

Horncastle Flood Warning Service, maintenance and steps to reduce flood risk

**Horncastle Town Council Meeting
10 December 2024**

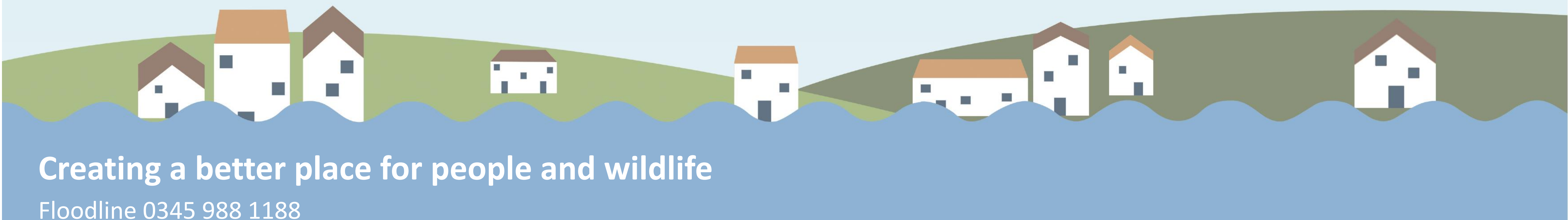
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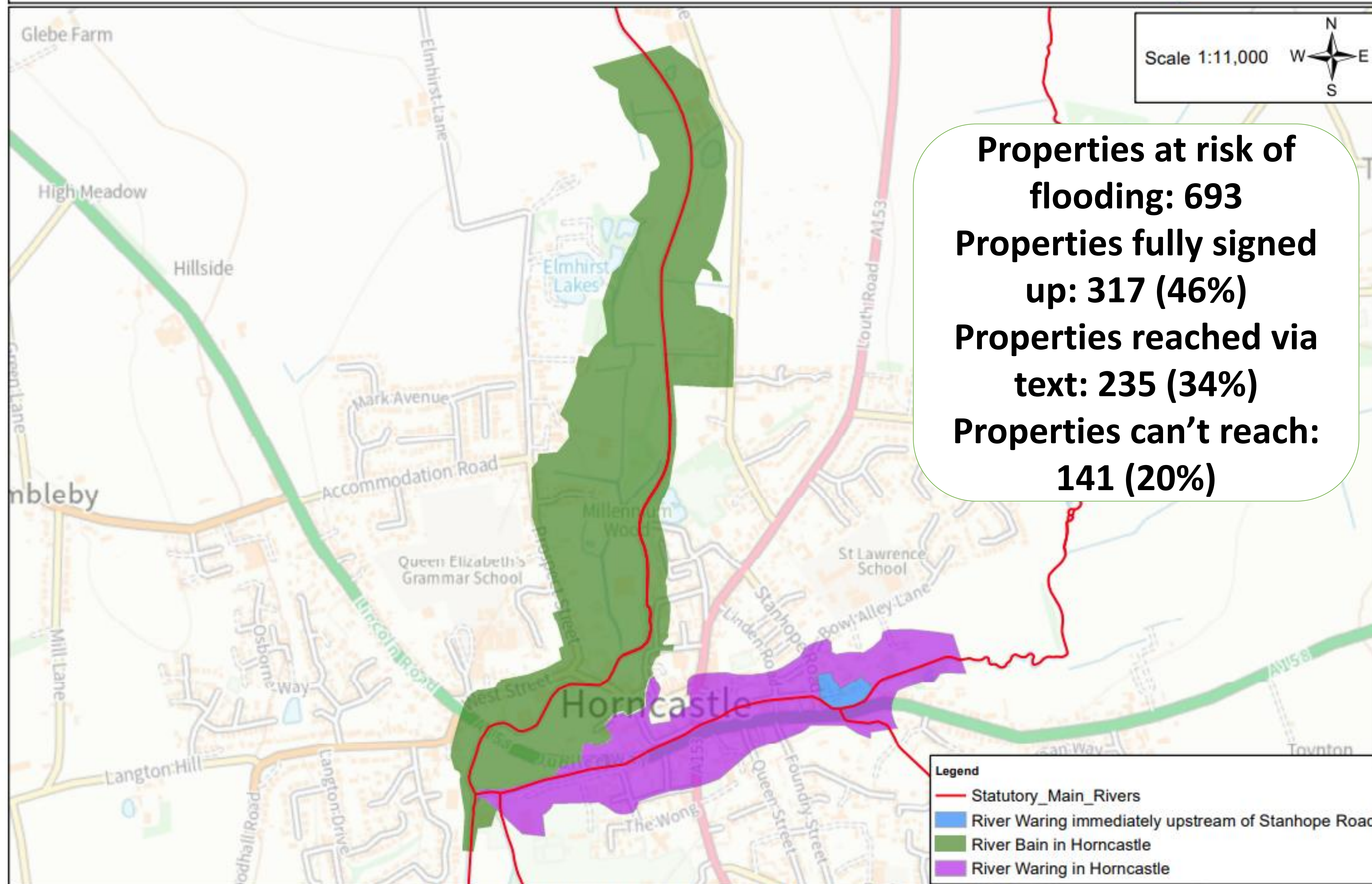
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Changes to Horncastle Flood Warning Service

