

Tenbury Wells Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) - November 2022

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

The project team continue to look at ways in which we can find additional benefits through re-evaluating the flood model for the scheme. This approach looks to increase the viability of the scheme.

The properties already identified as benefitting from Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures have all now been surveyed. The next stage of the PFR element of the scheme will be to assess what measures may be suitable for each property in partnership with those homeowners.

The project team continue to engage with the Hereford Anglican Church concerning the scheme's design around the church and the churchyard. There is ongoing dialogue with the heritage stakeholders in regards to the church specifically. The other heritage sensitive areas of the scheme also continue to be addressed.

The community Flood Plan is progressing well thanks to collaboration with Tenbury Town Council, Flood Action Group and the Fire Service. We will be looking to continue this collaborative work going forward to develop the Flood Plan.

Funding Gap

The Flood Risk Management Scheme in Tenbury Wells remains a complex design. It must consider the significant context of the area such as heritage, history, the environment and working within the church graveyard.

There have been more than expected engineering constraints, unforeseen changes in design, and industry wide increases in material costs. This has led to cost increases and programme delays of several months.

The project team were working with a funding gap already, and with project cost increases there is a £3.2 million funding gap. All partners, including the Environment Agency, Worcestershire County Council and Malvern Hills District Council are working very hard to bridge this gap. We have identified, and applied for, additional sources of funding which could satisfy this demand.

Next steps

We will continue to explore opportunities to reduce capital costs and increase benefits through partnership working, design modification and value engineering to achieve a viable scheme.

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The project team will continue to consult stakeholders and landowners to work towards a final design for all locations. The final design will form part of the planning application.

We are moving forward with the internal approval of the scheme, and we expect this to be determined in the coming months. Then we will move to the next more detailed stage.

This timeframe will depend on a variety of factors, including securing funding shortfall, obtaining necessary approvals and any unforeseen engineering challenges on site.

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.