Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project Hamilton Road

What are we updating you about?

The Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project, when complete, will protect over 1500 homes and 800 businesses from flooding from the sea.

The work includes building tidal flood walls and a tidal barrier. There are three work packages: two for the tidal walls and a final work package for the tidal barrier. This factsheet provides you with an update about the next construction phase of the tidal flood walls on Hamilton Road.

The tidal walls are a mixture of concrete flood walls, demountable defences (put in place ahead of a tidal surge) and flood gates.

Where is this work happening?

The next phase of tidal walls to be constructed on Hamilton Road will be on the final section of flood defences in front of Kwik Fit and John Grose. Businesses on Hamilton Road will remain open as usual throughout the works.

When are we doing the work?

The work is due to commence Monday 27 March 2023. The entrance to Kwik Fit will be temporarily moved while we build the flood walls. This will be clearly signed. The planned works comprise of the removal of an existing structure, construction of new concrete flood wall, and associated piling, drainage and surfacing works. The small section of road where we will be working will need to be closed while the works take place.

The works are due to conclude in September 2023.

We plan to work Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm. There are no current plans to work on weekends or Bank Holidays. We will notify you of any changes to these working hours.



What will we be doing?

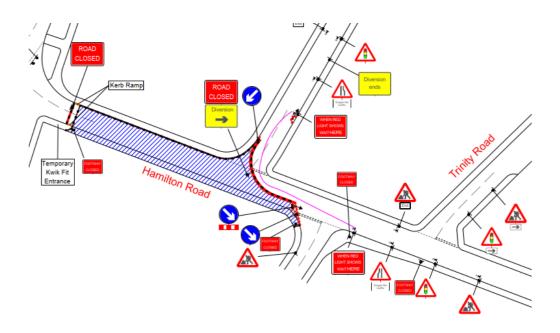
The works will involve setting up the site, including putting up site security fences. We will then begin the preparatory works, moving into building the tidal walls. This will include minor demolition works, site clearance, excavations, steel sheet piling, concrete works and installation of demountable defence foundation works.

Pedestrian access routes will be managed around the works, allowing access to businesses during construction. Traffic will be diverted up Whapload Road, along Wilde Street and down Newcombe Road to access the rest of Hamilton Road. Diversions will be clearly signed.



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Drawing showing points of closure on Hamilton Road:



Why are we doing this work?

In December 2013 communities, businesses, roads, rail and services in Lowestoft were significantly impacted upon by an East Coast tidal surge. Over 150 homes and businesses flooded. At the moment, Lowestoft has no formal flood defences to protect the Town from the sea. The planned work will ensure that Lowestoft, its people and its economy are protected for many years to come. This, as well as the other projects in Lowestoft, will allow the Town to grow and develop benefitting the economy, creating more jobs and keeping people and homes safe from future tidal surges.

How can you find out more?

We hope this factsheet has been both helpful and informative. If you would like further details about the project, please visit www.lowestoftfrmp.org.uk

To ask questions about the project please email lowestoftfrmp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

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