

Cockermouth flood risk management

Reducing the risk of flooding to homes and businesses in Cockermouth

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Where are we now?

We are holding two information days in partnership with the Cockermouth Flood Action Group where you can find out about our plans to reduce flood risk in the town and have the opportunity to comment on the designs.

When: Friday 11 November and Saturday 12 November

Where: 21 Main street (the shop unit formally Brysons)

Time: 10am to 7pm Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday

If you cannot attend our open days, don't worry - you will still be able to comment. All the information will be available on our website.

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/cockermouth

Detailed designs

We are currently finalising our designs for new flood defences along the River Derwent at Waterloo Street and Graves Mill. Residents have worked with our designers on our proposals.

We are progressing with proposals for Derwentside Gardens and new defences along the River Cocker at Rubby Banks Road, Hatters Croft, the town hall and Jennings brewery. All our designs and proposals will be presented at our information days and on our website, where you will have the opportunity to comment.

We continue to work with the community on our designs especially those directly impacted – such as these living next to the flood walls and embankments. We would, however, like comments from those throughout the town and surrounding areas, on how the designs should look. Please visit our website or contact us to discuss any part of the flood risk management scheme.

We intend to submit our proposals for the flood risk management scheme as part of a planning

application in early 2012 and would like to start construction immediately following planning approval.

Funding

Funding still needs to be secured before the Cockermouth Flood Risk Management Scheme can be built, and so far Cockermouth Flood Action Group, Cumbria Community Foundation, and the local community (through voting to pay additional council tax) have committed to making a contribution.

The Environment Agency originally estimated the scheme to cost approximately £5.3 million, but have now reduced this to £4.4 million by making £900,000 savings through design and construction costs.

The Environment Agency are continuing to work with Cockermouth Flood Action Group, Cumbria County Council and other partners such as Allerdale Borough Council and Cockermouth Chamber of Trade, to secure additional contributions from local businesses.

We will find out about Defra's indicative allocation of Flood Defence Grant In Aid by the end of February 2012.

Preliminary works

We have proposed some limited works behind properties on Waterloo Street which we would like to start during early 2012. These works would provide protection to residents of Waterloo Street and some vulnerable residents at Graves Mill. We continue to work with the affected residents who are supportive of our plans.

Contact us

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries. Please contact Adrian Bacon, or Keith Roddy on 01768 215811, or email floodriskcockermouth@environment-agency.co.uk.