

Frequently Asked Questions

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Bromford Flood Risk Management Scheme

Why are you doing the scheme?

The River Tame is the largest tributary of the River Trent. At approximately 100 kilometres long, it has over 1.7 million people living within its 1500 square kilometre catchment area, of which 3,100 properties are at flood risk.

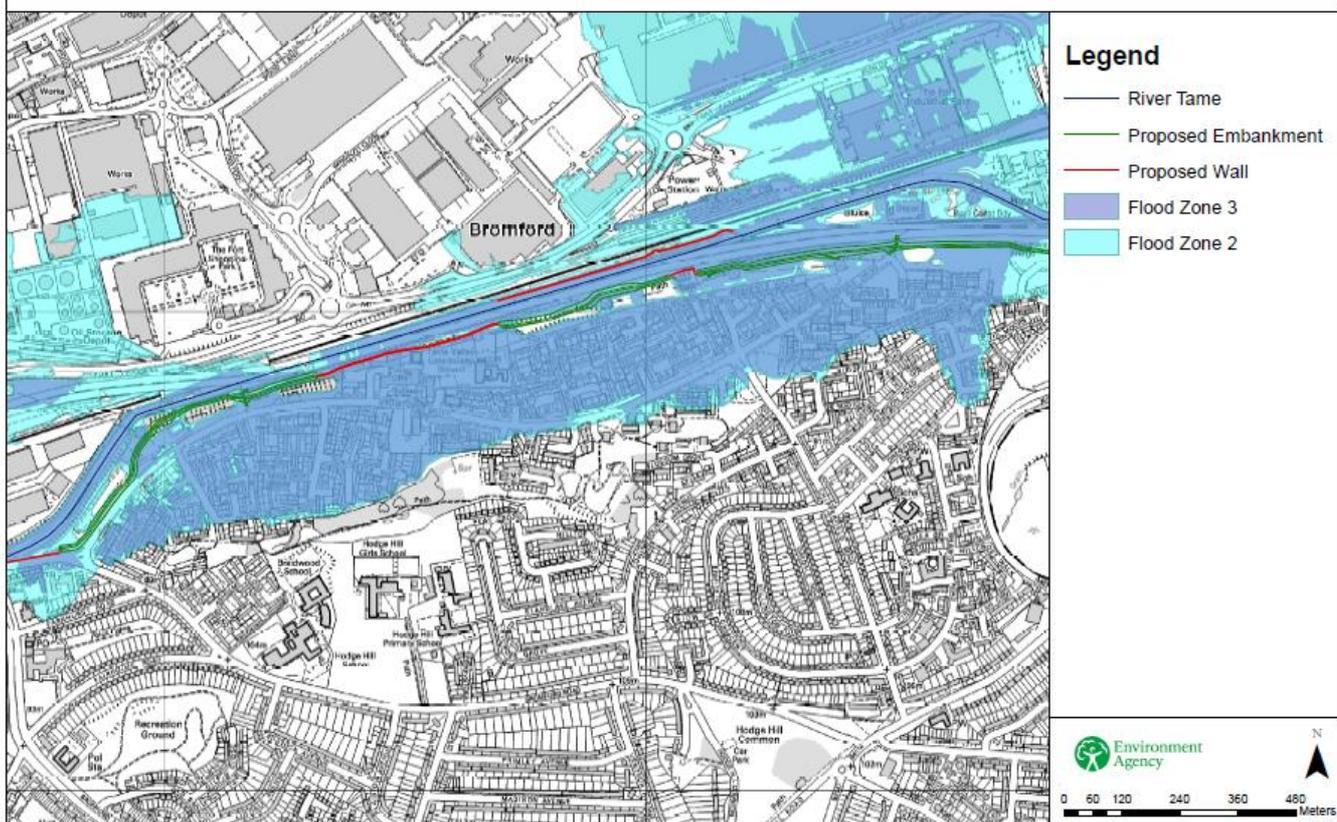
The Bromford Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) aims to reduce risk of flooding from the river Tame. It extends from the River Rea, through Bromford and Castle Vale, and downstream to the M42 crossing at Water Orton.

This project will reduce the risk of river flooding to 928 properties, with the majority of these being residential dwellings in the Bromford and Castle Vale area.

What are you planning to do?

Our proposals are to improve the flow of flood water by raising and widening the existing flood defences under the M6 and by creating a flood storage area on Park Hall Farm, North West of Bromford.

