



We would like to start this newsletter by thanking the community of Tadcaster for all the comments received on the planning application submitted in December 2024. The response has been overwhelmingly supportive. The purpose of the planning consultation was to enable all factors relevant to the planning proposal to be identified, logged and addressed. The number of public comments has been impressive, with North Yorkshire Council processing the comments so they can be considered.

Planning Update

In response to the recent planning application (planning reference: **ZG2024/1144/EIA**) we have to date over 1000 public comments on the North Yorkshire Council planning portal along with approximately an additional 300 'Save Our Scheme' (SOS) slips which are still to be uploaded. As of the beginning of March 2025, there were 944 supportive comments and 18 neutral, with no objections.

The public comments have been an incredible effort by the local community and surrounding areas with comments of support by The Rt Hon Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP, North Yorkshire Mayor David Skaith and the Rt Hon Nigel Adams (former MP).

Of the final 1030 comments received from public and statutory consultees, 60% referred to the economic impact of flooding as part of their reason for supporting the scheme. Comments have included those covering closed businesses and decline of the high street, demonstrating feelings of urgency for the scheme.

Another common response was the need to protect essential local services including the medical centre and bus station along with other social amenities such as the football club.

The impacts of bridge closures during elevated river levels were also noted during this consultation. Although the bridge and FAS are closely linked, the decision to close the bridge during elevated river levels belongs to North Yorkshire Council and the completion of the scheme would not guarantee against any future closures.

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View towards Robin Hood Yard from St Marys Church.

We continue to progress our discussions with statutory planning consultees who have had reservations on the impact of their assets and operations. Recently, they have withdrawn their objections based on advice and mitigations to reduce potential impacts which is a significant positive result for the scheme.

Any changes because of conversations with consultees will be captured in an addendum that is being prepared and will be added to the current planning application documents in due course. Once the Addendum is submitted, it will be available for public viewing on the council's website alongside the current application documents, where members of the public and statutory consultees can review and comment on the changes. There is no need to resubmit previous comments, but comments on the changes are welcomed.

We are continuing to hold positive conversations with the remaining statutory consultees. This will hopefully allow a smoother delivery of the Flood Alleviation Scheme once we progress to site.

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All the detailed plans and supporting documents for the planning application can be found online on the North Yorkshire Council planning portal, with a planning reference **ZG2024/1144/EIA**.