

Tenbury Wells Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) - Spring Addition, May 2023

Background

The Tenbury Wells Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) aims to reduce the risk of flooding from the River Teme and Kyre Brook. The proposed scheme is estimated to provide increased river flood protection to 120 residential properties and 145 commercial properties in Tenbury Wells.

Ongoing project activities

We have undertaken a detailed economic assessment, which has identified additional scheme benefits, giving us greater confidence that the scheme is viable. In addition to this, we are pleased to announce that the scheme has been awarded an additional £2.5 million from the Frequently Flooded Allowance (FFA) fund, allocated by the government. We will continue to work with partners over the next phase, to bridge the remaining funding gap.

Whilst the scheme is being undertaken to mitigate flooding from the River Teme and Kyre Brook, there will be a residual risk of flooding from other sources, namely surface water and groundwater. We have therefore applied for an additional £100k of funding from the FFA to support the development of an integrated study to consider other forms of flooding in Tenbury. This has been approved and will enable our partners at Severn Trent Water and Worcestershire County Council to progress this work in collaboration with us.

The focused working groups which have been established with St. Mary's Church, are well underway, and are enabling positive, detailed conversations to help us finalise the alignment around Church Street and support the development of the associated faculty applications.

The Community Flood Plan group has had a successful first meeting, and the development of the operational plan is underway. This group involves representatives from the Flood Action Group, Tenbury Town Council, the Fire Service, Worcestershire County Council, National Flood Forum, and the Environment Agency.

Next steps

Detailed work continues with the planning application and supporting documentation, and we are meeting with key stakeholders to support design development and to progress the Community Flood Plan.

Conscious of the increasing costs associated with infrastructure projects in the UK, we will complete several value engineering exercises over the next phase, to ensure the proposed solution is proportionate and affordable.

We are planning to host a public engagement event in early summer, to provide an update on scheme progress. Details of this event will be advertised locally, once dates and a venue has been confirmed.

Frequently asked question document (FAQ)

We have produced an FAQ document for this scheme, which is saved on our online information page - the link is in the 'Further information' section below. This FAQ document will be added to and updated as the scheme progresses, so please continue to refer to it in the first instance if you have any questions.

Further information

We will continue to provide regular updates about the scheme through our newsletters and online information page which can be accessed through <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/tenbury-wells-flood-risk-management-scheme>.

If you would like to receive our newsletter, please email your contact details to Tenbury.FRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk or call our National Customer Contact Centre during office hours on 03708 506 506 and we will add you to our mailing list.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update.