

Environment Agency Update

Beales Corner, Bewdley

August 2023

During August 2023, work will continue on the Beales Corner Flood Risk Management Scheme in Bewdley.

The planning documents for the scheme can be found here:

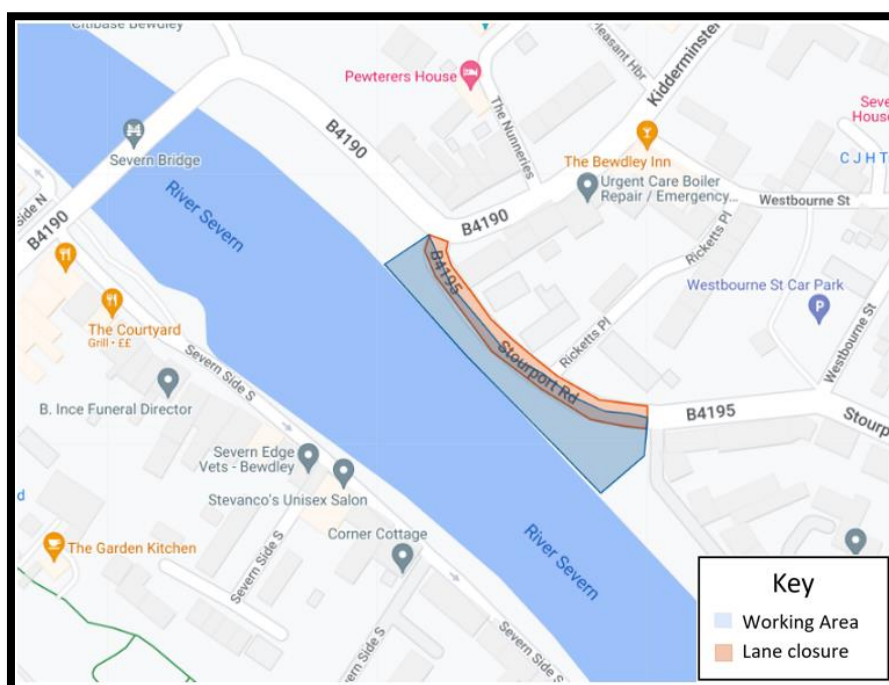
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UPCOMING KEY ACTIVITIES

Monday 7 August 2023 - Construction of the temporary working platform on the River Severn:

The Stourport Road will be closed from Monday 7 August 2023 to allow for a temporary working platform to be constructed as well as the establishment of the main construction site.

Access to Millside Court will be kept whilst the working platform is constructed, and conversations have taken place with any impacted residents.

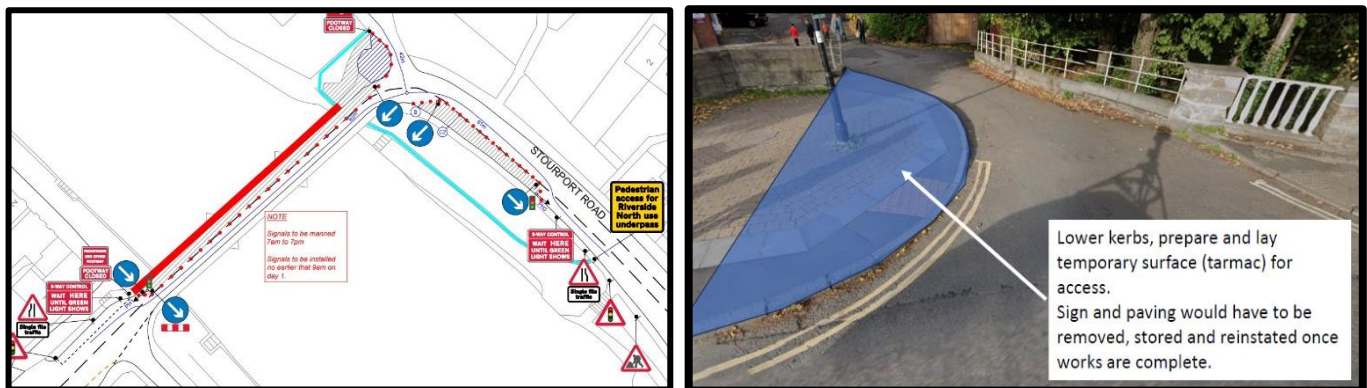


Map showing temporary working platform and area being closed.

Monday 14 August 2023 - Lowering the kerb at the entrance to Riverside North to improve access:

To improve access for both residents and contractors during the works, it is necessary to lower the kerb at the corner of the bridge and Riverside North to make the road junction wider. This work will start on Monday 14 August 2023. The roads will be open, and a traffic light system will be in place.

