

Hindley Platt Bridge, Abram Flood Risk Scheme

Public Consultation Questionnaire September 2026

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on the proposed Hindley Platt Bridge and Abram Flood Risk Scheme

The aim of this project is to help reduce flood risk in the local area. Your feedback will help us understand local concerns, priorities and help us select the best way to manage flood risk in this area.

About You

1. What is your connection to the area? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ I live in Abram ☐ I live in Hindley ☐ I live in Platt Bridge ☐ I work in Abram
☐ I work in Hindley ☐ I work in Platt Bridge ☐ I own a business in the area ☐ I regularly travel through the area
☐ I visit the area ☐ Other (please specify) _____

2. What is the first part of your postcode?

Example: WN2

3. Have you personally experienced flooding in this area?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

If yes, please tell us when and where:

Your Awareness of Flood Risk

4. Before today, how aware were you of the flood risk issues around Hindley Platt Bridge?

- ☐ Very aware ☐ Somewhat aware ☐ Slightly aware ☐ Not aware at all

5. How concerned are you about flooding in the area?

- ☐ Very concerned ☐ Fairly concerned ☐ Slightly concerned
☐ Not concerned ☐ Unsure

The Proposed Scheme

6. Based on the information provided, how well do you understand the proposed flood risk scheme?

- ☐ Very well ☐ Fairly well ☐ Not very well ☐ Not at all

7. Which of the following are most important to you? (Select up to three)

- ☐ Reducing flood risk to homes ☐ Reducing flood risk to businesses
☐ Protecting local roads and access routes
☐ Minimising visual impact ☐ Protecting green spaces
☐ Protecting wildlife and habitats ☐ Value for money
☐ Deliverability of the scheme

Options

We have looked at three options

- **Option 1:** Flood Storage at Aspull only
Protects up to 1 in 10 flood At Plat Bridge, up to 1 in 50 in Hindley
- **Option 2:** Flood Walls and Channel improvements in Hindley and Platt Bridge
This can provide a variety of standards of protection up to 1 in 100, involves over 2km of walls up to 2 metres high
- **Option 3:** Flood Storage at Aspull, Channel Improvements and smaller and shorter Flood Walls in Hindley and Platt Bridge.
This can provide a variety of standards of protection up to 1 in 100.

All options include Natural Flood Management

8. We are proposing to develop Option 3 into the Preferred Option to what extent do you support that decision?

- ☐ Strongly support ☐ Tend to support ☐ Neither support nor oppose
☐ Tend to oppose ☐ Strongly oppose

Flood Storage at Aspull

One option being considered is a flood storage area near Aspull that would temporarily hold water during significant flood events. This could reduce the extent of flood defences required elsewhere but would involve changes to land use within the storage area.

9. How supportive are you of this approach?

- ☐ Strongly support ☐ Support ☐ Neither support nor oppose
☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly oppose

Please add any comments on this:

Height of Flood Defences in Hindley

If we don't build a storage reservoir we will need flood walls. The height of walls will increase with the increasing standard of protection.

10. At what point do you feel flood walls would become too high in Hindley?

- ☐ About 1 metre, this is approximately waist height
☐ About 1.5 metres this is just below eye for an adult
☐ Above 2 metres this is approximately the height of a door
☐ Height would depend on the location

Please add any comments on this:

Platt Lane ford

With the Aspull flood storage area, we will need fewer walls in Hindley. However, for higher standards of protection we may need walls at the top of Platt Lane, these would permanently close the informal ford on Platt Lane.

11. How supportive are you of this approach?

- ☐ Strongly support ☐ Tend to support ☐ Neither support nor oppose ☐ Tend to oppose
☐ Strongly oppose

Please add any comments on this:

Blackberry Drive

Walls may be required near Blackberry Drive to achieve a high standard of protection

12. How supportive are you of this approach?

- ☐ Strongly support ☐ Support ☐ Neither support nor oppose ☐ Oppose
☐ Strongly oppose

13. What are your general views on the options for flood risk management in Hindley?

Height of Flood Defences in Platt Bridge and Abram

14. At what point do you feel flood walls would become too high in Platt Bridge?

- ☐ About 1 metre, this is approximately waist height
☐ About 1.5 metres this is just below eye for an adult
☐ Above 2 metres this is approximately the height of a door
☐ Height would depend on the location

Please add any comments on this:

Natural Flood Management (NFM)

We are implementing some natural flood management (NFM) today at Low Hall Flash and Victoria Fields. NFM can make a difference to flood risk and can be quick and easy but needs willing landowners

15. Do you know any landowners who might be willing to help us do NFM on their land?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes please give details

16. Are there any locations where proposed flood defences may significantly affect:

- views and visual amenity • public access • recreation • heritage assets
- community facilities • wildlife habitats • local character

If yes, please provide details.

Balancing Costs and Benefits

Higher standards of protection cost more, and funding is harder to secure

17. Which option would you prefer?

- ☐ A lower standard of protection if it means a higher chance of getting funding?
- ☐ A high standard of protection even if it means it has a lower chance of getting funded?
- ☐ No preference

Please add any comments on this:

Alternative Locations for Flood Defences

18. Do you think there are other locations where flood defences should be considered?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please provide details:

Alternative Routes or Alignments

19. For any of the options presented, are there alternative routes, alignments or layouts that you think should be considered?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please provide details:

Overall Comments

20. Do you have any other comments, concerns or suggestions about the flood risk management options that have been presented?

Flood warning

21. Do you believe your property is located within an Environment Agency Flood Warning Area?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know, look at the map on the board or find out here [Flooding - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/flooding)

22. Have you signed up to flood warnings?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

If no sign up here [Flooding - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/flooding) or scan the QR code



Thank you for sharing your views. Your feedback will help inform the development of this scheme. Keeping in Touch