

Environmental Assessment: Work since last meeting

- Downstream embankment areas
 - Historic Environment Desk Based Assessment
 - Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and protected species data collection
- Ecological surveys
- Technical Sub Groups
- Water quality effects of barrier closures
- Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessment
- Test of Likely Significant Effects under the Habitats Regulations
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
- Scoping - Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

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Environmental Assessment: EIA Scoping

We consider that, due to the scale, location, nature and potential effects of the proposed project, a statutory EIA is required.

EIA regulations:

- Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) 2017 (SI 571 2017)
- Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (SI 588 2017)

Production of Environmental Statement (ES) in accordance with the above regulations to consider the effects of the development as a whole and to document the EIA process.

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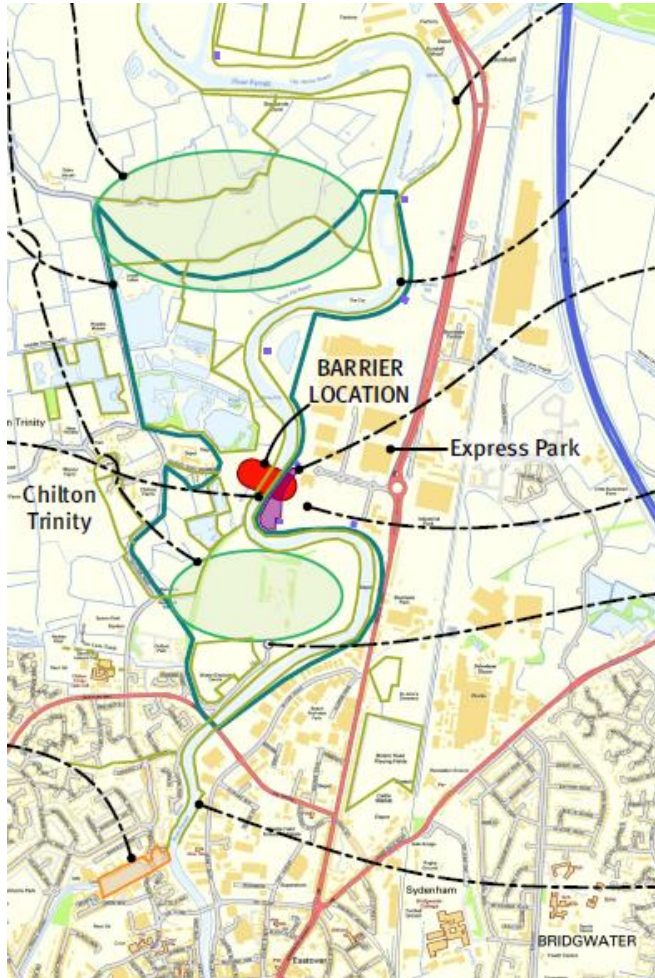
Environmental receptors
Water and geomorphology
Biodiversity
Landscape and visual amenity (a full LVIA will support the ES)
Land use
Population and human health
Navigation
Archaeology and cultural heritage
Traffic and transport

The ES will also consider the potential for cumulative effects with other known plans and projects in the area.

Environmental Assessment: Next steps

Stage	Date
Informal consultation on the PEIR	Early August 2017
Formal scoping opinion request	Autumn 2017
ES production	End 2017 through 2018

Opportunities and Enhancements



Potential Opportunities and Enhancements

Further develop the existing network of footpaths

Provide a pedestrian and cycle footbridge

Preserve and enhance the dock area and make it a visitor attraction (Dock Renaissance Project)

Create a landscaped riverside public space, e.g including seating and interpretation boards

Provide a visitors centre/cafe

Enhance the existing natural environment, e.g. by planting and creating wet habitat features such as ponds or scrapes

Create a parking area for use by walkers

Create floating gardens at the docks (Sedgemoor District Council project)

