

The Environment Agency is delivering a Flood Risk Management Scheme to better protect homes and businesses from flooding in the Kent Catchment and improve the local environment and community amenities.

Work continues as we prepare to construct the flood scheme along Aynam Road and Waterside and this newsletter will provide you with an update and timings of up and coming works.

Aynam Road Construction

As we continue to prepare for construction, work continues with utility companies to divert services along Aynam Road. These diversion works are critical to ensure all services and utilities are moved away from the riverside alignment of the flood defences. United Utilities sewer diversion was completed earlier this month with BT undertaking works in late September.

We will be delivering further bank stabilisation works to the southern end of Aynam Road which will start in early September 2023. This work will require the lifting of bags to the footings of the riverbank which will provide the required stability so we can access and utilise the riverbank areas safely during our works.

To support these works and ensure they are delivered safely, we will be closing one lane on Aynam Road. This will be in place from **28th August 2023**.

The riverside footpath of Aynam Road will be closed, all pedestrians will be diverted onto the opposite footpath along Aynam Road. Access to Jennings Footbridge will be retained.



Construction at Waterside

Waterside Overview

In preparation for construction of the flood defences in this area, a number of preparation activities have already taken place, and will continue to take place in the coming weeks. The preparation works include the ongoing construction of the working platforms accessed by the temporary in-river bridge. Once complete the working platforms will be used to construct the new flood wall from the riverside.

In addition, a number of environmental mitigation activities and public safety measures are required in this area. These include environmental assessments, crayfish rescue activities, bird and bat monitoring and pedestrian access restrictions.



We have re-entered the in-river working window which enables us to work in the river from the beginning of July and the end of September. This is a period of time that governs when construction activity can take place over or in the River Kent. The in-river temporary bridge has been reinstated which enables the continued construction of the working platform outside Waterside Café which will extend down to Edgecombe Court.

Once the working platform is complete, we will begin construction of the flood defence wall along Waterside.



Extent of new flood wall ■ ■ ■

Visualisation of the completed working platform along Waterside

From **11th September** we will be reducing the width of the riverside footpath between Waterside Café and Edgecombe Court. This is to ensure we keep both the public and our workforce safe whilst we start construction of the flood walls. We aim to keep an element of pedestrian access open but there may be instances where this will be closed. If we are required to close a section of footpath, a pedestrian diversion will be in place. Access will be maintained throughout our works to Waterside Café and for residents of Waterside.



Key features of this area will include a section of glass panelled flood wall to retain riverside views, as well as a double leaf flood gate.

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Contacting us and keeping up to date

We appreciate that the works we will be undertaking and facilitating over the coming weeks will have an impact on the local community. We will put measures in place and ensure we do all we can to keep construction impacts to a minimum. We will continue to keep you updated as our works progress.

If you would like to talk to us, or keep up to date on progress, there are many ways you can do this. Information on how you can get in touch, or where to find information is shown below.

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