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Copley Flood Alleviation Scheme - Work Commencing

The Environment Agency is working with Calderdale Council to design and construct a flood alleviation scheme for Copley. Over the past few years we have carried out several temporary repairs to the embankment, whilst we have been developing a project to better protect the village against future flood risk.

We are now able to commence the first stage of construction work for the project, which will involve improvements to the existing flood embankment that surrounds the village. The main element of the construction work is due to start in the springtime this year. However, you will now begin to see work commencing in the area, which will start with survey work and vegetation clearance along the embankment. The vegetation clearance work is necessary to allow surveys to be undertaken and to reduce the risk of nesting birds. Whilst this work is being carried out, the embankment area will be closed to the public. The map below shows the construction activities that will take place as part of the works on the embankment.



Please note that the public footpath that crosses the embankment adjacent to St Stephens Street will be closed for the duration of the embankment works and a diversion in place.

Unfortunately to carry out the work, we will have to remove a small amount of trees in the area along the embankment. As such, we are mitigating for the direct loss of trees resulting from our work by planting at a 5 to 1 replanting ratio.

If you have any questions about the flood alleviation scheme for Copley, please let us know by emailing us at CalderdaleFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk. You can also view more information on www.eyeoncalderdale.com.

