

Keeping you informed – October 2018

Otley Flood Alleviation Scheme

Issue 6

Background

This quarterly project update is to ensure that Otley residents and businesses are kept informed about progress and the next steps. Wider flood affected communities along the River Wharfe will receive separate information about the specific activity which is going on in their area.

What's been going on since the last update?

The project team have been busy behind the scenes since the last update. The main activities that have been carried out this quarter include:

- Completed the following surveys: Arboriculture surveys, bat and otter species survey, and Ground Penetrating Radar survey to locate any service crossings underground.
- Completed a culvert survey and gained access from Yorkshire Water to survey their assets.
- Reviewed the modelling to assess the scour under the bridge and bridge foundations.
- A Flood Risk Assessment of the impact on river levels has been undertaken to ensure any options do not increase flood risk upstream or downstream of Otley.
- Various options have been looked at for the vegetation removal / management downstream of Otley Weir.
- Implemented an Environmental Impact Assessment for technical review.
- Undertaken a Risk Management Workshop with relevant department leads.
- Begun early contractor engagement to provide input into the Risk Management Workshop and review low carbon construction options.
- Started undertaking a WFD (Water Framework Directive) scoping study.
- Leeds City Council, The Environment Agency and WSP undertook a volunteer day to remove invasive species from the Islands downstream of Otley Weir. The day was supervised by the River Stewardship Company.

What are the next steps?

- Delivering the Business Case for approval.
- Hydraulic modelling report to be completed.
- The Economic Assessment checks to be completed.
- A further Risk Management Workshop to be undertaken.
- Ecological and botanical surveys to be reviewed by the Project Team.
- Complete the Heritage Site appraisal.
- A further public consultation event will be arranged in the new year to present the preferred option.

Date for your Diary: Interested in meeting the project team and finding out more?

Members of the Project Team will be working regularly from Otley Town Council's office over the next few months, so **please call in for a chat in The Core, Unit 11, Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX** between these times:

Wednesday 7th November 3 – 6pm.

Thursday 13th December 3pm - 6pm

Everyone is welcome to attend so please feel free to pass this event information onto anyone you think may be interested. We look forward to seeing you there.

Who can I contact?

We have changed how we share our information. The Keeping You Informed updates will be posted online via the new Otley Flood Alleviation Scheme webpage on the **Leeds City Council website**. You can find the information here:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/otley-flood-alleviation-scheme>