

Boston Barrier Newsletter

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Barrier environmental surveys

We are currently working on environmental surveys to support a Transport and Works Act Order application for the Boston Barrier. Environmental surveys provide a snapshot of what an area is like at the time of surveying and help identify what needs to be done to reduce, or where possible remove, the likely impacts of the scheme on local people and wildlife. This month we will be monitoring baseline sound levels around the proposed site of the barrier (pictured). In April we will begin reptile surveys to see what species are present in the area.



3D model available to view at council offices

A display about the Boston Barrier has gone on show at Boston Borough Council's offices on West Street. The exhibition - in the atrium area - features a 3D model of the barrier and information panels used in the November 2014 public exhibitions about the project. Adam Robinson, Boston Barrier Manager for the Environment Agency, said: "We want to make sure that everyone living in Boston can come and find out more about the project. The exhibition will be on display in Boston Borough Council offices until further notice."

Watch our Youtube video

A 5 minute video about how the barrier could look and work <http://youtu.be/YpGqidXD6kw>

Work on Slippery Gowt flood bank

Work has started to improve the flood bank at Slippery Gowt on the Boston Haven. The flood defence was damaged by the tidal surge on 5 December 2013 - flooding the landfill site and commercial properties on Riverside Industrial Estate.



As part of the work, the height and width of the bank will be increased. Mark Robinson, Senior Coastal Advisor for the Environment Agency said: "This is good news for the Borough of Boston and we remain committed to working in partnership to reduce the risk of tidal flooding in the town and the surrounding communities." The work is expected to take around 10 weeks to complete.



Image: work on the flood bank at Slippy Gowt

Difference between high tides and tidal surges explained on our blog

<https://environmentagency.blog.gov.uk/2015/02/20/super-tides-the-weather-and-coastal-flood-risk/>

Key project dates

Now – early 2016

- Preliminary design of the barrier, Environmental Impact Assessment and preparation of Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application.

Early 2016 - Summer 2017

- TWAO application considered by the Secretary of State - includes time for consultation and public inquiry before decision is made.

Autumn 2017- December 2019

- Barrier construction and associated works.

Any questions?

The Boston Barrier project team is available to answer any questions. Contact Boston.Barrier@environment-agency.gov.uk or 07747 640663.

