

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) – Bournville flood risk management

Here are answers to some of the questions we've been asked about the Bourn flood risk management programme. If you have a question that hasn't been answered, please email us at bournfrm@bvt.org.uk or call us on 0300 333 6540.

1: What is BVT's role in this process?

We are part of discussions alongside the wider community. We own and manage all of Weoley Park 1 and part of the land in the Valley Parkway that is included in the Environment Agency's flood management plan and concept designs. As a landowner, we will make sure any proposals are in keeping with both the [Scheme of Management](#) and the [Bournville Design Guide](#) and would require the EA to formally consult with us as part of any plans to carry out work of any kind in these areas

2. Has BVT approved the Environment Agency's proposals?

No. We will make sure any proposals, including any exploratory works, are in keeping with both the [Scheme of Management](#) and the [Bournville Design Guide](#). **At this time, we have not consented to any works (including exploratory works) and will not until we are satisfied there will be no significant impact on the amenity and use of the park.**

3. Are you going to allow trees in the area to be removed?

It is our policy not to allow healthy trees to be removed unless they are causing a serious detriment or structural damage. No decisions or approvals have been given for any work at this time, including for the removal of any trees. No requests have been made by the Environment Agency. If any requests are made, we will follow our rules on felling tree's (see page 52 of the [Bournville Estate Design Guide](#)).

4. Will the Environment Agency be held to the same standards as residents?

The Environment Agency would be expected to comply with the Bournville Scheme of Management and Bournville Design Guide, just as residents and other stakeholders are asked to. This will include oversight of any plans / proposals by our Estate Management and Scheme Committee (EMSC), which

includes representation from Trustees and resident representatives from Bournville Village Council and Weoley Hill Village Council. We are committed to maintaining the distinctiveness of the estate whilst making sure it remains an environmentally sustainable place to live. As part of any formal proposals made to us, we will expect the Environment Agency to put in place mitigation that makes sure the park remains accessible and available to residents.

5. How do we raise any concerns that we have?

We will be sharing information here on our website and we also have a dedicated email address (bournfrm@bvt.org.uk) to raise any concerns you may have. We will escalate any feedback to the Environment Agency and share any updates and feedback from them. There are a number of groups and organisations in the area that you may want to get into contact with. For example, [Weoley Hill Village Council](#) represent residents of Weoley Hill and [Bournville Village Council](#) represents residents of Bournville.

6. Will there be more opportunities to take part in any engagement or listening events run by BVT or the Environment Agency?

Yes, the Environment Agency have told us that they will be planning a series of further engagement events where residents can hear more as proposals develop and play a role in this. We will also be attending these, as both a landowner and steward. Once the Environment Agency have arranged dates and venues, we will make sure that they tell all residents and we will also promote these events.

7. What is BVT's position in relation to Manor Farm Park and Valley Parkway?

Whilst we don't own or manage Manor Farm Park, and the majority of Valley Parkway is owned and managed by Birmingham City Council, we know how important they are to residents. Just like Weoley Park, the Environment Agency would be expected to comply with the Bournville Scheme of Management and Bournville Design Guide in regard to the Valley Parkway, just as residents and other stakeholders are asked to. This would include our Estate Management and Scheme Committee (EMSC), made up of BVT trustees and resident reps from Bournville Village Council and Weoley Hill Village Council, having oversight of any plans / proposals. Manor Farm Park is different as it's managed by Birmingham City Council and is outside our Scheme of Management. We know Birmingham City Council's Parks Department is working with Friends of Manor Farm Park to engage with the Environment

Agency. We are in contact with the Friends of Manor Farm Park and the Model Boat Club at Valley Parkway and will continue to work alongside residents on EMSC, Weoley Hill and Bournville Village Councils and a rep from Bournville Freeholders and Leaseholders Association (BFLA). A Friends of Valley Parkway group may also be established, and we'll share further information as this develops.