

Lentworth Drive Permanent Flood Defence

August 2023 Briefing

This briefing has been created by the Environment Agency for the purpose of providing an overview of the latest developments to mitigate flood risk around Lentworth Drive in South Lancaster.

Confirmed Construction Start Date

The Environment Agency (EA) are pleased to confirm that construction of the Lentworth Drive Flood Embankment is to commence on *Monday 14th August*. Following the successful discharge of pre-commencement planning conditions our contractors, Cheetham Hill Construction (CHC), will start with the set-up of the site compound on Barton Rd playing fields and proceed with the 12-week construction programme immediately.

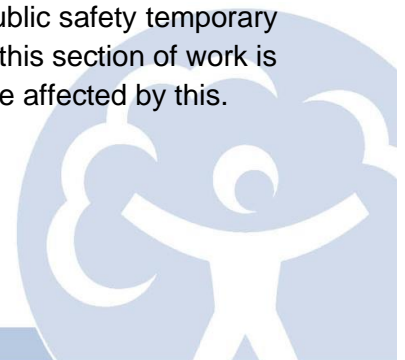
The embankment will be constructed from South to North, with CHC making sure to remove only the relevant sections of the existing temporary sandbag and visqueen barrier as construction progresses. This approach will maintain the required level of flood protection for the community throughout duration the works.



Image: View of cleared work area, looking from South to North

Traffic Management Arrangements

Our work on the Southern section of the embankment will require plant and construction activity within close proximity to the public highway. To maintain public safety temporary traffic lights and single lane restrictions will be implemented whilst this section of work is completed. The existing bus stops along Lentworth Drive will not be affected by this.



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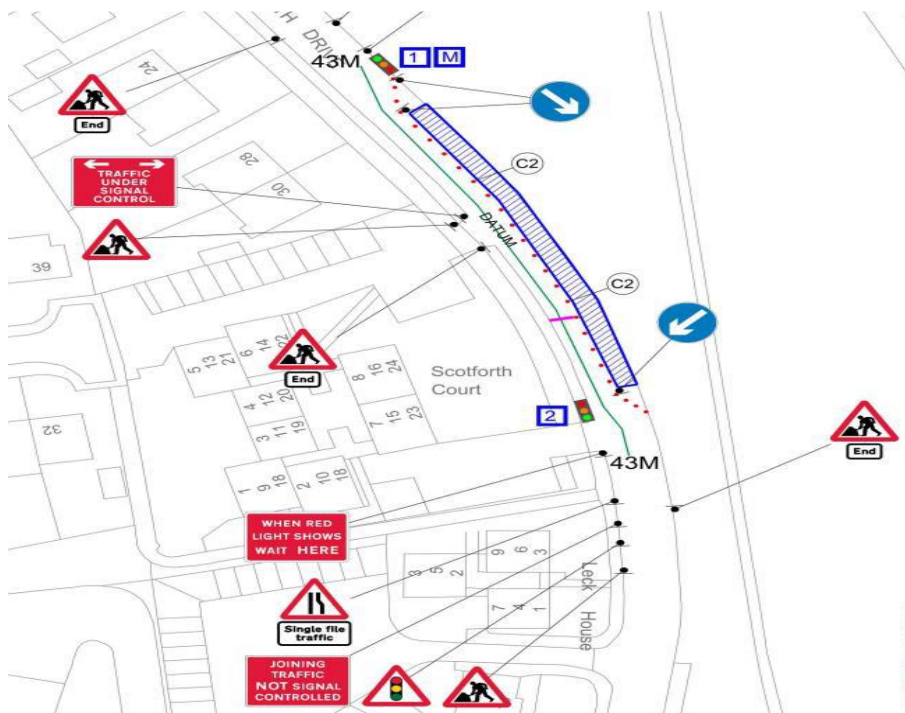


Image: Plan of temporary traffic management set-up

Tree Removal & Planting Plan

Nesting bird surveys and tree removal work has taken place within the work area in recent weeks to prepare for construction. Care was taken to ensure only the minimum number of trees were removed and we are committed to planting 25 native trees within the area as part of the long-term legacy of this project.

The EA project team are finalising a landscaping and tree planting plan which we are required to submit to Lancaster City Council prior to the completion of the scheme. Alongside the tree planting plan, we shall also provide a biodiversity enhancement report detailing the environmental benefits provided as part of the construction.

Summary

We are delighted to be able begin work on the Lentworth Drive Flood Embankment this summer, ensuring the community is provided with the intended level of flood protection ahead of Winter 2023.

The EA project team would like to take the opportunity to thank the South Lancaster Flood Action Group, along with our other partners in the area for their continued cooperation thus far.

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