Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme

New Road Common construction update

Environment Agency

June 2025

The construction of the flood wall and integrated flood gates is now complete at New Road Common. Various areas have been seeded and are protected by temporary fencing until established. Once the grass is suitably established, the fencing will be removed, and the area will be fully open and utilised to its potential.

Taylors Funfair will be able to return to the common from the end of June, with the new floodgates improving access at Gooseholme Bridge, and a safe exit route through the large flood gates opposite the slipway. The flood scheme has been designed to accommodate all the funfair vehicles.

Taylors Fair can now return to the common

The majority of the flood gates featuring at New Road will be fixed in the open position, with only the double flood gate opposite the slipway in the closed position. The open flood gates will retain access to the Common. The flood gate opposite the slipway will remain closed for safety and will only be opened for the Fair to access and for river maintenance activities. If flooding is expected, the Environment Agency will close all flood gates.

There is a requirement to test the flood gates in situ this Summer. Temporary diversions through the Common will be required whilst the testing is underway.

Newly seeded area with temporary protective fencing

New pathway leading through the common

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A footpath diversion will be in place for a short period whilst finishing works of the drainage and entrance to New Road Common are undertaken. These works will be focussed in the area of Gooseholme Bridge. All works are due to be complete by week ending 29th June 2025.

Temporary footpath diversion route whilst the works take place at the entrance to New Road Common from Gooseholme Bridge.

We thank you for your continued patience whilst we carry out these works.

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