

Rochdale and Littleborough - Flood Risk Management Scheme

October 2022

Welcome to the latest Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter, providing a general update on how the scheme is progressing.



In February 2022 the Environment Agency project team provided a newsletter providing an update focused specifically on the Riverstone Bridge Area. This newsletter will provide an update on the progress of the whole project. As a reminder the Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Scheme will be delivered in two Phases: 1) Littleborough and 2) Rochdale (downstream of Smithy Bridge).

- Phase 1a:

Packages of work	Progress
Riverstone Bridge	Piling work is now complete and the new bridge is expected to be open to traffic in Spring/Summer 2023
Carriage Drive	Culvert clearance has been undertaken using drone and CCTV survey
Peel Street	All works have now been completed
Charles Street	Investigations have been undertaken to confirm the method of demolition that will cause the least impact to surrounding buildings forecast to be complete by February 2023
Townhouse Brook	Trash posts successfully installed, and works forecast to be complete by February 2023

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- Phase 1b mostly at the large Gale site at the top of Todmorden Road:
 - o The planning application for these works was submitted on 6th April 2022 and approved on 14th July 2022
 - o Enabling works and ground investigation on site have been completed
 - o Estimated to start on site Spring/Summer 2023
- Phase 2 downstream of Smithy Bridge:
 - o A Full Business Case is expected to be approved by April 2023 with detailed design to follow
 - o Currently forecasted to start on site in 2025

Roch Valley Flood and Climate Resilience Programme

Rochdale Borough Council and the National Flood Forum will soon start work on their Roch Valley Flood and Climate Resilience Programme supported by the Environment Agency, Flood Re: and United Utilities. The project recently gained business case assurance from the Environment Agency as part of the national Flood and Coastal Resilience and Innovation Programme and is anticipated to start in November this year with completion in March 2027. The focus of the project is on increasing flood resilience in Littleborough and Wardleworth with a wide-ranging programme of activities for residents and businesses to get involved in. The aim is to help manage surface water better, make homes and businesses more flood and climate resilient, increase community participation in flood resilience and water conservation activities and bring benefits for the local environment and wildlife. Details of some initial events and activities will be announced soon and the project team want to work with residents and businesses to discuss any ideas and concerns you may have and opportunities to take part in the project.

Environment Agency Flood Alerts / Warnings

Even with flood defences in place, you can never entirely remove the risk of flooding. It is important that you prepare for this by signing up for free flood warnings, related to river levels, by phoning Floodline, on 0345 988 1188, or by going online: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

How will we keep you updated and involved

On the **Thursday 3rd November** members from the Environment Agency's project team and Rochdale Borough Council will be at a drop-in event at **The Littleborough Coach, The Heritage Centre, Lodge St, Littleborough OL15 9AE between 15:00 and 19:00**. This event will provide further information about the Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management scheme and the Climate and Flood Resilience Project, it will also be an opportunity to ask any questions. If you are interested in attending, please **book an appointment** here: <https://RochdaleandLittleboroughFRMS.eventbrite.co.uk>

The onsite customer cabin will remain open every **Wednesday between 15:00 and 18:30**. We also post fortnightly updates to our Flood Hub page (www.thefloodhub.co.uk/rochdale-and-littleborough).

We will continue to use the Littleborough and Wardleworth Flood Action Groups to share information with residents. We would welcome your ideas for this.

If you have any questions that the newsletter does not answer, or if you'd prefer to continue to receive the newsletter as a hard copy please email rochdaleandlittleborough.FAS@environment-agency.gov.uk

Rochdale Borough Council's website for flood risk information is: www.rochdale.gov.uk/flooding

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