Flood Warning Area changes in Horncastle as of 20th November 2024

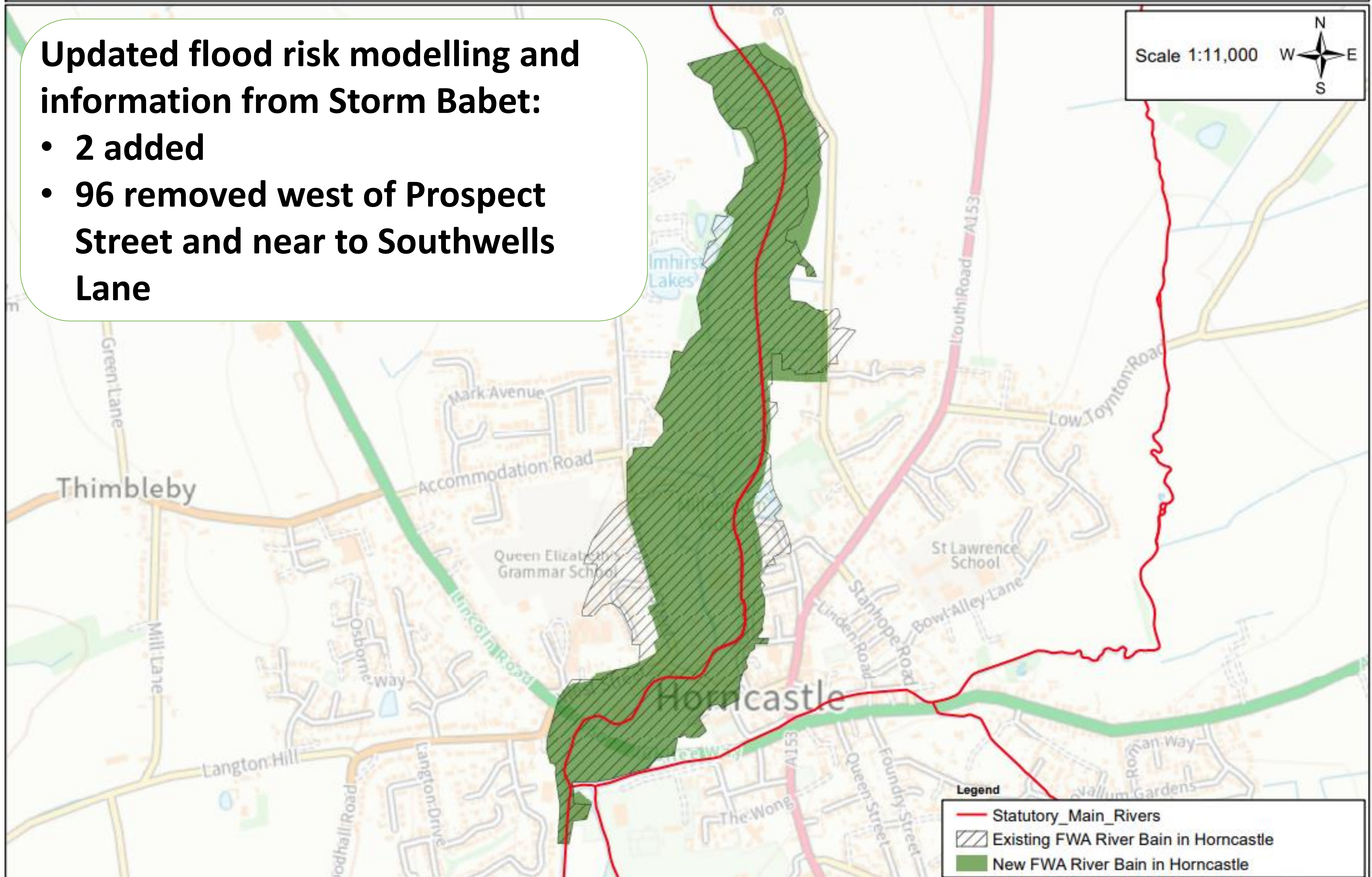


Changes to Horncastle Flood Warning Service

Flood Warning Area changes for 'River Bain in Horncastle' Map created November 2024

Updated flood risk modelling and information from Storm Babet:

- 2 added
- 96 removed west of Prospect Street and near to Southwells Lane



Steps to reduce flood risk

Step 1. Sign up to Flood Warning Service

