

Keeping You Informed

Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme

August 2021

The Environment Agency is working with Calderdale Council to design and build a Flood Alleviation Scheme for Hebden Bridge.

Public Zoom Meeting – 10th August Rochdale canal overflow planning application

Over recent months, our delivery partner, Bam Nuttall, has been carrying out ‘early work’ throughout Hebden Bridge in preparation for the main flood alleviation scheme for the town.

Remediation of the Vale Centre site on Stubbing Holme Road is ongoing – this will facilitate the delivery of a canal flood overflow weir.

The function of the overflow weir will be to reduce flooding to canal front properties upstream of the aqueduct in the centre of Hebden Bridge by discharging excess water into the River Calder.

During significant storm/flood events, the additional water flowing into the Rochdale Canal exceeds the capacity of its available overflows. As a result, flooding occurs at low spots along the canal which affects canal front properties upstream of the aqueduct over the River Calder.

What’s happening?

Later this month we will submit a planning application to Calderdale Council for our preferred solution of this canal overflow weir, which would be located adjacent to the former Adult Learning Centre site between Stubbing Holme Road and Hebble End.

Ahead of the planning submission, we would like to provide an opportunity for you to find out more information about our plans for this work and answer any questions you may have.

Public Zoom Meeting

A public zoom meeting will be held on 10 August at 7pm.

If you would be interested in joining the meeting to find out more about the canal overflow planning submission, please email

HebdenBridgeFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk and we will forward a link for you to access the zoom meeting.

To receive copies of updates about the progress of our work via email, please send ‘subscribe’ to the email address above.

Updates can also be found on www.eyeoncalderdale.com under the Flood Works / Hebden Bridge FAS pages.

Hebden Bridge FAS – Fluvial & Surface Water

Planning submission for the fluvial and surface water elements of the scheme will be submitted early next year, with construction programmed for summer 2022.

Look out for invitations to face to face public meetings and virtual zoom meetings where we will share the proposals with you ahead of submissions and provide an opportunity to ask questions and speak to the project team.

