Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme Aynam Road and Waterside



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This briefing is to provide you with a summary of progress on the Aynam Road and Waterside areas of the Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme and the resilience measures being taken to ensure our works are safe over the winter period.

We will update you on what the project has achieved to date, and what we intend to deliver next year. It will also provide you with information on how you can find out more, and how you can engage with us as work continues in other areas of the town.

We received planning permission in Summer 2019 to construct the Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme. As the detailed design of the scheme progressed for Aynam Road and Waterside, it provided us with an opportunity to review and adapt the original design following engagement with our statutory consultees, the community, and a number of local interest groups. This has enabled us to maximise our design to retain riverside views in this key location within the town, preserve Kendal's heritage by incorporating a 'Webster' railing design, as well as accommodating the historic Washing Steps at Waterside and Jennings Yard Fountain. A new planning application was submitted for this area to incorporate these design improvements which received planning approval in August 2022.

The flood scheme in this location will be finished in natural stone which is sourced from a local quarry at Orton. A key design feature is the installation of glass panels along a stretch of Aynam Road and at Waterside to retain riverside views.



Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme Retaining views of the River Kent

Proposed tree planting after 5yrs growth

Webster railing design

The arched design of the historic 19th century 'webster' railing will replicate existing railings connected to Miller Bridge. These railings will create a new gateway onto a riverside walk along Aynam Road.



Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme Preserving and celebrating Kendal's heritage













Flood Risk Management Scheme Design Improvements



In addition to the improved design of the glass panelled flood walls and the heritage features, the new scheme design will deliver a number of other improvements namely; a revised piling foundation design to reduce the risk of groundwater flooding to properties and a working platform arrangement to construct the flood wall at Waterside.

Work in Summer 2022 started the construction of an 'temporary bridge', connecting Miller Fields at the northern end of Aynam Road to Waterside. The temporary bridge is an innovative approach to constructing the glass topped flood wall which will run along Waterside. The temporary bridge and working platform will enable the flood wall to be constructed from the riverside. This delivery method will reduce impact to residents and businesses in this area, and will protect vital services beneath the road along Waterside.

Designed to carry construction traffic, materials will be brought from Aynam Road across the bridge onto the working platforms once construction restarts in Summer 2023

As part of our 'winter safe' measures, the bridge deck has been removed and is being stored off site and the partially constructed working platform on Waterside will be left in situ. The bridge deck will be reinstated in Summer 2023 when construction works to complete the working platform will restart.

















Keeping up to date and how to contact us



All information in relation to the flood risk management scheme can be found on our floodhub website www.thefloodhub.co.uk/kendal and www.thefloodhub.co.uk/upperkent

You can also keep up to date by downloading our Volkerstevin Engage Scheme App – see below. We provide daily updates on Kendal scheme progress.

Come and see us at our Information Hub located on Little Aynam, Kendal. We warmly welcome you to pop in, meet the team and have a look at our scheme information on a Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 4.30pm.







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