Reducing flood risk in your community



Flood wall construction at Waterside

A new flood defence wall is being constructed along Waterside. The new glass topped flood wall will extend from the top of Kent View along the riverside to downstream of Edgecombe Court.

The flood wall has an integrated flood gate which will be closed in flood conditions once the full scheme is complete.

Visualisation showing new glass topped flood wall and flood gates. The glass panels will retain riverside views.

Temporary bridge crossing and platform

The new flood wall along Waterside is being constructed from the temporary riverside working platform which provides the working space required and protects vital services that run underground along Waterside.

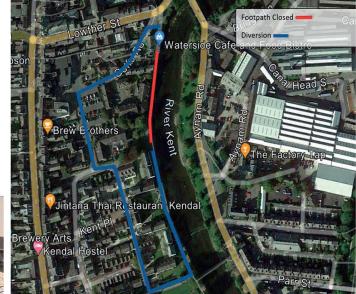
The temporary bridge crossing and platform aids the construction of the flood wall. The bridge crossing provides a stable river crossing for construction traffic and materials to the work area.

The bridge and platform have been designed to with stand high river flows and poses no increase in flood risk to this area.



Footpath diversion

There may be times when we may have to close a section of the footpath due to our works. If this is required, the following footpath diversion will be in place.





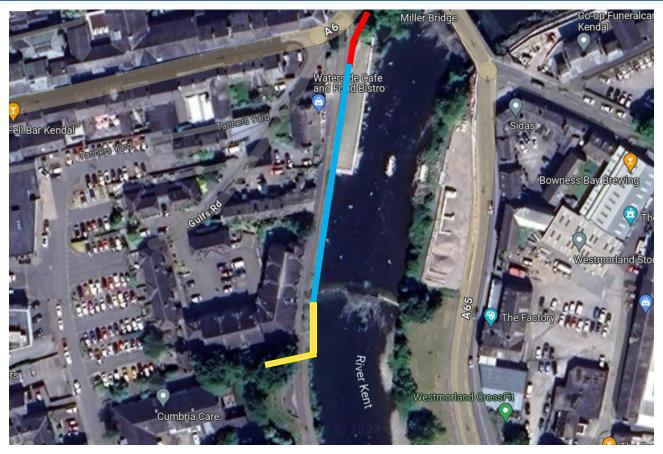






Waterside progress as of 2nd September 2024





Waterside Café area

100%

Central Waterside

0%

Edgecombe Court area

80%

60%













Protecting the Environment



An Independent Ecological Clerk of Works will monitor all activities and will have a regular presence on site over the coming months. This is an important role that oversees all site preparation and construction works associated with biodiversity. This is to ensure safe working, and protection of the local environment is undertaken in accordance with legislation and best practice.

Pre-construction surveys have been carried out and include, but are not limited to; otters, breeding birds, invasive non-native species, trees and white-clawed crayfish as well as many other species such as salmon. Spawning grounds are known and monitored in respect of salmon and trout on all rivers and tributaries within the Kent catchment.

Full consideration has been given to the in-river working platform and bank stabilisation bags. Consent has been granted for these works to be undertaken and will be monitored by our Independent Environmental Clerk of Works.

All our activities around, or near European Protected Species are carried out under licence, and we will put in place measures to mitigate against impacts from any of our works. We will install environmental monitoring which will monitor noise, vibration and vehicle movements in sensitive locations so we can take further measures to mitigate against any risk of environmental

Otter

harm.







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What's Happening this week

<u>Waterside Café area</u> – First section of glass panels have been installed. The construction fencing has now been removed from the riverside path and has been relocated behind the glass panel flood wall. This fencing will remain in place for safety reasons until the in River working platform is removed.

<u>Central Waterside</u> – This week we will be conducting visual and structural surveys of the riverside wall and adjacent underground services to ensure the piling trial undertaken hasn't impacted the structural integrity of the walls and services. This is an important assessment of the riverside area as it will determine if the piling rig and method are both suitable to undertake the necessary foundation works upon which the new flood wall will be built. The piling trial will be paused whilst we obtain and review the full suite of results.

<u>Edgecombe Court area</u> – A flood wall and flood gate is currently being constructed in this location. The flood wall is nearing completion with only a small section of stone cladding to be completed. Reinstatement of the green space adjacent to the flood wall and the temporary resurfacing of the footpath will be undertaken shortly.



