

Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area (ASEA) Ecology Mitigation and Flood Defence Project

South Gloucestershire Council, Bristol City Council and the Environment Agency are working together to improve flood defences and create new habitats for important wildlife species. This project will help to ensure that economic development can continue within the Local Enterprise Partnership's designated Enterprise Area without harming the environment. In addition, this work will also have benefits for the local community.

Details of our proposals to improve the flood defences and create wetland habitats are now available on our [webpage](#) for your information and for you to comment on.

Please ensure your comments and feedback reaches us by Tuesday 8th August

Background to the project

The Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area (ASEA) is recognised by the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) as a strategically important employment location.

South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council are looking to facilitate up to 1.6 million square metres of new commercial floor space, which will potentially lead to the creation of 12,000 new jobs within the Enterprise Area by 2026. In order to ensure the Enterprise Area can reach its full economic potential there is a need to:

- Deliver new and improved **flood defences between Avonmouth and Aust** to reduce the risk of flooding now and into the future.
- Provide **new wetland habitat** to off-set the likely impact of development on the nationally and internationally recognised wildlife of the River Severn. We are looking to do this **in the Hallen Marsh and Northwick areas**

Purpose of this stage of the project

We have been working with partners to develop proposals for the works required to improve the flood defences and create new areas of wetland habitat.

We have now published details of our proposals on our web page. This information explains:

- How high the flood defences will need to be. In some areas, the new defences will need to be up to 2m higher than the existing.
- The type of flood defence we envisage for each area – we are proposing a combination of walls and banks.
- How we intend to create a minimum of 80 hectares of new wetland habitat in the Hallen Marsh and Northwick areas.

Public exhibitions

To find out more information and speak to our project team please come along to one of our public exhibitions.

Public Exhibitions

Tuesday 4th July, 4pm – 8pm

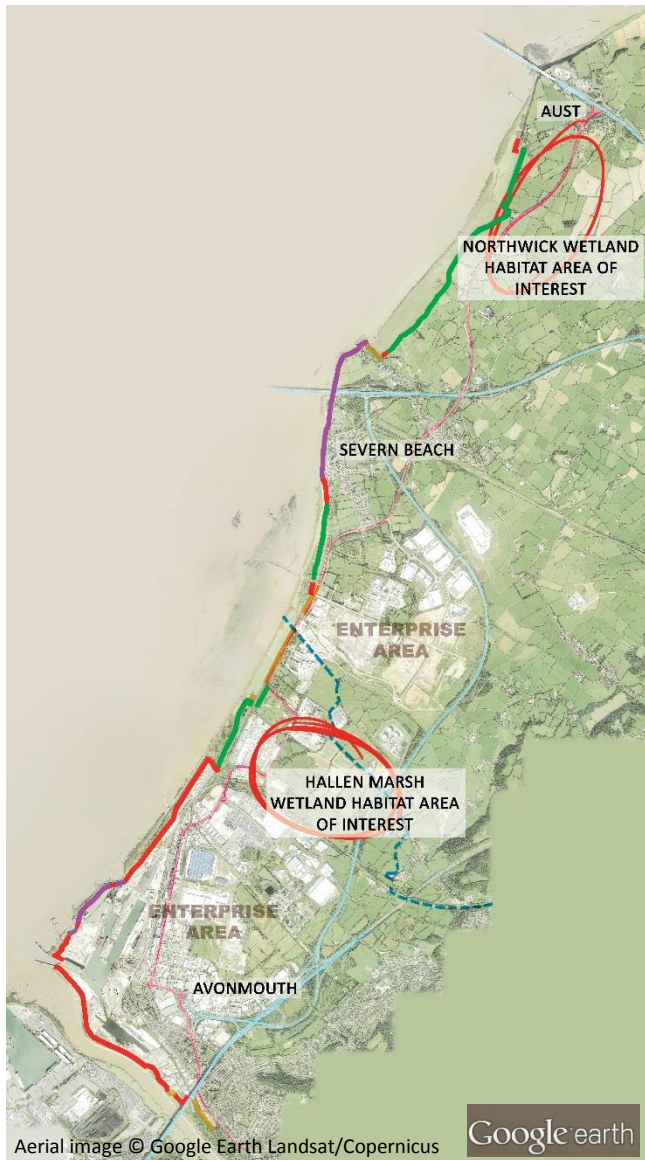
Avonmouth Community Centre, 257 Avonmouth Road, BS11 9EN

Tuesday 18th July, 5:30pm – 8pm

Severn Beach Primary School, Ableton Lane, BS35 4PP

Overview of proposals

The map below provides an overview of the proposals. It illustrates how we plan to raise the flood defences and the broad areas that we are looking at to create wetland habitats.



- Raised flood bank
- Reinforced concrete flood wall
- No height increase required
- Sheet pile flood wall
- Bristol City/South Gloucestershire boundary

Have your say

We would like to hear your thoughts on the detail of our proposals and in particular any ideas you may have for improving them. Some aspects of our proposals are already fixed and reflect decisions made in other studies, or in discussions with partners.

We will take account of your comments to help us finalise the proposals before applying for planning permission in the Autumn.

Please send us your comments via e-mail or post. You can download a feedback form from our website, or pick one up at one of our public exhibitions.

Please ensure all feedback reaches us by Tuesday 8th August.

We will also be presenting at various community forums and meetings in June and July. If your group would like a presentation from our team, please do get in touch.

To email comments or any questions contact us at:

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To read about the background to the project and find out about the proposals:

www.insouthglos.co.uk

(Enterprise Areas – Avonmouth Severnside – Flood and Ecology)