

## **Bath Quays Waterside – construction begins January 2016**

Bath & North East Somerset Council and the Environment Agency will begin work on the next phase of the Bath Quays Waterside project in January.

Construction work will be phased over the next two years and, when completed, will reduce flood risk for over 100 residential and commercial properties; reconnect the city centre to the riverside with a new waterside park, and enable the development of Bath Quays, a new office and creative quarter.

Contractors Alun Griffiths Ltd, will begin work on a compound on January 4. Avon Street carpark and Riverside coach park will remain in operation throughout the works. From January Riverside Coach Park will remain the primary visitor drop off and pick up location, but once passengers have disembarked, coaches will relocate to the First Bus Weston Island Depot.

Once the compound is set-up the contractor will start on highway and utility works in late January in Ambury, Corn Street and Green Park Road.

A new section of road will be built, connecting Corn Street with Green Park Road, which, on completion will carry two-way traffic. Traffic will be permanently diverted from a length of Green Park Road (next to Avon Street car park), allowing the river bank alongside to be widened, providing additional flood flow and a new public open space.

Ed Lockington from the Environment Agency said: “We are pleased to work with Bath & North East Somerset Council on this project which will reduce existing flood risk in Bath and help provide exciting redevelopment opportunities.”

Tim Warren, Council Leader, said: “I’m delighted that we’re now beginning works which will ultimately lead to the development of new space for home-grown and growing businesses in our new business district. The flood works will unlock an important next phase in our work to secure the city for future generations, and will help us to meet one of our priorities of creating more homes and jobs.”

For detailed information about the construction works and its impacts on the public, please refer to the question and answer sheet attached on the project webpage at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/bathquayswaterside](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bathquayswaterside). Timescales for road closures, towpath and river access will be communicated later in 2016.

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