

Flood Risk Management at Deptford Creek

This newsletter contains information about the forthcoming improvement works we are carrying out on Deptford Creek in June 2009.

It also has information about a drop in session you are invited to attend on 13 May (see reverse).

The Environment Agency's role in flood risk management

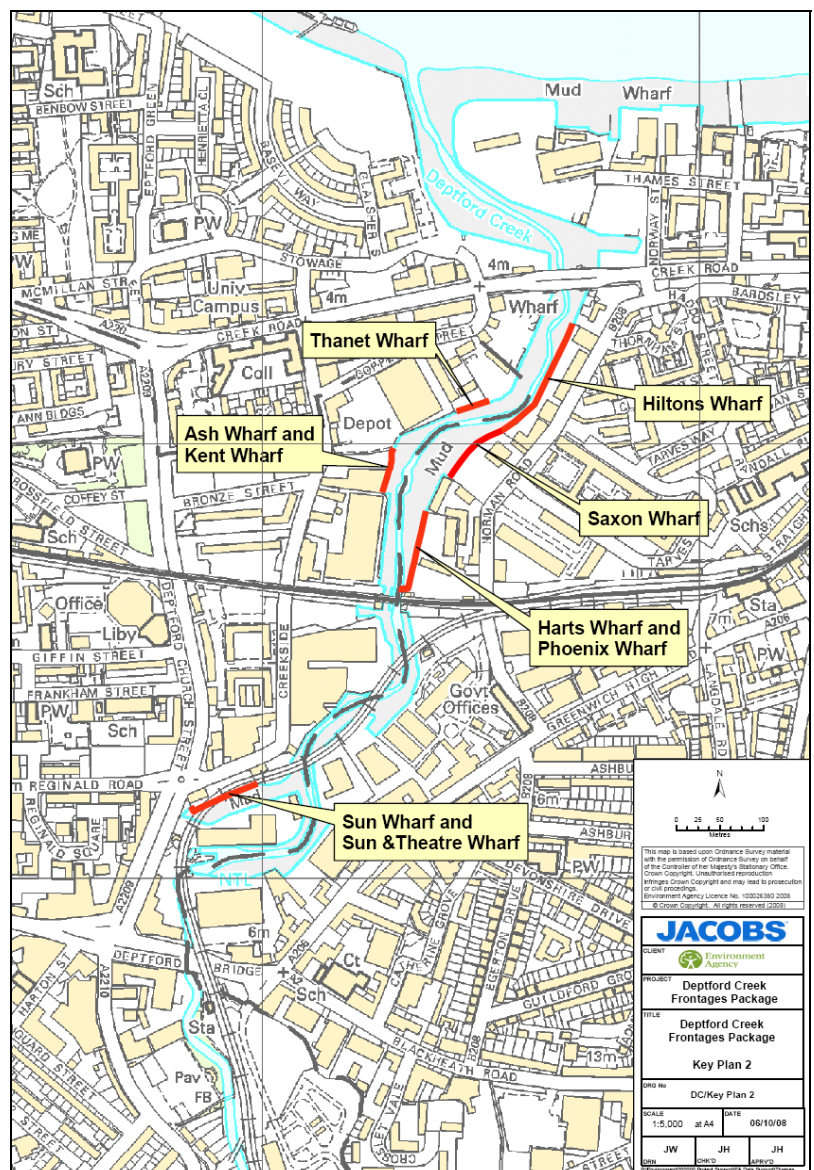
We are the leading public body for protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales. We have an important role in reducing the risk of flooding from rivers and the sea. We aim to reduce the risk to more people by improving the quality of existing structures and creating more where appropriate.

Deptford Creek

Deptford Creek is the name for the final stretch of the River Ravensbourne before it joins the River Thames. As the creek is affected by the tide of the River Thames, the water level varies by as much as seven metres. This area is covered under legislation, which ensures ongoing flooding protection for London.

The current frontages

After inspecting the frontages along Deptford Creek, we have found some to be in a poor condition. The frontages are flood walls that lower the risk of flooding to areas such as Battersea, Lambeth, Camberwell, Deptford and parts of Greenwich. The map opposite shows the nine frontages that have been identified as requiring work.



The construction works

From June 2009 until spring 2010 we will improve the condition of the frontages along the creek and increase the level of protection they provide. Four of the frontages will only need refurbishment and the remaining five frontages will need replacing.

Short term impacts

The short term impacts of the construction work will vary at each frontage depending on the specific works. Where we are refurbishing frontages, impacts in the surrounding area will be minor and could include some noise, some dust and a low increase in traffic. Where frontages need to be replaced, the impacts will be comparatively greater due to sheet steel piling, which can create more noise and vibration.

Long term benefits

Any inconvenience caused during the construction stage of the improvement works will be short term. However, the long term benefits of the work will lower the risk of flooding to the local area and a large part of London. Where frontages are being replaced, we are using this opportunity to provide a range of environmental improvements, including inter-tidal terracing. This is a flat terrace, which will allow permanent natural space for local plants and wildlife.

Contact:

If you have any questions about the work or the drop in session, please contact the Environment Agency on:

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Drop in Session

Come and find out more information

The Environment Agency are inviting you to attend a drop in session.

It will provide you with an opportunity to find out more information about;

- **Deptford Creek**
- **Our role in flood risk management**
- **How the construction works will affect you**
- **The impacts on you and your business during the construction period**

You will also be able to meet the project team.

Creekside Centre

**14 Creekside, Deptford,
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**On Wednesday 13 May
2009**

**From 2.30pm until
7.30pm**