The work is expected to take no more than 5 days and the traffic lights will be manually controlled during the hours of 07.00 and 19.00 to aid the flow of traffic at peak times.



Map and photo showing area where kerb will be lowered.

Tuesday 29 August 2023 - Relocation of the water main at Load Street & Kidderminster Road:

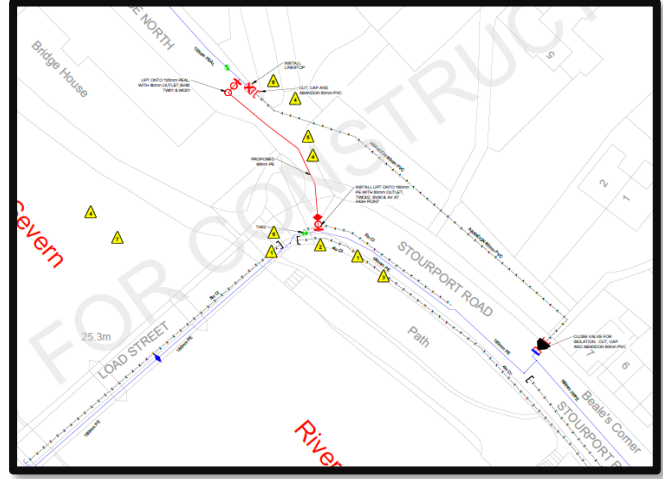
A water main is located where the foundation of the new flood wall needs to be constructed and it is therefore necessary to relocate it.

Severn Trent Water (STW) wrote to residents recently to notify them that they had obtained a Temporary Traffic Road Order (TTRO) to close the Kidderminster Road at the junction with Load Street for 4 weeks from 21 August 2023. However, after further consideration, work will not start until after the Bank Holiday weekend. The road will therefore now be closed from **Tuesday 29 August 2023**.

The contractor will be working long days during daylight hours and the access to Riverside North will be kept for much of the time. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

With the information that the project team know about before the commencement of works, it is expected that the work will last approximately 10 to 15 days, to include weekend working. Whilst not anticipated, should the project team encounter any issues whilst the ground is excavated (e. g. unmapped water supply connections) this may result in the work taking longer.

The contractor will be working to open the roads as soon as it is possible.

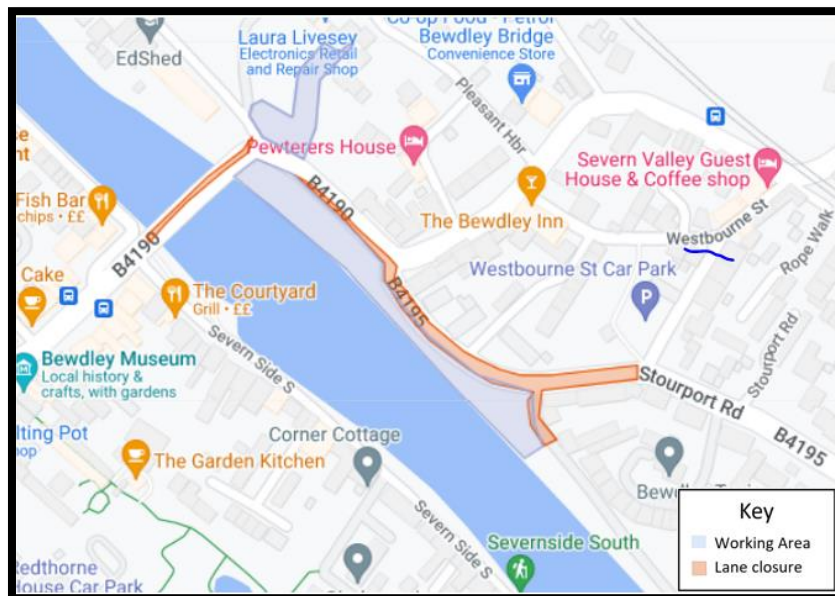


Maps showing relocation of water main and working area.

Main Construction Phase starting in October 2023:

Large scale engineering work will be taking place in a difficult built environment along the riverside at Beales Corner. To do this safely, the Stourport Road will need to be closed and the Kidderminster Road will need to be reduced to one carriageway. It is estimated that this could be for 18 to 22 months.

Discussions are ongoing on whether there should be traffic lights, or a one-way system set up, either going in or out of the town. No decision has been taken to date and there will be a further update on this by the end of August.



Map of lane closure and working area.

Next steps

There is a public meeting with businesses and residents at St George's Hall in Bewdley on 17 August at 5pm to discuss the traffic management options during the main construction phase of the project. The Environment Agency's Citizen Space will be updated with the latest information throughout the works at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/bealesfrms/>

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