

Ouse Washes Section 10 Works

Important Notice

April 2021

Over the next few weeks, you will start to see movement on the banks where our ecologists will be undertaking surveys and the grass cutting will be getting underway ready for the works to start in the summer.

We have been experiencing problems with trespass and vandalism over the winter and spring. The metal security fencing and gates are being vandalised and, in some places, removed which is providing unauthorised access to the site at Welney and Welches Dam, Manea.

This is a notice to remind the community that for the whole duration of the scheme the Ouse Washes Section 10 works on the Middle Level Barrier Bank is considered to be a construction site. By law our contractor Jackson Civil Engineering has to restrict access to all construction areas where the works are not complete.

The construction work on the bank and haul road between Welney and the A142 at Mepal is not complete and had been closed over winter as it is not safe for public use.

We want to keep you safe. Construction sites are dangerous places with many hidden hazards, and we are working hard to keep all the security fencing and gates secure and will do all we can to protect you.

There is still a full closure of the Middle Level Barrier Bank public footpath and bridleway in place. Our contractor will only close sections of the bank that are being worked on or where we are waiting for the grass to grow.

We will continue to monitor the grass growth in the completed closed sections, and we will re-open these areas of the Middle Level Barrier Bank once it is complete.

Below are the locations of the Public footpath and bridleway on the Middle Level Barrier Bank that we have re-opened for public access.

South Level Barrier Bank

We opened the footpath between the old Anchor Inn pub, Sutton Gault and Chain Corner in September 2019.

Middle Level Barrier Bank

We opened the footpath between Welmore Lake Sluice and Welney in September 2019.

We fully opened the footpath between Earith Sluice and Sutton Gault in February 2021.

We may need to do some remedial work during 2021, any work areas will be fenced off and the footpath will remain open.

