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Whalley, Lancashire



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Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)

Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)

Map legend

Click on the map to see what Flood Zone (National Planning Policy Guidance definitions) the proposed development is in.

☒ Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)

Flood Zone 3

Flood Zone 2

Flood defences (Not all may be shown*)

Areas benefiting from flood defences (Not all may be shown*)

☒ Main River Line

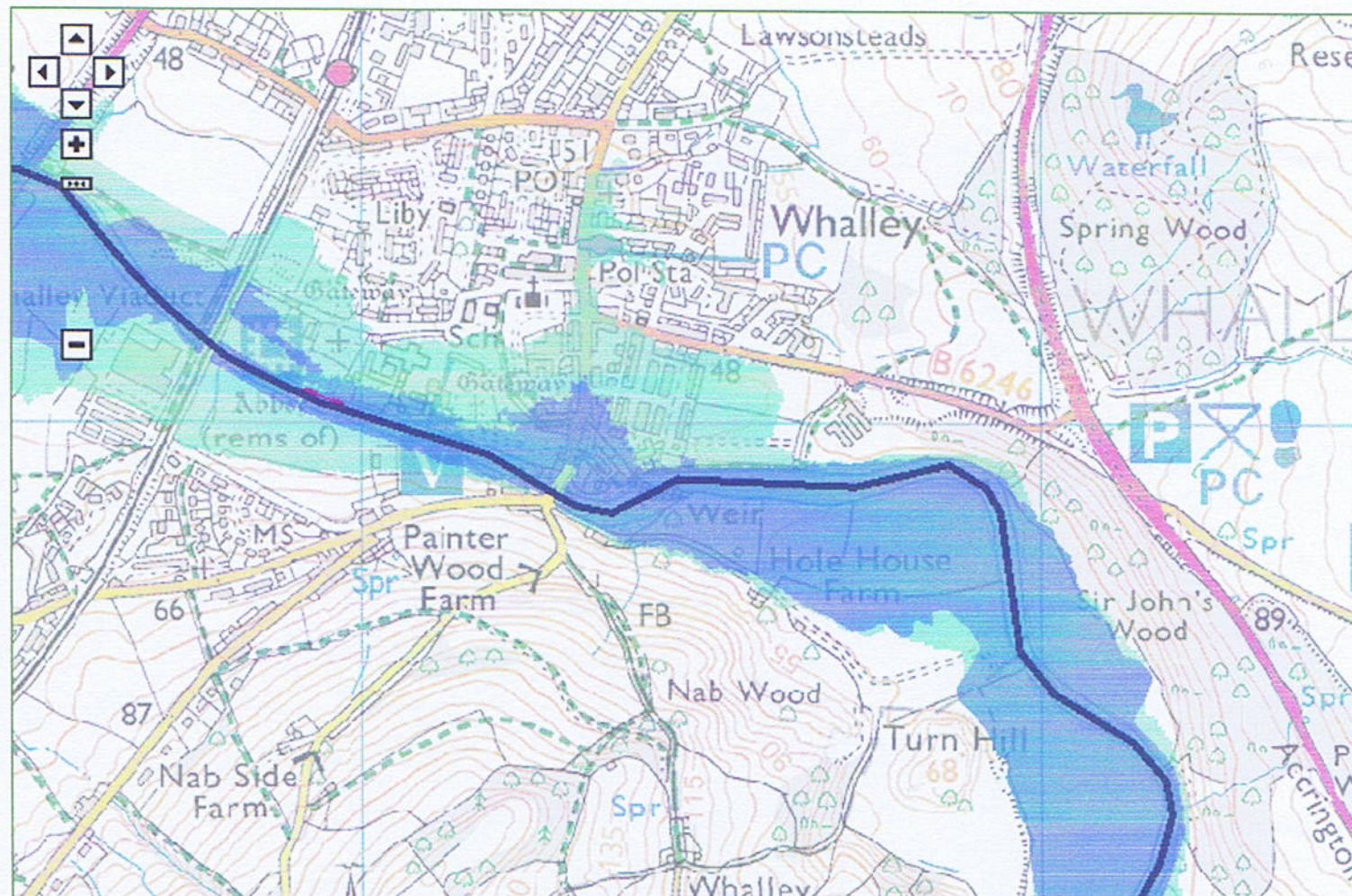
Main River Line

☒ Other national environmental organisations

Natural Resources Wales Area of responsibility

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Area of responsibility

Whalley, Lancashire at scale 1:10,000

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More about flooding:

