Welcome to our seventh 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 and the community to design and deliver a flood scheme.

The Roath Flood Scheme team would like to wish you a Happy New Year. This newsletter aims to keep you informed with the scheme’s progress as well as other works that are under way to address flood risk in the wider area.

Flood Wall completed on the River Rhymney, phase 1 of the Roath Flood Scheme

In our November / December issue of the Roath Flood Scheme News we reported that construction of the first phase of the Roath Flood Scheme had begun.

The works involved the construction of a 150m long floodwall along the Rhymney River embankment, off Newport Road in south Cardiff. Our contractor GBV, completed the works in December 2014. The floodwall directly improves the standard of protection to 12 local businesses in the Rhymney River Bridge Road Industrial Estate and, when later phases of the flood scheme are constructed, the wider Newport Road/Colchester Avenue area.

We would like to thank the adjacent properties for their support and patience whilst these works were carried out.

Roath Flood Scheme Design ongoing

We’re very grateful for all the feedback on the proposals. Our design team has considered the comments and feedback from consultees and the community in detail. We prepared a summary entitled ‘we asked, you said, we did’ which is available on our website. The team is using their feedback to inform the design review process.


We are currently in the process of finalising and refining the design, and are completing work on several of the documents which will provide supporting information to a planning application for the scheme.

What’s next?

We are in process of arranging further surveys into the structural condition of existing riverside walls near Pen-y-lan Road and also the condition of Colchester Avenue Bridge. These are scheduled for February 2015 and will help us refine the design.

We are preparing our Planning Application for Cardiff Council to be submitted in Spring 2015.

We will host a follow-up public exhibition that will showcase the approved plans, and provide more detail on the construction phase of the scheme.

Construction will be phased to minimise disruption, with community engagement throughout. Work is provisionally planned to begin in Winter 2015 and complete in 2017.

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