

In Partnership with:

Hindley, Platt Bridge and Abram Flood Risk Newsletter.

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

Many of you will have been directly affected by the devastating flooding of Platt Bridge and Abram on New Year's Day as well as floods at other times. We know how distressing flooding of your home is and we have been working hard to reduce the risk of future flooding.

Areas within Hindley, Platt Bridge and Abram are at flood risk either directly from the river or the build-up of surface water from rain that overwhelms the drains. Some places are at risk from both river and surface water flooding. As we have outlined in our previous newsletters, we are developing a project to reduce flood risk and are working closely with Wigan Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and United Utilities (UU) as part of the Greater Manchester Integrated Water Management Plan.

The flooding on the 1st January has led to even closer working between our organisations. We have developed a Hindley, Platt Bridge and Abram Integrated Water Management Plan Action Plan to show how we propose to manage flood risk from all sources. The Action Plan can be found here [Flood investigations](#).

There has been a lot of political support for this with Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham and MP Josh Simons, scrutinising the plans.

There are several aspects of the Action Plan that the Environment Agency are leading on. Firstly, we have now created a new flood warning area for Platt Bridge and part of Abram. This will provide warning of river flooding like that experienced on New Year's Day. This service will not warn of surface water flooding. However, the Action Plan outlines the emergency measures that are now in place should surface water flooding occur.

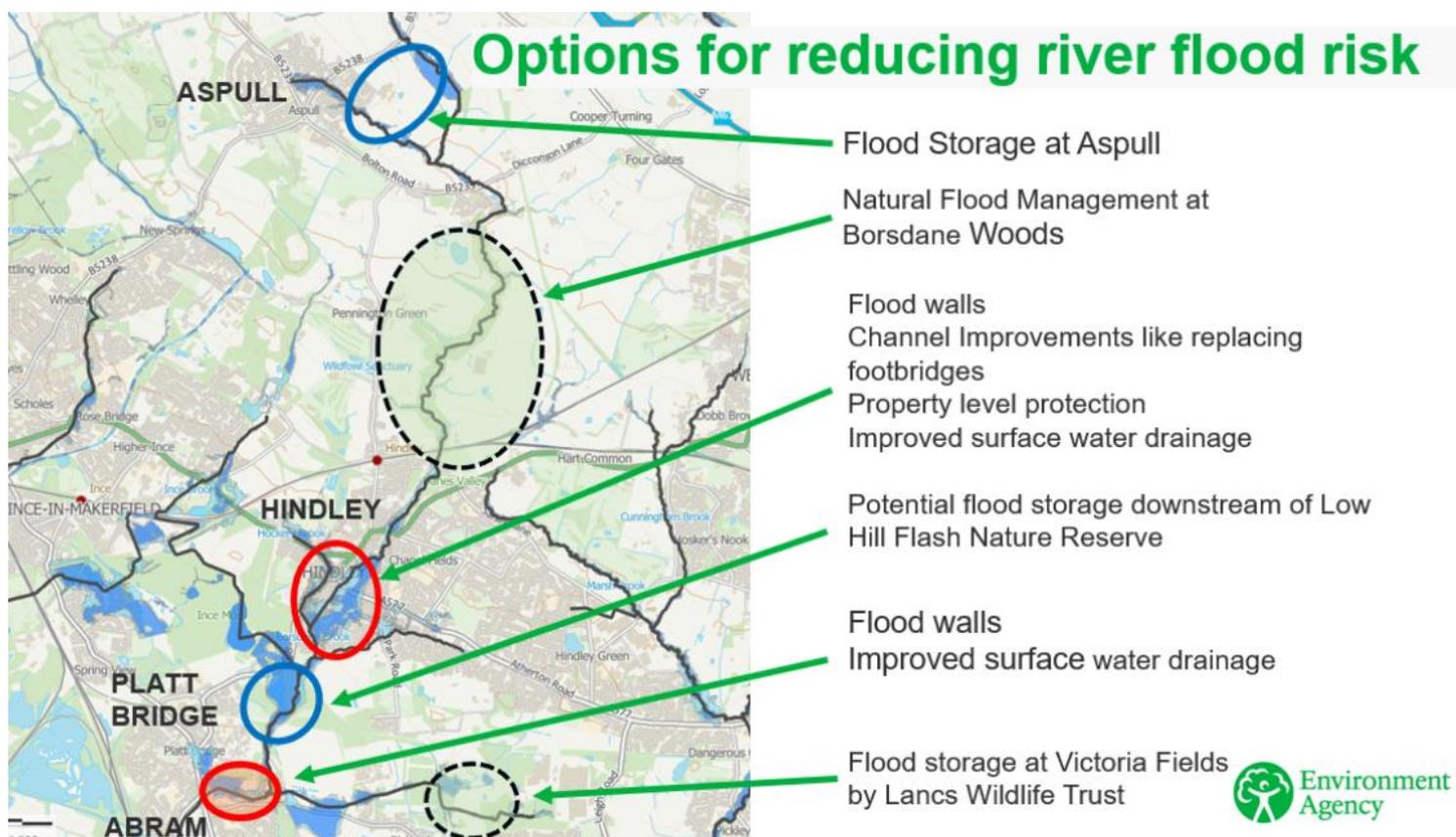
Since our last newsletter the Environment Agency has completed building a new hydraulic model of Borsdane Brook and Heybrook and we are now testing different options to see how effective they are at reducing river flooding.

We are keen to hear your views before we decide the preferred option.

Josh Simons MP has organised a meeting on the **Monday 1st September** between **6 and 8pm at St Nathaniels Church, Church Road, Platt Bridge**, WN2 3TD to talk to you about the New Year's Day flooding and the work that has happened since. Andy Burnham and Josh Simons MP will be talking between 6:30 and 7pm. However, the event is between 6 and 8pm and EA, UU, Wigan and GMCA staff will be on hand during this time to show you the Action Plan, the work that has already been carried out, the flood risk options, answer your questions and listen to your views.

We have another drop session in **Hindley on Wednesday 3rd September** between **3:30 and 7:00pm at the Hindley Community Association**, Tudor House, 8 Liverpool Road, Hindley, WN2 3HU where people can see our options for reducing flood risk in Hindley and tell us their views. Come along anytime between 3:30 and 7. If you live in Platt Bridge or Abram and can't make the 1st September you can come to this, and we can talk about Platt Bridge and Abram.

Below is a plan showing the type of options we are looking at to reduce river flooding. We will have more detailed plans at the above events.



We will 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, Platt Bridge and Abram (Greater Manchester).

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**.

Flooding Information

You can find out more about flood risk and check the risk of flooding in your area here [Flooding - GOV.UK](#)

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 river flooding.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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](#),