Understanding the Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)

A more detailed explanation to help you understand the flood map shown above.

Current flood warnings

We provide flood warnings online 24 hours a day. Find out the current flood warning status in your local area.

* **Legend Information:** Flood defences and the areas benefiting from them are gradually being added through updates. Please contact your [local environment agency office](#) for further details.

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Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea

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Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea

River flooding happens when a river cannot cope with the amount of water draining into it from the surrounding land. Sea flooding happens when there are high tides and stormy conditions.

The shading on the map shows the risk of flooding from rivers and the sea in this particular area.

Click on the map for a more detailed explanation.

Map of X: 373,481; Y: 435,952 at scale 1:10,000

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Map legend

☒ Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea

☐ High

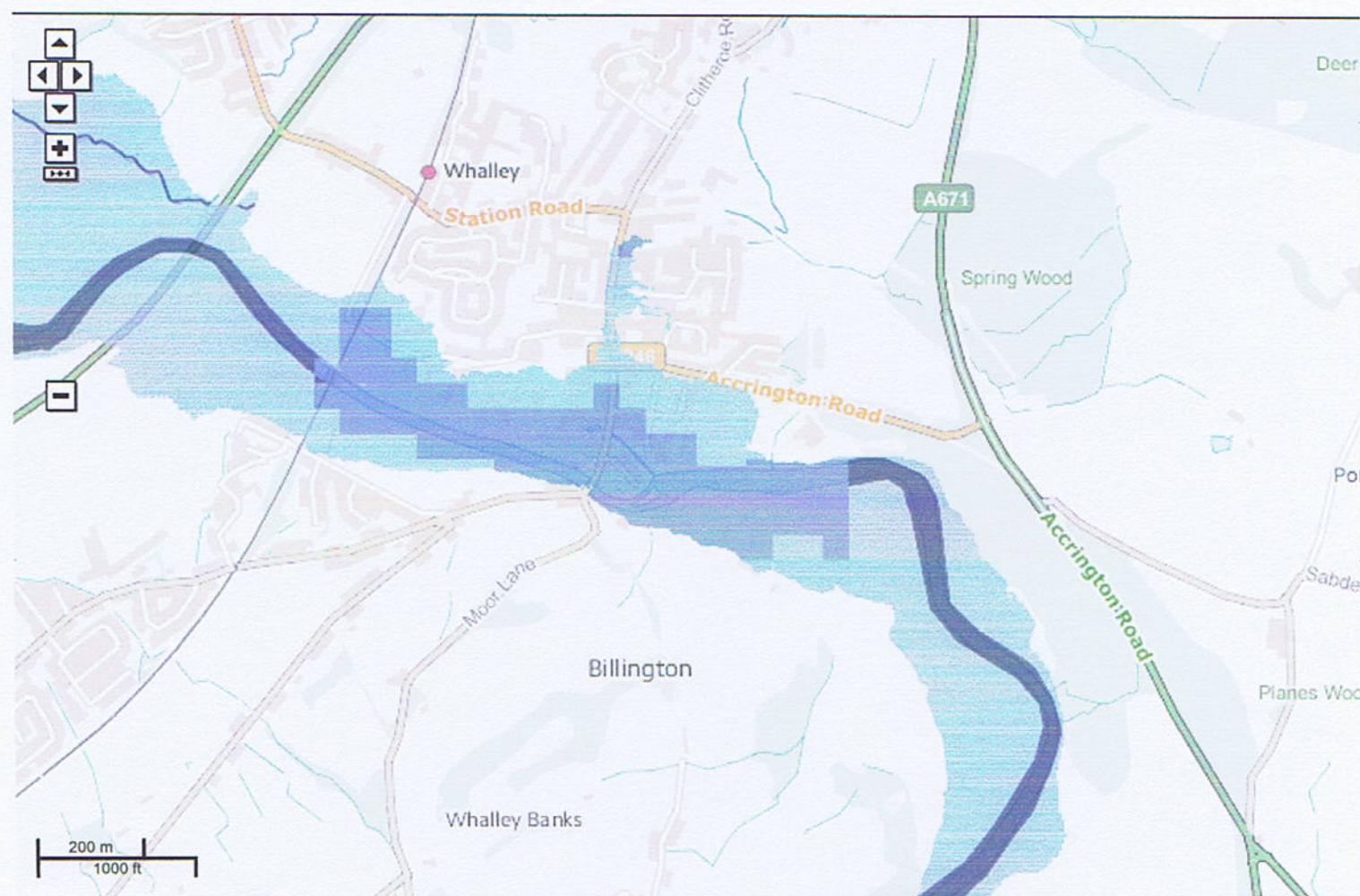
☐ Medium

☐ Low

☐ Very Low

☒ Other national environmental organisations

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☐ Scottish Environment Protection Agency Area of responsibility


