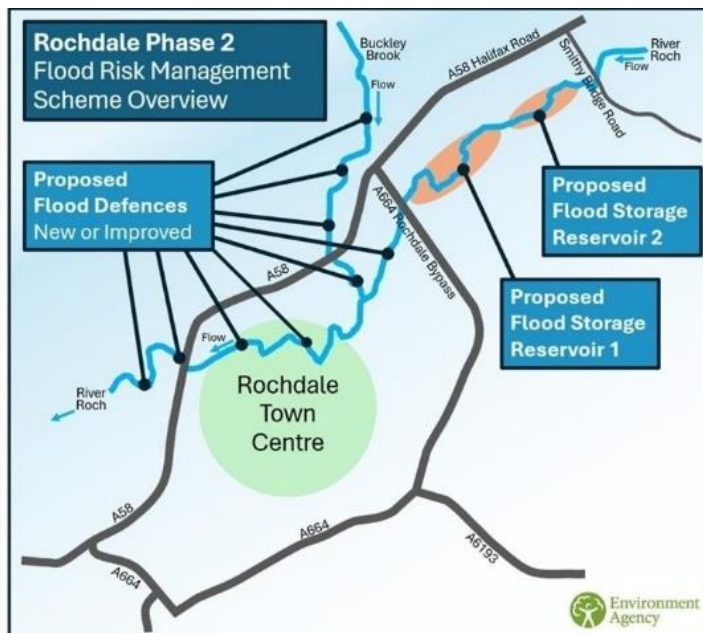


# Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Phase 2 – Rochdale

May 2025

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 better protect communities from flooding in the Rochdale area through development of its Rochdale Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS). This will involve the 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.

In the previous newsletter (dated November 2024), we updated you regarding the planned ground investigation works to inform the detailed design of the Rochdale FRMS. Regrettably, we must inform you that the ground investigation works, which were originally scheduled to begin in April 2025, will now be delayed.

The delay is due to changes in the government's six-year investment program, which has impacted the funding allocations for projects across the country, including for the Rochdale FRMS. Whilst a sum of money for the 2025/26 financial year has been confirmed, it will not be sufficient to allow the ground investigations to start as originally planned. This change in funding allocation is unfortunately beyond the project team's control and we regret having to delay these works.

We fully understand the importance of this project for the local community and the devastating impacts that flooding can have; we are therefore continuing with our design work and engagement with key partners ahead of the ground investigations, to help determine the viability of the scheme. We are committed to keeping you updated with the latest information; we will be reviewing the revised dates for the ground investigation works (which we anticipate to be Spring 2026) when announcements on funding allocation for the financial year 2026/27 are made.

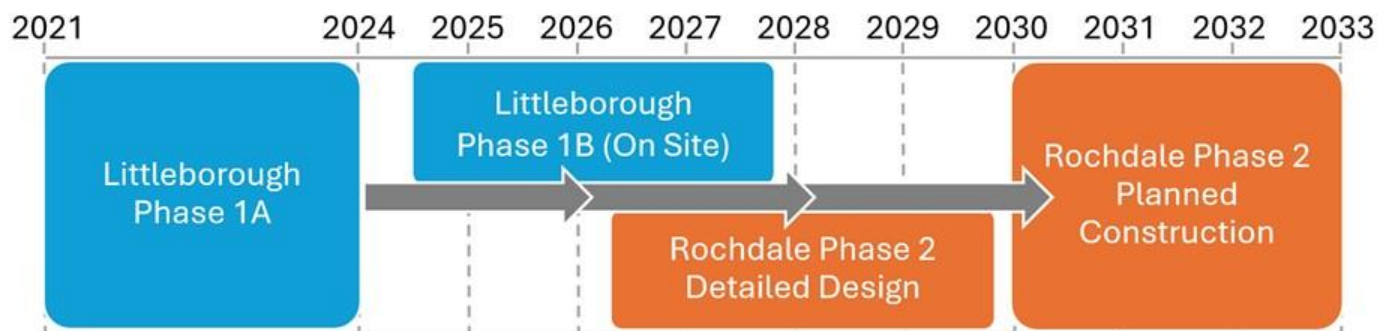
We have provided a revised timeline below for the development of the Rochdale FRMS. The project team are currently reviewing the initial design drawings which have been produced by our design consultants Jacobs. We are planning to create a display at Rochdale Borough Council's Number One Riverside building

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later in the Summer for local residents and interested parties to view the initial design drawings and visualisations of what the FRMS could look like. We would welcome feed back on the proposals to ultimately help shape what is delivered throughout Rochdale. More information on this will be shared closer to the time.



**A timeline for the combined scheme**

### 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 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@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:rochdaleandlittleborough.FAS@environment-agency.gov.uk) or if you do not have access to email, please call 02030 250495.

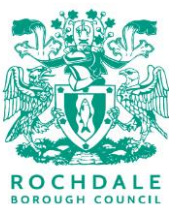


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Rochdale Borough Council - [01706 647474](tel:01706647474)

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)



## 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 and our contractors are now fitting flood doors and other measures at previously surveyed properties in your neighbourhood. The survey 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. If you have been contacted but not yet signed up to the scheme, please get in touch with the Resilient Roch project as soon as possible as the opportunity for a survey and the installing of measures will be coming to an end very soon.

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.

If you have any questions about products, services or help we may be able to offer, please use the contact information below:

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

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