

Keeping you informed

Wheel Hall Flood Defence Repair Works

December 2022

This newsletter is to provide an update on the Environment Agency's current work to carry out flood defence repair works at Wheel Hall, North Yorkshire.

Current Situation

Erosion of the riverbank on the River Ouse between Kellfield and Riccall has resulted in land instability, with slope failures within the riverbank adjacent to Wheel Hall Farm, resulting in the potential for increased risk of flooding in the area. The Environment Agency has installed continuous monitoring equipment in this location to ensure we are able to investigate the causes and potential solutions.

What has been done so far

The Environment Agency has previously placed sandbags and specialist waterproof sheeting along the toe of the embankment as a short-term measure to prevent any further deterioration whilst we investigate what permanent works are required. We will be carrying out a full repair to the defence alignment and are currently working with our consultants to produce design options to prevent further slippage and reinstate standard of protection.



Current temporary repairs along the bank at Wheel Hall Farm

Temporary Works

In order to ensure the standard of flood protection for nearby properties is maintained during the coming winter months, we will be carrying out repairs to the current sandbag structure prior to 23rd December.

Following this, we will commence ground investigation and trial pit sampling works ahead of installing sheet piling to provide a more robust interim solution. We anticipate this work to begin week commencing 9th January with staff arriving on to site to set up compound and access ahead of the works.

As such you will begin to see an increase in operational staff and machinery in the vicinity (Environment Agency and BAM Nuttall) who are working closely with local landowners on this matter.



During this period, the Public Right of Way between Kellfield and Riccall adjacent to Wheel Hall Farm will remain closed until the completion of the main works to ensure the health and safety of the public whilst we carry out these essential works. Further information can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-public-notice

We will continue to keep you informed with the next stages of the project once a final design is in place for the longer term solution.

We hope this work does not cause you any inconvenience but if you have any questions or queries please contact our National Customer Contact Centre on **03708 506 506** and ask to speak to a member of the Wheel Hall team or email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

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