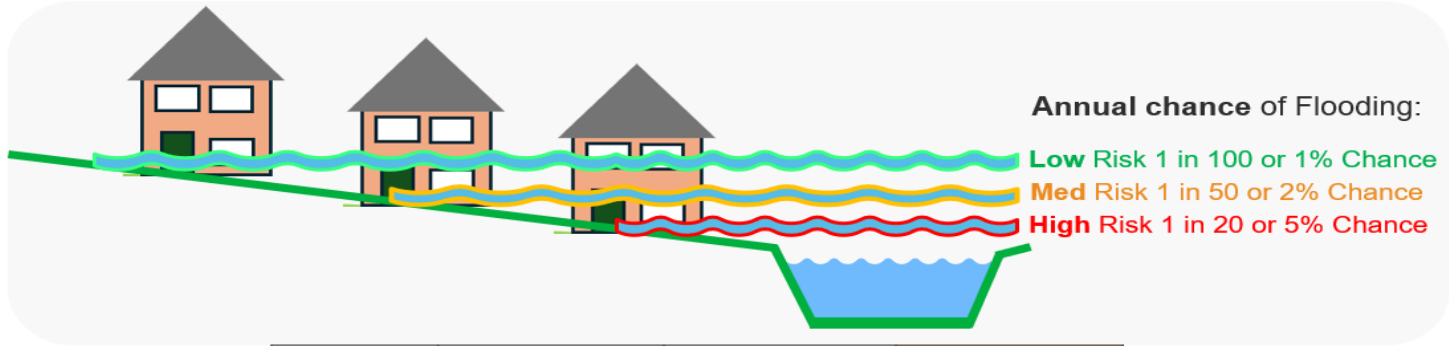


Hindley, Platt Bridge & Abram Flood Risk

Options Public Consultation

The Environment Agency and Wigan Council are interested on your thoughts on how we manage river flood risk. This newsletter provides details f the 3 main options.

We describe flood risk by the probability of a certain flood occurring each year. The figures below show how many properties are at risk of flooding from the river in the Hindley, Platt Bridge and Abram area. These figures do not include surface water flooding.

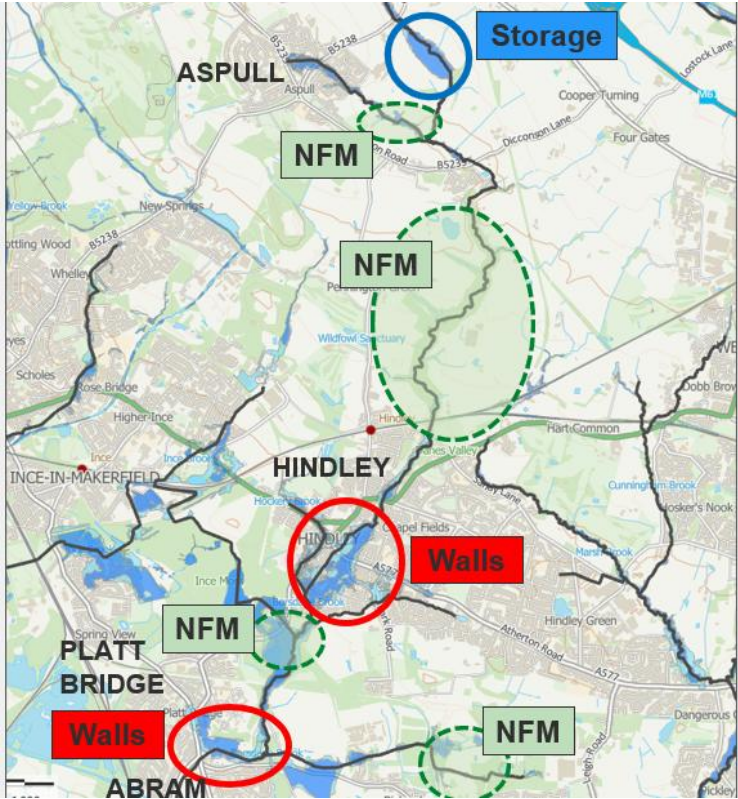


Return period	Do Nothing Present Day	Do Minimum Present Day	Climate Change 2080 Do Minimum
1 in 10	446	216	513
1 in 20	515	361	605
1 in 50	632	459	673
1 in 100	736	574	726