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Groundwater

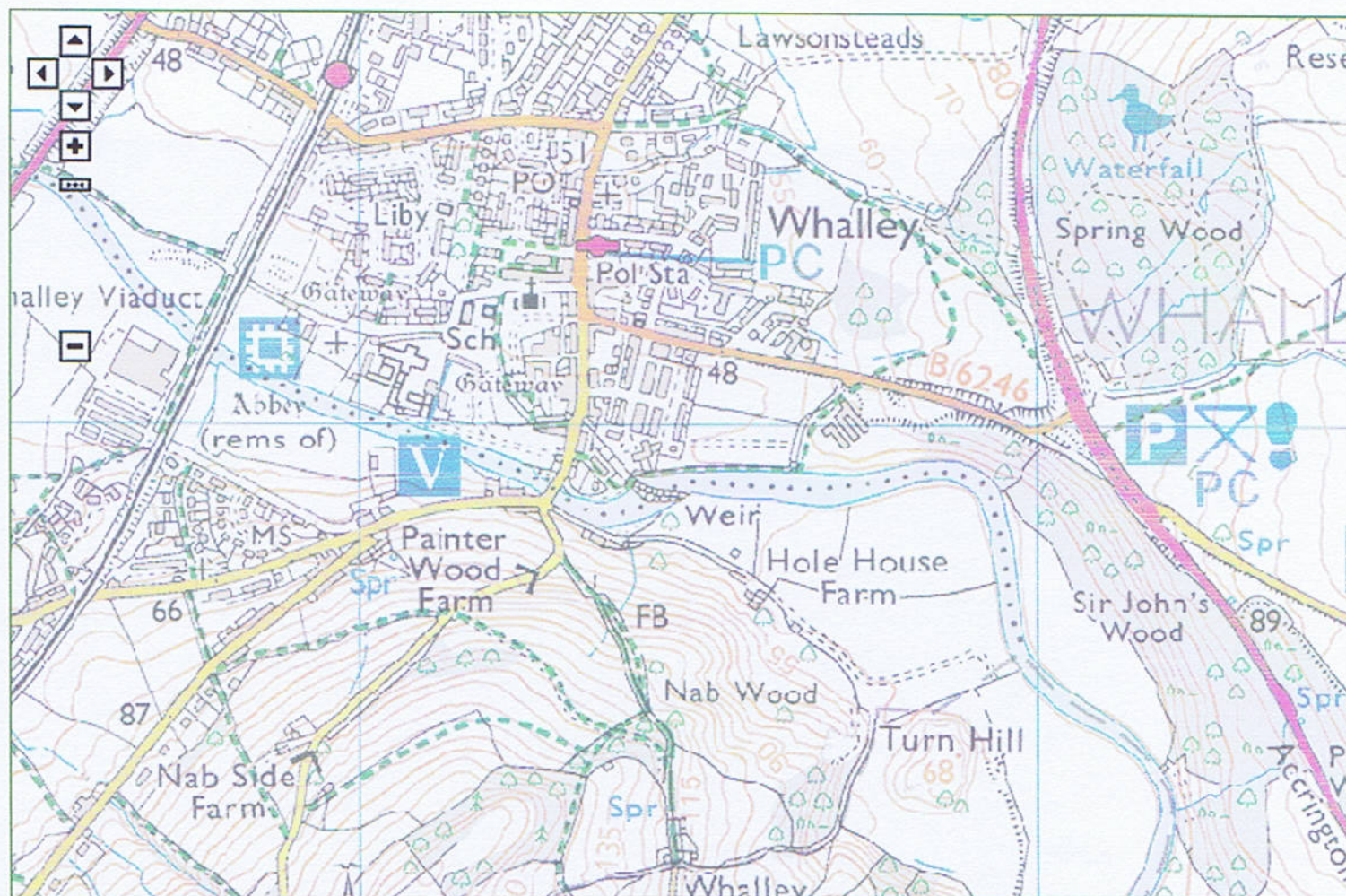


Map legend

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	Inner zone (Zone 1)
	Inner zone - subsurface activity only (Zone 1c)
	Outer zone (Zone 2)
	Outer zone - subsurface activity only (Zone 2c)
	Total catchment (Zone 3)
	Total catchment - subsurface activity only (Zone 3c)
	Special interest (Zone 4)
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	Principal
	Secondary A
	Secondary B
	Secondary (undifferentiated)
	Unknown (lakes and landslip)
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	Principal
	Secondary A
	Secondary B
	Secondary (undifferentiated)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Groundwater Vulnerability Zones
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	Major Aquifer Intermediate
	Major Aquifer Low
	Minor Aquifer High
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More about Groundwater

Groundwater Source Protection Zones:

Groundwater provides a third of our drinking water. We ensure that your water is safe to drink defining Source Protection Zones. These zones help to monitor the risk of contamination from any activities that might cause pollution in the area.

The Source Protection Zones are not displayed at scales greater than 1:20,000 (Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 scale) as the data was only modelled to this level and is not accurate pass this. They should not be compared against field boundaries.

[Understanding Groundwater Source Protection Zones maps](#)

British Geological Survey's Aquifer Maps:

From 1st April 2010 new aquifer designations replace the old system of classifying aquifers as Major, Minor and Non-Aquifer. This new system is in line with our Groundwater Protection Policy (GP3) and the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and is based on British Geological Survey mapping.

The Aquifer Extents are not displayed at scales greater than 1:75,000 (Ordnance Survey 1:250,000 scale) as the data was only modelled to this level and is not accurate pass this.

[Understanding the British Geological Survey's Aquifer maps](#)

Groundwater Vulnerability Maps:

The Environment Agency are currently updating their groundwater vulnerability maps to reflect improvements in data mapping and understanding of the factors affecting vulnerability. The new maps will be released later in 2015.

The 'New groundwater vulnerability mapping methodology' report provides technical information about how the new maps have been created.

The [user guide](#) outlines the kinds of activities the new maps can be used for.

These reports have been published on [GOV.UK](#) in advance of the release of the new maps to give users time to understand the new approach and how this differs from the previous groundwater vulnerability maps.

[Understanding Groundwater Vulnerability maps](#)



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Flood Warning

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Flood Warning Areas

Map legend

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Click on an area for details.

