

Welcome to the fifth newsletter for the Low Crosby FRMS, keeping the community up to date about the project.

This is part of a series of newsletters, for residents, businesses and visitors who live and work in and around the area around of Low Crosby. These newsletters will provide you with information and how to find more detail about the project, as we continue with the design phase of the works.

What we have been working on since the last newsletter:

- As discussed, in the fourth newsletter, the Outline Business Case has been approved. The Project Team have now been drafting the Full Business Case; which is the final approval required for the scheme. This will be submitted shortly.
- The negotiations for the Right to Flood Agreement at Warwick Holme are nearing completion.
- The final design drawings are about to be released for approval by the EA. These drawings will be sent to the FIAG and the Project Team have decided to hold a series of drop-in sessions at Low Crosby for residents to be able to see the design and ask questions.
- The Construction Tender Pack is being produced and the relevant contracts are being prepared.
- The Project Team have been working on assembling the information required for a Planning Application.

What we will be working on over the next few months:

- Submitting the Full Business Case and making any changes required after it has gone through the Assurance Process.
- Submitting the Planning Application in early March.
- Organise the drop-in sessions and making the community aware of these dates.
- Finalising the agreements with the Utility companies based at Warwick Holme.
- Submitting the contract and Scope of Works to the Main Contractor.
- The Main Contractor will be working to produce the construction phase programme.

Discussion Topics:

Public Drop-In Sessions

In newsletter 4 it was stated that the design drawings will be placed on the Flood Hub; the Project Team were looking at the best way to collect and address any comments which came from this. After a helpful suggestion by the FIAG the decision was taken to hold a series of drop-in sessions in the village.

As Covid-19 restrictions ease, now appears to be the right time to engage with the community in person.

These sessions will adhere to the latest HM Government guidance on Covid-19 measures.

The drawings will also be published on the Flood Hub as a future reference source but will also act as a place for people to see the drawings if they do not feel comfortable attending the sessions in person.

Improvements to the Flood Warning System:

Following inquiries from the FIAG the Environment Agency upgraded the communications software at Linstock Gauging Station. The frequency with which it updates river levels on gov.uk (<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/station/5081>) should now be updating every 15 minutes regardless of the water level. Historically, it only recorded and updated at this frequency if it was above a certain water level. This now makes it more consistent with other gauging stations that you may be looking at to help you understand what the river is doing during periods of heavy rainfall.

Advanced Works Progress in the Low Crosby Village

Completed Works:

Property Flood Resilience on the Parish Hall is now complete.

Sandbag store with sandbags is available at the Parish Hall for use at the Hall and Primrose Bank.

Sealing of United Utilities Manhole Covers is Completed.

Five lorry loads of sandbags have been delivered to help raise low spots in the flood bank between Low Crosby and Newby East.

Ongoing Works:

Green Lane Flap Valve:

Additional Gulley, there are to be some repairs to the pipe and a new Flap on the end of the pipe is planned.

Pumping Station:

Design is complete. Operating procedures for existing pumping station have been updated by CCC. Delivery of work to pumping station will need to become a slightly longer term project.

Key Dates

- Submitting Full Business Case – February 2022.
- Complete the Consent required for working near Utilities – February 2022.
- Submitting Planning Application – March 2022.
- Submit Flood Risk Activity Permit – April 2022.
- Award construction contract – May 2022.
- Environmental Surveys complete – Summer 2022.
- Embankment Re-Profiling – July to September 2022.

Upcoming Newsletters

All newsletters will be published on the dedicated Low Crosby Flood Hub page online approximately, every 8 weeks. Please see link at the bottom of this newsletter.

Covid-19:

In the current situation we remain focused on keeping communities safe and delivering our Capital Flood Risk Schemes where we can do so safely and within HM Government guidelines.

Project Delivery Overview

The Environment Agency Project Team have been working with the stakeholders and the Flood Action Group to identify a preferred option to progress with, to reduce the flood risk to Low Crosby. The preferred option identified, involves re-profiling of the existing Warwick Holme flood embankments, to enable flood waters to flow from the River Eden across the Holme during periods of flooding.

We have assessed that re-profiling the embankments at Warwick Holme would enable a similar sized flood to Storm Desmond to pass down the River Eden, with peak river levels staying below the level of the homes in the village of Low Crosby.

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