

Upton on Severn

Construction update

July 2011

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed on the progress of the Upton Flood Alleviation Scheme. This scheme comprises two phases - New Street and Waterside.

New Street phase update

Since the June update, we have done minor landscaping works including the installation of several lengths of fencing and the levelling of an area of one rugby pitch.

As communicated in our June newsletter, the installation of the floodgate has been delayed due to our original supplier ceasing to trade. We have worked with a new supplier to finalise the design. We are currently waiting for the gate to be fabricated and delivered after which time our contractor will return to site to install it and carry out associated roadworks.

While there is no work being done on site, New Street will be open to vehicular traffic. When the flood gate is installed New Street will be closed again to ensure a safe working environment and public safety. Our contractors will put out signs giving advance warning of the road closure. All businesses normally accessed from New Street will remain open as usual and will be accessible by following the diversion signs.

Waterside phase update

The Waterside section of the scheme includes a permanent flood wall with glass panels along the top of the wall, five pedestrian gates to enable access to the river and a flood gate across the road. The works have Planning Permission and Common Land Consent.

We are now nearing completion of the construction design specification, taking into account recent ground investigation to assess the foundations of the Swan Hotel and to identify the exact positioning, depths and condition of utilities at five key locations.

We are aiming to start our work on Waterside in mid-late September 2011. On this programme, our works will be complete in April 2012 and will avoid the festival and peak tourist seasons.

We are actively progressing activities to enable us to meet our start date. As 12 weeks notice is required to temporarily close Waterside to undertake the construction works, we will be submitting the application for road closure in the very near future. We are continuing to work closely with the utility providers (telephone, gas, electricity, water, sewer) with the aim that any work they need to do to divert services can be done in advance of our carrying out the main works. We will soon be contacting landowners and businesses affected along Waterside to discuss with them their access needs during construction so that we can take this into account in our method and programme to reduce disruption as much as we can.

Next Update

The next update will be during August.

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.

We will continue to update the people and businesses that are directly affected.

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

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