

Managing your flood risk

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An update on managing your flood risk

Areas along the Humber Estuary and its tidal tributaries are at risk from tidal flooding. Fortunately high water levels which result in flooding are extremely rare, however in December 2013 a large tidal surge caused severe inundation to the land and communities around the Humber.



Following the surge, the Environment Agency has repaired the damage to the local defences. We are also reviewing our flood risk management strategy for the area and are working closely with our partners and stakeholders to identify how we can manage flood risk in this area into the future (see below). Funding to build defence schemes is limited, and we need to ensure the money spent provides the biggest benefit in reducing risk. We will be engaging on our future plans over the next year.

Flood risk can only be managed, not eliminated, and whilst we aim to ensure it remains an extremely rare occurrence, those living and working in flood risk can take simple practical steps to help reduce the impact of flooding to their homes or business.

- Check your flood risk by visiting www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding or calling Floodline on 0345 988 1188
- If you are at risk, sign-up to our free flood warning service
- To make a flood plan for your home or business visit www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/make-a-flood-plan

Comprehensive Review of the Humber Strategy

Work is now underway on the Comprehensive Review of the Humber Strategy, working closely with our local authority partners. This important piece of work will redefine the strategic approach to managing tidal flood risk around the estuary, setting the way forward for the next 100 years. It provides us with the opportunity to reconsider the economic, social and environmental needs of the estuary and set an adaptive flood risk management investment programme. Defra will sign-off the revised Humber Strategy in 2019.

We have extended the boundary for the review to reach further upstream from the main estuary to include the rivers where tidal flow is the main source of flood risk.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our national customer contact team on 03708 506 506 (landlines are charged the same as a local geographic call but mobiles may vary) or email HStrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk for information about the Comprehensive Review.