

# Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Schemes Key Stakeholder Group Update

## April 2024

### HEBDEN BRIDGE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

- This spring, as part of the preparation work for the Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme, our contractors will be undertaking topographic surveys of the river channel. The survey work will take two to three days with a team of approximately five surveyors. You may see operatives working by boat in the channel during this time.
- Environmental surveys will be conducted in the Dodd Naze area to inform the ongoing surface water flood alleviation design work. The surveys will be undertaken in April and May, and we are communicating directly with landowners to arrange access for the surveys.
- We are working closely with Calderdale Council and our consultants to determine the level of design detail required for the Dodd Naze surface water management interventions needed for planning submission. We have taken a conservative approach with proposed planning submission dates whilst we determine the level of detail required. This has been reflected in the indicative programme.
- The EA are working collaboratively with our catchment partners in order to identify and deliver watercourse enhancements that will allow our capital delivery programme to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain. After an initial workshop, using innovative opportunity mapping developed by the EA and our delivery partners, we have entered into a collaborative agreement with Calder Rivers Trust to assess the suitability of certain sites. Initial landowner engagement has taken place, and we are now in the process of undertaking site visits to understand whether watercourse enhancement opportunities can be taken forward, how many units the interventions will yield, and what the outline cost would be, based on these designs.

### ERRINGDEN HILLSIDE AND CANAL OVERFLOW

- The Full Business Case for Erringden Hillside FAS has been submitted for peer review ahead of submission for project assurance. It is anticipated that the assurance process will be complete by mid-spring.
- A public information event will be held later this spring to share the Erringden Hillside plans with the community. Further information will be shared regarding dates once confirmed. This will be an opportunity for the community to meet members of the project team, see the detailed designs for the highway interventions and the canal overflow and to discuss proposals for Property Flood Resilience.
- Construction of the Erringden Hillside FAS highways drainage interventions are targeted to commence in early summer 2024, with the canal overflow construction targeted to commence autumn-2024.

### STUBBING HOLME ROAD

- The pricing exercise for the scheme is underway with our contractor and is expected to be completed during spring 2024.
- The team are continuing to develop an approach to the sequencing and order of works during the construction phase, to develop a solution that minimises disruption.
- All required surveys for the temporary road connecting Stubbing Drive and Trinity Square are complete and the designs are with our contractor for buildability review.
- The three trial panels for the imprinted concrete are complete. The team have met with Calderdale Council's conservation team to view the panels and discuss acceptance. The next step is for the team to produce a Technical Note to submit to Calderdale Council for their agreement in principle prior to planning submission.
- We are continuing with environmental surveys that are required to guide construction requirements and potential constraints, including the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.