

REDUCING FLOOD RISK ON COAST ROAD AND THE LANE, WEST MERSEA - MAY 2021

Essex County Council (ECC) have been working with the Old City Flood Gate group and West Mersea Town Council on delivery of a flood alleviation scheme that aims to reduce the risk of flooding to 12 residential properties on Coast Road and The Lane, West Mersea. A large tidal surge occurred in December 2013 flooding around 10 properties in the area and at least 6 incidents or near misses have been recorded since then, causing significant damage to property and disruption to the community.

The flood alleviation scheme involves installation of a demountable flood defence barrier ([click here](#) to view) and associated infrastructure, that will be deployed across The Lane and Carriers Close at times when there is an Environment Agency flood warning in place. Once constructed the scheme will be handed over to the Old City Flood Gate group to operate and maintain, which is a unique feature of the scheme and potentially one of the first examples of such an approach in the UK.

The construction contract has been awarded and it is currently proposed for the works to proceed in early May 2021. The works are expected to take in the region of 12-18 weeks to complete, although this timescale may vary pending on site constraints. There may be some disruption to normal service in the local area over this period, however we will aim to keep this to a minimum and residents will be kept updated on any changes to program, along with progress being made on site.

If there are any queries regarding the proposed flood alleviation scheme, then please do not hesitate to contact the Lead Local Flood Authority team at Essex County Council by email: floods@essex.gov.uk