

Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2 Newsletter

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Welcome to the February 2020 edition of the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2 (LFAS2) newsletter. You will find updates on the start of construction for Step 1, community drop-in events, funding, planning and natural flood management (NFM).

Step 1 Construction Starts

Construction on the second phase of the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme will see flood defences being built on the River Aire upstream of Leeds Station as part of a catchment wide approach to reducing flood risk. The Phase 2 proposals are split into two steps and feature measures such as new defence walls, embankments and a large flood storage area.

Step 1 of Phase 2, at a cost of £87 million, will give protection against a one-in-100 chance of flooding in any given year along an 8km stretch upstream of Leeds. Construction works have started in the Wellington Bridge Street area upstream of the city centre on a flood defence wall running along the River Aire and key activities include the completion of the first concrete pour to prepare the foundations of the flood defence wall. Step 1 works are expected to continue throughout the catchment area until winter 2022.





Summary of stepped approach

Step 1 – 1 in 100 year standard of protection using flood defence walls and embankments upstream from Leeds train station to Newlay Bridge.

Step 2 – 1 in 200 year standard of protection uplift to the entire scheme including the city centre, using Calverley flood storage area and flood defence walls in Apperley Bridge.

Further funding secured

In late January, £1.68 million, funded European Regional Development Fund was approved. This funding will contribute towards Step 1 and whilst Step 2 remains unfunded, the contribution will assist the ongoing discussions with central government to secure funding for Step 2 works in the Calverley and Apperley Bridge areas.

NFM pilot project hailed a success

A trial to test how natural solutions help reduce the risk of flooding has been successfully completed at Marlfield Farm in Earby. This is one of a series of pilot projects which applies NFM techniques to help protect the people of Leeds and those living near the River Aire from the risk of flooding. The Environment Agency, working with the River Stewardship Company and landowners at Marlfield Farm, have delivered a number of NFM features including hedge planting, fencing off areas of fields from grazing so that more vegetation can grow and installing leaky barriers to slow the flow of rainwater whilst also providing habitat for local wildlife.

Pictured below is a typical field wetland scrape which incorporates some of these NFM features.



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Community drop-in at our Kirkstall office

If you would like more information about Leeds FAS2, the team will be available 10am-2pm on the last Wednesday of every month at our project office in Kirkstall.

Leeds FAS2 Project Office, Viaduct Road, Leeds, LS4 2AP.
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Step 2 information events

Information events regarding Step 2 are being held at George & Dragon, Apperley Bridge. These events will provide the local community with the opportunity to review updated proposals prior to planning decisions being made.

- Monday 2nd March 3pm-7pm
- Tuesday 10th March 10am-2pm

George & Dragon, Apperley Road, Apperley Bridge, Bradford, BD10 0PU

Step 2 planning update

Planning application(s) for Step 2 will be submitted to Leeds and Bradford Planning Authorities in spring 2020.

Post storm Ciara & Dennis Survey

Further to the recent Storm Ciara & Dennis, the project team are currently undertaking an information gathering exercise throughout the FAS2 corridor. If you feel you have any additional information which could be useful to the team, please contact us by emailing LFAS@leeds.gov.uk.

LFAS2 charity events and donations

Throughout December and January the LFAS2 team have continued to raise money for charitable organisations with over £175 raised for Save the Children and the Samaritans. In addition, 34 Christmas presents were donated to KidsOut, a charity that arranges toys for children in local refuge homes who wouldn't normally receive a Christmas present.

