



Dock Dredging Activities – Update May 15th

Changes from last notice in **RED**

As many of you will already be aware the environment agency will be undertaking major dredging of the Main Drain and Liggard brook over the summer of 2017. Although the plans are yet to be finalised here is a summary of the activities as we presently understand them and our current view as to the impact on our activities.

The works have been contracted to BAM and will consist of 3 element.

1. Extending the Preston Rd culvert and replacing the pumps.

This will involve extending the culvert into our property, resiting the tidal flap gates and installation of new pumps. During this work a bund will be created across the creek just upstream of the pump outfall. This bund will be constructed and removed from within our property and will require a number of boats on the hard standing (at least the first 4) in the vicinity of the cabin to be removed to allow for access for a digger and for lorries bringing in and removing the bund material. The majority of the other culvert works will be undertaken from Preston Rd and our East bank. The work is planned to commence **MidJune** with perhaps a few days of preparatory work before then. Vessels affected will need to be moved by **END May** and owners will be notified. Other than lorry access during construction and removal of the bund we don't expect this aspect of the works to impact our activities.

2. Dredging the main drain

The entire length of the Main Drain within our property boundaries is to be dredged. **This will be achieved by use of an amphibious digger around low water, probably depositing the material on the bank and subsequently removed by road.** Presently it is expected that the ground chains and risers will be left in situation during this operation, but this may be dependant on the amount of material being removed.

3. Dredging the liggard brook

The entire length of the Liggard brook from Preston Rd to the confluence

with the Main Drain is to be dredged. The section upstream of our property will be dredged by a land based digger depositing the material on the bank. The section adjacent to our property will be dredged by amphibious digger as for the main drain.

It is in our interest that once these these works have commenced they are undertaken as quickly and smoothly as possible and to facilitate this we have offered our support wherever possible. As part of this, the BAM site cabins will be located on our property during the works. **These will be located on the left hand side of the through road beyond Trinculo and Piscatrix and before Deerhunter.** As part of this agreement that area will be left as hard standing for future boat parking. It will also give us the opportunity to be in close contact with the contractor during the works. **Work on the base for these cabins will commence on Wednesday 17th May and all personal property on the area between Piscatrix and Deerhunter must be removed by Tuesday 16th May.** Cabins will be brought to site in late May and will remain until **October.**

We have been in discussions with both the Environment agency and the contractor in recent months and have raised concerns regarding security, safety, navigation rights and potential damage to our chains and moorings.

The security of our site will be maintained throughout the works.

We have asked for assurances that our rights to navigation and utility of our property are maintained throughout the works.

Any disturbance of the ground chains and moorings will have to be carefully managed and berth holders will be advised of any any boat movements required. Contingency plans will be drawn up should any chain removal be necessary. Any chains removed will be reinstated at the contractors effort and expense.

We have communicated our concerns regarding the movement of the Liggard brook and continued erosion of the Main Drain East bank and in the vicinity of their confluence. We are awaiting the response from the Environment agency.

We expect the contractors plans to be finalised in the next **two** weeks and will keep you informed of any significant changes.

Keith Lawton

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