

**The Environment Agency is delivering a Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) to better protect homes and businesses from flooding in the Kent Catchment, enhance the local environment and improve community amenities.**

**A planning application is being submitted for the extension of the flood embankment in the vicinity of Young Spring to improve flood resilience of the area around Helsington Mills. This update provides a summary of the planning application.**

## Young Spring Flood Embankment

The Environment Agency were originally granted planning consent in 2019 to undertake flood risk work and improve resilience of the area around Helsington Mills, to the south of Kendal.



However, following construction of the original embankment, data gathered has shown that additional flood protection is required due to the existing topography of the western field.

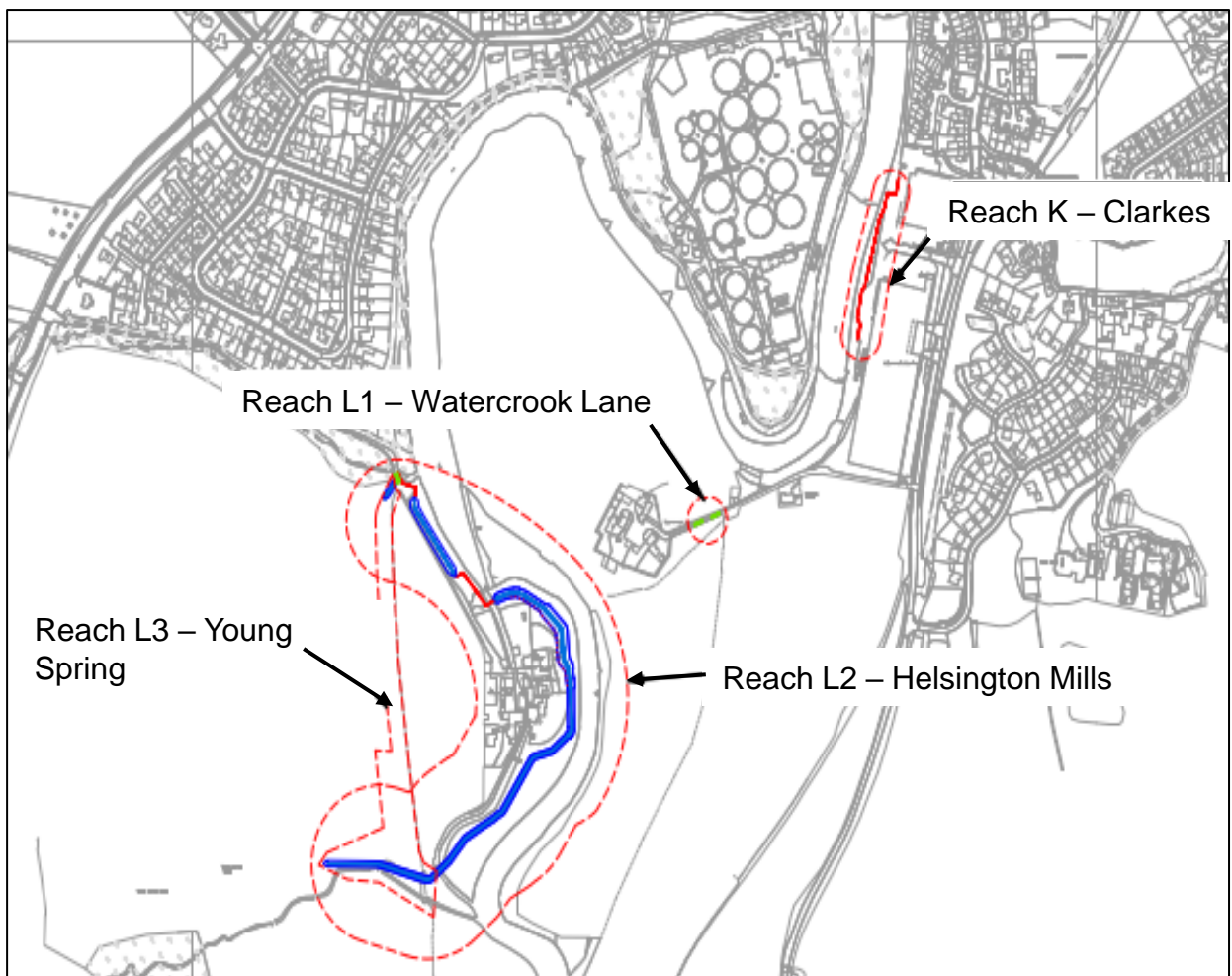
As such, a second stage of the scheme has been designed to address flood risk from Young Spring which includes raising and extending the embankment approved as part of the original scheme, to the southern end of the proposed development.

**We would like to inform you that a planning application will be submitted on 19 December 2024 to Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC) for the modification and extension of approved embankments at Young Spring (Reach L3), to the southern end of the proposed development.**

## The proposed scheme

The proposed scheme will involve:

- Raising the consented flood defence embankment by approximately 0.5m, to form a new embankment with 2.0m wide crest and 1:2.5 side slopes;
- Extending the consented flood defence embankment to tie into high ground, aiming to deflect any overland flows back to the Young Spring watercourse;
- Installation of a pressure relief drain on the defended side of the embankment, consisting of gravel drainage material
- Installation of a temporary access track for construction; and
- Landscaping.



