

Humber Newsletter

July 2026

This newsletter is given to interested parties within the Humber area. It provides an update on the development of a new strategy for managing tidal flood risk around the Humber. If you wish to receive this newsletter or would like further information please contact us at HStrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk

Humber 2100+

Climate change is the biggest threat we face on the Humber. If unmanaged, sea level rise and extreme weather could have catastrophic consequences for local communities, the environment, the economy and key infrastructure. The Environment Agency is working in partnership with 11 local authorities, supported by Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) and Natural England to develop a long-term approach for how tidal flood risk is managed around the Humber and its tidal rivers. For more information, please visit our **Engagement HQ** site here:

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Humber 2100+ Update

Recap

Previously the project team were considering the implications of the Understanding Risk phase of work to help us plan for the next phase in terms of technical work, governance and the adaptation pathway project.

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A partnership working group on governance took place in April, and a second took place in June, with a focus on defining actions for all partners to take forward and developing a common understanding of potential governance models. Work on the strategic approach to asset management is also continuing to progress. The project team have also published a stakeholder facing publication on gov.uk. This summarises the evidence from the 'Understand Risk' phase of work.

The Humber Adaptation Pathways project design phase is continuing with activity for the coming months focused on developing the method for pathway refinement. Two workshops are also being held through the summer/early autumn. The intention is that work will support partner understanding of the implications of the 'Understanding Risk' evidence and allow them to

participate in pathway development in the future, as well as shaping elements of the pathway design process.

In February, the Humber 2100+ team and partners participated in a visit from the Climate Change Committee. The team were able to share work done so far on the Humber to support adaptation and also set out future challenges and opportunities.

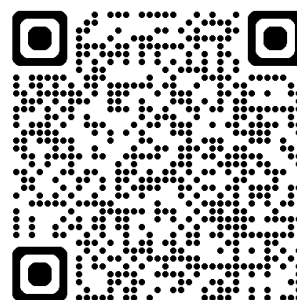


Climate Change Committee visit Stallingborough

Understanding Risk now live on GOV.UK!

Our '**Understanding Risk**' publication has now been published on Gov.uk. It presents the Humber 2100+ evidence base in an accessible, public-facing format, helping readers understand tidal flood risk around the Humber Estuary. Visit the link below or scan the QR code to find out more!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/humber-2100-understanding-tidal-risk>



Scheme Updates

The Outstrays

For further information visit: [Outstrays to Skeffling Managed Realignment Scheme](#) or get in touch with the team: Welwick.Skeffling@environment-agency.gov.uk.

The breach widening is now completed, and we continue to monitor with the tidal movements.

Works at Skeffling pumping station is ongoing alongside minor works to the new pumping station, which the Environment Agency (EA) expects to take over this Summer. Demolition of the existing pumping station is scheduled for completion in August 2026. The larger Winestead Pumping Station is expected to be completed in Spring 2027, followed by the demolition of the Outstrays pumping station.

Middle Humber – Capital Maintenance Programme (MH-CaMP)

For previous updates visit [Middle Humber - Capital Maintenance Programme \(MH-CaMP\)](#)

Work on Package 5 (Saltmarshe to Yokefleet) will be prioritised following changes in funding and because it has the highest strategic importance. It is currently being scoped, with contracts being finalised with delivery partners Arup and BAM to develop the Outline Business Case.

The Dutch River: River Went to Ouse Confluence

For previous updates visit [The Dutch River \(Went to Ouse\)](#)

Works have resumed on site following the winter closedown, with embankment improvements progressing well at the downstream end of the Dutch River near Goole. Site offices at the Rawcliffe Bridge compound are now fully in place, and access works (Trackmats) are being installed to support work planned along the upstream embankment this year.

Engagement has continued with those directly affected by the works including local residents and businesses, Internal Drainage Boards (IDB), Canal & River Trust (CRT), Associated British Ports (ABP), and Network Rail. Discussions with East Riding Council on the Greenway improvements have restarted, and we are coordinating with events marking Goole's bicentenary this year, including EA attendance at a celebratory flotilla planned for July.

Barton - New Holland Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme

For previous updates visit [Barton to New Holland Flood Alleviation Scheme](#)

The detailed design is being advanced at pace by the Arup design team in collaboration with Environment Agency and Jacksons' team members. The scheme is being designed in sections over the 10km frontage, with the flood walls and embankment improvements nearing completion.

Ground investigation reports are complete, and the programme of ecological surveys has continued. Both these important aspects are shaping the detailed design and temporary works design.

The project team has been able to consider a more ambitious plan for the adaptation measures and improvements to the embankments along Barrow Haven. This is ongoing with several options being explored, but the team understand the additional complexity and time required to identify such a workable solution. The project team have also secured framework contractors to advance delivery through 2026/27.

Work with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) around property flood resilience (PFR) and asset resilience measures in the area has continued.

Further ongoing engagement with the community through the Resilience Advisory Group, project website updates and local news sheet articles, complemented the project teams support of the 'Lincolnshire flood risk and wellbeing roadshow' in Barton on 12th March. Further consultation with the communities and stakeholders about the proposals is envisaged to be undertaken in Autumn 2026.



Collaborative on-site discussion



Flood mobile at Barrow Haven

Stallingborough Phase 3 Sea Defence Improvements

For previous updates visit [Stallingborough Phase 3 Sea Defence Improvements](#)

The project team, with support of the Midland Hub PPD Programme Team, are looking to complete on-site works by October 2026.

Securing this and the necessary Marine Licence in January, has allowed the team to plan the required outfall improvement work activities at New Cut Drain over the 2026 working season. This includes desilting the foreshore channel and culvert repairs, installing a new flap valve and building chambers, to allow safe future maintenance access.

The new Oldfleet Drain overflow structure is now largely constructed and reinstated, with both the penstock and tiling weir awaiting installation. The slip liner has been installed into the existing outfall culvert during the recent period of low flow.



New overflow structure



Slip liner installed through outfall

The project team have explored options to re-use the spare rock to strengthen other defences in the area before the existing compound area is vacated in Autumn 2026.

A compensatory fish habitat along the upper reaches of the River Freshney has been planned for installation over summer 2026, in collaboration with the EA's local Fisheries team.

Landscape reinstatement work, particularly around New Cut Drain/Pyewipe area, has been designed and is expected to be installed through Autumn 2026.

Working in Partnership



Barton Shine Event

Lincolnshire Flood Resilience Roadshows are taking place across greater Lincolnshire this year to help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from flooding. These free events offer valuable advice alongside practical and emotional tools for recovery from a range of bodies, including emergency services, local organisations and wellbeing partners. There are also demonstrations and workshops for families to get involved with.

Delivered in partnership between Lincolnshire County Council and SHINE, the Humber team joined other organisations in Barton on 12th March. We joined the Lincolnshire project team to provide updates to the community about the Humber 2100+ project and the Barton to New Holland Tidal Alleviation Scheme and to encourage people to sign up for flood alerts and flood warnings in their area.



Environment Agency Stand at the Barton SHINE Event

How resilient are you?

Are you prepared for future floods?

Although defences reduce the likelihood of flooding, the risk can never be removed entirely. To begin to be more resilient take some simple practical steps to help reduce the impact of flooding to your home or business.

To find out if you are at risk, how to prepare, stay safe and sign up (free) for flood warnings visit www.gov.uk/flood or call Floodline on **0345 988 1188**.



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