

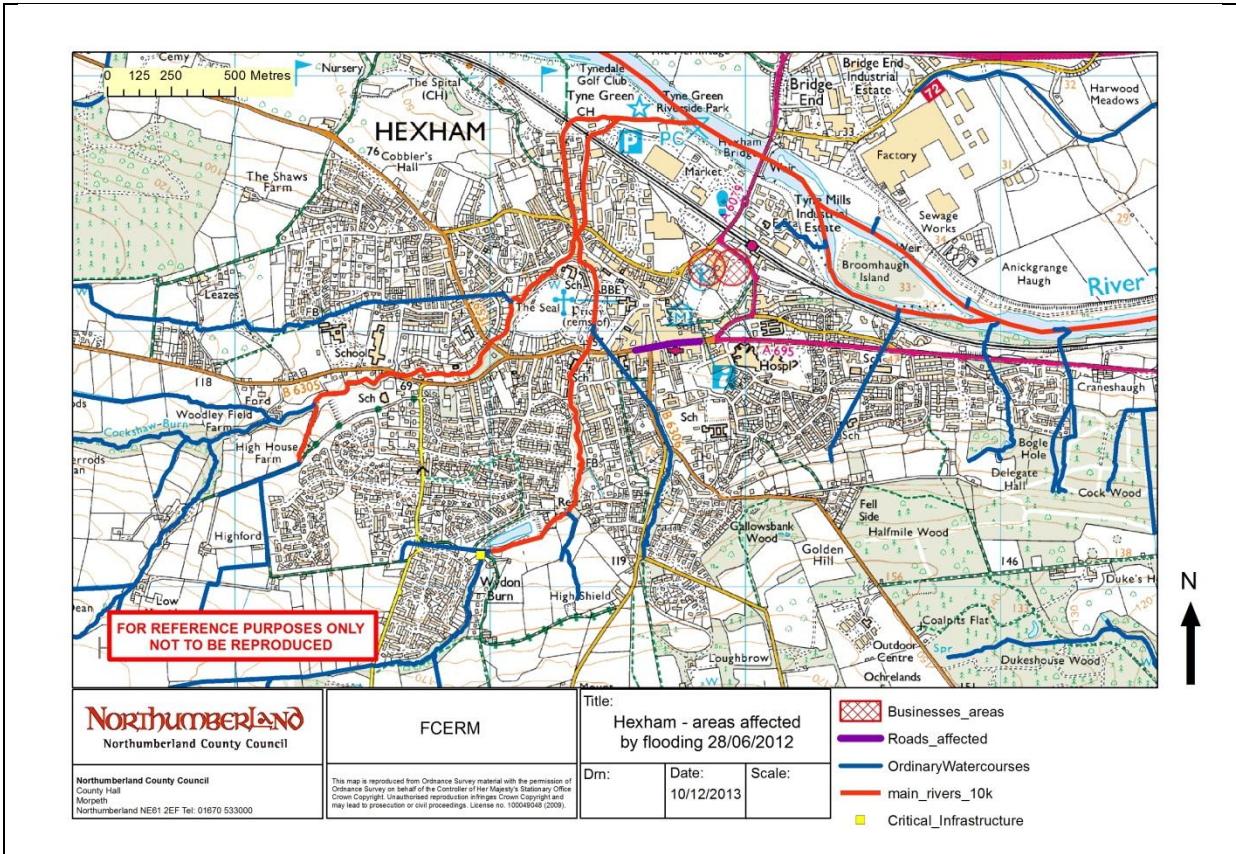
Flood Investigation Report

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Location: Hexham	Incident Date: 28/06/12
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Source(s) of flooding:						
Ordinary Watercourse	Main River	Surface Water	Groundwater	Sewer	Sea	Tidal Lock
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Impacts	Residential	Business	Other Buildings	Roads	Critical Infrastructure
(number)	0	2	0	3	1



Description

Hexham is a town situated in the south of Northumberland. It is one of the largest towns within the county.

The river Tyne designated a main river runs to the north of the town. There are two other main rivers the Wydon Burn and the Cockshaw Burn that flow through Hexham. Both of these are tributaries to the river Tyne. In addition there are several ordinary watercourses that are tributaries of the Wydon Burn and Cockshaw Burn that appear in Hexham.

Intense rainfall on the 28 June 2012 saw flooding in Hexham in a few different isolated incidents.

The main area where surface water runoff was the predominant source of flooding was around the Hexham Leisure Centre and Waitrose area. Both of these establishments were affected by the ingress of flood water. Battle Hill and Priestpopple (B6305) both saw standing water as a result of the heavy rain. Photos within Hexham can be found via the Hexham Courant website:

<http://www.hexhamcourant.co.uk/pictures/flood-pictures-1.971452?referrerPath=pictures>

The other main source of flooding that saw a couple of near misses to properties, but flooded gardens and a gas terminal was that from Ordinary Watercourses. In these instances heavy rainfall saw large branches collect at the entrances to culverts, this caused blockages, water to back up and subsequently flood affected areas.

NB: Water from the Halgut Burn may have entered a block of flats on the right bank at Tanners Yard. It was reported to have gone inside the hallway but did not reach the step level of the ground floor flat.

RMA Actions:

NCC *Exercised:* Carried out Flood Investigation Report.
Reminded Landowners of their roles and responsibilities as a riverside owner.

Proposed:

EA *Exercised:*
Proposed:

NWL *Exercised:*
Proposed:

Other *Exercised:*
Proposed:

Additional supporting information



Plate 1: Flooding from Hexham High Street

Sign Off

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Approved by:

Date

29/10/12

RMA Notification: EA NWL Other (please specify)