

A38

Derby junctions

Newsletter issue 6 – Autumn / Winter 2017

Welcome to the sixth edition of the A38 Derby Junctions newsletter, which is designed to update you on the progress of the scheme.

Firstly, an apology. We're really sorry that we've not been in touch for a while. We have, however,

been working hard behind the scenes to plan for the next steps in the development of this scheme. We know that there's a lot of interest in this project, and what's been happening, so we hope – within this newsletter update – to give you a flavour of the things that have been going on, and what's due to happen next.

So, what have we been working on?

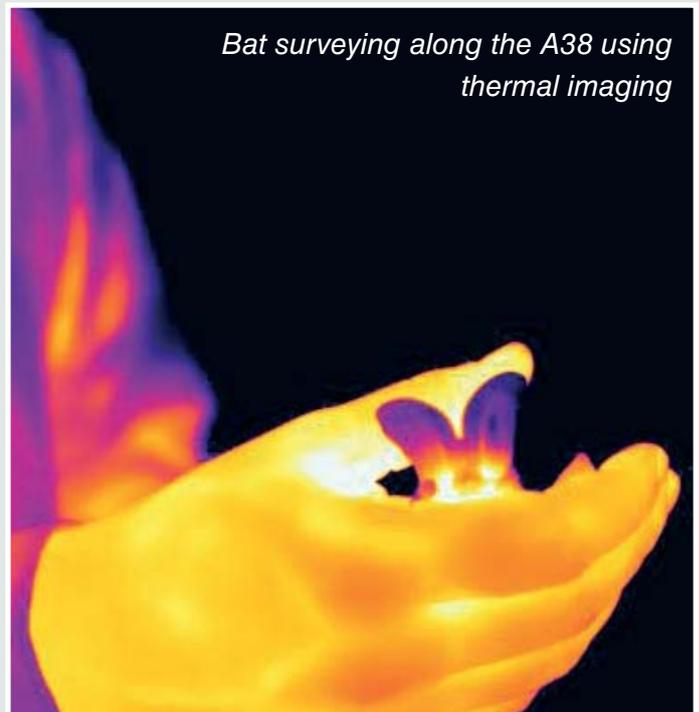
Over the past year we've been busy gathering additional information and data about the area, and compiling a number of reports. For instance we've commissioned further land surveys (including a survey of the River Derwent) and continued with a number of ecology surveys.

The following sections will tell you more about some of the specific things we've been looking at:

Environmental assessment and wildlife surveys

We've continued with our environmental assessment work ahead of our work to prepare a Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and an Environmental Statement (ES). These reports are important, and will form part of our application to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO). We must secure a DCO if we are to be able to build the scheme.

We've also been undertaking surveys of wintering birds, bats and other animal life. We'll continue to do this right up to the point that our DCO application is submitted, so that we have a full environmental picture of what wildlife may be affected by the scheme.