Hindley River Flood Risk



Platt Bridge & Abram River Flood Risk



Proposed measures for reducing river flood risk

- NFM

Natural Flood Management (nfm) at Aspull, Borsdane Woods, Low Hall Flash and Victoria Fields
- Storage

Flood Storage at Aspull
- Walls

Flood walls and Channel Improvements like replacing footbridge and weir removal in Hindley. Walls in Platt Bridge and Abram

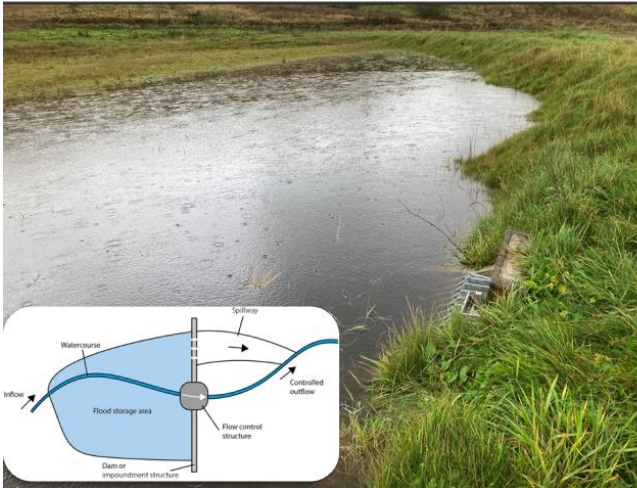
The preferred option is likely to be a combination of these measures

