

Glasson Dock Gate update

9 August 2024

As you may be aware, the dock gate has been removed from its fixings. This will now allow engineers to inspect the gate, and to assess whether it is practically and economically feasible for the gate to be repaired or whether other options need to be considered. The Environment Agency is leading this inspection. If the gate can be reinstated or other options are progressed, this is likely to take some considerable time.

As such, the Environment Agency has been in contact with the most vulnerable homeowners and businesses to investigate options for temporary property flood resilience measures and provide advice on minimising the impacts of flooding. The Environment Agency is doing this as quickly as it can, before the next high spring tides towards the end of August.

The Environment Agency also intends to provide sandbags adjacent to the swing bridge. The sandbags should be available from Monday 19 August.

Lancaster City Council remains in contact with the local parish council about its community emergency action plan and any potential changes that may be required while the gate is not in place.

Residents in Glasson may wish to consider contacting their insurers regarding the removal of the dock gate. As insurance cover is a commercial arrangement between residents and their insurers, any potential impact of removing the gate on insurance cover is not something that we can advise on.

If you haven't done so already, you can also sign up for free flood warnings at: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>. The Environment Agency has lowered the water level at which a warning is issued to account for the dock gate's absence.

If you have any further questions about flood risk at Glasson, please contact the Environment Agency at: GlassonDock.CLA@environment-agency.gov.uk.