

Ouse Washes Section 10 Works

Stakeholder Update

December 2020

Welney bank raising and barrier works

Bank raising work

For the second year running we have had to contend with extreme wet weather during September and October which has caused delays to the current construction programme.

We anticipate that the programme will finish in summer 2022 (Year 6). We expected to complete the bank raising works in 2020 and we will now complete in 2021.

We will need to return next year to complete the bank works and undertake haul road repairs and reinstatement between:

- Welney and the railway bridge
- Welches Dam and the railway bridge
- A142, Mepal

Challenge

We need to complete the bank raising works before we can start the barrier works.

We cannot do the bank raising works and barrier works at the same time due to limited access at Welney.

Welney is the only delivery access point for the bank raising work at this location and there is not enough room for the lorry deliveries of clay and to do the barrier works safely.

Online consultation results

As you are aware, we held a consultation asking stakeholders and communities of the Ouse Washes their views on when to close the road to construct the flood barrier's concrete foundations. The survey closed on 30 September.

Due to the delay in completing the bank raising work this year our contractor needs more time to work the results into a new construction programme. This time is needed to consider the most efficient way to deliver the work taking into account the communities' opinions.

Next steps

Once our contractor has finalised the construction programme, we will arrange a facilitated call with you early in 2021 to discuss the results and the next steps for the project. In the meantime, would you like to nominate one representative from your organisation to attend the meeting? Please send contact details to our Public Liaison Officer Monica Stonham, **by Friday 8 January**, using the details below, who will arrange the meeting.

Thank you

We appreciate that it has been another challenging year, not just for the project team, but especially for the local community, and we would like to thank all our stakeholders and surrounding communities for their continued support.

If you would like to know more about the project don't hesitate to contact our Public Liaison Officer, Monica Stonham at ousewashesprojectea@gmail.com or on 07534 457348.

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