

Boston Haven Banks Improvement Scheme



Scheme Overview

The Boston Haven Banks Improvement Scheme is part of the Boston Combined Strategy, which will better protect over 17,000 properties in the area from the risk of tidal flooding.

The Haven Banks Scheme includes works to both banks of the River Haven and extends from the Port of Boston, continuing downstream to the Wash.

The northern flood bank works cover 4.6km of embankment, from Maud Foster Sluice to the Hobhole Drain.

The southern flood bank works cover 6.2km of embankment, starting from the Riverside Industrial Estate and terminating close to RSPB Frampton Marsh.

The overall intent of the scheme is to increase the height of the embankments to a minimum height of 6.50 metres AOD (Above Ordnance Datum).

Working during coronavirus

Work continues to progress on the Boston Haven Banks project, which is classed as essential work by the Government. Contractors have strict precautionary measures in place in line with government guidelines and coronavirus restrictions, to ensure the health and safety of Haven Banks workers and the general public.



Progress to date

Importing clay to raise and strengthen the existing embankments

Site compounds have been established at Nursery Road on the south bank) and close to the Pilgrim's Memorial on the north bank.

Work has commenced on both embankments (photos below) and progress is steady, with the works remaining on programme.



The Jolly Sailor

In the first phase of works, a sheet pile wall was installed at The Jolly Sailor.

Works have now re-started to complete the sheet pile wall installation and landscaping. The embankment raising in this area will be one of the first areas of the scheme to be completed.

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Boston Horsetail survey

An ecological survey has been carried out to identify the rare and protected species of plant Boston Horsetail.

Numerous specimens have been found in the area near Slippery Gowt and this is one of the only places in the country that the plant can be found. The plants will be safely removed and looked after during the works to avoid any damage, before being replanted when work is complete.



Current programme

Year 2: April to October 2020

North Bank Works

- Complete works at Jolly Sailor.
- Embankment works; Maud Foster to Hob Hole sluice.
- Creation of maintenance vehicle turning areas.
- Replacement of Skirbeck outfall.
- Structural works to Maud Foster Sluice floodwall.

South Bank works

- Embankment works at the North East Corner of Riverside Industrial Estate to RSPB Frampton.
- Creation of maintenance vehicle turning area.

Public footpath diversions

A diversion route is in place south of the Haven Country Park, down to the Hobhole bank. Closure and diversion signs are in place which will guide all pedestrians towards Nunns Bridge and Hobhole, continuing the walk towards The Wash.

There is also a footpath closure on the south bank. A diversion route is signed from the landfill site down to the Wyberton Pumping Station to aid anyone walking this way. Please follow the signs if you see them.

Work has now started to the river bank in Haven Country Park, and much of this area will be closed to the public during completion of the works. Please respect the signs and site boundaries to allow work to continue safely

Drop-in events

There were originally two drop events scheduled in March 2020. The decision was made to postpone them due to the advice from the Government and in line with coronavirus guidelines.

We are still keen to receive feedback on how the works are being conducted and are hoping to reschedule drop in events later this year.

Find out more

If you have any questions or comments about the Boston Haven Banks Improvement Scheme, please contact Dave Brown on 07585 982 624 or email:

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Working in partnership

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