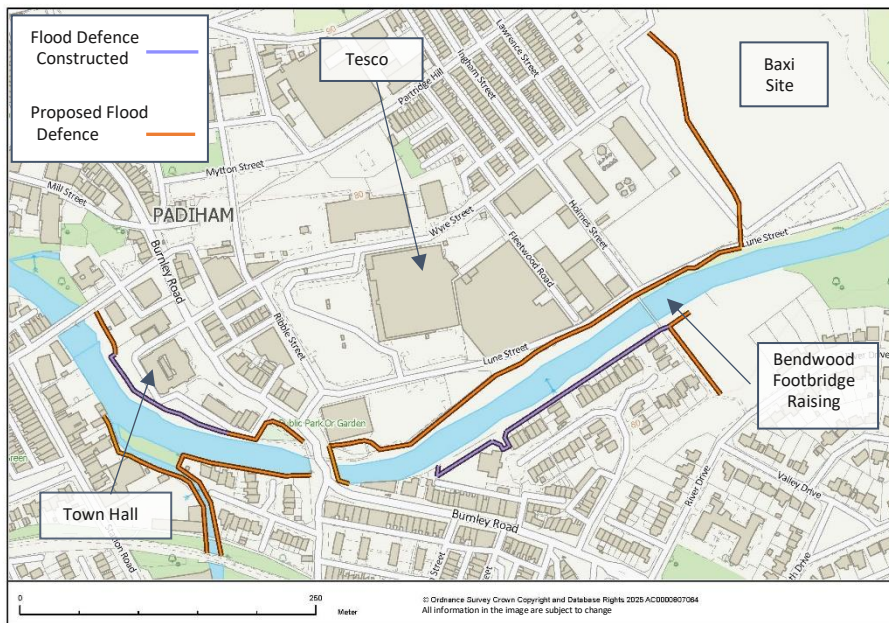


# PADIHAM FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME SPRING 2025

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

April 2025



## Scheme Overview

The Environment Agency, Burnley Borough Council and partners have been working together to develop a Flood Risk Management Scheme for Padiham.

The scheme will benefit approximately 150 homes, businesses, public buildings and key infrastructure in central Padiham. It will manage flood risk from the River Calder, Green Brook and surface water. The defences will protect to an event similar in size to the December 2015 floods.

In August 2024 Burnley Borough Council granted planning permission, with conditions, for Sections 1-4 of the scheme. Section 5 has been de-coupled, and the design will be progressed separately.

Two sections of the scheme have been constructed under the Environment Agency's permitted development powers, while the remaining construction works will resume in Spring 2026. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the rest of the scheme with these newsletters.

