

The Environment Agency is working in partnership with Calderdale Council, ARUP and BAM Nuttall to deliver the Brighouse Flood Alleviation Scheme. This update provides you with information about our progress on the scheme.

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The Scheme

The flood alleviation scheme for Brighouse includes upstream storage in Wellholme Park and Whinney Hill Park as well as repair and replacement of defences along the River Calder and Clifton Beck.

Wellholme Park Closure

Construction work has now commenced in Wellholme Park which means much of the park is now closed – these areas are now fenced off securely to keep members of the public safe. The woodland, playground and skatepark will remain open. Work in the park involves the introduction of landscape features and improvements to the park environment.

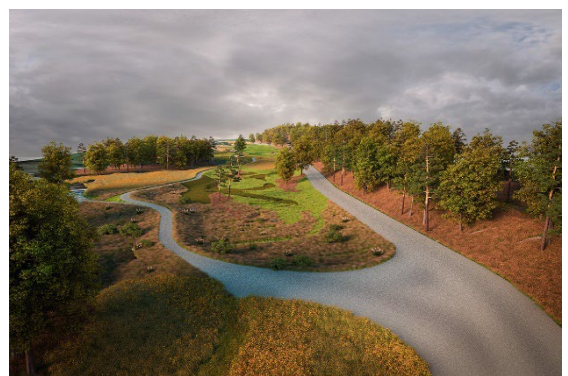


Progress Update

Over the past month, our contracting partner BAM Nuttall have been carrying out vegetation clearance along Clifton Beck (photo left). It is our aim from an environmental and community perspective to retain as many trees as possible. However, to carry out the necessary works for this beneficial flood risk reduction scheme, a number of trees have needed to be cleared for both the permanent project work and working access. We will be mitigating the direct loss of trees resulting from our work by planting trees back at a 3 to 1 ratio.

Next Steps

Construction access arrangements are being set up from Bradford Road into Wellholme Park. A temporary bridge will be installed over the existing concrete bridge for site operatives to access both sides of Clifton Beck. Initial excavated material from Wellholme Park will be stockpiled in the park, then some of the suitable material will be re-used for the flood storage works at Whinney Hill Park during the summer period. Whinney Hill Park will be closed from Summer 2024 until Spring 2026.



Proposed landscape designs for Wellholme Park

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