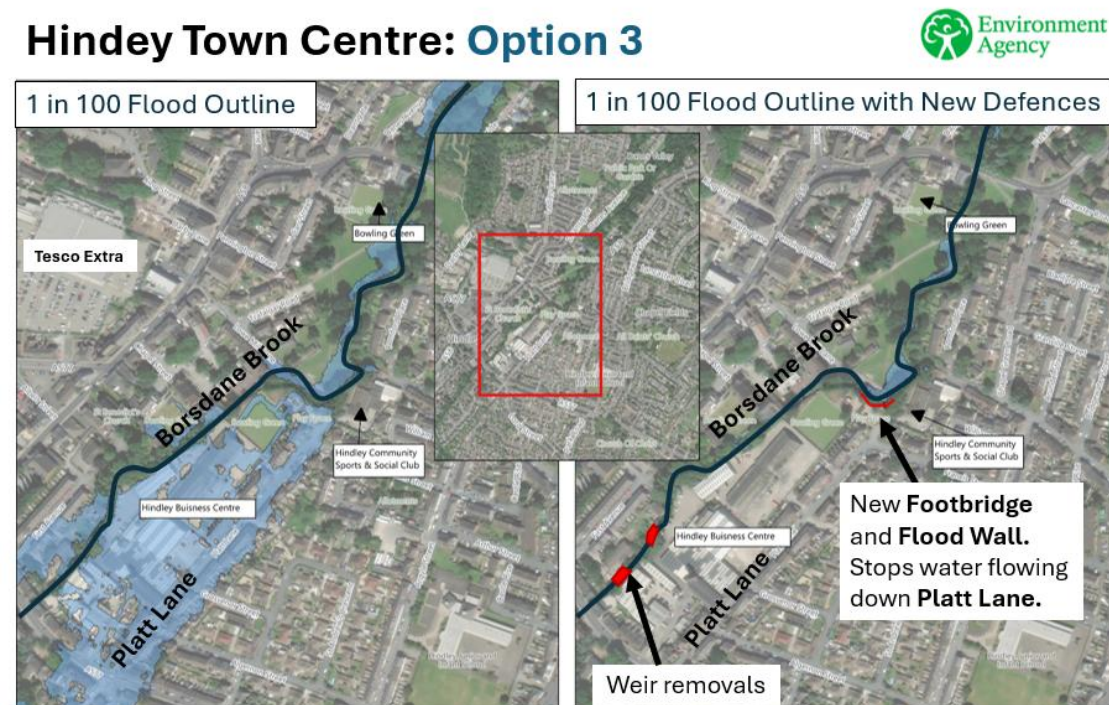
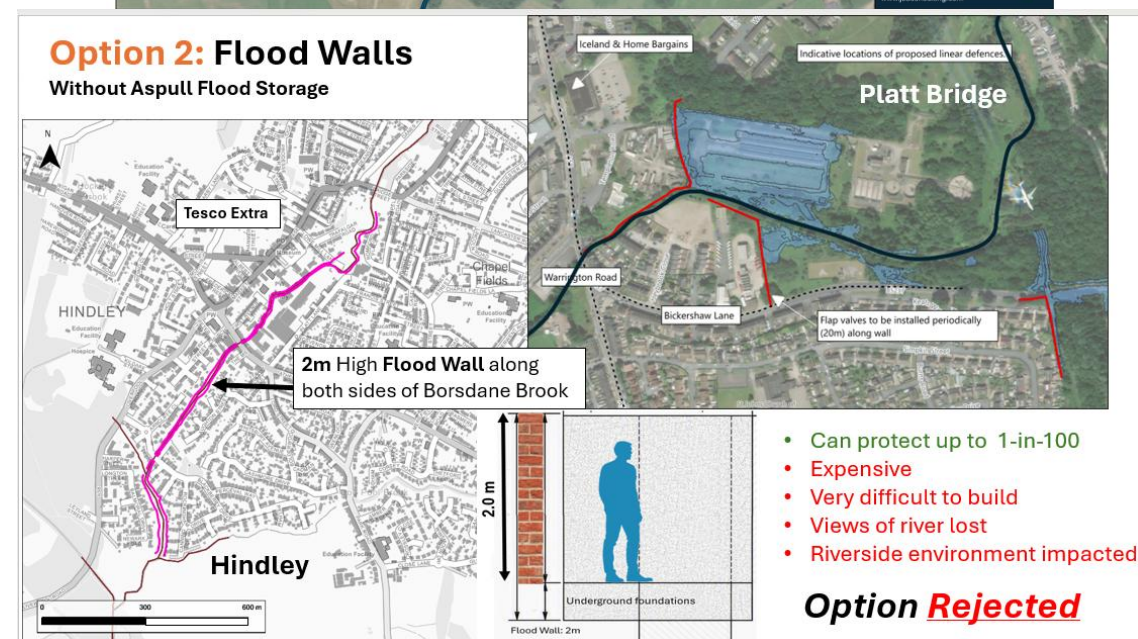
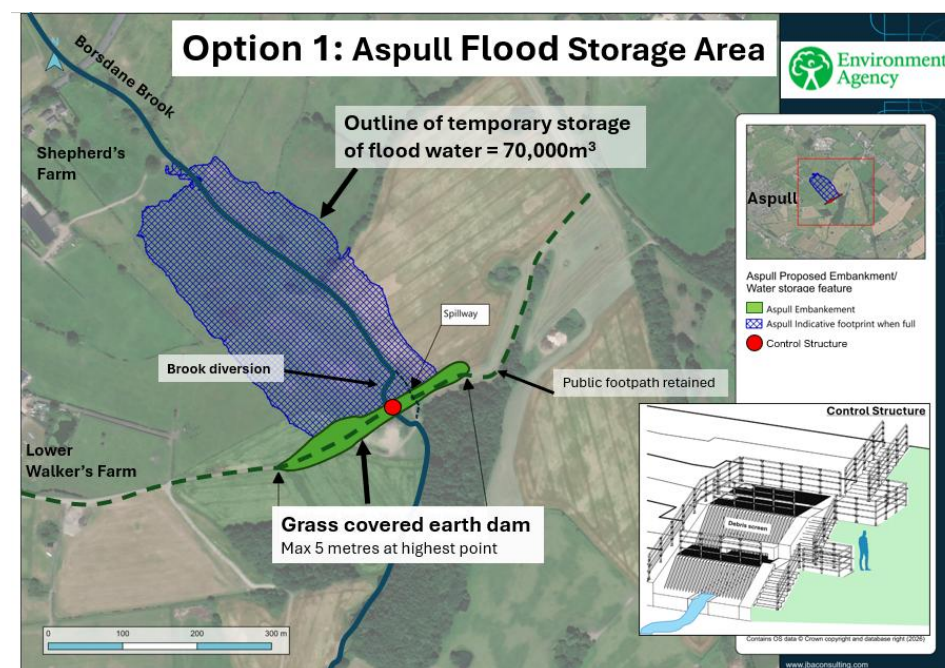
Options

