

Can the de-maining pilots help us to deliver sustainable local flood risk management in the future?

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The de-maining pilots

What we sought to achieve



Strengthen local
flood risk
management



Closer working
between partners



Efficiencies : 90% of
properties at risk of
flooding within approx.
40% of Main Rivers –
60% of Main Rivers
receive intermittent
funding



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The benefits for local communities



Harness local
knowledge



Enable local
decision making
for partners



Meet local needs



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Four de-maining pilots

Testing the approach to transferring watercourses and assets



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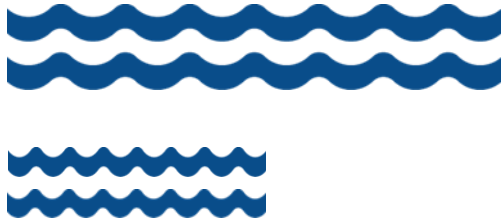
The de-maining pilots – examples



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The de-maining pilots - differences



Sizes of watercourse



Landscapes



Risk management authorities (LLFA/District Council v IDB)



Asset ownership



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What we have learned so far

Need for guidance

Land transfer process

Protecting the environment

Differences between LLFAs and IDBs

Governance and accountability

Value of local engagement

Assets

Partnership working



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Next steps



Suffolk, Stour Marshes & South Forty Foot

- Publish consultation response document and take final decision.
- Expect to de-main between July and Nov

Norfolk

- Working with partners to agree next steps and consultation

Isle of Axholme

- Working with partners to resolve issues and progress to consultation



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Conclusions

- The process needs to be proportionate and streamlined
- Good partnership working and communication with landowners and communities is essential
- Public Sector Cooperation Agreements are a key first step towards de-maining
- The approach to de-maining to IDBs and Local Authorities is different



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