

Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Phase 2 – Rochdale

July 2024

Welcome to the latest Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter, providing an update on how Phase 2 Rochdale is progressing.

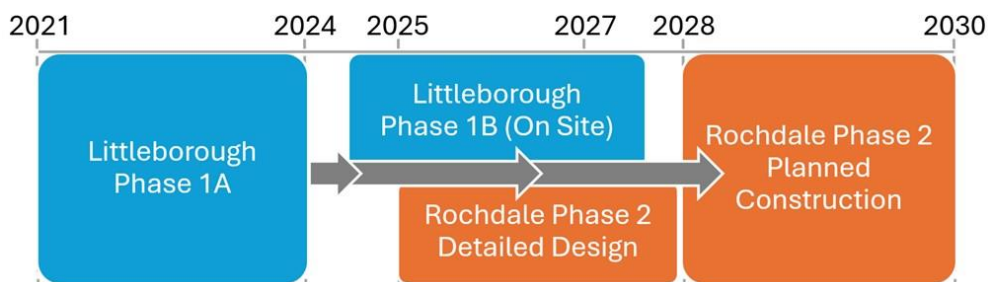
COMMUNITY DROP IN
Rochdale Phase 2
Thursday 25th July 2024 between 3pm and 7pm
Drop in anytime to hear more about the
Rochdale Flood Risk Management Scheme
Former children's library area (Ground Flood rear)
Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

Phase 2 (Rochdale)

The Environment Agency are looking to lower the risk and better protect communities from flooding in the Rochdale area through creation of two flood storage reservoirs (on land upstream of Albert Royds Street and land downstream of Smithy Bridge Road) and approximately 2km of linear flood defences (e.g. flood walls) along the River Roch and Buckley (Hey) Brook.

Surveys and the modelling of water flow for the River Roch and Buckley Brook are currently being undertaken. These will inform the scheme design and confirm where new or improved flood risk management assets are needed. Part of the scheme will be to provide Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), resulting in improvements to nature and wildlife. Environmental surveys are being done to identify suitable locations for this. We also expect to start further site investigations this winter to examine ground conditions.

Detailed design for the flood storage reservoirs and flood defences is expected to take around three years and will include applying for planning permission through Rochdale Borough Council before starting construction. A timeline for the combined scheme (including Littleborough Phase 1B construction) is shown below.



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The Environment Agency recently held a meeting with the Wardleworth Flood Group to keep them up to date with our proposals. We look forward to now talking to residents and businesses in the area. You are invited along to a community drop-in session to hear more about the early stages of our work. Details are at the top of this newsletter.

We will share early design drawings and maps during the drop-in session. We are keen to answer your questions, receive feedback and help you learn more about managing flood risk in Rochdale. In the meantime, please visit the Flood Hub website (details below).



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, being carried out by JBA Consulting. This will 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. Natural flood management works (using the environment to hold back water), at Rochdale Moorland Children's Home are almost complete and further activities are planned during the year, including opportunities to take part in local events to learn about and help manage your flood risk.

The Resilient Roch team will be at the drop-in event to provide more details and answer your questions. If you have any questions in the meantime, please use the contact information below:

Email: resilientroch@rochdale.gov.uk / Tel: 01706 922566

Environment Agency Flood Alerts / Warnings

Even with flood defences in place in the future and resilience measures installed at your home or business, 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 Floodline, on 0345 988 1188, or by going online:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Scan QR code to sign up to flood warnings



Public Engagement – Keeping in Touch

How will we keep you updated and involve you? We have a community drop-in on Thursday 25th July 2024 and we plan to keep communities up to date via newsletters and updates on the Flood Hub <https://thefloodhub.co.uk>. We will also continue to use the Wardleworth Flood Action Group to share information with residents.

However, if you have any queries or concerns and would like to speak to a member of the project team, please email: rochdaleandlittleborough.FAS@environmentagency.gov.uk or if you do not have access to email, please call 02030 250495.

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