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Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme

Reference – Littleborough FRMS 1B – Grove Lodge Tree Felling Works & Footpath Pedestrian Crossing

Dear Resident,

As part of the Flood Risk Management Scheme, the Environment Agency is proposing to construct a new sheet piled flood defence wall alongside the railway. This defence is set back from the River Roch to allow flooding of the woodland area during storms. The Scheme is also proposing some habitat improvements, which will help to form wet woodland habitats to make the area more attractive for wildlife. A plan showing the extent of our works is available on the Rochdale Borough Council planning portal.

What will we be doing?

We plan to undertake tree felling alongside the railway in February 2025, which will require an excavator and processing plant to cross the River Roch, to access the working area. However, we have been advised to reinstate our river flume.

Therefore, we are aiming to install the flume crossing week commencing 9th December 2024. To mobilise for this installation, we will be delivering materials to the site from week commencing 2nd December 2024.

During the period of the deliveries and installation of the flume we will not be closing the footpaths, but we will be utilising a manned pedestrian crossing at our access track, whenever we are working or delivering materials. The footpaths will all be fully open in the evenings and when we are not working.

We do not anticipate that any walkers will be delayed for more than a couple of minutes, for which we apologise.

We aim to install the flume crossing and have the pedestrian crossing removed prior to 19th December to minimise disruption.

The tree felling works will require railway possessions and will be the subject of a future letter, when the dates are finalised.

How will this affect me?

- The footpath crossing the area will have a manned pedestrian crossing during working hours for a period of 3 weeks.
- You may notice some machinery and equipment in the area, whilst we carry out these works.
- You may see an increase in construction vehicles and wagons, as we bring in equipment and materials to site.

During the construction works we will endeavour to keep any noise to a minimum.

We appreciate your patience as we carry out these works and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

How to stay in contact with us

We will continually seek to engage with residents, businesses, and the wider community as the Scheme progresses in your area. If you would like to provide feedback and/or receive updates, then you can:

Look at our website - You can find more information and download our newsletter on our website <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/rochdale-and-littleborough/>

Email us - You can provide feedback and sign-up for our newsletter by contacting us via email rochdaleandlittleborough.fas@environment-agency.gov.uk or alternatively you can call us on: 020 302 50495

App.

- We have recently launched our new VolkerStevin Engage App. This gives you a chance to:
 - Keep up to date with progress on the scheme
 - Receive regular updates and communications directly to your phone
 - Learn new information about our ongoing works and what we are doing within the area
 - A chance to send messages to the team, as well as send photos and videos
 - Provide feedback to our updates

Use the QR code below to download or visit your App Store and search 'VolkerStevin Engage'. You can also use the App to ask questions and to provide feedback.



Kind regards,
Customer Services