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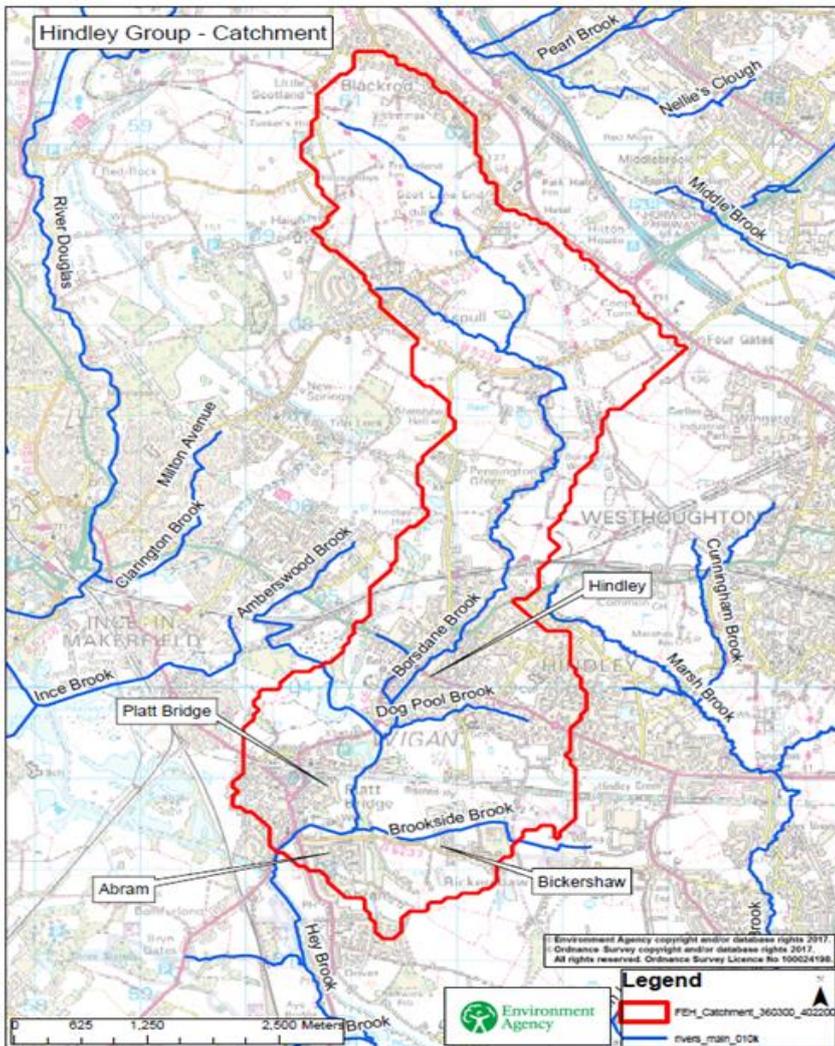
Hindley and Platt Bridge Flood Risk Newsletter

December 2023

Hindley Flood Risk Management Project

This newsletter is being issued electronically to Councillors, MPs and community contacts but can be circulated to anyone interested in this project.

There are around 480 properties at risk of flooding along Borsdane Brook in the Hindley and Platt Bridge area. On Boxing Day 2015, 44 homes were flooded from Borsdane Brook. We, the Environment Agency, have secured government funding to investigate ways to reduce this risk. As well as being flooded from the brook, areas are at risk of surface water flooding. This is where heavy rainfall overwhelms the drainage systems and water cannot drain away quickly enough leading to flooding.



To the left is the study area.

We are working with Wigan Council, Bolton Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and United Utilities to understand the risk of flooding from the brook and surface water so we can take an integrated approach to investigating measures that reduce all forms of flood risk. The area is a pilot area for the Greater Manchester Integrated Water Management Plan. [Integrated Water Management Plan - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

We are also keen to ensure that any proposals not only reduce flood risk but also improve the environment.

Computer models are being built and used to help understand the flood risk more clearly. With a good understanding of the risk of flooding we will analyse different options and then share these with the community in 2024 to understand your concerns and ideas. We will then select our preferred option.

If a scheme to reduce flood risk passes all the tests that government guidance sets out we will develop a business case that will seek government funding to design and build it. However, at this early stage we cannot guarantee that a scheme to reduce flood risk will be built. We will need to investigate ground conditions, assess the impact on the environment, do detailed designs, obtain planning permission and finally appoint a contractor to undertake construction. Following this, if the project remains viable, and we can obtain enough funding to support it, construction will begin in 2028.

As the project progresses, we will engage with communities and other stakeholders, keeping them up to date with newsletters and public drop ins where people can talk to us about our proposals. We will also keep the Flood Hub website <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/> up to date, where you can find details about the project [Hindley Proposed Flood Risk Management Scheme | The Flood Hub](#). This can be found on the Flood Hub website under Flood Risk Management Schemes>Proposed Flood Risk Management Schemes>Hindley (Greater Manchester).

As part of this project, and to improve the accuracy of our flood warnings, we have recently built a new river level monitoring station which is upstream of the Platt Lane footbridge.

If you wish to be kept up to date or receive newsletters by email about this project, please email floodresiliencegmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk

Reporting Flooding or blockages

If your home gets flooded, or you see something like a blockage in the river that could cause flooding or pollution please report it on the **Environment Agency's Incident Hotline 0800 807060**.

Free Flood Warnings

The Environment Agency has identified areas of Hindley and Platt Bridge that are at risk of flooding and can provide warnings of floods.

You can sign up to receive flood warnings for your home, call **Floodline** on **0345 988 1188**, or visit our website: [Sign up for flood warnings – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Environment Agency's produces maps that show the areas that are at risk of flooding, they can be found here:

[Flood map for planning - GOV.UK \(flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Environment Agency Flood Warnings

We issue 3 levels of flood warnings: Flood Alert, Flood Warning and Severe Flood Warning.

- **Flood Alert** – Prepare. Flooding is possible.
- **Flood Warning** – Act. Flooding to property is expected. Immediate action required.
- **Severe Flood Warning** – Survive. Severe flooding. Danger to life.



Know what to do when you receive a flood warning, use our 3-point flood plan.

Flood warnings - know what to do?



 FLOOD ALERT	PREPARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents• Visit flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk
 FLOOD WARNING	ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turn off gas, water and electricity• Move things upstairs or to safety• Move family, pets and car to safety
 SEVERE FLOOD WARNING	SURVIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call 999 if in immediate danger• Follow advice from emergency services• Keep yourself and your family safe

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Visit the Flood Hub to find out more information on how to prepare for flooding [The Flood Hub](#),