

Upton Flood Alleviation Scheme

Update January 2011

This update is to keep you informed on the progress of the Upton Flood Alleviation Scheme.

As you maybe aware we have been working over the last 18 months with local businesses, landowners, residents, local authorities and statutory consultees to develop a scheme to reduce the risk of River Severn flooding.

Construction of the New Street section

Our contractors Morrison Construction will begin construction of the New Street section at the end of February 2011, but you will notice some preparation work during January. We anticipate the work will be complete in May 2011. The construction will be between 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

At the end of January we will begin setting up the site for example installing site cabins and our compound in Hanley Road car park. We will remove some agreed vegetation to give us access to the playing fields, Upton Marina and the fields adjacent to New Street and opposite the waste recycling centre.

To build the earth embankment we will use clay from Upton Marina. We will move it from February to April by road from the Marina, through Hanley Road car park to New Street. We will construct a flood wall and gate across New Street. This construction will involve short periods of increased noise levels. We will provide more detail on this nearer the time.

During the work the waste recycling centre, Hanley Road car park, sports facilities, pavilion and Tunnel Hill car park will be open. New Street will remain open during the majority of the construction, but will need to be closed for a short period.

Worcestershire County Council will be raising part of Tunnel Hill road. More detail will be available in the near future.

Waterside section

Waterside section includes a permanent flood wall with glass panels along the top of the wall. This includes five pedestrian gates to enable access to the river and a flood gate on Waterside. Planning permission for this was granted in November 2010.

We are currently reviewing the construction specification method for the Waterside section of the scheme taking into account the recent ground investigation work outside the Swan public house. It is important we take the time to get this right to get the most robust and efficient construction method. We also need to confirm that the costs connected with any changes do not take us over the approved funding ceiling.

We currently aim to start our work on Waterside in September 2011, avoiding the festival and peak tourist seasons.

Contacts

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 335 133.

The 24 hour emergency contact telephone number for our contractors will be available on the site notice board in Hanley Road car park.



We will be in regular contact with the people and businesses that are directly affected by the works, keeping them informed and to understand any specific requirements they may have.

Future updates

As the work continues we will keep you informed of progress.

Our next update will be available in late February.

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