

# Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme

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## Littleborough UPDATE

Dear Resident

Thank you for your patience while the Environment Agency and VolkerStevin have been undertaking Flood Risk Management work in the area.

The heavy engineering works for Phase 1a are almost complete with the exception of some minor reinstatement works. The in-channel works were successfully completed within the in-river working constraint timeframe during the summer of 2023, removing the requirement for us to return next year. Streetlighting, surfacing and final reinstatement works will be completed late January 2024.

Landscaping works are due to commence early January 2024 to plant new trees and the grasses verges will be planted early Spring as this is considered the optimal time for the grass to establish.

The second phase of works in Littleborough, Phase 1B, which includes the proposed construction of a flood storage reservoir as well as further linear defence works, is anticipated to start spring 2024 with a completion date of spring 2027. Whilst the completion of the Phase 1a works is a key milestone in the Flood Risk Management Scheme, the reduction in the risk of flooding in both Littleborough and Rochdale will not be realised until the completion of the Phase 1B works.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst these disruptive but essential works have been undertaken and wish you Season's greetings and best wishes for a bright and happy 2024!

