

Wharnccliffe Weir

Fish Passage

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Wharnccliffe weir is located on the River Don, approximately 8 km north-west of Sheffield, and is a barrier to passage of species such as trout, salmon and grayling (Fig. 1). The weir is approximately 18km upstream of Jordan Dam, which is another location where we are working to improve fish passage.

Wharnccliffe weir is a large masonry structure constructed of three steps, with a total head drop of 1.9 m (Fig. 2).

We endeavour to improve fish passage from the east bank to minimise disruption to local residents on the west bank. We will also ensure that our work to improve fish passage will have a minimal impact on the surrounding Local Wildlife Sites. Finally, enhancing fish passage at Wharnccliffe weir is not expected to have any impact on access for canoeists.



Figure 1: Location of Wharnccliffe Weir (NGR SK2993594440)



Figure 2: Wharnccliffe Weir

We are currently working in partnership with the Environment Agency, Fish Passage specialists (Fishtek and JBA) and the Don Catchment Rivers Trust to review the possible options to enable fish passage upstream of Wharnccliffe Weir.



Reference: Fishtek Consulting, 2016. *Fish Pass Detailed Options Appraisal: Wharnccliffe*. Darlington: Fishtek Consulting Ltd.



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