

Tenbury FRMS – September 2024



Agenda

- Overview
- Funding
- Delivery Risks
- Focus areas

Overview

- Community design workshops complete
- Outline design for the scheme based on community needs complete – there are some compromises for all
- Detailed cost assessment complete (results below)
- General Election – Comms & Engagement

Funding

The community design workshops demonstrated the complexity of the design. This requires a far bigger budget than originally anticipated.

- £60m of benefits.
- Work done by the EA and MP Harriet Baldwin potentially allows the scheme access to £17.2m of funding.
- Outline Business Case cost forecast was £13m-£14m
- Following the community design workshops and the detailed cost review, the latest cost estimate is: £25m - £30m, leaving a funding gap of £8m - £13m

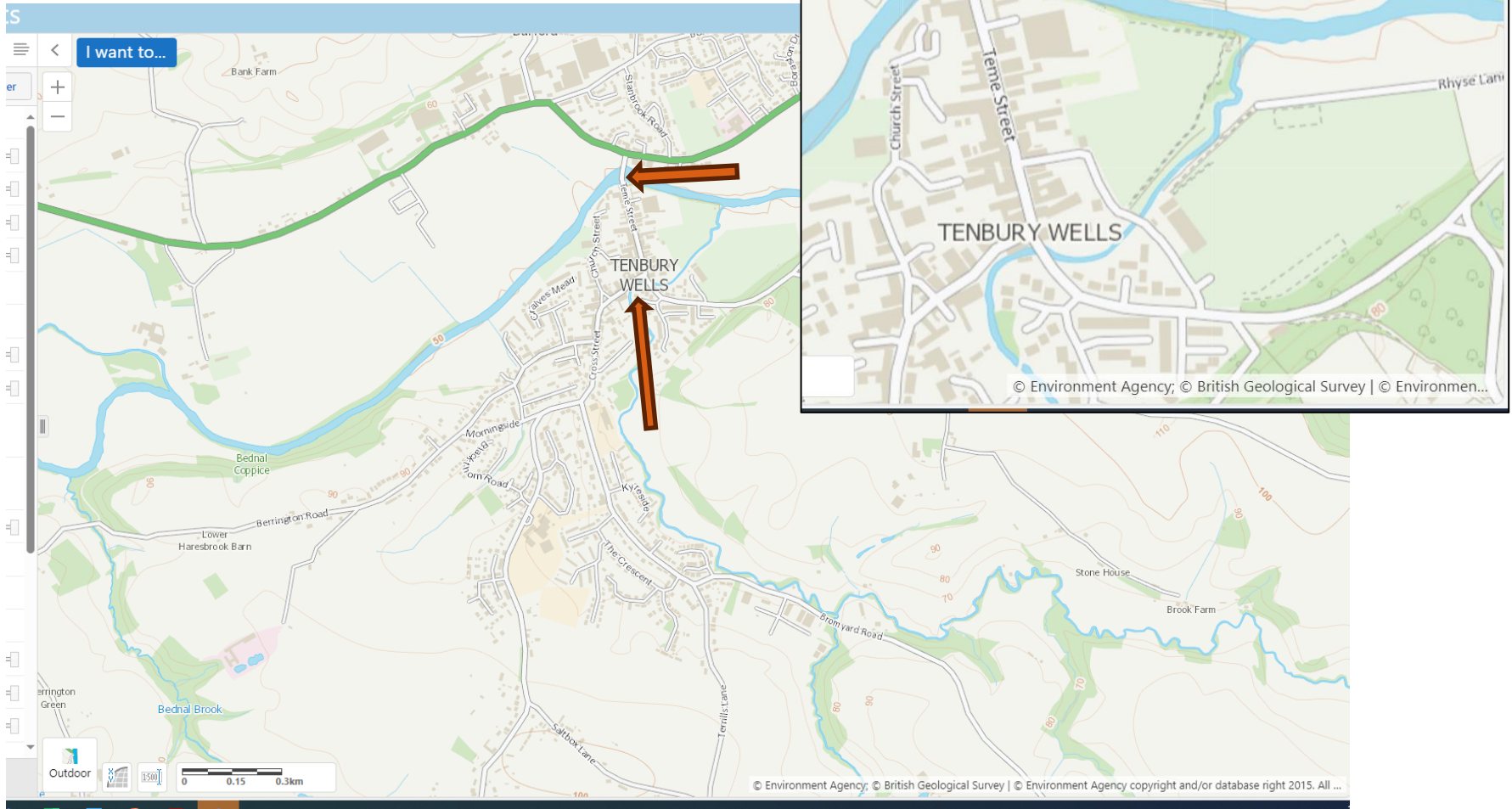
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Other key delivery risks that have come out of the community design workshops:

- Delivery impacts
- Operational needs
- Third party assets



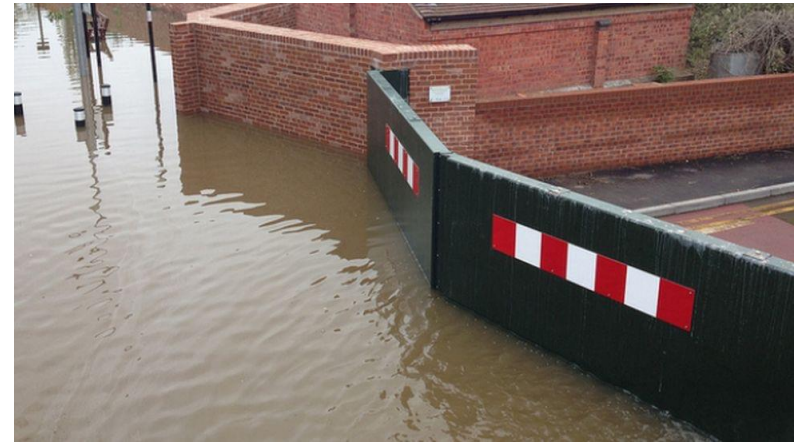
Delivery impacts



- Road closures on the two main road links
- Potential for families to be relocated from two or three areas for 6-month periods

Operational Challenges

- 20 flood gates are required - including across the main road into the town.
- Notice to close the gates will be very short.
- There will be false closures due to the rapid nature and forecasting challenges – this will frustrate the community at times.
- We (the Environment Agency) will not be able to operate these gates – we won't be able to get there fast enough.
- Automation is unlikely for cost and complexity reasons.
- Partners have shown interest, but agreements are not yet in place – what can you offer?



Third party assets: Market Street

- Only option is to render the riverside of the properties and offer Property Flood Resilience (PFR) for the doors and windows.
- Risk: PFR may not be deployed by the community in time.
- Risk: there could be structural issues with the properties in the future.



Next steps

For the next six months the project teams focus area will be:

- Review funding options and explore any opportunities with partners
- Work with the community to resolve the operational challenges – flood gate closure and PFR deployment

The two items must be resolved before the scheme can progress.

Questions