

Ouse Washes Middle Level Barrier Bank raising works

July 2022

The Middle Level Barrier Bank is the bank of the Ouse Washes reservoir extending from Earith to Welmore Lake Sluice. The work we are doing is to comply with recommendations made by the Reservoir Inspecting Engineer to complete the works under the Reservoirs Act 1975.

This year's works are well under way and the barrier construction works have started in Welney

Welney demountable flood barrier & road closure update

13/06/2022 to 19/07/2022 - 2-way temporary traffic lights

20/07/2022 to 25/08/2022 - Full road closure

26/08/2022 to 16/09/2022 - 2-way traffic lights for footpath reinstatement works

Since we started on 13 June 2022, the temporary traffic lights have only been used when necessary to safely receive concrete deliveries into the working area.

We can no longer work safely without the temporary traffic lights and during the week commencing 4 July we will need to install them full time before the full road closure comes into force on 20th July.

We are aware of two road closures that are scheduled in Cambridgeshire on the A142 at Mepal. These are on two of the weekends that our road closure will be in place. We encourage you to use the diversion route that is in place for each road closure.

Please see below the diversion route agreed by Norfolk County Council for the A1101 Wash Road closure in Welney. You can also use this link to view online <https://one.network/?tmi=GB22416603>

The haul road repairs started here in June and are due to be complete mid-July 2022.

The public footpath from Welmore Lake Sluice to Welney Bridge and from Welney Bridge to the Railway Bridge will remain closed until the end of construction. Please follow the diversion along Low Bank.

Railway Bridge - A142 Mepal

The final stage of bank raising, and haul road works will start here on 15 July and will take 8 weeks complete.

This public footpath will remain closed until Autumn 2023.

A142 Mepal - Earith

The haul road works will start here 4th July and will take 3 weeks to complete.

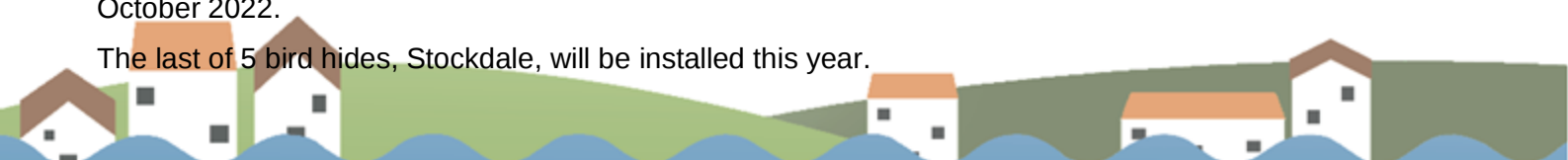
We have arranged for the reservoir engineer to visit and inspect this area to decide if the bank can be opened to the public once the haul road repairs are complete.

We appreciate that the entire Middle Level Barrier Bank is heavily used by the community, and we will work hard to re-open access to the public as soon as we can.

RSPB Ouse Washes Reserve

The bird hides will be closed during construction and will re-open once construction is complete by 31 October 2022.

The last of 5 bird hides, Stockdale, will be installed this year.



All the bird hides will be open from November 2022. The public footpath will remain closed during the winter to allow the grass to grow, although we will maintain access to the bird hides for winter 2022/23.

Please follow the RSPB webpage link for up-to-date information: [RSPB Ouse Washes](#)

Weekly surgery events

We are holding weekly surgery events for you to come along and speak to our Public Liaison Officer.

Every Thursday at the Lamb & Flag in Welney, between 3pm and 5pm.

If you would like to find out more about the project or have any concerns, join Yazmin or Monica for a cuppa in an informal and friendly environment.

Visit our virtual room

To view the virtual exhibition, click here: <https://eaousewashesbanks.co.uk/> the room will remain open until September 2022.

We will also continue to use the onsite noticeboards in Welney and at the RSPB to keep you up to date.

Contact us

Stay up to date and visit our information page for the most up to date information using the link below.

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/east-anglia-c-e/ouse-washes-section-10-works/>

If you have any questions or concerns about this project or would like to be added to our mailing list for regular updates, please contact our Public Liaison Officers:

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The project is being carried out by JacksonHyder on behalf of the Environment Agency

