

Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme (Phase 2)

Progress update at the flood storage area, Zone 14

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This brief update provides details of works in Calverley in the next few weeks, as part of the flood alleviation scheme. In addition to the update sent in September, we are writing to provide a further update to inform you of intensive work that will be starting on 25th October 2021.

The aim of the scheme is to achieve a standard of protection that will protect existing communities and businesses, and allow for future development along the River Aire corridor by significantly reducing flood risk. Step 1 of Phase 2 of the scheme has seen the start of construction of flood defences along the River Aire from Wellington Street to Newlay. Step 2 concerns work between Horsforth Vale and Apperley Bridge, Bradford.

Current works in Zone 14

We were granted planning permission in May to construct a flow control structure. This enabled us to begin work to create the flood storage area near Calverley.

In order to build the flow control structure, which will facilitate the flood storage area, we are diverting the river in order to create a dry working enclosure, known as a cofferdam.

So far, we have been installing sheet piling in the riverbed around the cofferdam. From this week, you may experience increased levels of noise and vibrations from preliminary drilling and piling rigs, as we encounter varying ground conditions in the area.

We are minimising disruption by only working between the hours of 8am and 5pm on weekdays. We anticipate the installation of sheet piles around the cofferdam to be completed in mid-November.

As you may know, we have created a viewing platform on the public footpath alongside the site and the access track, to allow members of the public to view the site from a safe distance. Here, you can also see our information boards which explain what we are doing on site.

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding throughout the duration of these works. If you have any questions about the flood alleviation scheme in general, please visit our website at www.leeds.gov.uk/fas, or contact us on lfas@leeds.gov.uk.

