

Upton upon Severn

Flood alleviation scheme Newsletter

Early October 2011

This newsletter is to update you on the flood defence construction work on the New Street and Waterside flood defence.

New Street

The flood gate supporting frame is now installed.

Over the next few weeks the Environment Agency's contractor will complete the brick work, complete the final section of flood bank that ties into the southern side of the flood gate, and resurface New Street locally around the flood gate structure. The gate leaves are likely to be hung on the gate frame in two weeks.

The contractor is still on target to reopen New Street mid October 2011. All businesses along New Street, or accessed via New Street, are open as usual.

Waterside

Work has now started along the waterside. The initial focus is on the section between the Severn bridge and the Kings Head. This area has now been fenced off to ensure public safety, and the area is being cleared to allow the main work to begin. All businesses along the waterfront are open as usual.

The foundation of the flood wall is a reinforced concrete piled system. The piles will be drilled by a large piling rig, before a steel reinforcement frame is lowered into the drilled hole, before backfilling with concrete. The piles will go down to a depth of 12 to 14 metres.

The piling team are programmed to start setting up on site Wednesday 5 October. It is likely that the pile drilling will not start until the following day. The piling team are aiming to drill five piles a day.

The piling operation is a relatively noisy operation. However these drilled piles will be less noisy than driven piles used at New Street.

The alterations to the gas and telephone lines are continuing along Dunn's Lane. The main construction phase along Dunn's Lane is likely to start late October.



Site clearance works outside The Plough.



Security fencing adjacent to The Kings Head.

Next Update

The next update will be in late October 2011.

Notice board in the centre of Upton

We are in the process of installing a new notice board outside the Tourist Information Centre. This will show a diagram of the final waterfront scheme, construction photos and our latest newsletter.

Getting additional information

The dedicated Environment Agency Site Liaison Officer is Charles Chandler. He is available to answer your questions during the construction phase. You can contact him on 07802 335133.

Information about this scheme is also available at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/upton

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