

# Arundel Tidal Defences Scheme - Phase 1

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## Piling works River Road will resume on 26 March 2020

Starting at Arun Street Gardens, the construction works are expected to take 5 weeks to complete.

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

From 23 March 2020, you will start to see on-site activities increase at River Road. The main activities are highlighted on the plan overleaf.



The jack-up barge in Arundel for working in water environments.

## What can I expect when piling starts?

Our contractors need to use vibration and impact hammers to insert the piles rather than 'pressing' them into the river bed. **Please be aware that this will be a noisy activity.**

**Our current on-site working hours are between 07:30 – 18:00 Monday to Friday and between 07:30 – 13:00 Saturdays.**

We will monitor noise and vibration levels closely throughout the works including from vehicles, equipment and generators.

## Protecting the environment

Construction of the new river wall remains technically difficult and expensive. As with any engineering project there are some risks associated with the activities involved. We continue to monitor and manage these, including the potential impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

We will continue to manage the risks to people, and their property and take measures to protect animals and wildlife in the river environment.

## What about other locations?

Works to strengthen the river wall along Fitzalan Road will be complete by the end of March 2020. Improvements to the earth embankments south of the A27 bridge are scheduled to take place between April and June 2020.

## Supporting the community and keeping you informed

We will communicate our plans as widely as we can. We will work closely with our local authority partners to provide regular updates about the timings of activities that will cause the most disruption. Anyone worried about their situation and the impact of our activities should contact us directly about their concerns.

If you would like to be added to our email newsletter distribution list, please contact us to provide your email address.

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**Arun Street and Public Garden**

In late March or early April parking restrictions on Arun Street. The closure of Arun Street Gardens will be required for one working day.

We will fully re-instate the condition of the garden after the works are complete.

**River Road- Parking**

River Road Car Park and 3 on street spaces will continue be closed until construction works are complete.

**River Road Car Park**

We are expecting three main large deliveries to River Road car park in March 2020: piling hammers on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>), materials on Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup>) and 15 sheet piles on Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>).

More sheet pile are expected to be delivered in early April 2020.

In mid-April 2020 material required to backfill void areas between the new sheet piling and existing frontage will be delivered by road to River Road car park.

**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.

