

## Boston Barrier Newsletter

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### Lincolnshire County Council decision

Lincolnshire County Council will invest £11million in waterway projects in and around Boston to help regenerate the town.

Future waterways improvements like the Fens Waterways Link are possible because the Boston Barrier could, following further consultation and assessments, be used to hold water in the Haven - known as water level management.

A spokesperson for Lincolnshire County Council said, "The Fens Waterways Link and water level management together will bring major economic benefits to the whole Fens region. To ensure Boston is enabled to take full advantage of the opportunities that will emerge Lincolnshire County Council is investing £11million in and around Boston's waterways.

"The Fens Waterways Link is developing at a slower pace than the Boston Barrier and this means that investing in water level management now would leave Boston waiting to see those economic benefits. Other options have been explored including schemes in and around Boston's waterways that would bring forward some of the economic benefits. These developments will be taken through their own processes of consents after further consultation and appraisal has been undertaken.

"This phased approach, where we all work towards water level management to coincide with the Fens Waterways Link in the future, has been approved by Lincolnshire County Council's Executive Committee."

In the last Autumn Statement, the government committed to funding the Boston Barrier over the next six years – which means that the flood defence scheme remains on track to start construction in 2017 and be completed by December 2019.

### Do you have any questions?

The Boston Barrier team is available to answer any questions about the scheme. Email [Boston.Barrier@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Boston.Barrier@environment-agency.gov.uk) or call 07747 640663.

