

Frequently Asked Questions

Flood Resilience Project - Oldbury-on-Severn

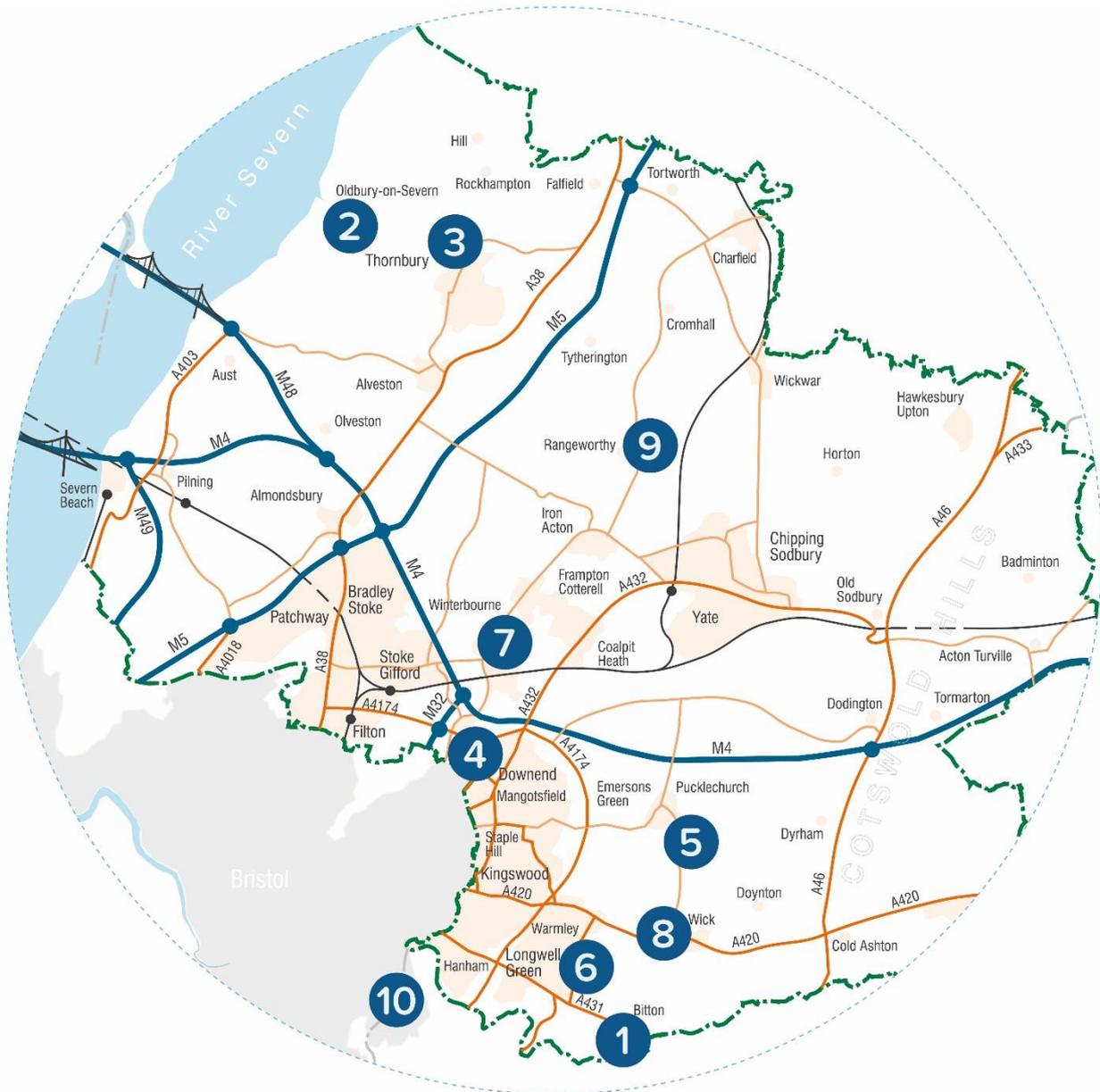
Q1) What is the Flood Resilience Project?

In 2017 we were successful in applying for £3.35million of government funding, under the Challenge Fund scheme, to make major improvements to drainage systems at nine sites in South Gloucestershire and one site in Bristol. The grant will pay for a package of measures to address long-standing flooding problems at each of the sites and will include the replacement and upgrading of ineffective drainage systems. The works will mean the sites, generally on classified roads, will be able to cope with extreme weather. They will reduce the need for reactive maintenance works and ultimately result in a cost saving for the council.

Q2) Where are the nine sites you will be working on in South Gloucestershire?

The sites in South Gloucestershire are:

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| 1. A431 (Bath Road) | Swineford |
| 2. Church Road & Chapel Road & Camp Road | Oldbury on Severn |
| 3. Oldbury Lane | Thornbury |
| 4. Beckspool Road | Frenchay |
| 5. Abson Road | Wick |
| 6. A4175 Cherry Gardens Road | Bitton |
| 7. B4058 (High Street) | Winterbourne |
| 8. A420 (High Street) | Wick |
| 9. B4058 | Bagstone, Rangeworthy |



Q3) Which site will be you working on first?

