

Inverurie and Port Elphinstone Flood Study

Public Meeting - 14 February 2019

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Aim of this evening

- This is the first of two public consultations for the Inverurie and Port Elphinstone Study.
- This is a presentation of the study to date.
- These are not the final results.
- The data derived for the study to date is used to appraise flood management options.
- Your inputs are invaluable into verifying the model results before appraisal of management options is completed.
- The second consultation will be in the Spring 2019 and will be a presentation of the options appraisal process. So that your opinions and ideas will be used to finalise the appraisal.

Study objectives



Develop flood risk understanding

Hydraulic modelling
Determine existing
flood risk
Improve flood
mapping

Completed to SEPA's Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (FRM Act). Local Authority flood study checklist. Version 2, June 2017.

Develop recommendations for management of flood risk

Develop range of options

Appraise options

Options for the future management of flood risk

Select preferred option

SEPA will prioritise nationally where funding should be allocated

Report and findings will inform this process



Engagement

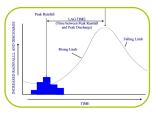
Summer 2019

What has been done so far?





Flood review



Hydrology



Topographic survey

inspections

Asset



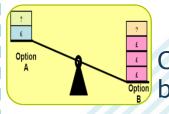
Modelling



Flood mapping



Options appraisal



Costbenefit



Environmental Surveys

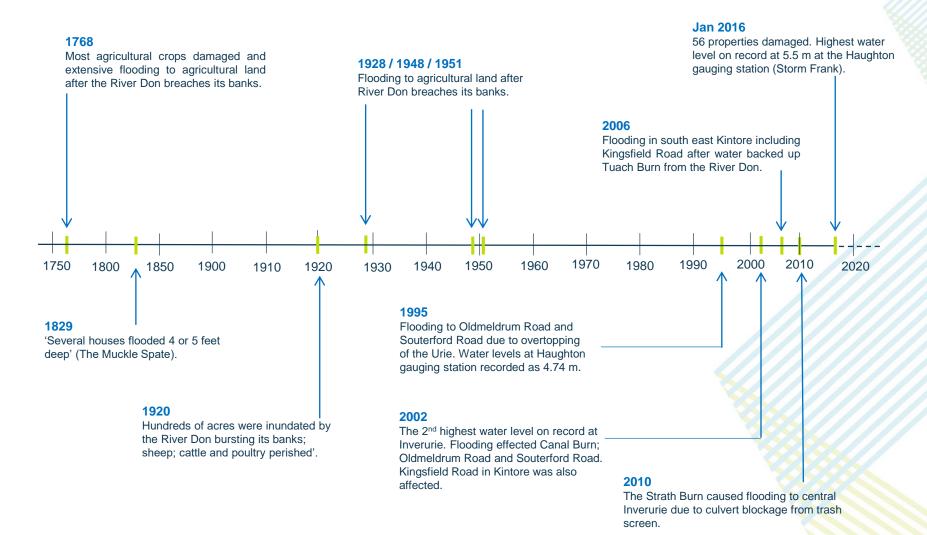


Properties at risk

Now underway

Developing understanding of flood risk

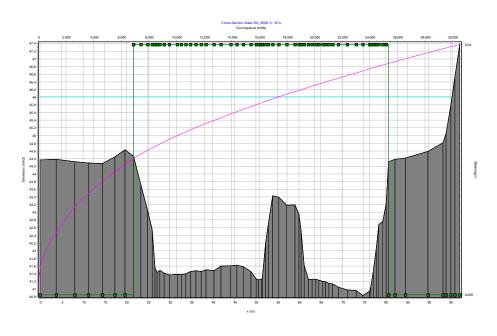


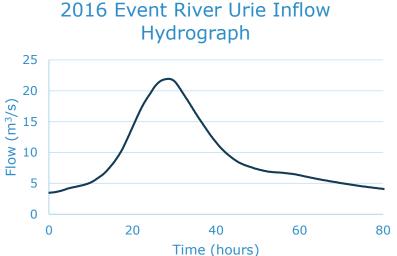




Survey and modelling

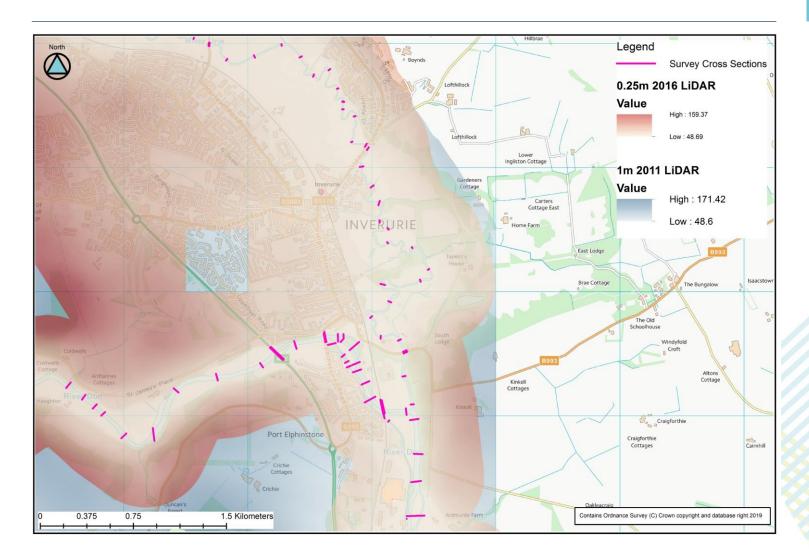
- 218 cross sections surveyed
- Combined with aerial DTM LiDAR





