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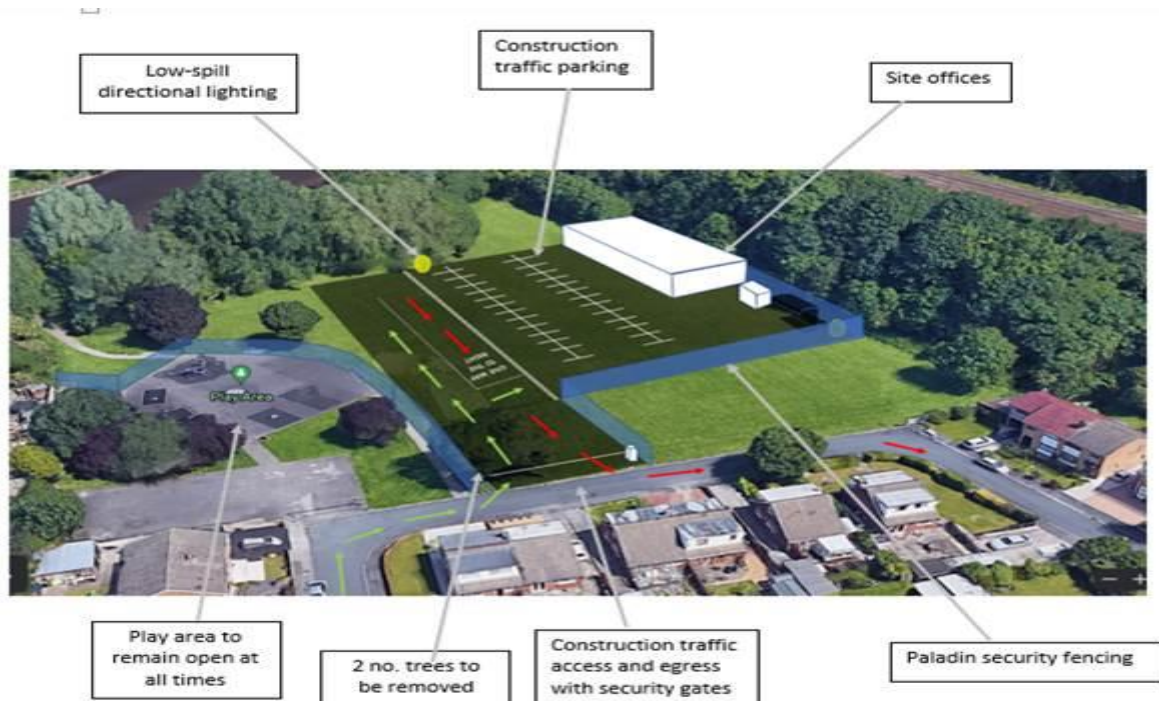
For the attention of residents close to Environment Agency flood risk works in the Margaret Road area

Dear Resident,

You will be aware that the Environment Agency have been working on the planning and design of the new flood defences for the Rivers Ribble and Darwen since 2019. Planning permission was granted in April 2021 for the construction of the new defences in the first two areas of the scheme along Broadgate, Riverside and in Lower Penwortham. The improvements to the defences will better protect almost five thousand homes and businesses. New defences will also be built in the Frenchwood, Walton-Le-Dale and Higher Walton areas in due course.

Laydown area

Planning permission granted a temporary lay down area for our construction team on the Margaret Road playing fields. We will be using this area during construction of the new flood defences. Over the coming weeks you will see a temporary road being installed and installation of fences in preparation for the tree clearance. Following tree clearance we will be installing single story welfare cabins this Spring as can be seen in the image below. The play area and grassed kick-about area will remain open. We aim to keep disruption to a minimum. Our working hours will be 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 2pm on Saturdays. We do not expect to be working weekends at this stage.





Wetland area

Following completion of the works the temporary surfacing will be removed and the area made into a community wetland surrounded by footpaths. A dipping platform has been included to provide users with a close up experience and a variety of fruit trees will be planted. The informal kick about area and playground remain in place. The wetland will open once the main flood defence works have been completed.

How to keep updated and how to contact us

For the duration of the scheme, we will continue to keep our website, www.thefloodhub.co.uk/psr up to date with developments regarding disruption to your local area and offer regular downloadable newsletters. You can also follow us on Social media though @EnvAgencyNW.

For any queries or to sign up to receive important updates, please email us at: psr@environment-agency.gov.uk