[Instagram/Facebook](#)



Easy to do:

- Floodline on 0345 988 1188
- www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings
- Fill in paper copy tonight
- Give as many contacts as you like
- Flood Alerts: flooding low-lying land/roads

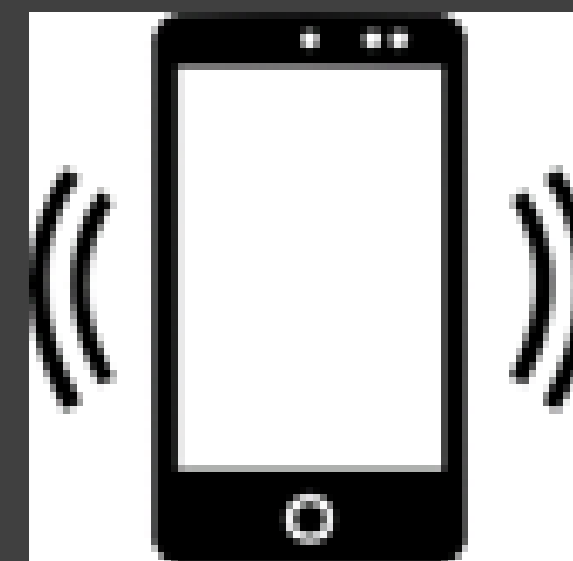
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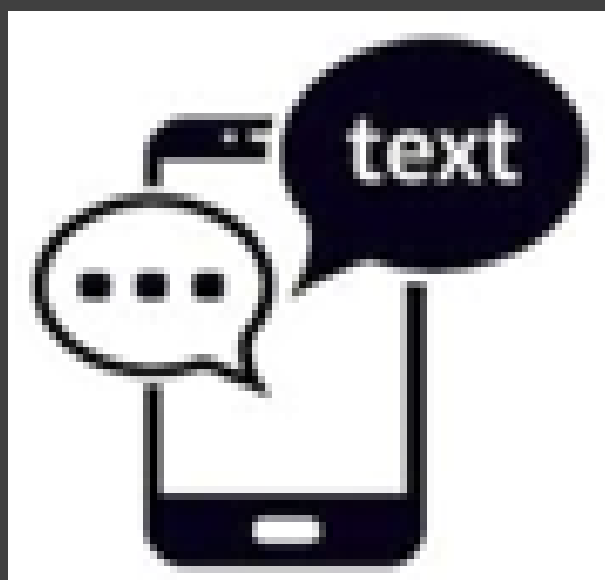
Choose how to receive warnings:



