

## Rising Brook Rugeley Flood Risk Management Scheme

### Progress Update

This is an update on progress of the Rising Brook Rugeley Flood Risk Management Scheme.

#### Background

We have constructed a flood storage area in Partnership with Cannock Chase District Council and Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent Local Enterprise Partnership. The scheme protects about 270 properties from flooding and enables the redevelopment of Rugeley town centre.

#### Recent Progress

We have been dealing with post construction defects on site, this is normal for a large construction scheme. Temporary fencing is currently in place to keep people out of the site and we are looking at options to strengthen this as vandalism has already been experienced. This has been low level and no issues have been reported to us that delay our forthcoming reseeding works. However as the clocks have now gone forward and the weather improves vandalism could increase. We will be monitoring it.

We have made good the skate park which included patching up some areas of tarmac which were damaged before the scheme. We have removed the palisade fence on the heritage that currently blocks access along the path. The bridge railings will be powder coated black soon, unfortunately this was overlooked when the bridge was constructed.

The access from Western Springs Road has been reinstated to its pre project state. Beech trees will be planted soon to fill the gap in the photo. Other trees will be planted soon on site as part of landscape works.

#### Next tasks

The next task is to reseed the playing field. First there is some minor landscape works to level a small part of the playing field. This will take a week before seeding begins. The target start date for landscaping is 9 April and seeding being 16 April. This is weather dependent so we may experience some delays. We will keep you informed if this is the case.

#### Re-opening of Playing fields, Heritage Trail and Skate Park

The playing fields will be re-opened later in 2018 when the grass grows back and Staffordshire County Council agree that they are in an acceptable condition to be handed over.

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