

South Humber bank

19 March 2014

Repairs scheduled to be complete end March

Our immediate repair programme has progressed on schedule and is due to complete at the end of March. We will have successfully repaired over nineteen kilometres of defences between Whitton and East Halton Skitter, together with sites further south near to Humberston and North Cotes. Final repairs have started this week to defences between the A1077 and Whitton.

Defences have been repaired to the good standard they were in prior to the December flooding. The work will have taken just over three months to complete and has seen 13,000 tonnes of clay used to bolster the flood banks. Further landscaping works will take place in the summer when grass seed will be sown on the repaired embankments. The grass roots will bind into the surface to help further increase the stability of the defences.

Repairing defences has been a mammoth task costing around £2-million and involving more than 30 site staff from our own and framework contractors. Although this has taken us three months to complete, it would have taken longer had it not been for the support of local landowners and property owners and the extra resources we have been able to call on in response to the incident.

Picture: Bank repairs underway along Far Ings defences



We are continuing to undertake the update of the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy which looks at long term justification, funding and solutions to managing flood risk to communities along the Humber. We will continue to keep local communities updated with progress.

If you have any questions about repairs to defences then please contact the Environment Agency's national customer contact team on 03708 506 506 (landlines are charged the same as a local geographic call but mobiles may vary) or email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Improve your resilience

Although flood defences reduce the likelihood of flooding, the risk can never entirely be removed. Flooding can happen at any time and we continue to advise people to take simple practical steps to help reduce the impact of flooding to their household or business. These include:

- Registering for our flood warning service. Enabling you to receive flood warnings by phone, mobile, text, email or even fax – whatever suits you best.
- Completing a flood plan for your home or business, so that you know what to do, and when, to help keep your family or staff safe and protect your valuables.

For more information on the above and other steps you can take please visit our website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood or call Floodline on 0845 9881188 or 0345 9881188.

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