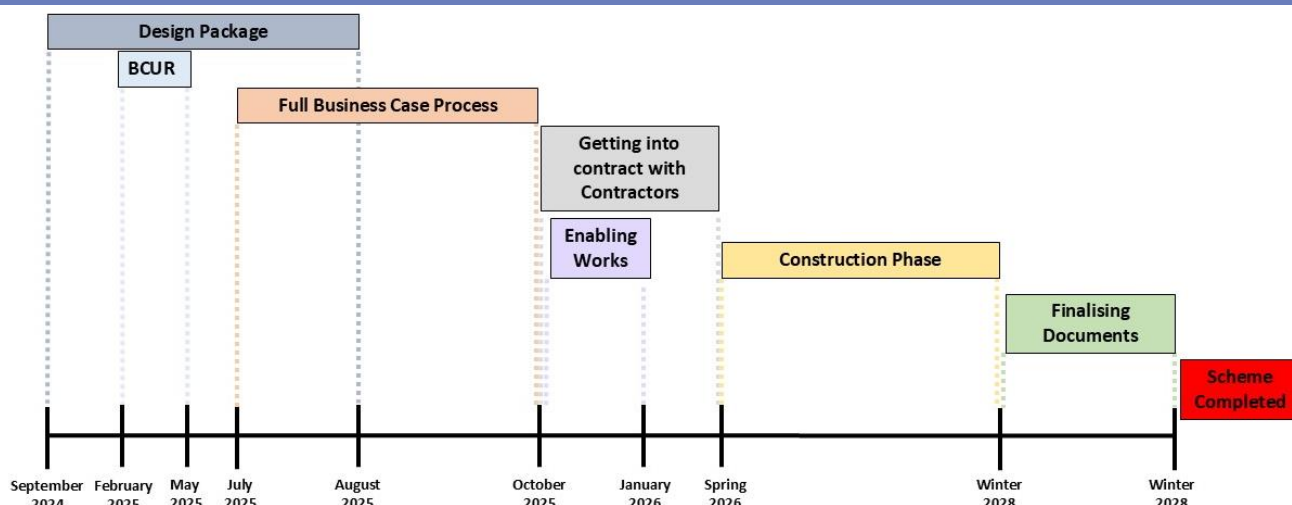
## Work Completed

Since our last newsletter in June 2023, we have been busy with the following:

- Construction completed for part of the scheme at Bendwood Close. This is a flood defence wall and flood gate, which was completed in April 2024.
- Successfully secured an allocation of £21.35million from the Other Government Department (OGD) funding pot. Funding will be available to spend once the Full Business Case (FBC) is approved in Autumn 2025.
- The FBC will demonstrate the economic return on investment that the scheme delivers in terms of flood damage avoided, using the DEFRA Partnership Funding (PF) Calculator. We are actively strengthening the economic case for the Flood Risk Management Scheme.
- The Environment Agency's designers are underway with finalising the detailed design package of the scheme.
- Met with Oliver Ryan MP and local councillors to discuss the scheme's progress and design details.



## Timeline of works



We have presented the above timeline to Oliver Ryan MP and local councillors. The dates have moved slightly later from previous timelines as it has taken us time to fill the funding gap and to get the project team back together. The detailed design package of the scheme is underway and estimated to be finalised in August 2025. Following on from this, there are Environment Agency funding assurance steps that must be met before we can get in contract with the construction team in Autumn 2025. The construction of the Scheme will commence in Spring 2026 and be finalised before Winter 2028. The construction timeframe has been delayed due to:

- A high specification of the detail design package being produced, which gives us certainty over future costs.
- A realistic and robust programme being established. We have learnt lessons from other projects where early commencement with an incomplete design and substantial uncertainties led to unforeseen risks, additional costs, and longer construction times.

## Forward look for work over the next 6 months

Currently our plan for the next 6 months is:

- Continuing to finalise the detailed design for the rest of the scheme.
- Continuing to work with Lancashire County Council on removing the planning application conditions.
- Focusing on enabling works. This includes:
  - Spring 2025 – Liaising with landowners and stakeholders who are affected by the scheme.
  - Winter 2025 – Trees and hedgerows will either be maintained or removed where construction of the scheme is taking place.
  - Winter 2025 – There will be diversion of some existing high voltage electricity and telecommunications cables to allow the new defences to be built.

## Contact Us and More Information at The Flood Hub

For updates and more information please visit: <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/padiham>



### Other Important Contact Details:

- 1) Report Flooding from the River Calder or Green Brook:  
**0345 988 1188** (Environment Agency Floodline)
- 2) Report environmental incidents (e.g. pollution):  
**0800 80 70 60** (Environment Agency Hotline)
- 3) Report highways issues or flooding:  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/> (Lancashire County Council)
- 4) Report public sewer flood issues:  
**0345 672 3723** (United Utilities Hotline)

To be added or removed from the Padiham newsletter emailing list, or for any further information relates to the flood defences, please contact:

[CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk)

or

Call **03708 506 506** (Environment Agency General Enquiries)

You can find more information about Flood Alerts and Warnings and see if you live, or have a business, in a flood area and register by searching for your location at:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Alternatively, telephone Floodline: **0345 988 1188**