

Public consultation on proposed flood alleviation work for FLOOD DEFENCE IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVERS CHET, YARE, HADDISCOE CUT AND WAVENEY (COMPARTMENT 22 PHASE 3)

In May 2001 Broadland Environmental Services Limited (BESL) was awarded a 20-year contract by the Environment Agency to provide flood defence improvements and maintenance in Broadland. This work is being carried out as a Public-Private Partnership Programme and as such BESL are working closely with the Environment Agency and other key local organisations, including the Broads Authority and English Nature. A major part of BESL's contract is also to engage actively with local stakeholders about how we go about our work.

A public consultation leaflet was distributed in 2002 outlining the proposals for the entire Compartment 22 area (Rivers Chet, Yare and Waveney between Loddon and Burgh St Peter). The document provided details of proposed solutions, considered the potential impacts associated with working in such an area and proposed various methods for dealing with these.

My purpose in writing is to advise you of the third phase of works to be undertaken in this area. Enclosed are plans showing the location of floodbanks and proposed solutions. We would welcome any comments that you may have on these proposals.

The Phase 3 works will affect no public footpaths. Access tracks used for the works, including the public right of way along the "New Dam" across Norton Marshes, will be maintained throughout the contract and left in a condition at least equal to the existing condition. Additionally the works should cause little or no obstruction to navigation as all the floodbank works will be conducted from land. River edge re-piling at Chet/Yare confluence will be carried out from the water but these works are programmed to take place over the winter months when there is least interference to navigation.

Careful communication is an essential part of any consultation process and the BESL team would be happy to talk to you about these proposals prior to you submitting your response if you feel this would be useful.

BESL will collate all the responses to this consultation and carefully consider how any issues need addressing. We will then finalise the proposals for this compartment and submit a planning application to the Broads Authority. An Environmental Statement, or Report, will accompany the planning application to provide information on potential environmental impacts and describe how we will seek to avoid or minimise these. It will also include details of the consultation process and how BESL has dealt with the responses.

As you may be aware, there is now a Broadland Flood Alleviation Project Website. In addition to information regarding the individual flood compartments, environmental issues and latest news, there is a specific consultation page. The original consultation document for this compartment along with aerial views of the areas to be worked upon, as well as previously published consultation documents for other compartments in Broadland, are available for viewing or download from the website:

www.bfap.org

If you have any information or data that you think would be useful for the environmental assessment then we would be pleased to receive it.

The closing date for submissions is
17th March 2006

Replies can be considered after this date but please contact us first if you need an extension.

If you wish to reply, our Freepost address is:

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Please mark the subject line of your email with:

Compartment 22 Phase 3 Consultation

We appreciate you taking the time to read through this document and look forward to receiving your feedback.