

Boston Barrier Newsletter

November 2015

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.

New information about the Boston Barrier

New information about the Boston Barrier will be available online and at the Boston Barrier Community Hub from Wednesday 25 November 2015. A new video will show all the latest design changes and the tidal flood defence scheme in more detail than ever before. There will also be new exhibition panels available to provide further information about the scheme. To launch the new information the project team will be available to speak to residents at the following events:

- Wednesday 25 November 2015, **Boston Barrier Community Hub**, 12pm-7pm
- Thursday 26 November 2015, **Boston Christmas Lights Switch On, Market Square**, 12pm-8pm
- Friday 27 November 2015, **Boston Barrier Community Hub**, 12pm-7pm
- Tuesday 1 December 2015, **Boston Barrier Community Hub**, 12pm-7pm
- Wednesday 2 December 2015, **Boston Barrier Community Hub**, 12pm-7pm
- Thursday 3 December 2015, **Boston Barrier Community Hub**, 12pm-7pm

Keep checking www.facebook.com/BostonBarrier for more information about our events and to be one of the first to see the new video when it's released.

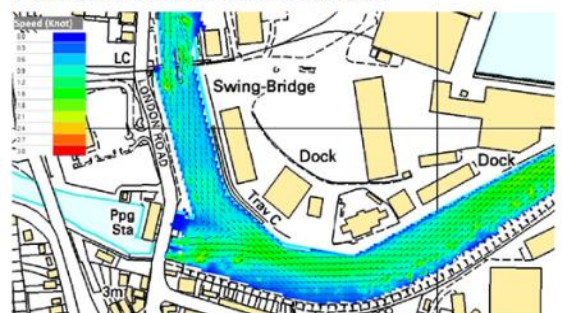
Modelling flows in the Haven

We have been modelling the impact of the barrier on flows in the Haven and meeting with river users to discuss this.

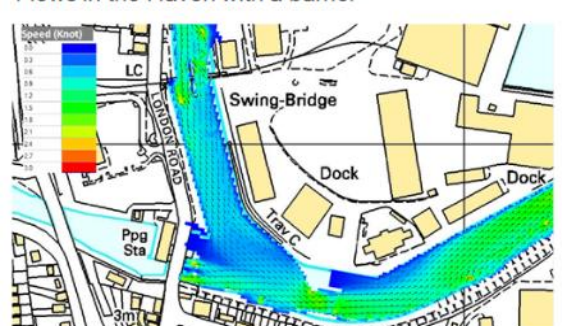
The graphic on the right shows the average maximum flows in the Haven with and without a 25 metre barrier in place. The colours are used to show the speed of river flows in knots. Dark blue represents the lowest flow speeds and red represents the highest flow speeds. So you can see in the example opposite there will be no significant change in the velocity of river flows during average flows as a result of the barrier.

We will continue to meet with river users to discuss this in more detail – including how we plan to maintain navigation during construction of the barrier - on the run-up to submitting the Transport and Works Act Order Application in spring 2016.

Flows in the Haven without a barrier



Flows in the Haven with a barrier



Appointing a construction partner

This month we have been meeting with prospective companies to talk about the detailed design and construction of the Boston Barrier. We have been inviting suppliers to Boston discuss the project and answer questions before the formal tendering process begins.

We aim to have a contractor on board by summer 2016 so that we can start detailed design for the when the Transport and Works Act Order application is submitted. This will allow construction to begin as soon as possible - subject to the necessary approvals being in place.

Key dates for the Boston Barrier

- Spring 2016 – submit Transport & Works Act Order application
- Summer 2016 – design and build contractor starts detailed design work.
- Late 2017 – construction of Boston Barrier and associated works starts.
- December 2019 – construction of Boston Barrier and associated works is completed.

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