Landline



Mobile phone



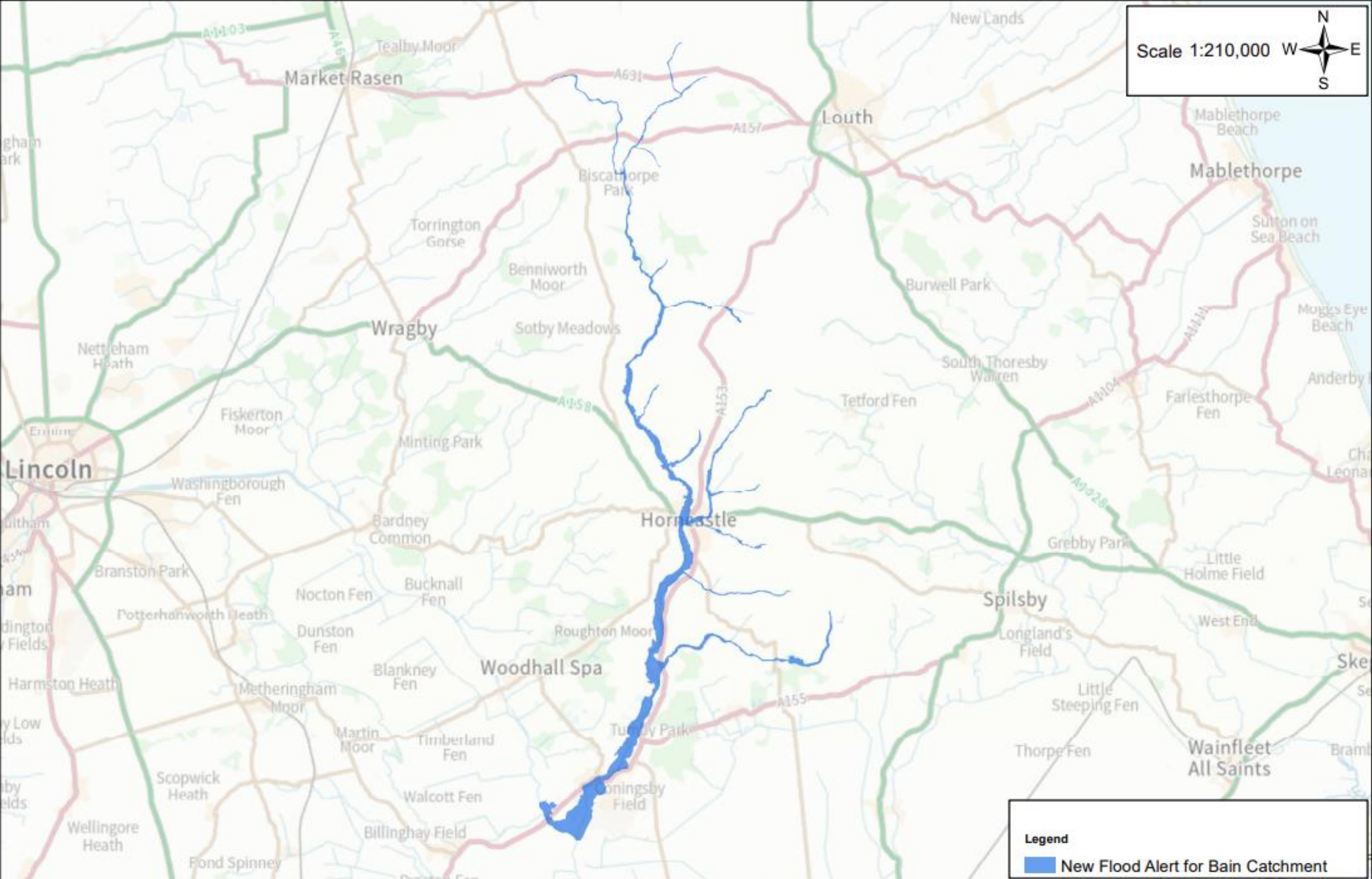
Text message



Email address

Flood Alert Updated.
North Norfolk coast from
Old Hunstanton to Cley.
Go to floodline.uk/054WACDV2A or call
Floodline [0345 9881188,8](tel:03459881188)

New Flood Alert Area 'Bain Catchment'
Map created October 2024



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Step 2. Make a flood plan

Would you know what to do in a flood?



**FLOOD
ALERT**

PREPARE

- Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
- Visit www.gov.uk/check-flooding



**FLOOD
WARNING**

ACT

- Turn off gas, water and electricity
- Move things upstairs or to safety
- Move family, pets and car to safety



**SEVERE
FLOOD
WARNING**

SURVIVE

- Call 999 if in immediate danger
- Follow advice from emergency services
- Keep yourself and your family safe

Flood plan templates are here: www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding

Step 3. Monitor river levels online

Two gauging stations online: www.gov.uk/check-flooding
Click 'Start Now'. Scroll down to click on 'River, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels'.
Enter 'Horncastle'.

