

## **FLOOD BARRIER UPDATE FROM ECC - OCT 2021**

Essex County Council have been continuing to work with our partners on delivery of the flood alleviation scheme at the Lane, West Mersea.

Since our last post there have been some issues that have led to delays in our contractor mobilising to site.

We are pleased to say that these issues have now been resolved and we have had an opportunity to revise the delivery program. Our contractor will be mobilising to site on the week commencing 8th November 2021 and the works are expected to continue until the 24th June 2022. In reviewing the program we have had to consider the impacts of winter working, including winter tides, reduced daylight working hours and loss of working days due to inclement weather/staff holiday. Taking all of these factors into consideration has resulted in an extended duration for delivery.

Our contractor will initially carry out any preparatory work, which will include minor works, setting out the road closures and a temporary flood defence that will protect the construction site. A bulk of the major construction work is expected to begin around the middle of January 2022 to minimise any disruption to residents over the Christmas period.

Access to the area around the Lane, at its junction with Coast Road will be restricted whilst the works are carried out. Both the Public Highway and Public Right of Way (PRoW Route 154-8) will be closed over this period and there will be signed diversionary routes in place around the site, for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Whilst the timescale for delivery is longer than originally expected, we will aim to have the scheme delivered at the earliest possible time to minimise any disruption to residents.

We will look to provide further updates as the scheme progresses however, if there are any queries please contact the Lead Local Flood Authority team at Essex County Council by email: [floods@essex.gov.uk](mailto:floods@essex.gov.uk)