

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

On 18 December 2017 we officially opened the scheme at an event at Rugeley Community Centre. We were joined by councillors and dignitaries from Cannock Chase District Council, Staffordshire County Council and Stoke and Staffordshire LEP.

Since December we have finished off a number of tasks.

These include attaching the railings to the pedestrian footbridge on the heritage trail and outflow inspection area.



Note that the bridge railings are to be powder coated black.



Top soiling of grasscrete on the spillway is complete.



The temporary access point on Western Springs Road has been reinstated.

The Skate-park has been cleared and reinstated ready for tarmac repairs. We have had an initial inspection of the skate park with Cannock Chase District Council officers.



A final inspection is required now that construction has ceased.

Next Few Months

There will be no more construction activity. The next significant activity will be the sowing of the playing fields. This will take place as soon as the conditions allow.

There will be a further update when the grass seed sowing is confirmed.

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.

Closure includes the Heritage trail and the Skate Park. We would have liked to open these before but the risk of vandalism means that this is not possible.

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