

# Rochdale and Littleborough - Flood Risk Management Scheme

March 2024

Welcome to the latest Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter, providing a general update on how the scheme is progressing.

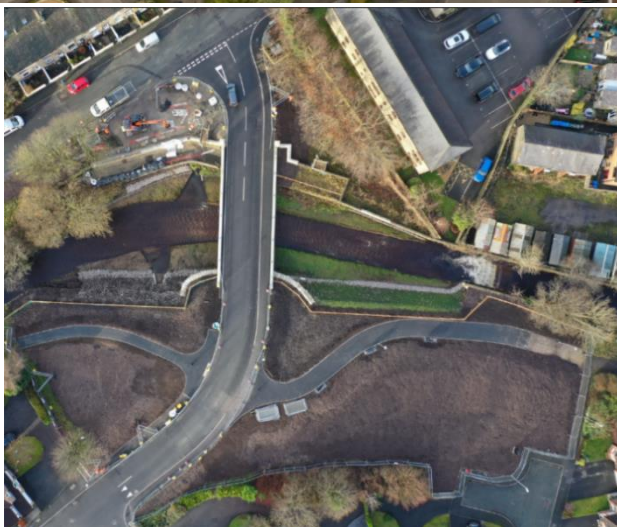
## **COMMUNITY DROP IN** **Littleborough Phase 1b**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 3pm and 7pm**

**Drop in anytime to hear more about the Flood Risk Management Scheme**  
**Littleborough Cricket Club, Denhurst road, Littleborough, OL15 9LD**

### **Littleborough Phase 1A**

The progress made at Riverstone Bridge between Spring 2022 and Winter 2023 can be seen below.



All civil engineering works have now been completed with landscaping works continuing into Spring. Fencing is still in place to protect the areas due to be grass seeded in early April.

### **Littleborough Phase 1B**

Phase 1B comprises of work packages at the following locations: Grove Lodge, Reddyshore Brow, Gale West, Gale East, Central Vale and Greenvale Business Park, Ealees Brook and GNG Foam Convertors. The Phase 1B works are planned for completion in Summer 2027.

**Tree Clearance:** During February we commenced tree clearance at Grove Lodge and Gale to facilitate the start of construction of the scheme. We are working with the Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre to reuse the trees in the woodland festival event in the Spring.

**Gale:** We are due to start the main construction works at Gale in March. We have applied for footpath diversions (FP229, FP232, FP233 and FP234) on the Gale site from March to align with the start of construction. These will be in place for the duration of the works. During the works, public safety will be maintained by use of heras fencing to prevent access to the working areas.

**Grove Lodge:** This week traffic management barriers have been in place on Todmorden Road whilst we determine the depth of the existing services in the footpath. The barriers have now been removed but will be going back up in April for

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a period of 5 – 6 weeks whilst we create the construction access into Grove Lodge. A footpath diversion (FP 225) is planned in April to line up with this activity.



## Phase 2 (Rochdale)

Preliminary detailed design for Phase 2 (Rochdale) is now underway with Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) baseline assessment surveys undertaken this week. The Environment Agency look forward to engaging with residents, partners, and businesses in the area.

The proposals include flood storage at two sites (land upstream of Albert Royds and land downstream of Smithy Bridge Road). Additionally raised flood defences are required along sections of the River Roch and Buckley Brook.

## Flood Action Groups

We hosted the Littleborough and Wardleworth Flood Action Groups at the Gale site compound on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. We are planning drop-ins to share progress updates with the wider community.



## Rochdale Borough Council – Resilient Roch

Rochdale Borough Council working with the National Flood Forum are delivering the Resilient Roch project, part of the national Flood and

Coastal resilience and Innovation Programme in Littleborough and Wardleworth. A programme of property flood resilience surveys is underway carried out by JBA Consulting to identify measures such as flood doors that will help reduce the risk and impact of flooding to homes and businesses. The survey and installation of measures are free of charge and qualifying properties are being contacted. Work has also commenced on natural flood management works at Rochdale Moorland Children's Home and further events and activities are planned during the year including opportunities to take part in local activities to learn about and manage your flood risk better. The Resilient Roch team will be at the drop in event to provide more details and answer your questions.

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## Environment Agency Flood Alerts / Warnings

Even with flood defences in place, the risk of flooding can never entirely be removed. It is important that you prepare for this by signing up for free flood warnings, related to river levels, by phoning Flood line, on 0345 988 1188, or by going online: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

## How will we keep you updated and involve you?

We have planned a community drop in for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (details at the top of the newsletter). We also plan to keep communities up to date via updates on the Flood Hub and newsletters, all future newsletters will be posted on the Flood Hub page.

However, if you have any queries or concerns and would like to speak to a member of the project team, please email:

[rochdaleandlittleborough.FAS@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:rochdaleandlittleborough.FAS@environment-agency.gov.uk) or if you do not have access to email, please call 02030 250495

Information regarding the proposed scheme is available on the flood hub at the following link <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/rochdale-and-littleborough/>