

Welcome to our third newsletter!

Many homes and businesses in the Roath, Penylan and Newport Road areas are at risk of flooding from the Roath Brook and the River Rhymney. Natural Resources Wales is working with partners to design and deliver a flood scheme with the community of Roath. This newsletter aims to keep you informed with progress.

What are we doing?

We are developing the conceptual designs from Penylan library down to the Morrison's store on Newport Road. Feedback from local residents and statutory bodies is helping shape the design. We are using recorded river levels from events such as the tidal surge in January to validate flood risk predictions. Ground investigations to identify soil properties across the site were carried out during June 2014. We are now testing the samples obtained to support the design.



June 2014
Ground investigation.

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Feedback from May's public meeting and exhibition

Our May 2014 public drop-in meeting provided very valuable feedback. Below are summary responses to commonly raised concerns.

Character of park gardens

Our team is focused on minimising the scheme's impact on the character of the park. The design will provide a consistent standard of flood protection to the community. Landscaped embankments will be proposed where space allows. Where embankments would negatively impact on priority trees, then appropriately clad or screened flood walls will be considered. In Waterloo Gardens, there was support for proposals in proximity to the Brook over works around the park boundary. Opportunities to increase the amenity and wildlife value of Railway Gardens (known also as Minster Gardens and the Sandings) were supported.

Anti-social behaviour

A key driver for the design is to ensure that the defences do not create spaces that would facilitate antisocial behaviour. We are considering how the public areas will be used and integrated into the wider public realm.

What's next?

Public Meeting 8th September

We are very keen for residents, park users and businesses to attend the next drop-in session on the 8th September 2014 at Marlborough Primary School on Blenheim Road anytime between 2:30pm and 7:30pm. We will exhibit design options and gather feedback.

In the meantime if you missed our May exhibition, our team will be attending the Waterloo Gardens fete on the 17th August. You can visit our stall and meet some of our team.

We plan to submit our planning permission in Autumn 2014, and to begin construction in 2015.

Trees

Our team is working with consultees to limit the impact of proposals to trees. A number of trees were identified as a priority to protect. We are also investigating opportunities to replace failing trees in poor health.

Park railings

The park's boundary railings are an important feature. Where improvements are needed to the park boundary, we are seeking to incorporate them into the design wherever possible.

Construction disturbance

Once the design is further developed, we will carefully plan the site access routes, phasing of works and timing of deliveries to minimise the impact on local residents and visitors.