Existing Flood Risk and Location of Proposed Flood Defences



What are the timescales for the project?

We aim to complete the detailed designs by summer 2019 and start construction on site during winter 2019.

We aim to complete the construction by spring 2021.

What will the flood defence look like?

- Where possible the defences will be embankments, for aesthetic purposes, they will follow the line of the current bunds as much as possible
- Where there are walls, we aim to work with local schools and youth organisations to develop wall art, reducing the risk of graffiti and improving the environment.
- We expect to create a foot/ cycle path on top of the embankment, and alongside the wall stretching the length of the flood defences on the Bromford side of the river. There is a possibility to link this in to the cycle network, which Birmingham City Council will look into.



Example of wall art at one of our Birmingham flood schemes

I am concerned about possible disruption caused by the work.

We cannot avoid disruption to people living close to the scheme. There will be possible noise disruption, a need for careful traffic management related to construction traffic and there is likely to be some creation of dust during certain parts of the construction phase.

However, we are considering ways in which we can keep disruption to a minimum for local residents, considering safe routes into the site, providing advance notice of work in your neighbourhood, and contractors will aim to carry out the work during normal working hours where possible.

Will the playground be affected by the work?

The flood defence will be constructed on the river side of the playground, rather than the road side, to help reduce impact of the scheme. During construction work there will be a need to close the playground for health and safety purposes. If there is any loss of play equipment, this will be compensated for by alternative play equipment. We aim to keep disruption to a minimum.

Will there be tree loss?

Yes, tree loss is inevitable. However, it looks like there will be less tree loss necessary than expected. We will replace any tree lost with a minimum of 3 trees. This will be carefully managed in partnership with Birmingham City council, to ensure the locations and tree variety are most beneficial to the local community.

How are you going to access the construction area?

At this stage we do not have this level of detail available. We expect we will have more information available when we consult with you again. We aim to keep disruption to local residents to a minimum and will always consider health and safety when looking at access routes.

Will there be any community enhancements/ environmental improvements possible as part of the scheme?

Yes, we are already working closely with Birmingham City council and Firs and Bromford Neighbours Together to maximise the community enhancement opportunities for the neighbourhood.

We are keen to work with local school and community groups throughout the lifespan of the project.

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Can I put any suggestions forward for environmental improvements as part of the scheme?

Yes, this is a great time to put these forward, as these can be considered within the detailed design of the scheme and within any landscaping plans we are drawing up in partnership with the Birmingham City Council Parks Team. Suggestions already put forward at the Big Lunch event include:

- If there is a pathway on the flood defence, can there be a path rather than steps up to it to make it easier for people with disabilities and for cyclists
- Can there be benches alongside the new footpath

These will be considered when we are working on the detailed design.

Can you do something about surface water flooding?

We are working with Birmingham City Council on making sure the scheme does not increase surface water flood risk, and where possible link to work to decrease flooding from surface water. Although the Environment Agency is only responsible for managing flood risk from those watercourses on the '[Main Rivers Map](#)', which includes the Tame, we do try to take a 'catchment approach' and work with partners to consider all sources of flood risk where possible.

Birmingham City Council is also known as a Lead Local Flood Authority, which means it is responsible for managing the risk of flooding from all sources that are not main river or foul sewer, although it may require the owners of those sources of flooding to take action to reduce the risk.

Birmingham City Council have an enquiries service, which can be found through the link below;
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20159/flooding>

Flooding from sewers is the responsibility of Severn Trent and South Staffs Water. Problems must be reported to them through;

Severn Trent: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/report-a-problem/>

South Staffs Water: <https://www.south-staffs-water.co.uk/incidents/report-a-problem>

Will we be consulted on again prior to construction?

Depending on interest in the scheme at summer community events we will look for additional consultation opportunities. We will consult with the most directly affected residents again during the detailed design stage. This is likely to be late 2018/ early 2019. At that stage we will share, and consult on, our detailed design.

We will continue liaising with community interest groups, such as Firs and Bromford Neighbours Together.

We will keep people informed and engaged throughout the length of the scheme, through regular e-bulletins to those who sign up to our email database, through newsletters and through information and consultation sessions. We welcome comments and questions, which can be sent to us through; Engagement.WestMids@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Can I still feed in suggestions and comments, even after today?

Yes, comments and suggestions are always welcome, and will be considered by our project team.

Please send your comments through to our Public Liaison Officer Imke Goalby;
Engagement.WestMids@environment-agency.gov.uk or phone 02084 749 657