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/> (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:

CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk

or

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)