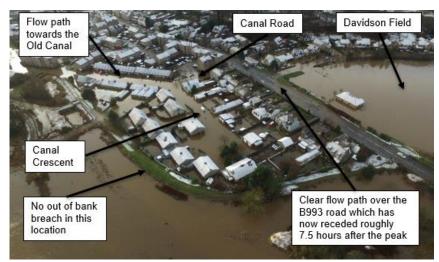
Scheme limits





Storm Frank flood photos







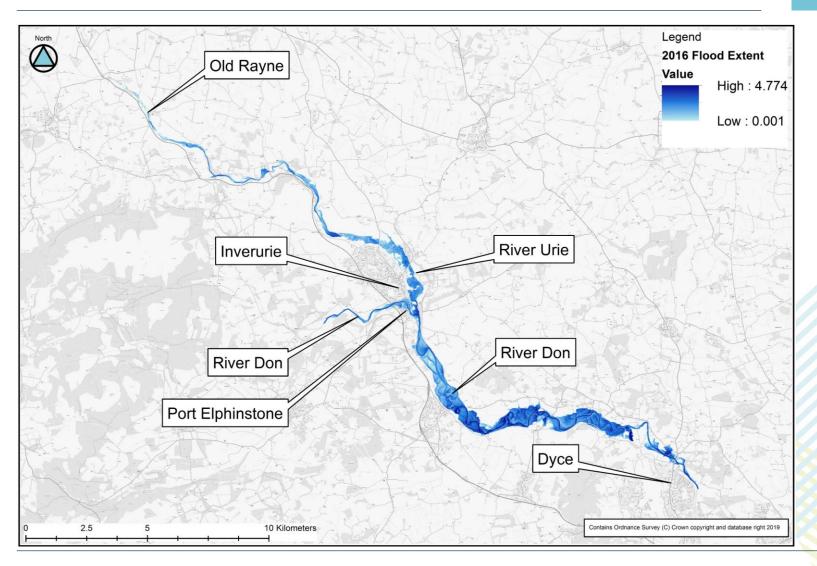




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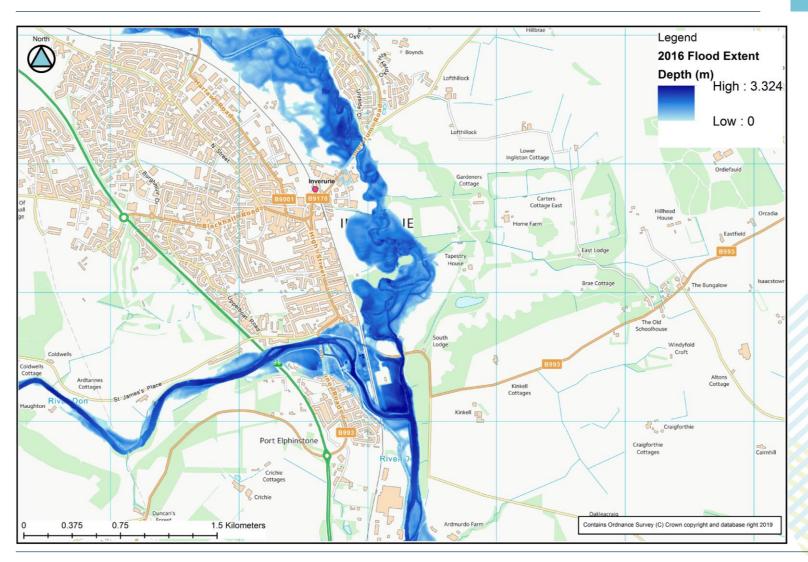


Modelled Storm Frank (January 2016)





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- Condition
- Blockage risk
- Quick wins



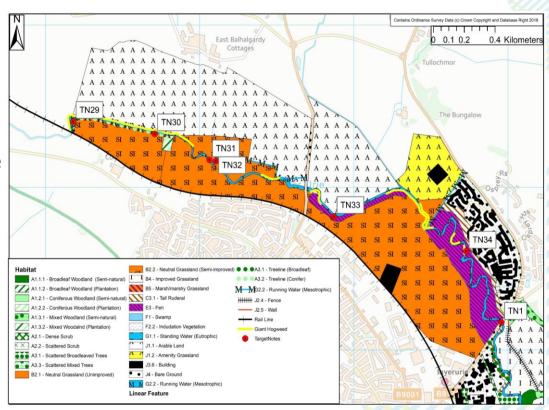






Environmental surveys: ecology

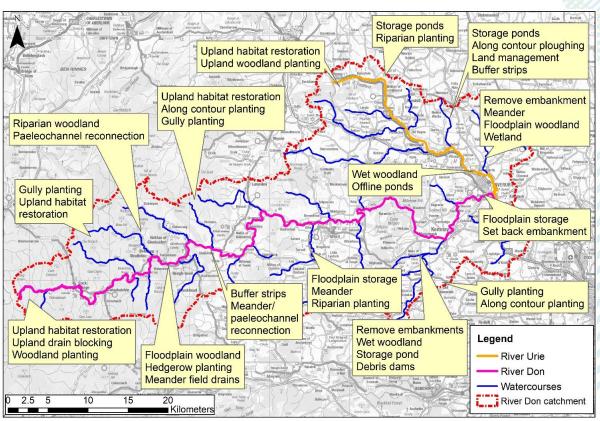
- evidence of: Badger setts; a Water Vole burrow on River Urie; Otter holts, spraints, footprints and couches; trees with Bat Roost Potential (BRP)
- avoid the need for land-take in semi-natural habitats
- avoid tree and scrub removal (particularly for bats, birds, Red Squirrels)
- minimise in-channel works (Otters, Water Voles, fish)
- no in-channel works between October and March (fish, particularly Salmon)
- avoid night-working in the main active bat season (April - September)