River Bain level at Horncastle Victoria Mill

[Map](#) [Upstream](#) [Downstream](#) [Nearby levels](#)

Latest at 2:00pm on 26 November ⓘ

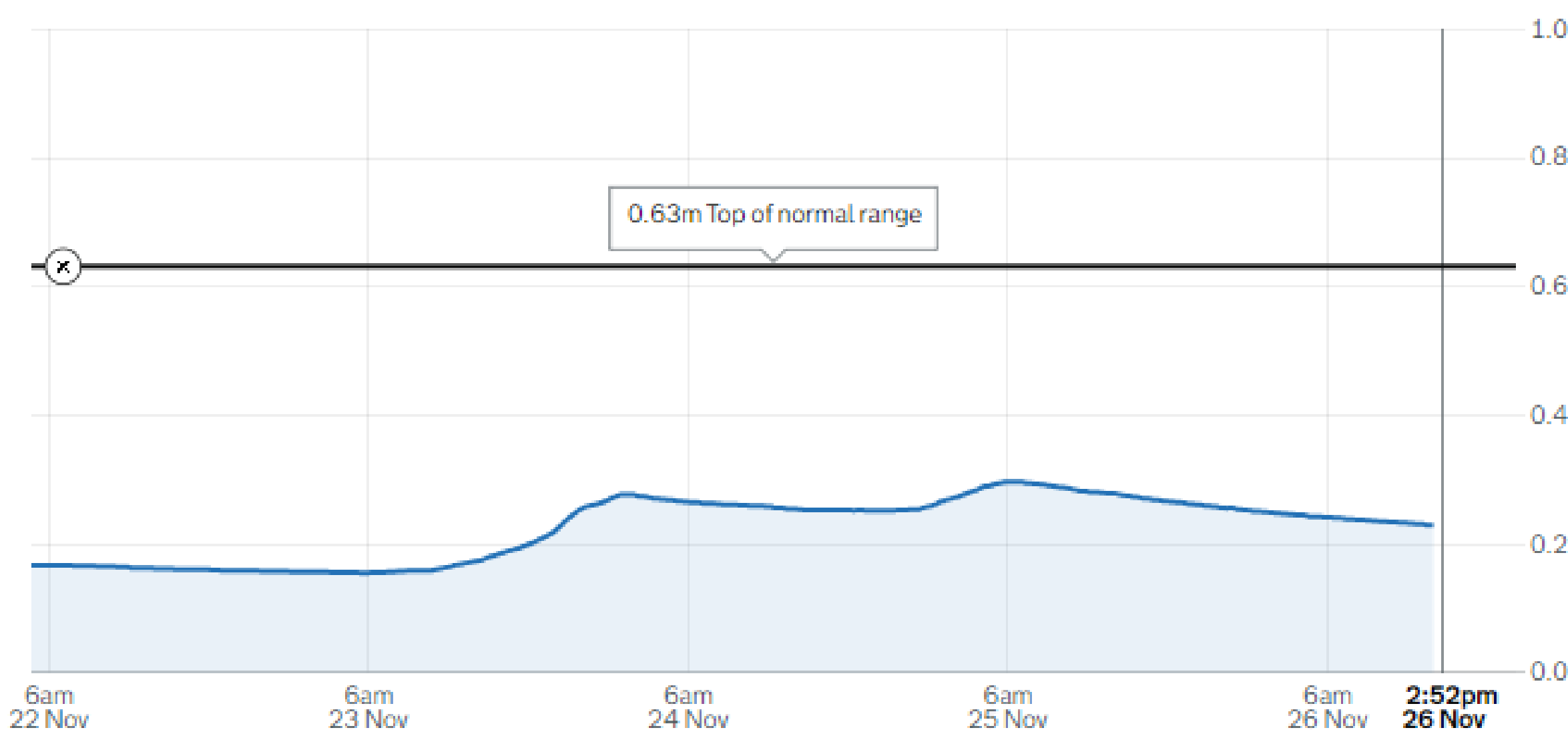
Height
0.23m ⓘ

Trend
Steady ⓘ

State
Normal ⓘ

Normal range 0.05m to 0.63m

Height in metres over the last 5 days



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How levels here could affect nearby areas ⓘ

1.20m	Water reaches the highest level recorded at this measuring station (25 June 2007)	↗
0.63m	Top of normal range. Low-lying land flooding possible above this level	↗
0.23m	Latest level	

River Waring level at Horncastle Banks Road

[Map](#) [Nearby levels](#)

