

Bridgemead News Supplement

Flood defences planning application



We have submitted a planning application to erect some new flood defences for Bridgemead. You may read about it in local media in the coming days . We have set out some background and ask you for your support which can be registered by following the link and adding a 'Support comment'. [Planning Application Flood Defence](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/planning/details.html?refval=22%2F00655%2FFUL)

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As you know the leafy, riverside grounds of Bridgemead provide a very real benefit to residents. Whether enjoying the passing river traffic or witnessing the abundant wildlife and changing seasons, there are always enriching scenes to see from residents' rooms or the rooftop garden.

But the river brings its own dangers. Even though Bridgemead was built to withstand the 1 in 100 year flood event we have had two narrow escapes in the past. In the most recent, in 2013, the river rose to within 150mm of the lower ground floor. Residents were packed and ready to leave, but fortunately the waters receded.

Whenever we have sustained rainfall for three or four days, staff become nervous wondering if they will have to move residents to a nearby shelter, which would be traumatic and physically dangerous for the vulnerable residents we care for.

Our design team has devised a sensitive riverside scheme that aims to reduce the risk of flooding from 1 in 20 years to 1 in 65 years; a dramatic improvement. We plan to erect a glass screen fixed to the rear wall of the home and around the grounds; the screen is designed to ensure that the delightful outlook enjoyed by residents is retained.

We have the solution. We have started the fundraising efforts. Please can you support this in some way.

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