

Arundel Tidal Defences Scheme - Phase 1

Newsletter 3- October 2019

What's been happening?

You may have attended one of our public information events in May 2019. The images and plans of the scheme presented can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/arundel-tidal-defence-scheme/arundel-tidal-defence-scheme-phase-1>.

We have changed the design of the new steel sheet pile wall at River Road. This will now incorporate a steel capping beam to make it more sympathetic to local heritage in Arundel, rather than one constructed from concrete. We have appointed our contractor Mackleys to build the scheme.

We are starting construction at the end of October 2019

Our two main site compounds will be in the overflow car park at Mill Road car park (where we have already started to set up) and in the car park at River Road which will be closed from 28 October 2019. You will see us setting up our equipment in the river from the first week of November 2019.

Construction of the new flood defence at River Road and Tarrant Wharf and works to strengthen the river wall along Fitzalan Road will start in November 2019. These works will continue to February 2020 (Fitzalan Road/Tarrant Wharf) and May 2020 (River Road).

Works to the embankments south of the A27 bridge are scheduled to take place between April and June 2020.

During construction, signage and other measures will be put in place to allow us to complete the scheme safely, including flood warning and emergency response plans for the duration of the works.

How will you be affected?

Our on-site working hours will be between 07:30 – 18:00 Monday to Friday and between 07:30 – 13:00 Saturdays. Construction works will be stopped for 2 weeks over the Christmas period from 20 December 2019 until 6 January 2020.

A number of traffic/parking restrictions and footpath closures will be in place at times during construction. These are shown on the plan overleaf. There will be some noise while we are working from movement of vehicles and equipment and from generators. We will monitor noise levels closely throughout the works.

Whilst we will work hard to minimise the disruption, we appreciate your patience and support.

How we plan to keep you informed

Our plans will be widely communicated; on our webpage, in a variety of other publically accessible ways and directly to those most affected. We will work closely with the Town Council and our local authority partners to provide regular updates about the timings of activities that will cause the most disruption. We are delivering this newsletter widely across Arundel, please pass this onto anyone who may be interested. Anyone worried about their situation should contact us directly about their concerns.

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Arun Street and Public Garden

There will be no parking restrictions in Arun Street, but there will be vehicle movements to the public garden, which will be closed from January 2020. We will fully re-instate the condition of the garden after the works are complete.

Tarrant St and Surrey St- Traffic and Parking

There will be road closures and parking restrictions in Tarrant Street and Surrey Street from January 2020. This will affect 24 spaces daily during on-site working hours. We are considering alternative parking that could be used during this time.

River Road- Parking

River Road Car Park and 3 on street spaces will be closed between 28 October 2019 and February 2020. Permit holders will be able to park in Crown Yard car park during this period.

River Arun- restrictions

Large machinery will be situated in the river whilst the new defences are built. There will be restrictions in place for river users and also times where the river will be closed to allow us to safely move, set up and use large equipment.

Footpath access

Access along the footpath by the Mill Road car park will also be affected for short periods whilst we lift equipment into the river. The main site compound is shown in purple.

Footpaths south of the A27 Bridge

There will be closures in spring/summer 2020, when we start work to raise the river banks.

Riverbank path between A27 Bridge and Queen Street Bridge

Whilst we are doing work along Fitzalan Road between November 2019 and February 2020 there will be no access to the riverbank path. We will gain access to the path via the ramp at Queen Street bridge.

Fitzalan Rd- Traffic and parking

There may be increased traffic flow and some parking disruption during November 2019 and February 2020. There will also be small site compounds located in this area.

Access Routes- Traffic

There will be increased traffic from the A27 roundabouts into the centre of Arundel, via Surrey Street as well as along The Causeway and over Queen Street Bridge. Planned access routes are highlighted in orange.