Environmental surveys: Natural flood management



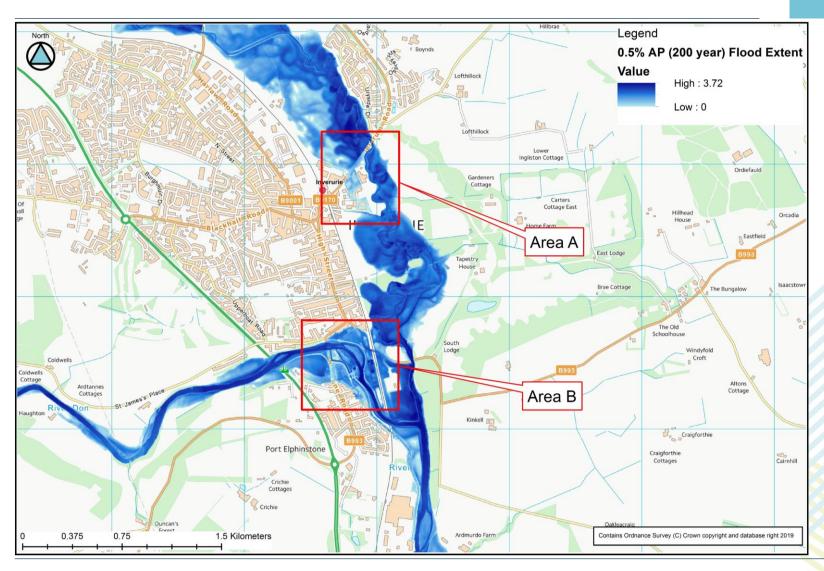
- Increased vegetation cover
- Working within and on the banks of the channel
- Land management
- Runoff management



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Flood risk mapping





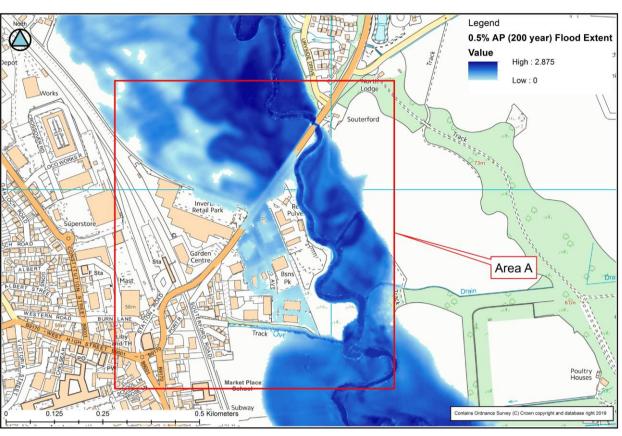
Options appraisal – long list



- Natural Flood Management
- Storage (engineering)
- Conveyance
- Control structures
- Direct defences
- Demountable defences
- Watercourse maintenance
- Property level protection (resistance and resilience measures)
- Relocation
- Flood forecasting and warning
- Structure modification

Area A: Souterford



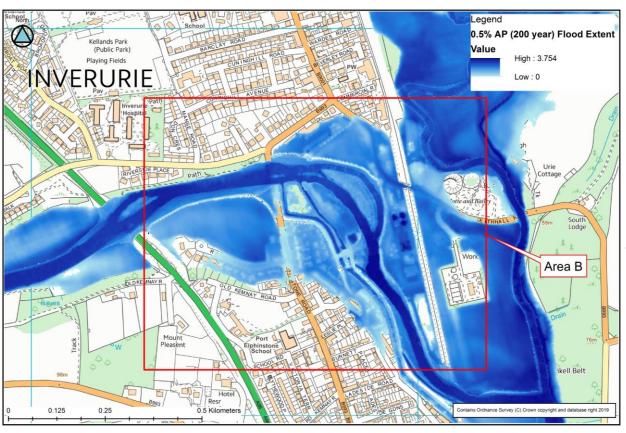


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6 properties at risk during 200 year event

Area B: Port Elphinstone





- **Natural Flood Management**
- Storage (engineering)
- Conveyance
- Control structures
- **Direct defences**
- Demountable defences
- Watercourse maintenance
- Property level protection (resistance and resilience measures)
- Relocation
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67 properties at risk during 200 year event

Next stages

- Options appraisal
 - Long list
 - Short list
 - Model short listed options
 - Cost-benefit analysis
- Stakeholder engagement
- Council to agree preferred option
- Preferred option to be presented to the public