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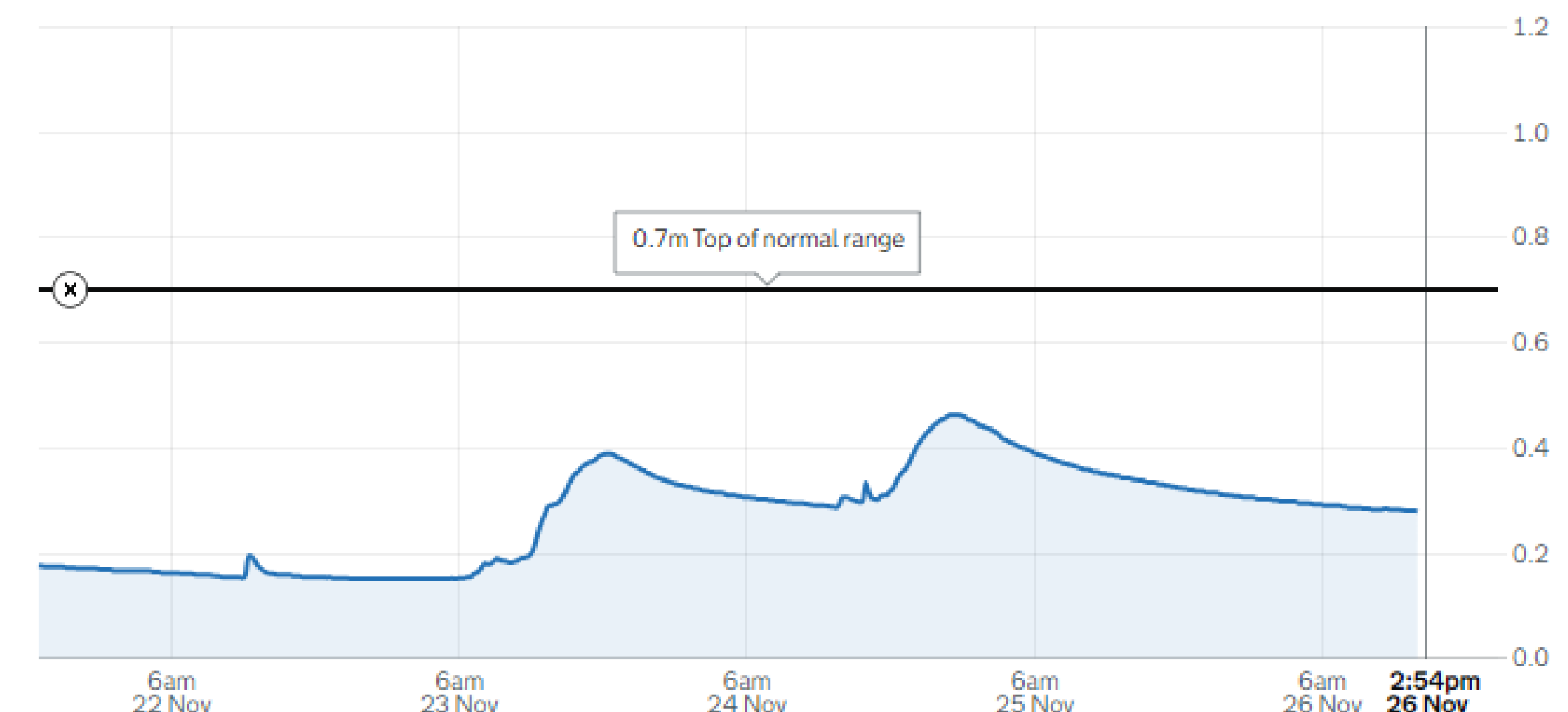
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0.28m ⓘ

Trend
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State
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Normal range 0.03m to 0.70m

Height in metres over the last 5 days



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How levels here could affect nearby areas ⓘ

2.50m	Water reaches the highest level recorded at this measuring station (20 October 2023)	↗
1.17m	Property flooding is possible above this level	↗
0.70m	Top of normal range	↗
0.68m	Low-lying land flooding possible above this level. One or more flood alerts may be issued.	↗
0.28m	Latest level	

Step 4.

