

Construction of Helston's new £2million flood defence begins this month



St Johns Road, Helston, 22 January 1988

The Environment Agency will hold a public drop-in session on Thursday 6 February 2019 at the Old Cattle Market, Helston from 2.30pm to 6.30pm.

At the drop-in you will be able meet the team behind the new Helston (River Cober) flood defence scheme and find out more about the construction plans and timescales.

The Environment Agency will start work on the new £2million scheme this month. It will include new flood defences along the east side of the River Cober, a road ramp at the end of Mill Lane, earth embankment from Mill Lane to St Johns Road Bridge and rendered flood wall from St Johns Road Bridge to County Bridge.

The combined benefit of the new Helston scheme and the recently completed Loe Bar scheme means a total of 121 homes in Helston will be better protected from flooding.

St Johns Road, Helston, 15 February 1979

Environment Agency Project Manager David Harker said:

We are delighted to be building this flood defence scheme for the residents of Helston. Helston has a long history of flooding from the River Cober and Loe Pool. Once complete these defences combined with the defence at Loe bar will reduce flood risk to 1 in 100 years. We hope people will come along on Thursday to meet us and see how we plan to build the scheme.

The Environment Agency has appointed Kier as the principal contractor on site. Kier will start work in February and expect to finish construction in autumn this year, with final planting during the winter season.

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