

**Announcement of intention not to prepare an environmental statement (Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 as amended by SI 2005/1399 and SI 2006/618**

**Port Clarence and Greatham South flood alleviation scheme**

The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to 35m of flood defences on the north bank of the river Tees, Middlesbrough Reach in Port Clarence at Wilton Group land, west of the main quayside at National Grid reference NZ 49241 21850.

Work at Port Clarence has recently been undertaken to construct a flood embankment. However in one place, on the west of the site, the flood embankment is on a river bank which has been subjected to increased scour. The area is where the river changes direction and there is a history of erosion. Designs have been prepared to stabilise the river bank in the most sustainable way possible, for example using 'estuary edges' guidance and planting.

The proposed improvement work includes repairs to the embankment by re-profiling the existing slope, applying rock mattresses on the lower sections of the embankment and planting on the top half. The proposed works are small in scale (317m<sup>2</sup>). They involve restoring erosion protection and creating habitat for a positive environmental impact.

The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment. It does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. Environmental information concerning the improvement works is available in the 'Request for EIA screening opinion letter' from Mott MacDonald. This is held at the Environment Agency office in Leeds (address below) and is available for viewing from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address below within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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