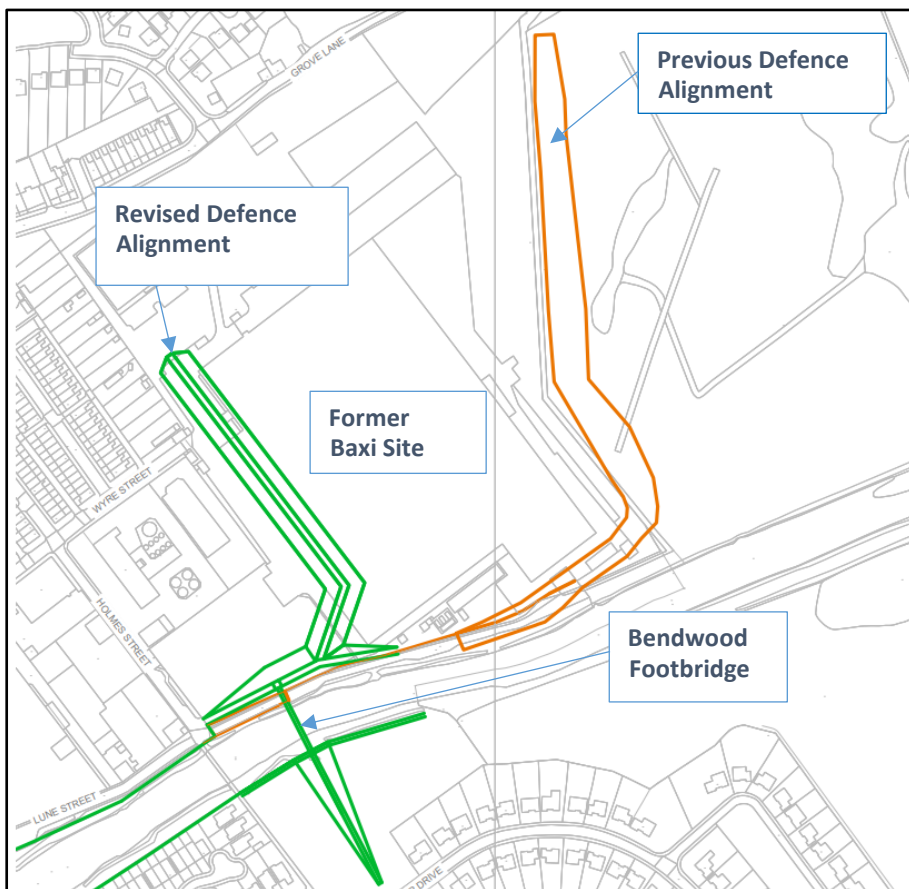


PADIHAM FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME WINTER 2022

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

February 2022



Change to the Scheme Alignment

This newsletter is only an update for the works associated with the former Baxi site. The remaining works are progressing in line with the December newsletter update.

As we highlighted in the December 2021 update, we have been reviewing the flood defences solutions in light of the extremely complex ground conditions. In the area of the former Baxi site this has been the largest affected area. This has meant the residential development at the former Baxi is currently no longer financially viable.

Therefore, the review has now reached its conclusion of the possible options following discussions with Burnley Borough Council and Homes England.

The preferred option to progress forward is a change to the alignment of the flood defence embankment which will no longer protect the former Baxi site.

Reasons for the Change

The reasoning behind this change to the scheme are as follows:

- The ground conditions on the original alignment are such that it would make the construction difficult, with risks to the environment and construction team.
- The costs of staying on the original alignment is significantly more expensive.
- It reduces the loss to the existing wetland habitat to the east of the former Baxi site.

With this change to the scheme, we are working with our partners in reviewing the future use of the former Baxi site as amenity space. It should be noted with the changes to the embankment alignment, the scheme will still deliver improvements to the wetland habitat and the existing footpath which currently runs around the perimeter of the former Baxi Site.

There will be a further newsletter towards the end of March with further updates on the progress of the scheme and a look forward of the programme into the summer months. In the meantime, for updates and more information please visit:

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/padiham>. 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).