

Upton upon Severn

Flood risk management scheme construction update

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed on the progress of the Upton flood risk management scheme. This scheme comprises two phases

New Street phase update

Our contractor, Morrison Construction, will be returning to site 5 September 2011 to complete the New Street element of the Scheme. As before, they will set up their site compound within the Hanley Road car park. They will install the double leaf flood gate, reinstate the roadside foot path, complete the brick cladding to the flood wall both sides of New Street, construct steps up and over the flood bank to form the reinstated public footpath, resurface New Street locally to the works and carry out local re-levelling of the rugby pitches. It is expected that these works will take approximately four weeks.

New Street will have to be closed on or very soon after 5 September to ensure a safe working environment and public safety. The road will have to remain closed for three to four weeks. Unfortunately we will not be able to reopen it at the weekends or in the evenings as it will not be in a safe usable condition. A diversion route will be advertised and marked with diversion signs. All businesses normally accessed via New Street will remain open as usual and will be accessible via the diversion route.



New Street flood embankment by sports pitches

Waterside phase update

We are aiming to start construction of the Waterside phase of the scheme on 19 September 2011. On this programme, our works will be complete in April 2012 and will avoid the festival and peak tourist seasons. We are in the process of awarding the contract for this section to Morrison Construction, who also built the New Street phase of the scheme. They are now finalising their programme and we will update you on this in our next newsletter early in September. Morrison will use the site compound in the Hanley Road car park for the duration of the works.

Gas and telephone lines along Waterside are scheduled to be diverted by National Grid and BT on or soon after 5 September. Waterside between the Kings Head and the Swan will be closed from this date for the duration of the flood defence works. The road between the Plough to Kings Head will be closed from 19 September. Pedestrian and business access will be retained and we have discussed access needs with the businesses and residents most affected. We will be continuing our discussion with them over the coming weeks to provide up to date detail of the work and when it will be carried out.

Next Update

The next update will in early September 2011.

Getting additional information

The dedicated Environment Agency Site Liaison Officer is Charles Chandler. He is available to answer your questions during the construction. 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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