

## Boston Barrier Newsletter

22 October 2014

### Boston Barrier public exhibitions

A series of public exhibitions will take place in November to inform you about the plans for the Boston Barrier. The exhibitions will give you the latest design information about the project as well as the chance to ask the team any questions.

The dates, times and venues of the exhibitions are below:

- Wednesday 5 November, 12noon-7pm, St Thomas' Church Hall, London Road.
- Thursday 6 November, 10.30am-5.30pm, St Nicholas Community Centre, Fishtoft Road, Boston.
- Tuesday 11 November, 12pm-7pm, Black Sluice Lock Keepers Cottages.

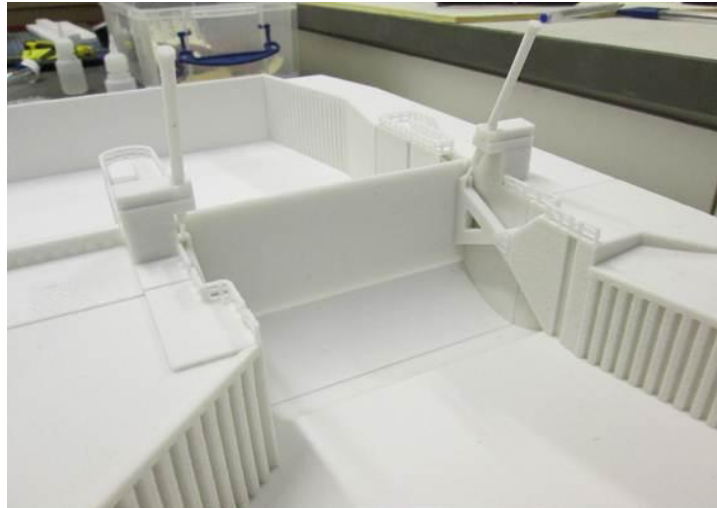


Image: 3D model of the Boston Barrier

People attending the exhibitions can expect to see a 3D plastic model of the preliminary design of the Boston Barrier (see image above) and a computer animation of the proposed barrier site – which have never been seen in public before.

The exhibitions will run as drop-ins, which mean that you can come along at any time to view the information and speak to member of the project team.

**Can't make one of the events?** If you can't make one of the public exhibitions, but would still like to ask a question about the project email [Boston.Barrier@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Boston.Barrier@environment-agency.gov.uk) or call 07747 640663.

### Boston Barrier Environmental consultation

This consultation is being launched to seek public opinions about the impact of the barrier on the environment. The consultation will run from 30 October to 10 December 2014 to highlight any issues caused by building or operating the barrier, including navigation, heritage assets, noise and vibration, visual amenity, and biodiversity amongst others. An initial consultation was held in 2011, but significant changes to the project since then means we are now holding another consultation.

To take part in the consultation, visit <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/areas/ne/flood/boston/barrier> after 30 October.

### Boston Barrier economic study

A study is underway to identify the economic opportunities of managing water levels through Boston during the boating season (April to October). It is envisaged that managing water levels will help regenerate the waterfront area of the town and form an important part of the proposed Fens Waterways Link.

Key groups around the River Haven and organisations involved with development in Boston will be contacted by our consultants Richard Glen Associates and McKenzie-Wilson to build a picture of what the potential regeneration benefits of water level management could be for the area.

Managing water levels are managed is very important and our approach needs to be flexible enough to work for all river users. The Boston Barrier team is currently working with boat clubs and river users in Boston to ensure the new flood defence structure does not prevent navigation to and from The Wash.

**Want more information on the Boston Barrier?**

Visit the website at <http://www.boston.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5907>