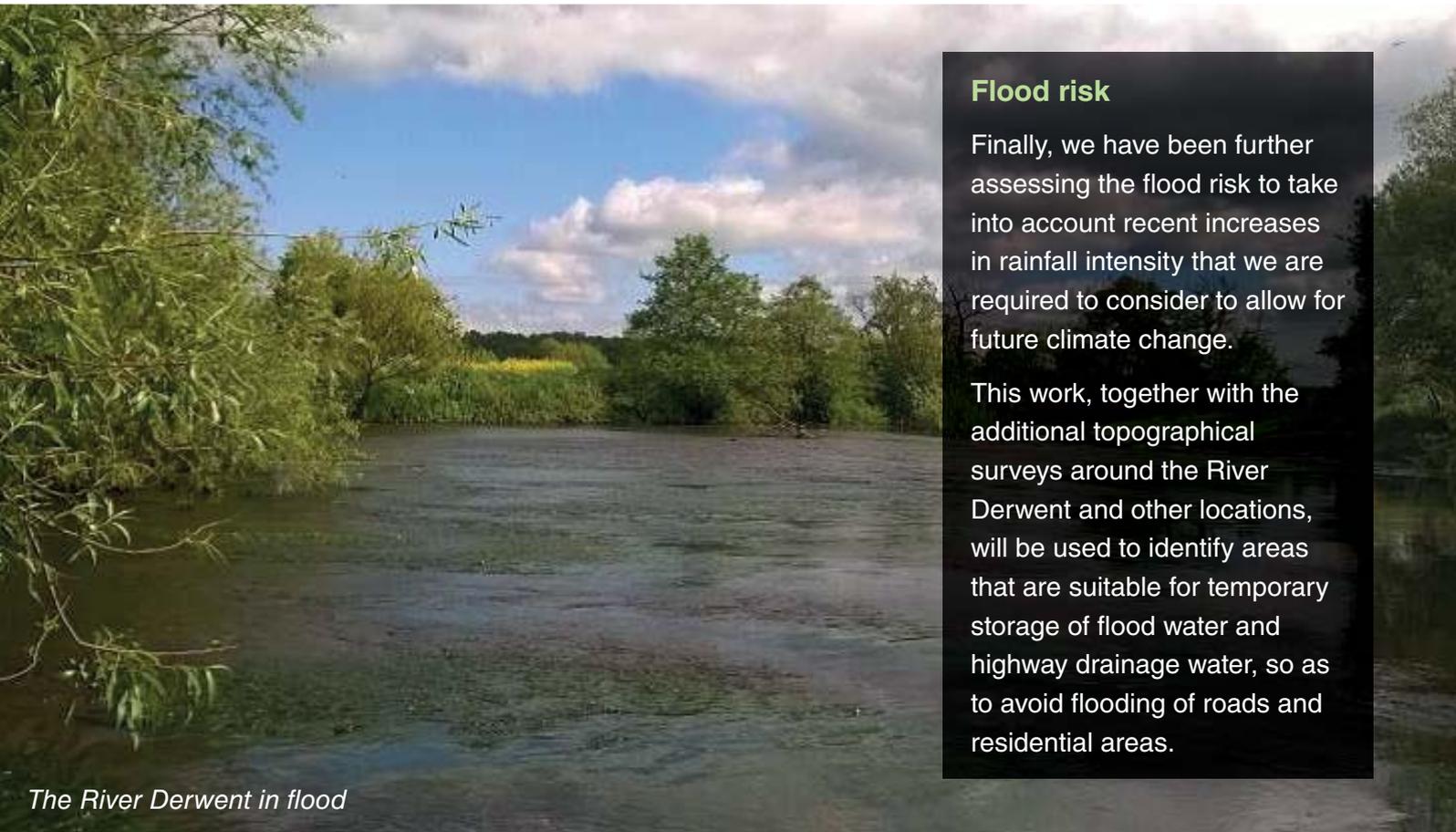


Bat surveying along the A38 using thermal imaging

In addition we've been doing some work to establish the baseline environmental conditions in and around the areas affected by the possible routes. This is important because we need to be sure that, when the road improvements are completed, there will be no overall resulting loss of habitat for our wildlife to enjoy. On the back of this we have been looking at how we can mitigate any impact the scheme would have on the environment (as well as looking at how we could potentially improve on the current conditions).



Ecological monitoring of Bramble Brook



The River Derwent in flood

Flood risk

Finally, we have been further assessing the flood risk to take into account recent increases in rainfall intensity that we are required to consider to allow for future climate change.

This work, together with the additional topographical surveys around the River Derwent and other locations, will be used to identify areas that are suitable for temporary storage of flood water and highway drainage water, so as to avoid flooding of roads and residential areas.

Liaison with key statutory bodies

Throughout the past year we've also been talking to Natural England and the Environment Agency, and other key stakeholders, to gain their views and suggestions the scheme proposals that we consulted on. This is to ensure we get the agreement of these organisations to ensure our scheme design has considered everything that is required to minimise impact on the environment.



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What will happen next?

We expect to make our preferred route announcement for the A38 Derby Junctions scheme in early 2018. We will write to everyone affected by the scheme at the point we make this announcement, outlining which options have been picked, and will happen next as the project moves into the next phase.

We'll also continue our work looking at all the environmental aspects of the proposed scheme, including what impact it may have on flooding risk, and how that could be mitigated.

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