# Agency Kent Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme Update

Environment

## Kendal, Burneside, Staveley and Ings

The Environment Agency is building Phase One as part of a proposed three phase Flood Risk Management Scheme to better protect residential and business properties from flooding and improve the local environment and community amenities. Some of the benefits proposed from the three phases are;



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#### Phase One - Kendal Town

Our planning application for the first phase was approved unanimously by the South Lakeland District Council Planning Committee. Detailed design of the scheme can now begin with the imminent appointment of the contractor who will construct the scheme.

#### **Phases Two and Three**

We are working towards submitting the planning application for both of these phases. Phase Two would consist of linear defences through Burneside, Staveley and Ings and Phase Three would be the creation of upstream storage and the diversion of flow from Stock Beck in Kendal into the river Mint. The completion of all three phases aims to provide the most vulnerable communities in the Kent catchment with a much greater level of flood protection.

We will provide opportunities in early Summer 2020 for residents, businesses and local interest groups to help shape these parts of the scheme ahead of our planning application submission in Autumn 2020.

### What happens now?

- We are continuing with ground investigation, environmental studies and survey work for all three phases of the scheme.
- We have started detailed design for Phase One Kendal Town
- · We will provide property flood resistance measures to some properties in Kendal ahead of the start of the scheme
- We aim to deliver some environmental enhancement works and tree planting in Kendal
- We will continue to engage with you on the phasing of works through Kendal to ensure we keep you informed of our plans and delivery programme, with our aim of keeping any disruption to a minimum.

## What will happen from April 2020?

- Construction of the 6km floodwalls and embankments protecting residential and business properties in Kendal. These have integrated floodgates to maintain riverside access. These defences range in height from 0.3m to 1.8m.
- At Gooseholme we will build a new pumping station to better manage levels in Stock Beck. This will pump water from Stock Beck into the River Kent when river levels are high.
- Five hectares of habitat and recreational space will be improved at Beezon Fields and at Mintsfeet.
- There is a total of 3km of footpath improvements, including a new cycleway and a new riverside path on Aynam Road between Miller Bridge and Jennings Yard Bridge.
- Over 3,600 trees will be planted including 70 trees over 5m and 280 trees over 4m high to help mitigate for tree losses.

## Find out more

You can find out more about the scheme by visiting:-

- <u>www.cumbriastrategicfloodparternship</u> for how we are contributing to managing flood risk from Source to Sea
- <u>www.thefloodhub.co.uk</u> in 'Your local area' to see a summary of what the scheme is proposing and for general information on how to prepare and respond to all sources of flooding
- Fell Tarn Shop (1st floor) in Westmorland Shopping Centre where we have plans available to view
- <u>www.southlakeland.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/planning-applications</u> or alternatively paper copies of the approved plans can be viewed at South Lakeland District Council. Planning Reference Number SL/2018/0925
- If you would like to contact us you can e-mail KendalFRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk