**Environment Agency**

**Response to Castle Gateway New Public Spaces: Draft Open Brief**

**15th April 2020**

*...the main thing the Environment Agency will be keen on is any developments within 8 metres of top of river bank or toe of any flood defence along with anything in flood zone 3. All of which will require an Environmental permit along with your planning application.*

*The best place to get advice on this will be to send any questions to**floodriskpermityorkshire@environment-agency.gov.uk*

*In the meantime my permitting colleagues have suggested this is a good place to get relevant information:*[*https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits*](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits)

*One big positive from our perspective is, depending on what the bankside walls become, on the face of it it does look like this will increase flood storage. All in all a good thing.*

**Marilyn Sanderson**

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