

Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2 Newsletter – May 2021

Our May 2021 newsletter includes information on construction in Step 1 and an update on our planning application and construction proposals for Step 2.

All zones referenced in this newsletter can be seen on the zone map on page 5.

Step 1 (Leeds City Centre to Kirkstall and Newlay)

Developing proposals

Detailed design development in Zone 10 continues. Investigation works and developer meetings are ongoing, which are helping us to coordinate our proposals with the development plans in the area.

In Zone 11c asbestos removal works have been taking place at the Studio 81 site and site investigation works have been completed to inform the detailed design.

In Zone 12a, stakeholder engagement continues for flood defence proposals at Armley Mills Museum. By working with the museum team and Historic England, we're refining the design to celebrate the heritage of the site.

In Zone 13a, site investigation works have been undertaken to inform the detailed design of the flood defences at the Kirkstall Bridge Inn and for the opposite river bank. This month, detailed designs for flood defence walls around Newlay Weir in Zone 13b will commence.

Construction progress

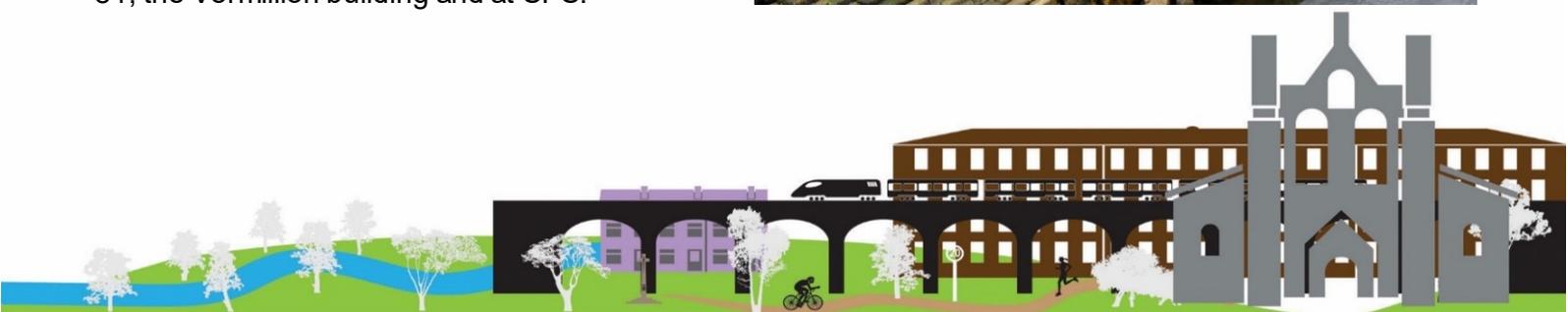
In line with government Covid-19 guidance and current restrictions, we continue to safely carry out construction works in the Step 1 area.

Work has progressed significantly this year, with works completed in Zone 11 at the Tannery to rebuild the river wall and build a new floodwall through the site.

Works through the HFH car park have commenced, which has involved digging and removing materials (excavation), and starting the construction of the flood wall. Site investigations and preparations have also taken place at Studio 81, the Vermillion building and at SFS.



New flood wall and reconstructed river wall at the Tannery site



Across Zone 11, we've installed flap valves and completed work on outfalls. This work is designed to maintain drainage of surface water whilst controlling the flow of water when river levels increase.



Flap valves and outfalls works



In Zone 12, works continue on the abutments and steps to Milford Place Footbridge. The flood walls within the building of Adams and the adjacent car park at Cardigan Trading Estate have been completed.

Flood wall construction works have now commenced between Adams and Milford Place Footbridge. This month, permanent works at the end of Milford Place are due to commence.

At the former Jump Arena site off Redcote Lane, the raised kerb line is complete and the construction of the flood wall is progressing.



New flood wall with surface water outfall flap valves at Adams

Flood wall construction to the rear of Cardigan Fields Leisure Park is nearing completion. Keep an eye out for the project information board on display at Cardigan Fields.



Kirkstall Valley Farm and Home Office Site where sheet piling works have commenced

Preparatory works at Stage Freight and Asda were completed in March and flood wall construction works have now commenced.

At the Home Office site on Kirkstall Road, we are installing the first sheet piles of the scheme. Following installation of the piles, the wall will be finished with an imprinted coloured concrete stem and cast coping.

You can view the latest video of progress [here](#).



Kirkstall footpath diversion

Site clearance and access works will commence this month in preparation for the permanent flood defence works between St Ann’s Mill and the Leeds Rugby Academy site at Kirkstall Bridge.

To allow the construction works to be safely and securely carried out, we are required to temporarily close the footpath from St Ann’s Mill to Kirkstall Bridge. The map below shows the footpath closure and the diversion route, as well the locations of the signage.

The footpath will be closed from May to December 2022.



Step 2 (Calverley area to Apperley Bridge)

The planning application for Step 2 of the scheme was submitted in January this year. We notified stakeholders, including landowners and residents about the planning submission with a bespoke newsletter and with a press release.

Residents and businesses were given the opportunity to provide their feedback on our plans between January and May. On 19th May, our application was presented to Leeds City Council's Plans Panel and was approved. Now that we have achieved this major milestone, we will be able to commence construction of the new flood defence measures as early as summer 2021. Preparatory works for the construction of these defences, including the construction of the access track for the flood control building and flood storage area between Horsforth and Rawdon will be begin immediately.



[Read our press release to find out more.](#)

Prior to a planning decision, we continued to develop the detailed design for the flood storage area and the linear defences in Apperley Bridge. Additional drone surveys have been undertaken to assist with the detailed design. Ground investigation works and utility surveys have also taken place in Zone 14 and 15, which are helping to inform the detailed design. Site visits have taken place with residents in the area of Waterloo Crescent and Parkin Lane, which have received a largely positive response.

Keep in touch

In response to Covid-19, the regular surgeries at the Viaduct Road Project Office are still temporarily paused. These will recommence as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the scheme, please contact the team via email at lfas@leeds.gov.uk. Phone or MS Teams calls with the team can be arranged if you would like to talk through any specific questions relating to your home or business.

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Zone map

