

The Environment Agency is working in partnership with Calderdale Council, ARUP and BAM Nuttall to deliver the Copley Flood Alleviation Scheme. This update provides you with information about our progress on the scheme.

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The flood alleviation scheme in Copley involves improvement to the existing flood embankment that surrounds the village, work at the cricket pitch to speed up the rate of drainage and also solutions to manage and reduce surface water risk.



Embankment Work

The main element of the construction work is due to start in the springtime this year. This involves installing sheet piles through the existing embankment (shown on as the red line on the map) to prevent seepage and reduce the risk of collapse.

Please note that the embankment is now closed to the public and will remain closed for the duration of the work.

Progress Update

Over the past month, our contracting partner BAM Nuttall have been carrying out vegetation clearance along the embankment. This is necessary to allow access to the river and carry out essential survey work.

Unfortunately we have had to lose a small number of trees in this area to facilitate the work and we know some of you were sad to see some of the larger trees go. We will however be mitigating for the direct loss of trees resulting from our work by planting trees back at a 5 to 1 ratio.



Photograph: after de-vegetation work

Next Steps

The project team are currently analysing the results of the survey work, which will inform our construction methods for the work ahead. We will shortly be installing a site compound for our operatives – this is shown as the purple area on the map above.

This will be followed by the piling work along the embankment in the springtime. More information can be found out about the nature of the piling work by visiting www.eyeoncalderdale.com/ under Projects/Copley FAS – FAQs. An estimated timeline and programme of work can also be found on www.eyeoncalderdale.com.

For more information about the Copley Flood Alleviation Scheme visit www.eyeoncalderdale.com/ / Projects. You can sign-up to receive this bulletin and general updates to your email address by sending ‘subscribe’ to CopleyFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk

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