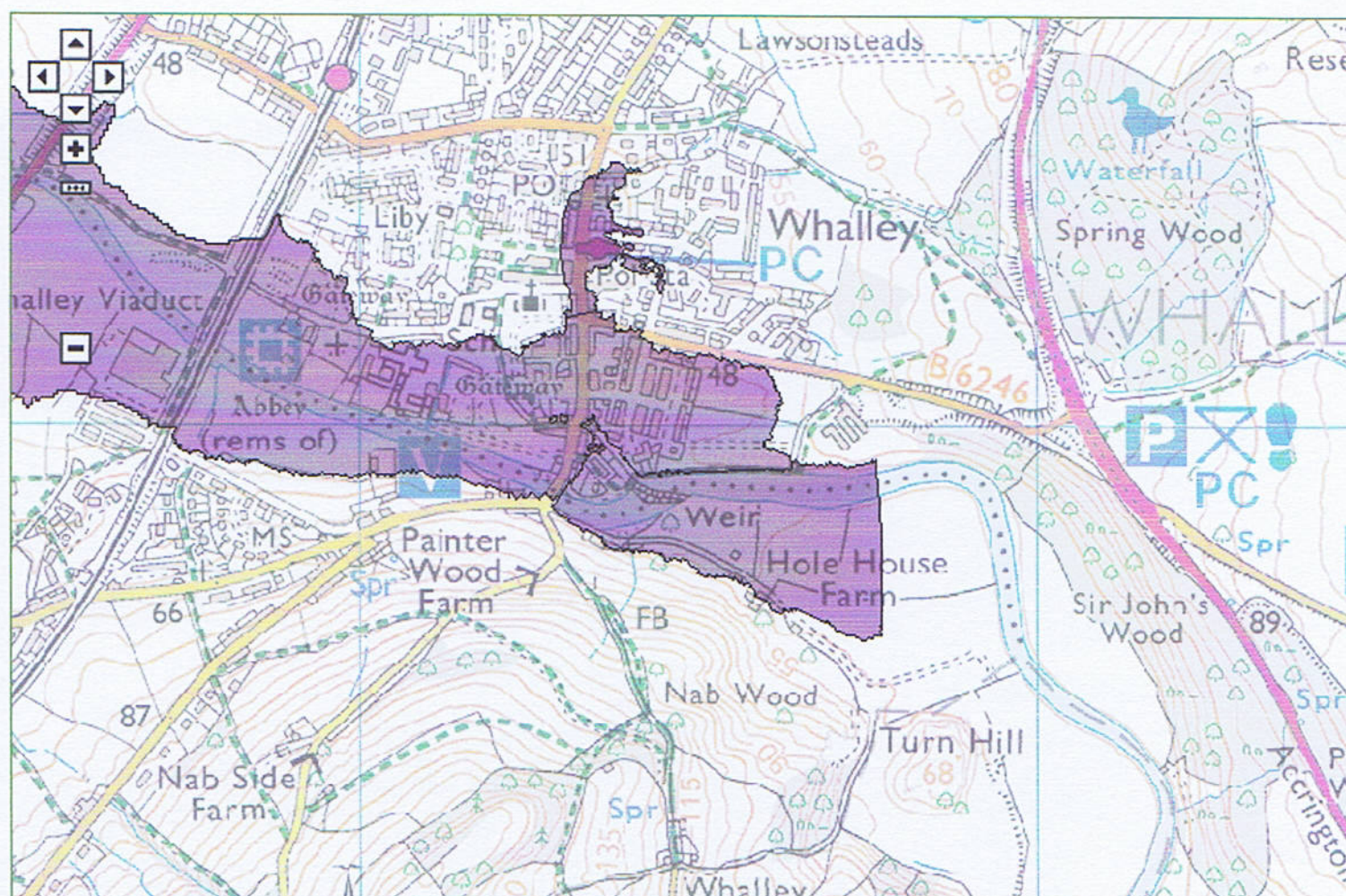
☒ Flood Warning Areas

☐ Areas where we issue flood warnings

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More about Flood Warnings:

Flood Warning Areas

If your home or business is within a purple shaded area on the map then you can receive free flood warnings. We issue flood warnings to specific areas when flooding is expected. **If you receive a flood warning you should take immediate action.**

For further information visit our [Flood warning pages](#).

