



Dear Resident/ Business Owner,

I am writing to provide an update on the ongoing work taking place in Appleby as part of the Appleby Flood Risk Management Scheme – a scheme to build a new pumping station to better protect 64 properties in the town from flooding.

The Environment Agency and our contractor VolkerStevin have commenced work on the Doomgate Beck Pumping Station as part of the Appleby Flood Risk Management Scheme. Works to date have been undertaken on the new outfall structure and installation of the site compound.

Works within Broad Close car park are due to commence on September 16 which will better protect 64 properties and infrastructure from flooding, including road access to homes and businesses. For public safety, whilst construction work is ongoing within Broad Close car park, the car park will be closed, however, 10 spaces will still be available until the opening of the temporary car park at the former Edenside Care Home.

Due to complexities of safely removing the asbestos from within the former Edenside Care Home, demolition of the building has been delayed, however, work has now started and will take approximately eight weeks. Following completion of the demolition, work to create the free temporary car park on this site will take a further five weeks. It is anticipated that the free temporary car park will be open to the public from mid-November.

To ensure the project remains on schedule and to avoid construction taking place over two further summer holiday periods, work will start two months ahead of the free temporary car park being open. The closure of Broad Close car park has been carefully considered in order to accommodate the end of the school holiday period and to avoid as much disruption as possible during this period.

We are grateful for your continued understanding and patience. To minimise disruption, we are working to complete the temporary car park and scheme by avoiding as many peak holiday and tourism periods as possible.

We will continue to provide updates via the Flood Hub – www.floodhub.co.uk/appleby. Should you have any questions that aren't answered there, please feel free to reach out to us by email at ApplebyFRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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