

## **Welcome to the Sixth 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.

**\*Key news in this issue – Public Drop in session date released – Please see page 2\***

### **What we have been working on since the last newsletter:**

- The Low Crosby Project Team for the Environment Agency have now submitted the Full Business Case (FBC). This lays out the scheme's funding needs. Approval of the FBC will give the necessary authority to progress with the construction phase of the scheme
- The Project Team at the Environment Agency have put together the information required for a Planning Application and this has been submitted to Carlisle City Council
- Landowner negotiations are ongoing in a positive manner
- A carbon footprint assessment of the embankment re-profile suggests that it will allow for significant amounts of Carbon storage. Further investigations are ongoing
- The Flood Risk Activity Permit has been produced and submitted to the Environment Agency for approval

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

- Working with the Planning Authority to address any enquiries
- Addressing any comments from the Board reviewers from the submission of the Full Business Case
- The Environment Agency invites you to a drop-in session which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 15:30, please see more details below
- Undertaking Environmental surveys which will help us identify protected wildlife and invasive plants before the construction start date
- Review all the site information and look to award the construction contract early May
- Looking to set up our working area on site from June 2022

## Discussion Topics:

### Public Drop-in session

As discussed in the 5<sup>th</sup> newsletter a public drop-in session will be undertaken in the village of Low Crosby. This will take place on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at the Parish Hall @ 15:30pm – 18:30pm.

This event will cover the proposal; how it will benefit the community, highlight the design drawings, the construction duration and sequence while also answering any questions you may have.

Material used at the event will subsequently be uploaded to the Flood Hub for future reference and the event will adhere to the latest HM Government guidelines on Covid-19 mitigation

## Advanced Works Progress in the Low Crosby Village

### Completed Works:

Property Flood Resilience on the Parish Hall is completed.

Sandbag store 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:**

There are to be some repairs to the pipe and a new Flap on the end of the pipe is also planned. Additional Gully.

#### **Pumping Station:**

Design is complete. Operating procedures for existing pumping station have been updated by Cumbria County Council. Delivery of work to pumping station will be a slightly longer term project.

## Key Dates

- Approval of the Full Business Case – May 2022
- Planning Permission period – April to July 2022
- Award construction contract – May 2022
- Environmental Surveys complete – Summer 2022
- Site mobilisation – June 2022
- Embankment Re-Profiling – July to September 2022
- Flood Risk Reduction achieved – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Low Crosby Project 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.

## LOW CROSBY PROJECT CONTACT DETAILS

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