Flood Alert Areas

If your home or business is within a pink shaded area on the map then you can receive free flood alerts. We issue flood alerts when flooding is possible. In many areas we issue flood alerts for flooding from rivers, the sea and groundwater. **If you receive a flood alert you should be prepared for flooding and to take action.**

It is very difficult to predict the exact location of flooding from groundwater as it is often related to local geology. We can't say for definite which properties are at risk from groundwater flooding. To help people we provide flood alerts for large areas that could be affected if groundwater levels were high.

For further information visit our [Flood warning pages](#).

River Levels

River level monitoring sensors are placed in the waters at key points and measure changes in water level. This data is recorded at 15 minute intervals; it's then sent back to our offices to be published online at least once a day. The information may be updated more frequently to meet operational needs, for example when water levels are high. This is the most up to date information available about river and sea levels.

For further information visit our [River and Sea Levels pages](#).



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Risk of Flooding from Surface Water

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Risk of Flooding from Surface Water

Surface water flooding happens when rainwater does not drain away through the normal drainage systems or soak into the ground, but lies on or flows over the ground instead.

The shading on the map shows the risk of flooding from surface water in this particular area.

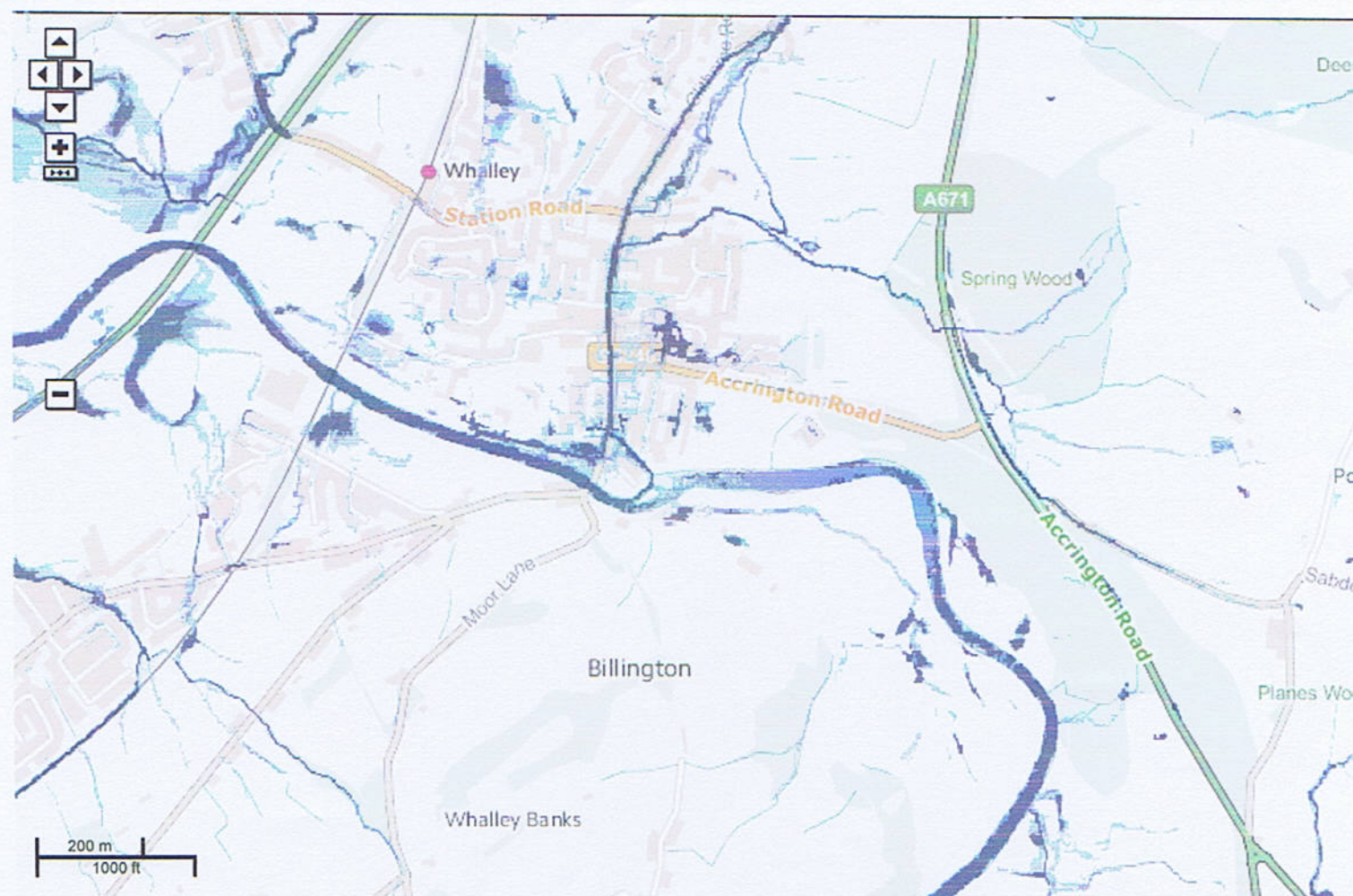
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Map of X: 373,481; Y: 435,952 at scale 1:10,000

