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Keeping you informed

York Flood Alleviation Scheme

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated on the work we're doing to reduce the risk of flooding in York at a time when public interaction is being restricted due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Flood defence work to continue

Following the latest government guidance, our current priorities are:

- The health, safety and wellbeing of everyone
- Protecting lives
- Preventing serious harm to the environment.

Our work to reduce the risk of flooding in York has been identified as essential by the government and they are keen for us to continue with this, where it remains safe to do so.

You may see our staff and our contractors continue working to maintain many of our critical assets. This will include clearing trash screens, maintaining pumping stations and cutting grass on critical flood banks so that our assets continue to provide flood protection to homes and businesses.

We will also continue to work on our projects to build new flood defences for your protection. Following Public Health England's advice, our contractors have been trained in safe ways of working and will not put anyone at risk. If the work cannot be done safely it will stop.

We hope this reassures you that where you see our people and our contractors working, they will be operating safely and ultimately aiming to make progress with work that will better protect your community.

Funding deadlines extended

We anticipate that all our work will be impacted by the controls the government have put in place. This is likely to mean that completion dates for new projects will slip and other key activities may take place at less regular intervals.

Following the floods of December 2015, the government allocated an additional £45.2 million to the Environment Agency to better protect 2,000 properties in York by March 2021.

Given the current situation, we will not complete all our projects by this deadline.

We have had assurances that any unspent funding will be carried over beyond March 2021, with further funding being made available to cover any additional costs. This will allow us to fulfil our aim to better protect over 2,000 York properties from flooding.

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Get in touch to find out how we're reducing the risk of flooding in York

