

Whittlesey Washes

September 2013

South Barrier Bank works

Progress

The dry weather has really helped us along this month, and the bank strengthening work is progressing well. We're placing new fill material along the base of the bank at a rate of approximately 160 lorry-loads per day.

The Reservoir Panel Engineer came to see us this month to have a look at the project and check on how work is progressing. The Engineer will visit us again at the end of October to ensure the work completed for the first year of work is to a high standard.

We also received confirmation that we will be finishing this year's work in November 2013. This is thanks to Natural England extending the length of time we can work on site. We will closely monitor wildlife in the area to ensure we do not disturb any over-wintering birds. Interserve Construction Ltd will return next summer to complete work along the bank in the Goosetree Farm area.



Removing topsoil from the bank near Poplar Farm.

St Peter's Farm access track

You may have noticed that work on our access track at St Peter's Farm has been delayed slightly. This is because we changed which part of the bank we worked on for this year. In readiness for us to start

work next year, we will shortly be completing work on the access track.

Ring's End car park

We have been able to arrange alternative car parking at the Oriental Garden Chinese Restaurant's car park. The area to use has been clearly signposted at the rear of the car park. The angler's car park will remain closed for the duration of the Year One works.

Since our last newsletter, we are pleased to say there have been no reported incidents of people entering the construction site without permission. The project team would like to thank everyone for their co-operation.

For your safety, we continue to ask that you use the footpath diversion while work is taking place. We would also ask that parents do not allow their children to play on or near the construction site. For your pet's safety, please keep dogs on a lead.

An award for excellence!

The Considerate Constructors Scheme was set up to improve the image of the construction industry. The scheme aims to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements and show the industry to be a considerate one.

As you may be aware from the banners around the site entrances, our site has signed up to the scheme. We are doing everything possible to minimise disruption to the public and enhance some aspects of site, both during the works and permanently following completion of the scheme.

In August, an assessor of the Considerate Constructors Scheme visited us to score the site on: enhancing the appearance, respecting the community, protecting the environment, securing everyone's safety, and caring for the workforce.

We are pleased to announce that our site has achieved an excellence in construction award.

How to find out more

We are keen to hear from you. We have put suggestion boxes onto the notice boards along the footpath, next to the kissing gates, at Ring's End and near Poplar House Farm.

We have been posting blogs on the *Shape Your Place* websites for Whittlesey, March & Wisbech.

You can also find more information on our website at: www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/147518.aspx

Working in partnership

The project is being carried out by the Environment Agency with support from our partners: North Level District Internal Drainage Board, Whittlesey Consortium of Internal Drainage Boards, Middle Level Commissioners, Fenland District Council, Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Natural England and the RSPB.

Our Public Liaison Officer

Our Public Liaison Officer, Monica Stonham, is available to help deal with any questions or concerns which you may have regarding our work. Monica is also available to get involved in working with the community via schools and local organisations. If you have any questions or comments, please contact her.

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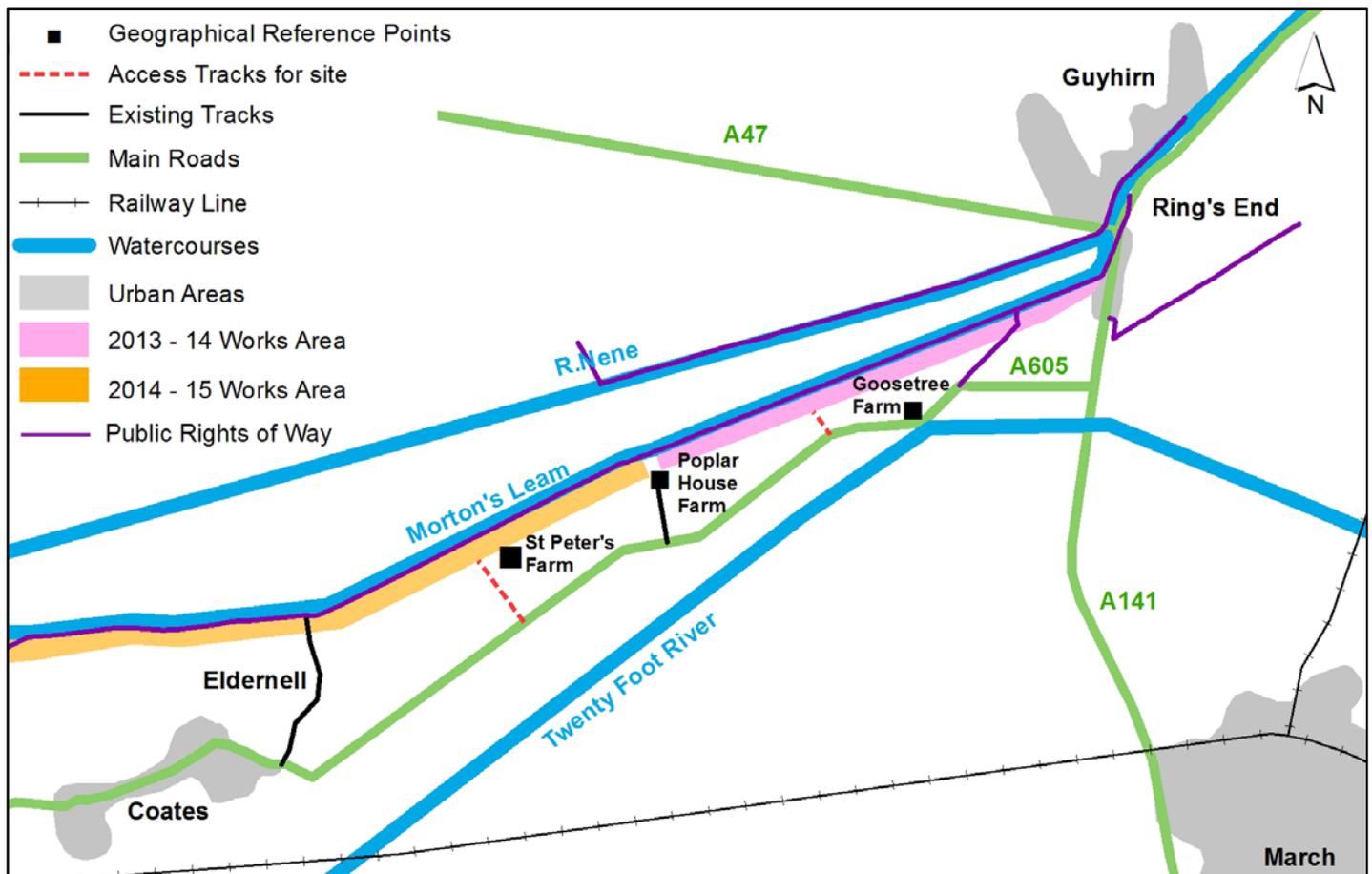
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Year One works programme

- Access road construction: June 2013
- Footpath diversion: from July 2013
- Phase one construction work: July-November 2013
- Phase two construction work: June 2014–winter 2014



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