

# INFORMATION SHEET



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## CHAMBERS WHARF COFFERDAM REMOVAL

As Tideway approaches the end of construction at the Chambers Wharf site, we need to remove the cofferdam which we built into the river. This temporary structure enabled us to construct the tunnel which, once fully operational in 2025, will reduce the tens of millions of tonnes of untreated sewage which are currently discharged into the river during periods of rainfall.

Removal of the cofferdam is anticipated to begin this summer 2024 and continue until spring 2025. It will require:

- the removal of the concrete slabs across the cofferdam area
- the removal of the backfill material beneath the slab
- the removal of the steel sheet piles which form the cofferdam

This means that work within this period will vary in intensity, depending upon what activity is being undertaken. From mid-May we will also be removing the foundations of the former slurry treatment plant by methods of saw-cutting and by breaking.

The cofferdam will then be removed in four main stages as below:



## **STAGE 1 – Installation of sheet pile crosswall.**

The initial stage will require the team to install around 12 new sheet piles to divide the existing cofferdam into two. This is known as the crosswall and is necessary to ensure the cofferdam can be removed safely. The intention is to install these sheet piles using a vibro unit. Depending upon ground conditions, there is a risk that the final metres of these sheet piles may need to be driven into place using an impact piler. The team will avoid this technique if possible. This activity expected to take place in mid / late May and will take approximately two weeks to complete.

## **STAGE 2 – Hinterland Removal**

The first area of cofferdam to be removed will be the 'hinterland'. The concrete slab will be removed by cutting and breaking out, before the backfill material beneath is removed by excavator and transferred to barges. The removal of the 'hinterland' area is expected to start in approximately July / August and we will keep you updated once the exact dates are known. The exact start date is dependent upon finishing other activities currently being conducted on site.

## **STAGE 3 – Eastern Cofferdam Removal**

Once the hinterland is removed, works will begin to remove the eastern cofferdam area, beginning next to Fountain Green Square. The concrete surface will be removed by cutting and breaking, before the backfill material beneath is removed by excavator. Once the backfill material has been removed by barge, the steel sheet piles will be removed using the Dawson hydraulic piler. A vibro piling unit may be required to remove the more stubborn piles and those on the cofferdam corners etc. The eastern cofferdam removal will begin once the majority of the hinterland has been removed.

## **STAGE 4 – Western Cofferdam Removal**

Once the eastern cofferdam is removed, the work will start to remove the western cofferdam using the same techniques. The team will start in the central area of the cofferdam and work their way towards Luna House. The western cofferdam is expected to be removed by spring 2025.

## **WORKING HOURS**

The team will be carrying out Stage 1 during standard site working hours:

- Monday to Friday – 8am to 6pm
- Saturday – 8am to 1pm
- Barge movements within the river foreshore and those that are dependent on the tide, may take place between 5am and 10pm.

There will be regular breaks throughout the work and noise and vibration monitoring will continue to take place.

## **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS**

Although the team will try to minimise the impact of the cofferdam removal works, it will be noisier than previous tunnelling and secondary lining works. If you believe you will be affected, you should apply to the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP) from now onwards as they have arranged a fast-track approach to consider applications for additional mitigation.

The ICP fast-track process will prioritise members of the community located adjacent to the site who have a clear view of the cofferdam removal works and /or have personal circumstances which may mean they are impacted to a greater degree by the work onsite. The ICP will meet on a more

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frequent basis between now and the end of cofferdam removal work and the process should require less documentation, enabling affected residents to obtain mitigation faster, once they have had an application approved by the ICP.

Mitigation from the effects of cofferdam removal could include things such as:

- noise cancelling headphones
- temporary office accommodation if you work from home
- periods of daily respite to enable you to leave your property during noisier periods
- receiving reimbursement for daytime activities undertaken during noisy periods
- short term or long term rehousing during cofferdam removal works

To be considered for fast-track mitigation you will need to make an application to the ICP and specify what mitigation you believe will be suitable for your personal circumstances.

## CONTACTING THE INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION PANEL

If you would like to make an application to the ICP, please contact the ICP Administrator at [admin@tidewayicp.london](mailto:admin@tidewayicp.london) or the Tideway Helpdesk [helpdesk@tideway.london](mailto:helpdesk@tideway.london)

For independent advice you can also contact the Independent Advisory Service (IAS) Helpline: 0800 917 8845 or [info@tidewayias.co.uk](mailto:info@tidewayias.co.uk)

Alternatively, ICP applications can be made via Jacqueline Christie, at Southwark Council: [Community.Engagement@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Engagement@southwark.gov.uk).

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

The team sends out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to sign up to this, email us at [helpdesk@tideway.london](mailto:helpdesk@tideway.london) quoting 'Chambers Wharf newsletter'.

Tideway is happy to provide information in other languages or formats, such as braille or large print.