

# Press release: Milestone at Shoreham flood defence project

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Work at Reach E3 of the Shoreham Adur Tidal Walls Scheme is now complete, and the northern section of the Downs Links and Lower Beach Road re-opened on Friday 8 December. Also, as a result of updated modelling for the project, part of the initial plan has been adapted and removed the need for major road works on the A283.

The scheme is made up of 10 individual reaches, and work has now started on 8. Construction on Reach E3, which includes raised walls and embankments, started in 2016. Steel piling has been installed along the landward side of the path, and has been clad with brick. The Downs Link path was diverted while the work was completed.

Before the advanced modelling took place, the A283 in Shoreham-by-Sea would have been closed for 12 weeks during construction in spring 2018. As a result of the work that has already taken place, only a very small number of properties would benefit from the road raising work. Instead, these properties will be protected with an alternative solution to ensure they also receive a high level of protection, and the road closures will not take place.

Elsewhere in the scheme, work on the slipway at Emerald Quay and Sussex Wharf is advancing and the first panes of glass of the riverside flood defence have been installed. The majority of the new wall at Ferry Bridge is complete, and vegetation clearance at Riverbank in preparation for construction to start in the new year is finished. Work at Emerald Quay, Shoreham Harbour Club and Shoreham Fort is progressing well. Much of the work behind the High Street in Shoreham has been completed and is open to the public.

Phil Prydderch, Shoreham Adur Tidal Walls Manager at the Environment Agency, said:

It's great news for Shoreham-by-Sea residents that we will be able to enhance their flood protection without the planned road closures. We are committed to protecting all members of the community, and will continue to work with local residents to make them more resilient against flooding.

When complete, the Shoreham scheme will reduce the tidal flood risk to thousands of homes and a significant number of commercial properties in the area, as well as protecting important local

infrastructure such as the road network, railway line and Shoreham Airport. This is one part of the Environment Agency's national effort to reduce the risk of flooding for at least 300,000 homes by 2020/21.

The Shoreham scheme's dedicated project visitor centre is at Beach Green Car Park, Shoreham-by-Sea, and is open between midday and 5:00pm on weekdays. Further information on the scheme is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or by calling 03708 506506.

You can also request information by emailing [shorehamwestbank@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:shorehamwestbank@environment-agency.gov.uk) or by writing to SSD Enquiries, Environment Agency, Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, BN11 1LD.

### **Notes to editors**

The visitor centre may be closed during scheduled visits from schools and interest groups.

Flood impact maps showing the detailed modelling outcomes are available upon request.

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## **Notice: HR9 6HB, Mr Jonathan Benbow: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document:

- Operator name: Mr Jonathan Benbow
  - Installation name: Woodhouse Fields Poultry Unit
  - Permit number: EPR/TP3736MW/V005
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## **Notice: EX14 3BL, Mr Adam Brown and Mrs Rachel Brown: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Mr Adam Brown and Mrs Rachel Brown
  - Installation name: Higher Ash Farm Poultry Unit
  - Permit number: EPR/WP3033JY/A001
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## **Open consultation: Proposed catch limits for January 2018**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) sets monthly catch limits for quota

species to ensure the UK stays within the overall limit set by the EU. These limits apply to all under 10 meter vessels and the over 10 meter vessels that are not in a co-operative (Producer Organisation).

Please contact the MMO if you have any comment to make about the suggested catch limits which will be put into force on 1 January 2018.

Comments to be received no later than 12:00 on Wednesday 20 December 2017.

Email [FMTConsultations@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:FMTConsultations@marinemanagement.org.uk)

Telephone 0208 0 269 097

The MMO will regularly consult industry on monthly or other catch limits and will, wherever possible, ensure that any representations are taken into account when setting such limits. The MMO reserve the right to alter catch limits and / or close fisheries without prior notice or consultation in the event that such actions are necessary and expedient for the regulation of sea fishing.