

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.

This newsletter will provide you with an update on the planning application submitted in December 2024 to Westmorland and Furness Council, for an extension of the flood embankment in the vicinity of Young Spring to improve flood resilience of the area around Helsington Mills.

Planning Application current status

The planning application submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council in December 2024 is still being determined by the planning authority. A key component to support the planning application is our approach to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). This new legislation ensures that any development requiring planning permission demonstrates betterment to the natural environment ahead of any construction starting.

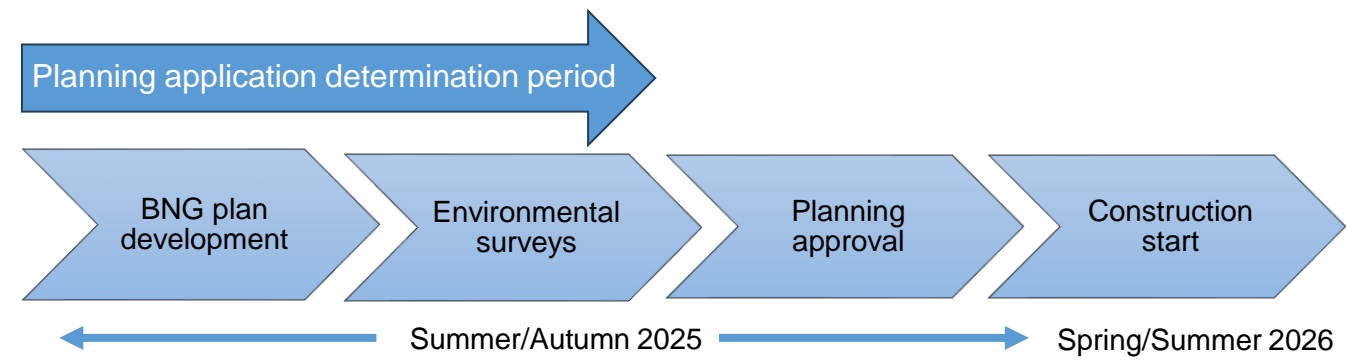
We will be undertaking a number of surveys and studies to understand where and how betterment can take place to meet the requirements of BNG. Until this can be demonstrated to the planning authority, the planning determination cannot be made.

What Next

Whilst we develop our plans to deliver the BNG requirements, we will be undertaking further environmental surveys to fully understand the environmental species and habitat status, particularly that of the bat population and habitat in the area. It is programmed for these surveys to be undertaken this summer.

Programme of works

This is an indicative programme of activities that will lead up to construction.



Keeping up to date

If you would like to remind yourself of the proposed plans for Young Spring, you can view the full application on the Westmorland and Furness planning portal, or there is a summary pack on the flood hub. All links to the online information are below.

- **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 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
- **Key Facts sheets** - Further information on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) can be found on the Kendal FloodHub at the following link
<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/kendal/key-facts/>

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