Put together an emergency bag

Think about:

- Insurance documents
- Medication/copy of prescription
- Warm waterproof clothing
- Food and water
- Passport
- Driving licence
- Battery powered torch/radio
- Mobile phone charger
- Pet food

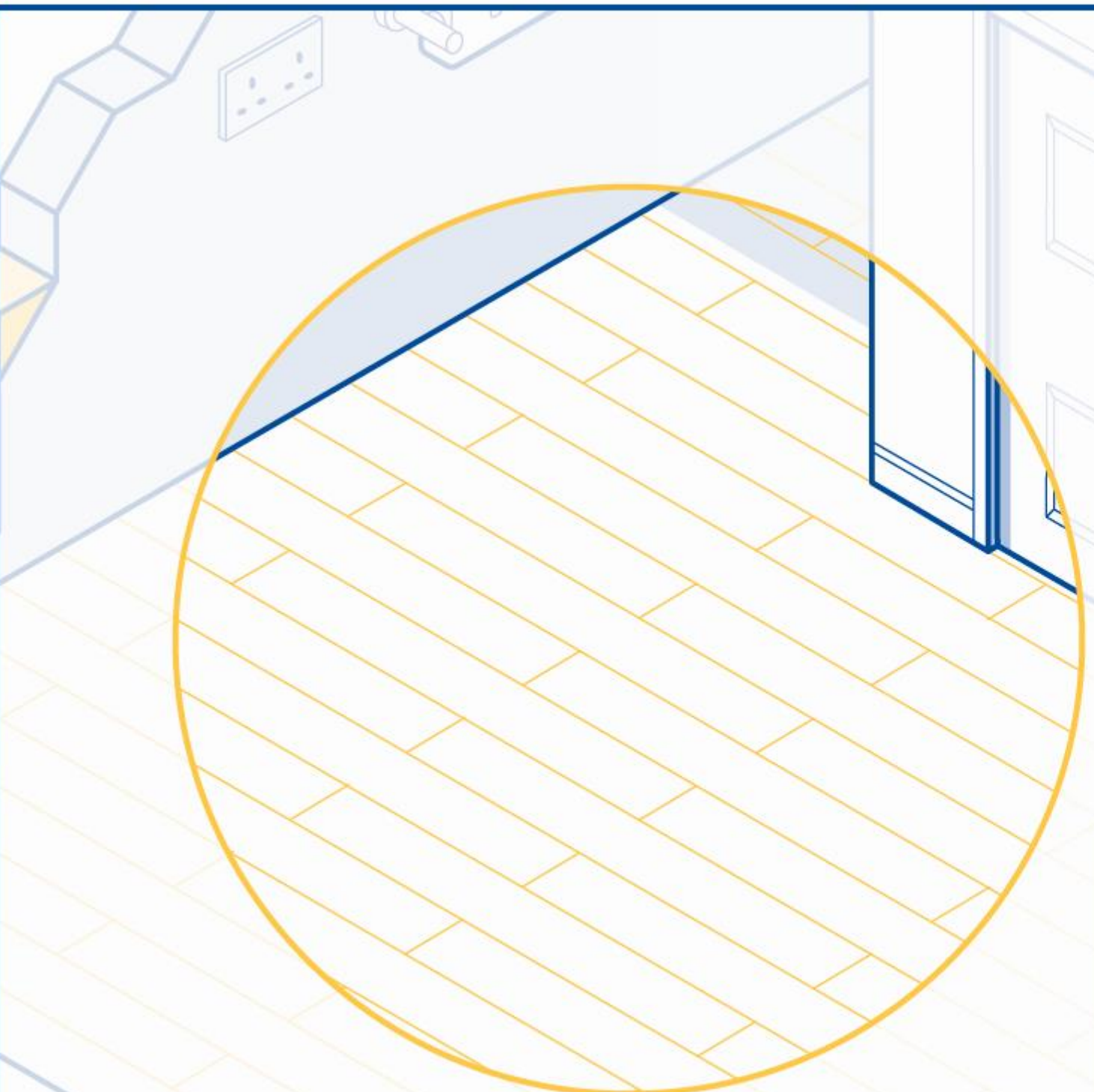


Sentimental items, like photographs, can be moved out of harm's way now

Creating a better place for people and wildlife

Floodline 0345 988 1188

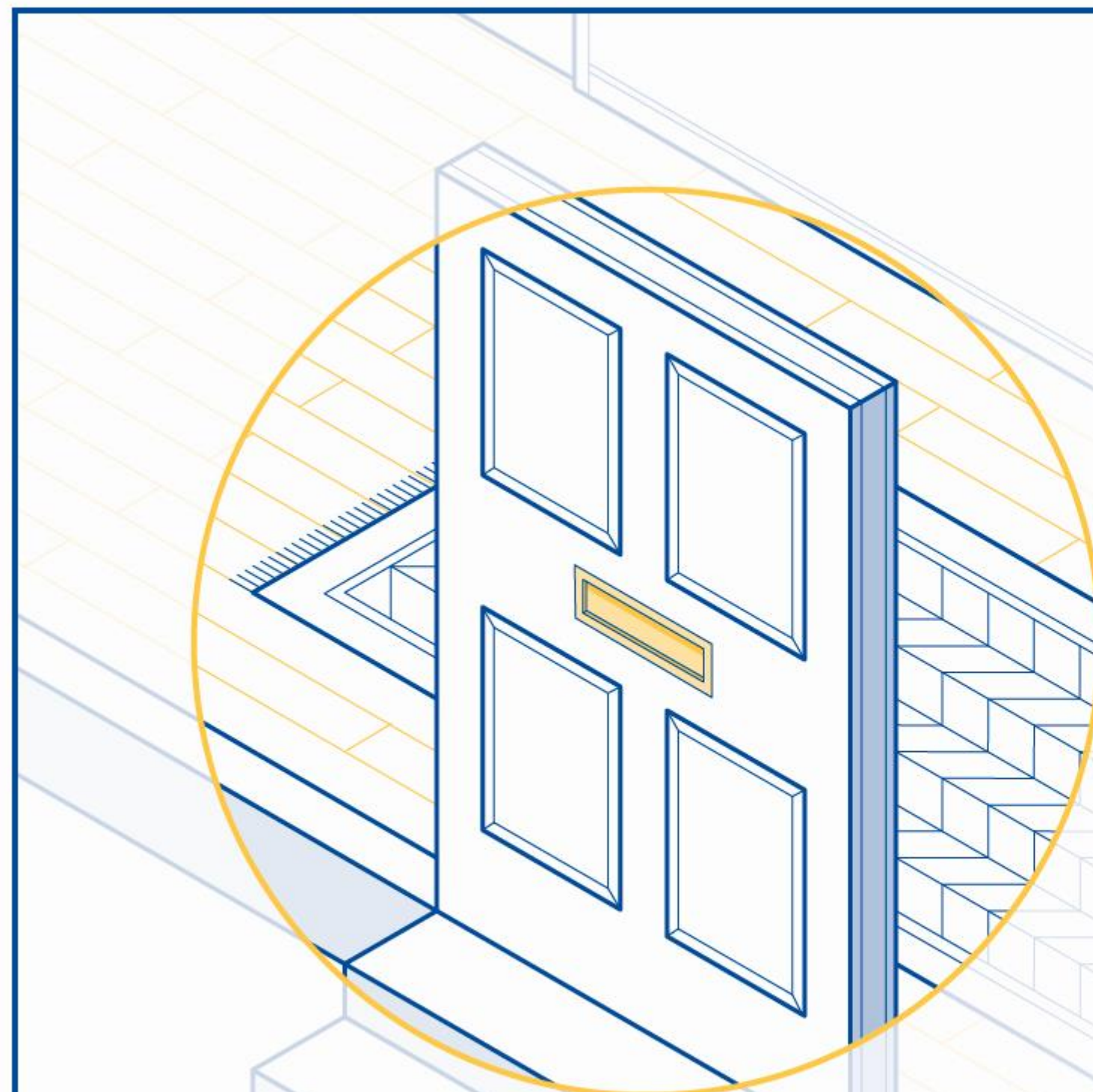
Step 5. Consider flood products



Hard flooring

Hardwood or tiled flooring, fitted using water resistant grout or sealed with marine varnish will survive multiple floods, given good maintenance.

www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding



Flood doors

Flood doors should be used to replace standard door types, with kitemarked versions recommended.

Some flood doors may not be suitable for people with limited strength or dexterity. In this case we would recommend a flood barrier.

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Be Flood Smart

with flood protection measures

Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures protect your home against flood damage. Don't just be house proud, **Be Flood Smart.**

www.floodre.co.uk/be-flood-smart

Contact the National Flood Forum for information about products e.g. flood doors to help reduce the impact of flooding on your home:
01299 403055
www.bluepages.org.uk

Contact Flood Re to see if they can help with flood element of your home insurance:
www.floodre.co.uk

Maintenance in Horncastle

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Thank you for your time

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