

## Boston Barrier Newsletter

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This newsletter is to update you about progress with the Boston Barrier tidal flood defence project. The barrier is part of a phased approach to reduce the risk of tidal flooding to 20,000 properties in Boston over the next 100 years.

### Deputy Mayor opens Community Hub

On 5 August the Deputy Mayor of Boston, Cllr Colin Brotherton, opened the Boston Barrier Community Hub on Marsh Lane. Cllr Brotherton said: "I am delighted to open the Boston Barrier Community Hub; it will be an important central point for the whole Boston community to find out more about this much needed tidal flood defence. I would encourage everyone in Boston to visit the hub to find out more about the project and ask any questions they have to the project team. The opening of this community hub is another significant step towards having the barrier completed by December 2019."



**IMPORTANT: from 16 September 2015, the Community Hub will open from 12-7pm every Wednesday.**

### In other local news: still time to share your views on managing flood risk in the Black Sluice Catchment

A public consultation on the best way to manage flood risk in the Black Sluice Catchment (the area around the South Forty Foot Drain including Black Sluice Pumping Station) will end on 27 September 2015. Black Sluice Pumping Station was built in 1946 and all five of its pumps are at the end of their working life. The Environment Agency is looking at options for the future of Black Sluice Pumping Station, including refurbishment, decommissioning or transferring it to Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board.

Consultation events are planned at: Rippingale Village Hall on 10 September and Bicker Village Hall on 22 September. The project team will also be at the Black Sluice IDB offices, Station Road, Swineshead from 10am-3pm on: 1 and 14 September. The consultation can be accessed online at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/>. If you have any comments about the consultation or would like a copy of the consultation document and a response form then please call 01522 785904 or email [BlackSluiceCatchment@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:BlackSluiceCatchment@environment-agency.gov.uk)

