



Flood Alleviation Programme

Measures taken to strengthen Worcestershire's resilience to flooding

Summary

Worcestershire LEP has invested £4million into a number of flood alleviation projects across the county. The projects were designed to reduce the adverse economic impact of flooding on the highways network across Worcestershire. The flood alleviation programme commenced with investment on the A44 near Craycombe to reduce impact of flooding on the access to Evesham, as well as the £1m investment on New Road in Worcester, and the raising of the road near Upton-upon-Severn marina.

The Background

- Work started on raising the A4104 in Upton-Upon-Severn in September 2017 and has been hailed a feat in engineering due to its complexity.
- The road at Upton-Upon-Severn needed to be raised by 1 metre in places, a completely new drainage system was installed and an extensive modelling of flood waters was needed to ensure the impact to the surrounding areas was kept to a minimum.
- The closure of Worcester's New Road caused huge disruption for residents and businesses during the major floods of 2007 and 2014.
- The New Road project has improved the area's resilience to flood events by allowing New Road to take two way traffic in and out of the city while surrounding roads and land continue to flood.

Key facts

LEP: Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership

Location: Worcestershire

Project completion: Spring 2019

LGF funding: £4million

Outputs: Improvements have raised almost 200 metres of New Road and its footpaths. A Worcestershire County Council report estimated that the cost of previous major flood (eg. 2007) cost Worcestershire £6.4m per week at its height.



The Benefits

- A Worcestershire County Council report estimated that the cost of a previous major flood (in 2007) cost Worcestershire a total of £6.4m per week at its height.

Gary Woodman, Chief Executive of Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership said: "It is great to see the flood alleviation work in Upton is now finished. Flooding provides a huge challenge for the local business community and the complex alleviation work will ensure that this crucial transport link can stay open for all those travelling, working and visiting this part of the county."