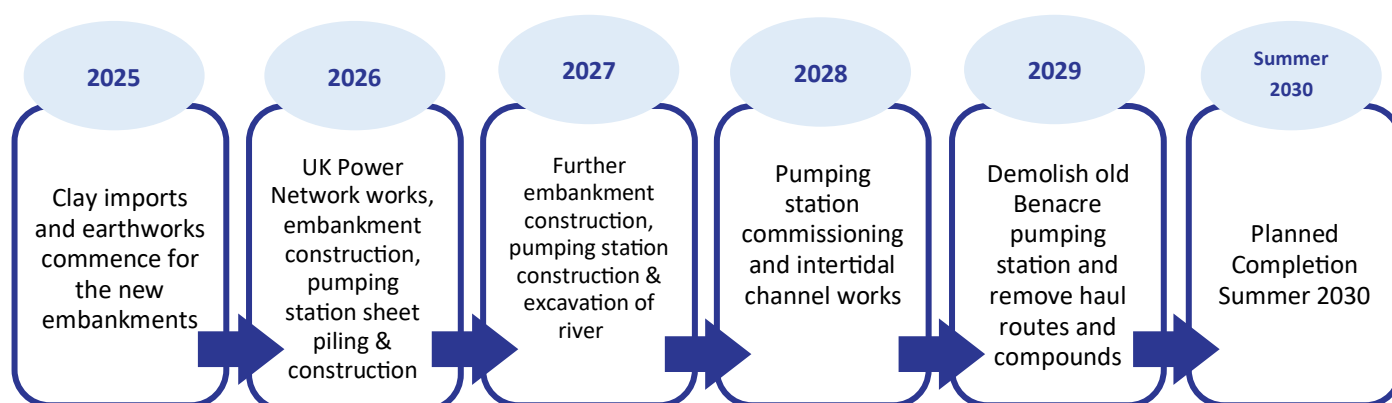


Construction Enters Delivery Phase

We're pleased to confirm that following the completion of 6 months of ecological and enabling works, the Benacre & Kessingland Flood Risk Management Project has now entered its construction phase. Over the coming months, work will ramp up across the site to start delivering this vital flood defence scheme that will protect the A12, homes, businesses and farmland from coastal, fluvial and surface water flooding.

Timeline



Building Momentum: Site Progress

Achievements:

- Ditch and river crossings are all installed.
- The haul route has been established, to support efficient material movement across site.
- Essential ecological mitigation is complete, including badger and reptile relocation and water vole mitigation across the footprint of the works area.
- Further UKPN trenching and HDD (horizontal directional drilling) to support power diversions have been completed.
- Recent trial trenching on site has uncovered fascinating traces of Roman archaeology! These remarkable discoveries, along with other findings, are being carefully documented and preserved to safeguard their historical significance.
- Preparations made for the clay import.
- Permanent site compound established for the duration of the works.

What's Next:

- Commence clay import.
- Construction of flood embankments.
- Piling platform construction.
- Start Piling for Lothingland pumping station.



Above: Grass snake found & relocated within the valley

Pottery found in the archaeological investigations

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Traffic Management - Clay Import

Lorry movements will begin in the coming weeks between the Gisleham quarry and the Benacre project site, supplying clay material essential for building the new flood embankments.

Safety for all road users has been carefully considered and local property access will be maintained throughout operations. The approved approach reflects thorough planning and compliance with all conditions, ensuring the project proceeds responsibly and with community concerns in mind.

A comprehensive Traffic Management Plan, developed and accepted by the Suffolk County Council planning committee, is in place to ensure road safety and minimise disruption for residents. This plan includes strict operating hours, speed controls, dust suppression measures, wheel-wash facilities and ongoing monitoring by the Project Team and Suffolk County Council.

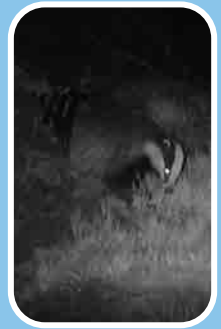


Above: Operatives carry out the Water vole mitigation, as part of the project's enabling works.



Below: Badger relocation, included creating artificial badger setts from modular components, shown before and after being covered with topsoil.

Right: Evidence that the artificial badger sett is now occupied.



Above: The temporary haul route, established to support efficient material movement across the valley, allowing clay imports to be positioned to build the new flood embankment



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We're here to help. If you have any questions or feedback about the ongoing works or traffic arrangements, please contact the WMA Project Team: project.delivery@wlma.org.uk