- All options include **Natural Flood Management**
- Option 1: Flood Storage at Aspull only**
Protects up to 1 in 10 flood at Plat Bridge, 1 in 50 in Hindley
- Option 2: Flood Walls** in Hindley and Platt Bridge
This can provide a variety of standards of protection up to 1 in 100, involves nearly 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.
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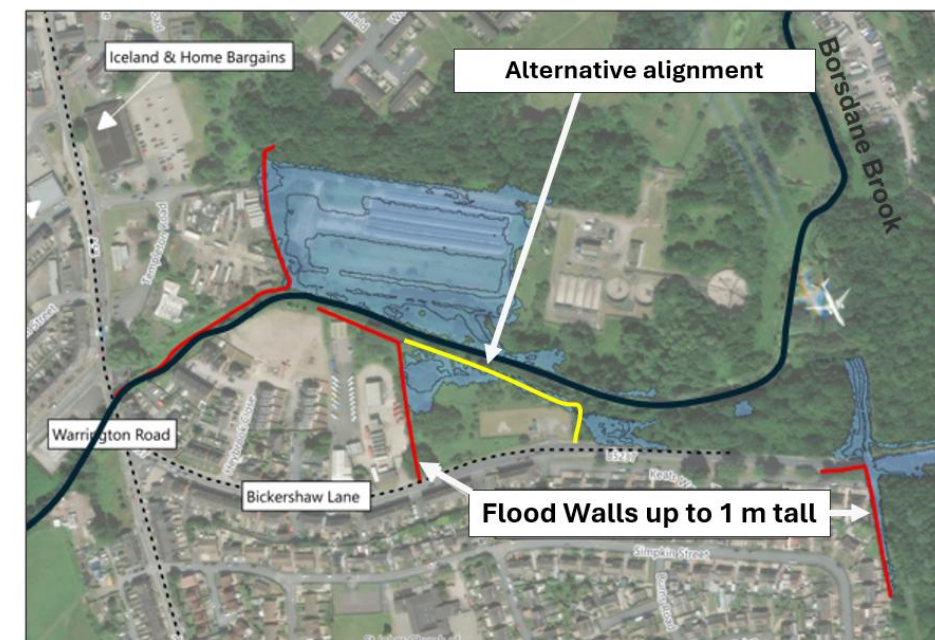
Natural Flood Management

Slows the flow of water and reduces downstream flood levels





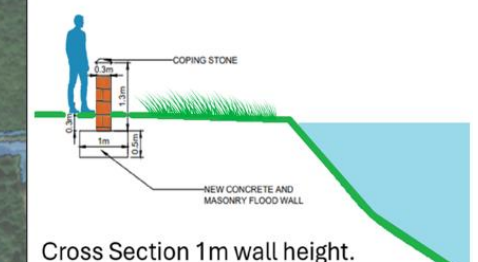
Platt Bridge & Abram: Flood Walls



A variety of standards of protection from 1 in 20 to 1 in 100

Wall Heights:

- 1 in 20: about 0.5m
- 1 in 100: over 1m



Costs and benefits

- Option 1: Aspull
 - storage only
 - £25 million**
 - Option 2: Flood Walls
 - Over £50 million**
 - Option 3: Combination
 - costs depend on standards of protection
 - £30 to £50 million**
- Preferred option** is a balance of **costs** and **benefits**, not just the cheapest.
 - High standards of protection cost more but give more benefits.
 - After listening to peoples' views, we will select the **preferred option** using Government **rules**, people's **feedback**, the **costs** and **benefits** and **environmental** impacts.

What's Next?

- Autumn 2026: Preferred option selected
- New Year 2027: Preferred Option consultation
- Spring 2027: Complete the outline design, costings and funding plan.
- Summer 2027: Submit Outline Business Case (OBC)
- Summer 2027:** If **OBC** approved and money allocated begin Full Business Case (**FBC**)
- 2027-2029:**
 - Ground investigations
 - River modelling
 - Engineering designs
 - Community consultation
 - Costings
 - Select contractor
- 2028-29** legal agreements with funders and landowners.
- 2029** planning permission.
- If **FBC** approved and **fully** funded:
- 2030** construction **start 2034** construction **finished**

Your views

From mid-September you can find more information on the scheme and fill in questionnaire so we can take your views into account when selecting the preferred option, please complete by 12th October 2026

