

Hambleton Flood Risk Management Scheme

Spring 2023

An update from the Environment Agency

Welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of the Hambleton Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) Newsletter.

Hambleton FRMS Overview:

A large part of the village is in flood zone 3 which is an area with the highest probability of flooding. The risk of tidal flooding in Hambleton is likely to increase in the future as a result of climate change.

The existing defences do not provide a consistent standard of flood protection. Intervention is therefore required to ensure the longer-term safety of the community in Hambleton.

The new flood defences will better protect over 600 properties.

Linear flood walls are proposed from Kiln Lane, (north of Wardleys Pool), to the end of the existing embankment near Peg's Pool.

The embankment in Zone 4 will be raised to combat climate change.

The Hambleton FRMS will provide a consistent standard of protection against a flood event with a 0.5% chance of occurring in any one year and accounts for climate change.

Scheme update

Since work resumed on the project in Summer 2020, work has progressed on the detailed design of the scheme alongside discussions with statutory stakeholders to secure the necessary permissions required to build the scheme.

We have continued to refine the design of the scheme to ensure that the proposals we submit for planning deliver the most effective scheme for the community, while minimising the disruption of the construction phase to those residents who will be most affected.

We have consulted extensively with Natural England and Lancashire County Council regarding elements of the works for which they are statutory consultees and have also engaged with Wyre Council, the Marine Management Organisation and the Open Space Society as we prepare our planning submission for the scheme.

We continue to engage with individual stakeholders and members of the community on elements of the detailed design.



Figure 1 - Location of Proposed Flood Defences

Compensatory Habitat

A new component of our scheme is the delivery of a compensatory habitat site at Rawcliffe Road, approximately 3km upstream of the main flood risk management scheme.

An area of land has been purchased for the proposed compensatory habitat works. A new flood defence, set back from the river will be constructed and the existing informal defences will be breached. The site will inundate under tidal conditions which will enable new habitat to establish.

The FRMS works along the Hambleton frontage will have an impact on the existing saltmarsh communities. Through our consultation with Natural England we have committed to develop a compensatory habitat site which will provide in excess of 2 hectares of intertidal habitat.

It is expected that the majority of the existing saltmarsh communities on the Hambleton frontage will recover once construction is complete leaving a net gain in biodiverse habitat for the area. We continue to work closely with Natural England to ensure that this habitat is delivered effectively.

Opportunities for Environmental Enhancement

Whilst preparing the scheme we have been working to enhance the local environment. Proactive tree planting has taken place on Saltmarsh Lane to compensate for vegetation loss that will arise from the construction works. Trees and hedgerows will need to be removed to enable construction of the scheme.

Forthcoming Target Dates

Public engagement session, prior to submitting the planning application – 22nd June 2023

Planning application submission - Summer 2023*

Full Business Case submitted - Autumn 2023*

Start Construction of Compensatory Habitat site - Autumn 2023*

Start of construction of main scheme - early 2024*

*Dates are indicative and based on current programme

Engaging with our Communities

We continue to respond to individual enquiries and will provide community-wide scheme updates via Newsletters and the Flood Hub page.

Since the last newsletter we have continued to respond to individual enquiries and meet regularly with stakeholders/ landowners to discuss particular issues.

To be added or removed from the Hambleton newsletter emailing list, or for any further information relating to the flood defences, please contact:
CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk
or Call 03708 506 506 (Environment Agency General Enquiries)

Sign up for Flood Warnings

You can find more information about Flood Alerts and Warnings and register to receive them by searching for your location at:
<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Community Engagement Event

We are holding a next Community engagement event on Thursday the 22nd of June 2023 at Hambleton Village Hall 14:00 - 19:00

This will be an opportunity for members of the community to view the designs and impressions of the scheme ahead of our submission for planning permission.

The event is open to all and there will be opportunities to:

- See the latest proposed scheme designs
- Find out how the scheme may affect you
- Give us your feedback
- Find out what you can do to reduce the effects of flooding
- Sign up to the Environment Agency Flood Warning Service

Members of our project team will attend and be on-hand to answer any questions relating to the design of the scheme and its construction.

The event forms an important part of the project and allows us to get feedback from the community, and we would encourage all those with an interest in the scheme to call in and speak with us.

Ahead of the public engagement day we have updated the frequently asked questions area of the FloodHub to take into account recent progress. These can be viewed on the FloodHub (link above).

Find out more information about the scheme please visit the Hambleton Flood Hub

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/hambleton/> or scan



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