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# PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME NEWSLETTER



## Riverside Construction Autumn Update

With most of Phase 1 of the Scheme complete, works are now confined to a short stretch from South End to the New Continental—see the map overleaf. Over the next few months, we expect to complete the piling and installation of the new flood walls.

Construction along this final section of Riverside has been especially challenging due to the difficult ground conditions, and the very restricted working area and close proximity to properties. We would like to thank residents for their ongoing patience and apologise for the disruption.

### AREA 1: RIVERSIDE, PRESTON

#### Riverside

The secant pile foundations and the new wall units have now been completed. We expect the glass panels to arrive on site before the end of November, and installation will take up to two weeks. The temporary sheet piles beside the river, which acted as a temporary flood defence while the wall was being constructed, are being removed and this will be completed by the end of the month.

Final tasks in this area will be reinstating the footpath and the road, after which vehicle access to Riverside properties and Miller Garden Apartments can be restored. We expect the road to reopen before Christmas.

#### Miller Garden Apartments

The flood wall along the boundary of Miller Garden Apartments is complete, and the residents' garden has been reinstated. The only remaining task is the installation of railings along a short section of wall. A new floodgate (FG1 on map) has been installed near the apartments, and this has been successfully tested.

Once construction is finished, the footpath in front of the apartments will be reinstated. However, pedestrian access along the river will remain closed until all works are completed. We will be reinstating the boundary fence between BAC/EE's and Miller Garden Apartments' car parks mid-December 2025.

#### BAC/EE Social & Sports Association

The flood wall at rear of BAC/EE, by the river, is complete and paladin fencing is in place. Additional safety netting will also be erected along the wall to reduce the risk from stray footballs and cricket balls. A new floodgate (FG2 on map) located just before Ribble Cottage will be installed. The riverside path will be reinstated and opened once all works are finished.



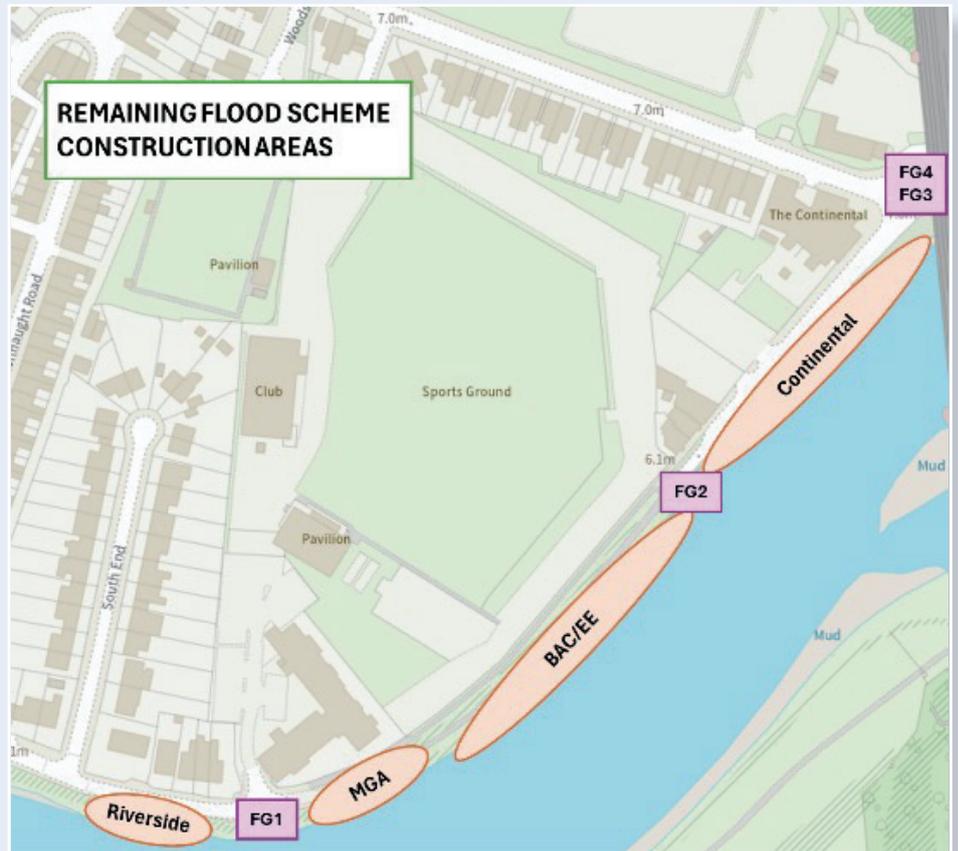
New flood walls and fencing behind BAC/EE's grounds

## Cottages, Mini Centre & the New Continental

Along this section of the riverbank, rock bags have been installed to help prevent erosion. The old flood wall has been removed, and secant piling has started. Once the piling is complete, we will cast concrete pile caps, which form the base for the new flood walls. The last construction activity will be installing the glass panels to preserve river views, followed by reinstating the footpath and the road. Works are expected to be completed by May 2026.



Rock bags along the riverbank, and steel cages stored ready for piling



## AREA 2: LOWER PENWORTHAM

### Ribble Sidings Wetland

Dry weather at the beginning of the year delayed the opening of Ribble Sidings, and we are continuing to monitor the ponds. However, we are taking steps to partially open the wetland, and the outer security fence will be removed this month. Chestnut paling (low wooden fencing) has been installed around the ponds to limit access while the wetland plants become more established. South Ribble Borough Council has also installed a barrier along the front boundary of Ribble Sidings, to prevent vehicle access into the amenity grassed area and the wetland.

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