

Keeping you informed

Wharfedale flooding study

Issue 1

Welcome to the first edition of 'Keeping you informed Wharfedale', a newsletter aimed at keeping those working and living along the River Wharfe up to date on our work to better understand flood risk in the area.

You are receiving this newsletter because you live in the Wharfedale area. If you would like to continue receiving updates, please send your name and contact details to FRM@leeds.gov.uk.

BACKGROUND

The Boxing Day floods in 2015 affected many communities along the River Wharfe after extreme weather conditions caused the river to overtop its banks.

As a response, funding was secured to investigate flood risk in the catchment and assess the potential impact of options to reduce this risk in five locations:

- Collingham
- Wetherby
- Thorpe Arch
- Boston Spa
- Linton

What we have done so far

We are undertaking a feasibility study to assess the extent of flood risk in the Wharfe catchment. A big part of this is hydraulic modelling which will highlight the existing level of flood risk in the area.

The model is being reviewed and will need approval before options are developed using this information. At the next stage of works, we will use the new model to test a selection of flood alleviation measures which are aimed at reducing flood risk from the River Wharfe and Collingham Beck.

Timeline

Modelling approval from the Environment Agency: October/November

Testing of options: November 2020 – January 2021. This will involve modelling of each proposal so we can better understand how effective these measures will be to reduce flood risk.

Consultation feedback review: December 2020– February 2021.

Completion of study – spring 2021.

Getting involved

We are committed to engaging with local residents and businesses and would like the opportunity to hear your views on the options we're considering.

We would also like to hear about your experiences of flooding to help us validate our work to date and inform the next phase of work.

To get involved, visit our website www.leeds.gov.uk/wharfedalefloodstudy.

Here you will find a descriptions of the different options we're considering, as well as flooding modelling maps and other useful supporting materials.

You can submit your comments via an online survey which can be found on the above webpage.

Hard copies and alternative formats of our materials can also be arranged via telephone on 0113 378 7304.