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Map legend

- ☒ Risk of Flooding from Surface Water
 - High
 - Medium
 - Low
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Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs

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Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs

Reservoir flooding is extremely unlikely to happen.

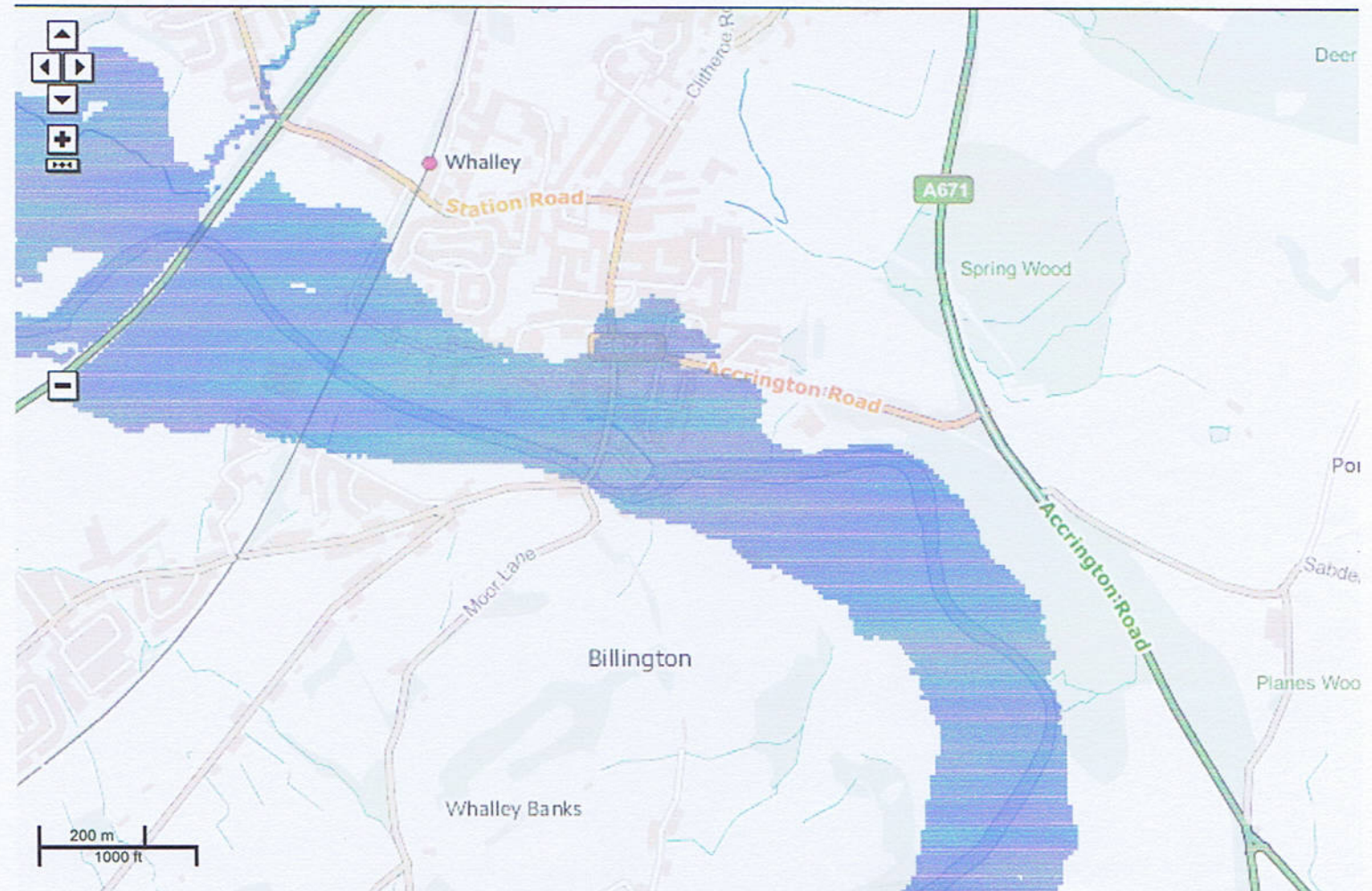
The shading on the map shows the area that could be flooded if a large reservoir were to fail and release the water it holds. A large reservoir is one that holds over 25,000 cubic metres of water, equivalent to approximately 10 Olympic sized swimming pools. Since this is a worst case scenario, it's unlikely that any actual flood would be this large.

