Reducing flood risk in your community



The piling works along the riverside have been progressing well with all of the required piles being installed in the vicinity of Waterside Café. The Café has been closed due to the close proximity of these works and will be reopening week commencing 14th July.

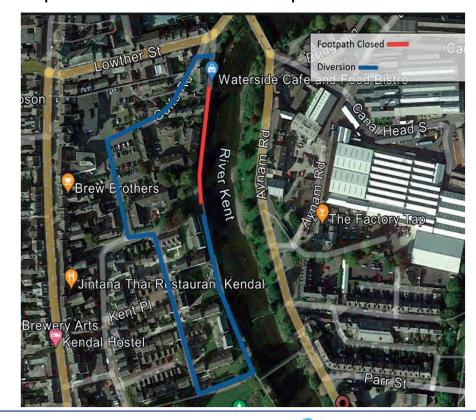


The riverside footpath at Waterside Café will be reopened from week commencing 14th July to allow access to the Café. The footpath closure will remain in place below the Café as work moves downstream towards Edgecombe Court.

Footpath diversion

For public safety, this stretch of footpath will be closed during the works.

Footpath diversions will be in place.























Ariel view of Waterside temporary platform and bridge



Sound and vibration monitoring

What are we doing?

Piling works continue along the riverside which is being installed in front of the existing riverside wall. The Spiral flush method of piling is used to pile a casing down into the ground before filling with concrete. In this area the piling will be between 6.5m – 9.8m deep. The casing will be a minimum of 2.25m deep into bedrock to reduce ground water flooding.

We are constantly monitoring and reviewing the noise and vibration data from the construction activities. To do this, we are undertaking visual and structural surveys of the riverside wall, monitoring the surrounding buildings and the integrity of the footpath. Cameras are used to inspect the sewer network and drains located underground along Waterside. In order to ensure our works don't impact on the riverine environment, water sampling ensures any construction debris and silt is managed.

The process of works involves collaboration with the Environment Agency, WSP design team, VolkerStevin delivery contractor, VGE, and Kellers, the piling specialists.

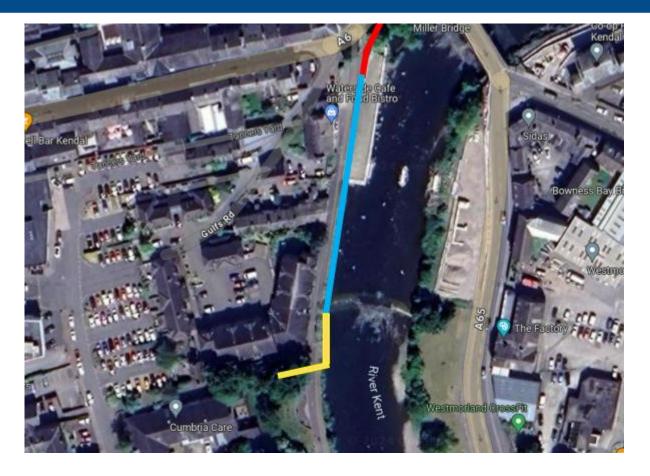
Programme and forward look of construction activities



Summer 2025 Winter 2025

Waterside progress as of 30th June 2025





Waterside Café area

100%

Central Waterside

15%

Edgecombe Court area

80%

65%













Protecting the Environment



An Independent Ecological Clerk of Works will monitor all activities and will have a regular presence on site over the coming months. This is an important role that oversees all site preparation and construction works associated with biodiversity. This is to ensure safe working, and protection of the local environment is undertaken in accordance with legislation and best practice.

Pre-construction surveys have been carried out and include, but are not limited to; otters, breeding birds, invasive non-native species, trees and white-clawed crayfish as well as many other species such as salmon. Spawning grounds are known and monitored in respect of salmon and trout on all rivers and tributaries within the Kent catchment.

Full consideration has been given to the in-river working platform and bank stabilisation bags. Consent has been granted for these works to be undertaken and will be monitored by our Independent Environmental Clerk of Works.

All our activities around, or near European Protected Species are carried out under licence, and we will put in place measures to mitigate against impacts from any of our works. We will install environmental monitoring which will monitor noise, vibration and vehicle movements in sensitive locations so we can take further measures to mitigate against any risk of environmental

Otter

harm.

White Clawed Crayfish





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