The first site to receive drainage improvements will be Abson Road, Wick. Work started on site at Abson Road on Monday 14 May.

Q4) How long with the work in Oldbury take?

We do not yet have a detailed programme of these works but it is anticipated the improvements will take up to 10 weeks to complete.

Q5) When will the works take place?

We intend to start work on Church Hill in Oldbury in early 2019.

Q6) What works are you carrying out in Oldbury?

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Works will involve upgrading the existing highway drainage systems and include replacing and upgrading defective pipes, removing root ingress from trees and replacing defective manholes and gully covers.

Works we have already carried out in Oldbury-on-Severn include:

- Detailed surveys of existing drainage systems in the village to confirm location and their condition.
- A condition survey of flap valves in the village was undertaken. Works are now progressing to either replace flap valves which are missing or undertake repair works to those in a poor state.
- Identified improvement works to the highway drainage systems in the village.
- Culvert inspections.
- Carried out a condition survey and identified repairs to the flood prevention wall in Chapel Road.
- Identified and installed a number of water level gauges in the village.

Q7) Will the road be closed?

We have carried out numerous drainage activities in Oldbury already but have now reached the stage where we need to implement some road closures in order to carry out the remaining works safely.

The main route we will be working on is Church Hill, in the vicinity of the Anchor Inn public house. Access to properties will be maintained, a diversion route will be in place.

We will provide updates for residents as we begin work on site.

Q8) Why hasn't this work been undertaken before?

General day-to-day maintenance work of the highway drainage systems in the village is carried out when necessary. However, we now have the opportunity to undertake extensive drainage works through the financial support of the Challenge Fund received from the Department for Transport (DfT).

Q9) What if these works were not carried out?

Some roads into Oldbury flood on a regular basis causing traffic disruption, damage to properties and to the highway. We have carried out comprehensive survey work which shows there are numerous defects with the drainage system.

If this work was not carried out these roads would flood on a more regular basis and the drainage system in place would gradually deteriorate even further. This would result in an increase in closures due to flooding and damage to the carriageway itself. Eventually, if no improvements were made, the roads would have to be closed for drainage repairs as well as highway reconstruction which would have to be funded by the council.

Q10) I live on Church Hill, how will I get in and out?

Access will be maintained for properties on Church Hill. We will keep residents notified during the course of the works.

When we are excavating in the carriageway outside a property entrance, access will be restricted for a short time period. Prior to this happening, we will be in direct liaison with

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the affected resident/s to advise them and work out the best solution. Heavy duty metal sheets will be used to allow vehicles to pass over open drainage excavations. During the works, Abson Road will be a no through route.

Q11) I live on Church Hill, how will my bins get emptied?

Bin collections will be as normal. In the event of any changes to collections, our waste management team will notify residents.

Q12) How will the emergency services get through?

Emergency services will have access through the site. We are liaising with the emergency services and have advised them of the works.

Q13) Are bus services going to be affected?

Diversion routes will be set up for bus services impacted by any road closure and more details will follow once the time and duration of road closures have been confirmed.

Details of any amended routes will be available on our website

www.southglos.gov.uk/transport-and-streets

Q14) My business is going to be affected by this road closure, will I get a reduction in my rates?

Under certain circumstances businesses might be eligible for a reduction or relief in business rates. Further information on business rates is available on our website

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/business/business-rates/>

Q15) Who will be doing the work?

The council's own StreetCare team is responsible for this project and our own in-house workforce will be carrying out the works.

Q16) Will there be any benefits to Church Hill?

This work will improve the road's resilience to flooding meaning there will be less disruption and damage during extreme weather. By carrying out this work now, the drainage system will be greatly improved and will reduce the requirement for frequent and costly, emergency maintenance works.

Q17) What will be the impact on vehicle journey times?

There will be disruption to journey times as a result of this closure.

We understand the scheme will cause disruption to residents, commuters and businesses and we would like to apologise in advance and kindly ask for your patience whilst this is taking place.

We have been working hard to make people aware of the works and the impact they are likely to have on businesses, commuters and communities. We are sorry but unfortunately we can't do these works without having a major impact on travel in the area.

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Q18) Will you be monitoring the impact on local roads?

Officers will be out monitoring the situation during the first few weeks of the works at key locations, junctions and areas expected to be impacted the most. We are operating a flexible approach to the traffic management and will implement additional regulations, closures or signage if considered appropriate.

Q19) Have you consulted people about the project?

The work was agreed by members and as an operational matter, we did not hold a public consultation on whether the works will be carried out or not.

However, we are engaging with local residents, businesses, parish councils, and organisations in the area and are holding a public session where members of the team will be available to answer any questions.

This will take place on:

Monday 23 July, Oldbury-on-Severn Memorial hall from 3pm-7pm

Q20) Where can I find out more information?

Read the latest news on this project at www.southglos.gov.uk/newsroom or visit our dedicated web pages www.southglos.gov.uk/FloodResilience

To contact a member of the team email FloodResilienceProject@southglos.gov.uk or call 01454 868000.

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