

# Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Phase 2 – Rochdale

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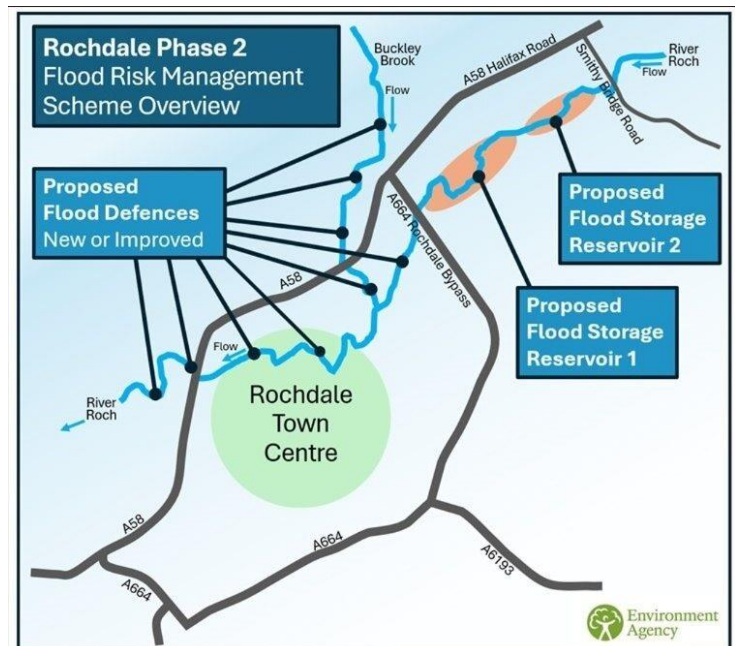
Welcome to the latest Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter, providing an update on how Phase 2 Rochdale is progressing.

## 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.

Over the next couple of years, we will be progressing design work for the proposed flood storage reservoirs and flood defences, as part of the Rochdale Flood Risk Management Scheme. In order to gain more information about the ground conditions to inform the design process, we will be carrying out site investigations (boreholes, trial excavations etc.), planned to start from this coming Spring 2025.

This will include investigations at both proposed flood storage reservoir sites, termed Reservoir 1 (*Roch B*) and Reservoir 2 (*Roch C/D by the EA*) – see map, in-between Albert Royds Street and Smithy Bridge Road, as well as several other areas across Rochdale (along the River Roch and Buckley Brook) where linear defence improvements may be necessary. The ground investigations will be quite extensive, using specialist rigs for drilling, to ensure that we have the necessary information for the detailed design phase. In addition to borehole drilling methods, geophysical surveys (effectively underground scanning of the ground) will be undertaken to help our designers understand the ground conditions fully. The investigations across all sites are expected to take around 9 months in total to complete.



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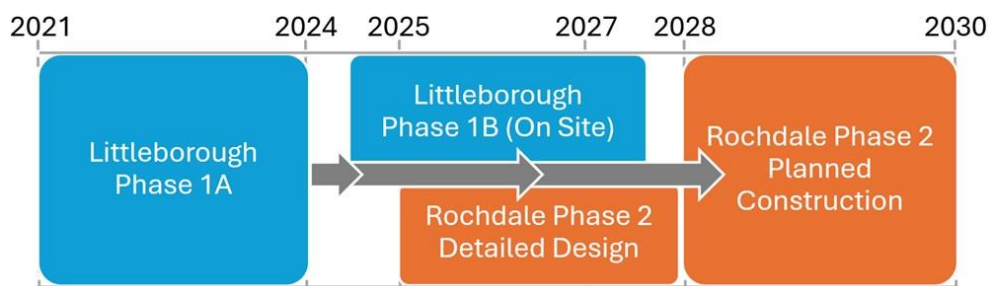
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In advance of mobilising for the ground investigations, expected Spring 2025, we will also need to carry out ground penetrating radar surveys. This is to accurately identify buried services, so that the investigations can be carried out safely. These surveys are anticipated to start from December 2024 and take around 4 weeks to complete for the proposed reservoir sites.

The ground investigations will be carried out by the EA's framework contractor, Volker Stevin. Work areas will be safely segregated by secure fencing and a temporary compound will be in place for provision of welfare for our contractor's site staff. Whilst we will aim to mitigate disturbance where possible, some temporary restrictions to local walking routes are likely to be in place. Please be aware of warning signage and fenced areas, once the works are ongoing.



**A timeline for the combined scheme (including Littleborough Phase 1B construction) is shown below.**



### 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 will hold community drop-ins and 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](mailto:rochdaleandlittleborough.FAS@environmentagency.gov.uk) or if you do not have access to email, please call 02030 250495.



[Scan QR code for link to the Flood Hub](#)

Rochdale Borough Council - [01706 647474](tel:01706647474)

Rochdale Borough Council's website for flood risk information is: [www.rochdale.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/flooding)

National Flood Forum [info@floodforum.org.uk](mailto:info@floodforum.org.uk)

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## 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 have been completed and further activities are planned, including opportunities to take part in local events to learn about and help manage your flood risk. We also may be able to direct you to other helpful work the council is doing around energy efficiency.



**Rochdale Borough Council and our partners are holding two public drop-in events. No prior appointment is needed. These will be:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**4pm - 7pm**  
**Unity House**  
**15 Belfield Road,**  
**Rochdale**  
**OL16 2UP**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**4pm - 7pm**  
**The Coach House**  
**Lodge Street**  
**Littleborough**  
**OL15 9AE**

Please come along to learn more about flood resilience and get your questions answered. If you have any queries about your home owner agreement please bring it with you. If you have any questions about products, services or help we may be able to offer in the meantime, please use the contact information below:

Email: [resilientroch@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:resilientroch@rochdale.gov.uk) / Tel: 01706 922566

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