Extract from drawing ENV0000489C-CAA-00-4A0-DR-C-0109

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### Construction

Access to the proposed development site will be taken from Scroggs Lane. Removed following construction, the temporary haul road will consist of an aluminium trackway, minimising impact, removal requirements and reducing timescales. Construction materials will be delivered to the site compound on an as required basis using the preferred delivery route, as per the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP).

### Landscaping and environment

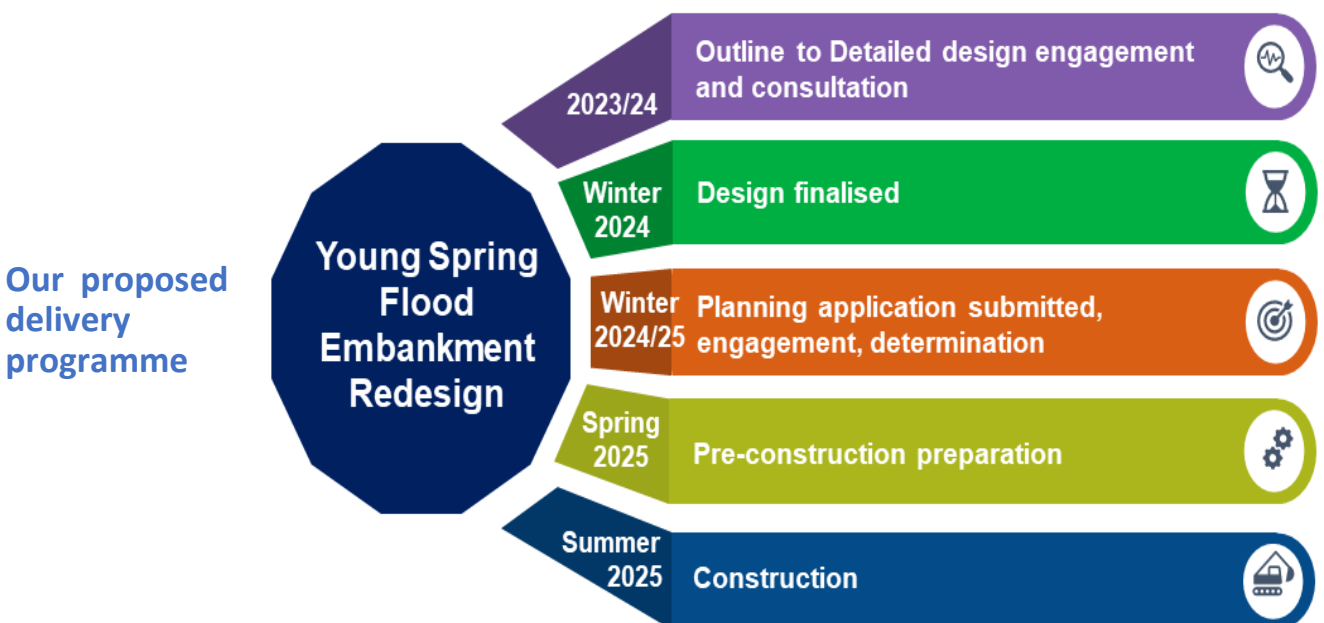
The proposed development site is predominantly covered by pasture grassland. Following construction, the temporary access tracks will be removed, and the existing areas of grassland will be reinstated. Trees will be retained.

A Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), Biodiversity Protection Plan, a detailed Ecological Impact Assessment (ECIA) and species survey report(s) for bats, otters and badgers, as well as a Flood Risk Assessment, have been prepared and accompany the planning application.

The proposed development has the potential to deliver beneficial effects for biodiversity following the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and the adoption of any enhancement opportunities. This will inform a Biodiversity Net Gain Agreement.

### Access

Access to Helsington Mills via Scroggs Lane will not be affected. The Public Right of Way (PROW) (footpath 530013) crossing the site entrance on Scroggs Lane will be kept open. No diversions are proposed. A separate gate will be fitted to the stock proof fencing allowing people to walk along the PROW.



## Engagement and consultation

Stakeholder engagement and consultation forms a critical component of decision-making in the development of the Kendal and Upper Kent Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS).

The Environment Agency are committed to continuous engagement and consultation from initial design and development of the proposed flood embankment through to construction. Ongoing since 2023, we have continued to engage with residents of Helsington Mills, Natural England, Kendal Town Council, Westmorland and Furness Council, and landowners, including the Woodland Trust.

## Consultation period

Following submission of Young Spring Flood Embankment planning application on 19 December 2024, Westmorland and Furness Council will conduct a **period of statutory planning consultation** lasting 13 weeks. This is different to the early consultation and engagement carried out by the Environment Agency because comments are sent to Westmorland and Furness Council; they no longer go directly to the Environment Agency.

## Where will we find further information?

- **View the application** - once the planning application package is submitted, it is available to view together with all the supporting information on Westmorland and Furness Council's planning portal <https://planningregister.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk>
- **Further information and a link to the planning application** - also available on the flood hub [www.thefloodhub.co.uk/kendal](http://www.thefloodhub.co.uk/kendal) Alternatively you can phone or email to request a paper copy using the details below.
- **Visit us** - Drop-in to the Flood Scheme Information Hub located at the back of the Lidl carpark, Beeson Road, Kendal, LA9 6BW. We are open every Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 4.30pm

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