

Open Report on behalf of Environment Agency

Report to:	Flood and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee
Date:	11 December 2015
Subject:	Boston Barrier Update

Summary:

The £92.3million Boston Barrier project remains on track to be completed by December 2019.

The Environment Agency is currently producing all the relevant documents needed to support the Transport and Works Act Order application to the Government in Spring 2016. The Environmental Statement for the scheme, which will outline the environmental impacts and mitigations of constructing and operating the barrier, is expected to go to consultation with statutory consultees in January 2016.

The Environment Agency has also started the process to appoint a supplier for the design and build contract for the Boston Barrier in 2016. The detailed design work will begin once the Transport and Work Act Order has been submitted – meaning that construction can start in 2017 following a successful Transport and Works Act Order application.

Actions Required:

To consider and comment on the content of the report

1. Background

The Boston Barrier is phase 3 of The Boston Combined Strategy which aims to reduce the risk of flooding to 20,000 properties and improve navigation in Boston over the next 100 years.

2. Conclusion

Subject to the legal approvals being secured, the £92.3million Boston Barrier project remains on track to be completed by December 2019.

3. Consultation

The scheme is currently holding a series of public exhibitions in Boston to launch new information about and consult local people about any impacts arising from the proposed construction methods. So far over 150 people have attended these events.

A new computer generated animation has been produced showing the Boston Barrier scheme in more detail than ever before – the video has over 1000 views since launching on 25 November.

4. Background Papers

No background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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