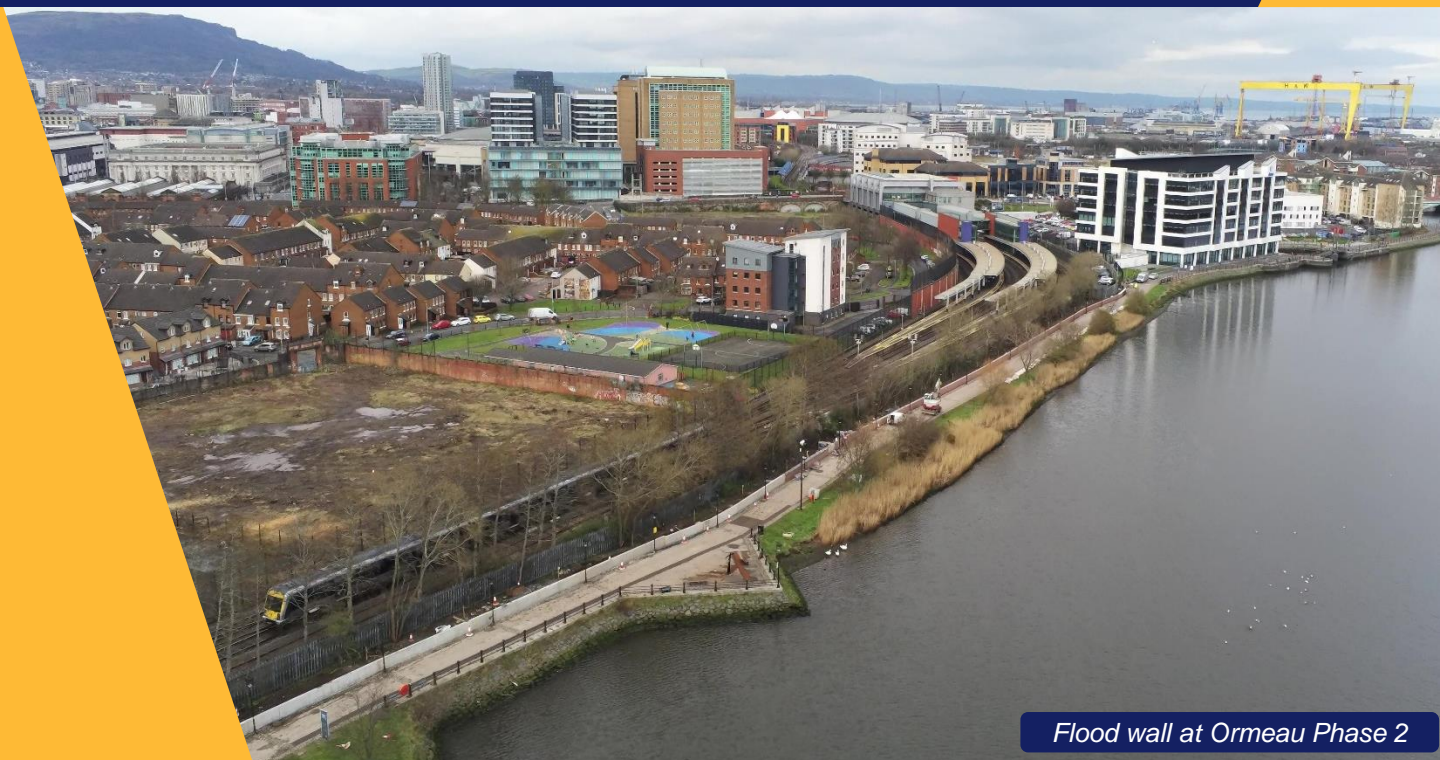




Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme

Newsletter **Issue 2**



Flood wall at Ormeau Phase 2

Welcome to our update on the Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme (BTFAS) which aims to reduce tidal flood risk to over 1500 properties in Belfast. In this edition we highlight some recent events and give an update on the progress of the works.

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RECENT EVENTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENT

A Public Information Event was held in the Shaftesbury Community Centre on 30 January 2023 with the focus on the upcoming works along the towpath from Lower Ormeau to Albert Bridge.

A presentation was given on this section of works followed by a Q&A session



ULSTER UNIVERSITY VISIT

The team facilitated a visit from final year Civil Engineering Students from Ulster University on 14 February. A presentation was headed by Paddy Harney of Charles Brand with Iain Artuhur of RPS covering some technical elements. The Students had to pay close attention as questions on the scheme will form part of their coursework! The Students posed plenty of engaging questions for the project team before taking a walk along the completed sections at Ormeau.



HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR

As part of Charles Brand's ongoing support for the Construction Employers Federation Safety Reboot the Project Team undertook their "Soft-Start" HSEQ Seminar after the Christmas Break.

Presentations from Project Manager, Steven Tate and HSEQ Co-Ordinator, Keith Gillespie were extremely well received by all in attendance.



BELFAST CITY MARATHON

The Belfast City Marathon on Sunday 30th April will use a section of the site along the Towpath from Allstate to Ormeau Bridge as part of the route. Some of the project team are currently in training for the event, we wish them all the best!



LOCKVIEW – STRANMILLIS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Flood wall at Cutters Wharf Car Park

Works across the entrance to the Cutters Wharf Car park have been completed and reinstated allowing this access to the carpark to be reopened.

Works have now moved to along Cutters Wharf Restaurant. It is necessary to take down and rebuild the existing boundary wall to a standard that can resist the loading from tidal flood waters. The wall will have a reinforced concrete core with the façade rebuilt in the existing style.

Temporary traffic management on the Lockview Road is now confined to the area around Cutters Wharf Restaurant. Cutters Wharf restaurant is open as usual and access is also available via the rear entrance directly off the car park.

ORMEAU

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Phase 2 of the works has commenced and is progressing well with around 200m of this 400m section between River Terrace and Allstate complete. To reduce the inconvenience that this closure may cause we have accelerated these works. This means that this section of the towpath will be reopened approximately 1 month earlier than originally planned. Phase 3 is due to start later this month. A local closure of the towpath will remain between Allstate and the Albert Bridge until the entire section is complete. Construction traffic will access this section from Eastbridge Street and a banks person will be on site to manage traffic.



Ormeau Flood gate

The towpath remains closed from River Terrace to Albert Bridge until April with the diversion route along the Ravenhill Road/Ormeau Embankment

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Aerial view of works at Cutters Wharf

BELFAST HARBOUR

Wall construction in the commercial area of the harbour is fair finished concrete in keeping with the surrounding commercial environment. Walls are topped with security fencing. Works are progressing well and are expected to take a further 6 months to complete. Access to the harbour is restricted.



Finished section of wall in Harbour

PROGRAMME

February 2023	Works commenced at Ormeau Phase 2
April 2023	Phase 3 of Ormeau from Allstate to Albert bridge to commence
April 2023	Works in Lockview substantially complete and traffic management removed
May 2023	Towpath from River Terrace to Allstate reopens along with access into Gasworks