Click on the shading to see details of reservoirs that could cause flooding in this area.

Map legend

- ☒ Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs
- ☐ Maximum extent of flooding
- ☒ Other national environmental organisations
- ☐ Natural Resources Wales Area of responsibility
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Interactive Maps

Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs for X:373443, Y:436021

Below are the reservoirs that could affect this area.

Dean Clough Lower				
Risk Designation: To be determined We define a reservoir as high risk, if peoples' lives would be in danger as a result of an uncontrolled release of water from the reservoir.				
Reservoir Owner: United Utilities Water plc				
Reservoir location (grid reference): 371820, 433250	Area: Environment Agency - Cumbria and Lancashire	Local Authority: Lancashire	Additional Comments: If you have questions about local emergency plans for this reservoir you should contact the named Local Authority	View map

Further information

Reservoir flooding is extremely unlikely to happen. There has been no loss of life in the UK from reservoir flooding since 1925. All large reservoirs must be inspected and supervised by reservoir panel engineers. As the enforcement authority for the Reservoirs Act 1975 in England, we ensure that reservoirs are inspected regularly and essential safety work is carried out.

However, in the unlikely event that a reservoir dam failed, a large volume of water would escape at once and flooding could happen with little or no warning. If you live or work in an area that could be affected, you should plan in advance what you would do in an emergency. You may need to evacuate immediately. Consider where you would go to safety, and be ready to follow the advice of emergency services.

To find out about local emergency plans, contact the local authority listed above. Be aware that they may not be able to give you any specific information immediately as developing reservoir emergency plans is a new responsibility.

If you would like to see information on how deep the water could get or how fast it could flow

[View the estimates of the depth of flooding from reservoirs](#) for this area.

[View the estimates of the speed of flooding from reservoirs](#) for this area.

This area may be at risk from other types of flooding.

[Check your risk of flooding from rivers and sea.](#)

[Check your risk of flooding from surface water.](#)

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