

## [New Attorney General appointed](#)

News story

The Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP has been appointed as Attorney General



The Prime Minister has appointed the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP as Attorney General while the Rt Hon Suella Braverman QC MP is on maternity leave.

Commenting on his appointment, Michael Ellis said:

I am honoured to be appointed as Attorney General for England and Wales while Suella Braverman is on maternity leave.

I look forward to working with the many excellent lawyers and officials to play my part in making law and politics work together at the heart of the UK constitution. I wish Suella well on her maternity leave.

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## [Construction work to start on new section of York flood scheme](#)

The work will see more than 500m of new flood defences installed in sections between Skeldergate Bridge and Millennium Bridge on the Rowntree Park side of the River Ouse.

It will include:

- new flood gates at the bottom of Clementhorpe
- construction of seven flood walls
- an embankment
- 240m of below ground seepage mitigation under Terry Avenue
- raising of the road at the bottom of Butcher Terrace

As part of the construction programme, Terry Avenue will be closed between its junction with Skeldergate and Roomzzz Hotel, for approximately 12 months, starting in April.

The first stage of the work will involve building the construction compound on the football pitch at the south end of Rowntree Park.

The project team say they aim to complete the work by the end of next year.

The total cost of the project is £7.7 million, funded by Defra as part of the York Flood Alleviation Scheme. City of York Council is contributing £317,000 to the scheme.

In total, the Environment Agency is investing £45 million in the York Flood Alleviation Scheme, to better protect 2,000 homes and businesses in the city from flooding.

Ben Hughes, of the Environment Agency, said:

The Clementhorpe section of our York Flood Alleviation Scheme is a once in a lifetime opportunity to reduce the risk of flooding to 135 homes.

We are very pleased that we've now received final approval from City of York Council to start construction on this section of the scheme.

This section of work is a very complex engineering project and there have been a number of hurdles we have had to overcome to bring it to fruition.

To join the mailing list to get regular updates on the York Flood Alleviation Scheme, email [yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk).

More information about [York Flood Alleviation Scheme](#).

Information about the Environment Agency's [Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England](#).

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## [Reservist Tracy Llewellyn combines being a military musician, mum and farmer](#)

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## [HMS Cambria: Cardiff's new 'crown jewel' in the defence estate](#)

Described as 'a crown jewel' in the Defence Estate, HMS Cambria was delivered on time and on budget by RFCA for Wales in partnership with the Royal Navy and Associated British Ports (ABP).

The hugely successful project has enabled HMS Cambria, Wales' only Royal Navy Reserve unit, to return to its original maritime home in Cardiff, and enjoy a presence near the centre of Government for Wales.

It was four decades ago that HMS Cambria moved from Cardiff Docks to premises at Sully. Over the years there have been numerous attempts to return the unit to the capital, however it was the publication of Defence's Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme in 2013 that provided the catalyst enabling HMS Cambria's move back to the capital city.

The bespoke facility now serves as the central hub and operating base for the Ship's company from HMS Cambria; personnel from Wales's University Royal Naval Unit (URNU) who look after student Naval cadets at universities in the city, and the Royal Marine Reserves (RMR).

Reservists now have access to state-of-the-art classroom suites, shared accommodation facilities, administrative services, as well as social and fitness centres all under one roof.

Colonel Nick Beard, Chief Executive of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Wales said:

Not only has the project enabled HMS Cambria to fittingly return to its original maritime home, but it now offers the best possible facilities for our reservists to work and train. We hope the brand-new facility will inspire future potential reservists from the surrounding areas to sign up to become vital and valued members of the Armed Forces family.

In addition to this 'crown jewel' in the Defence Estate, as described by Captain Mark Wyatt, (Navy Infra Capability Manager Reserves), the RFCA for Wales is responsible for the upkeep of over 400 buildings that are home to cadets and reserves in Wales.

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## **[Domestic Abuse Bill 2021: letter from Lord Rosser of the government amendments for the Lords report stage](#)**

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