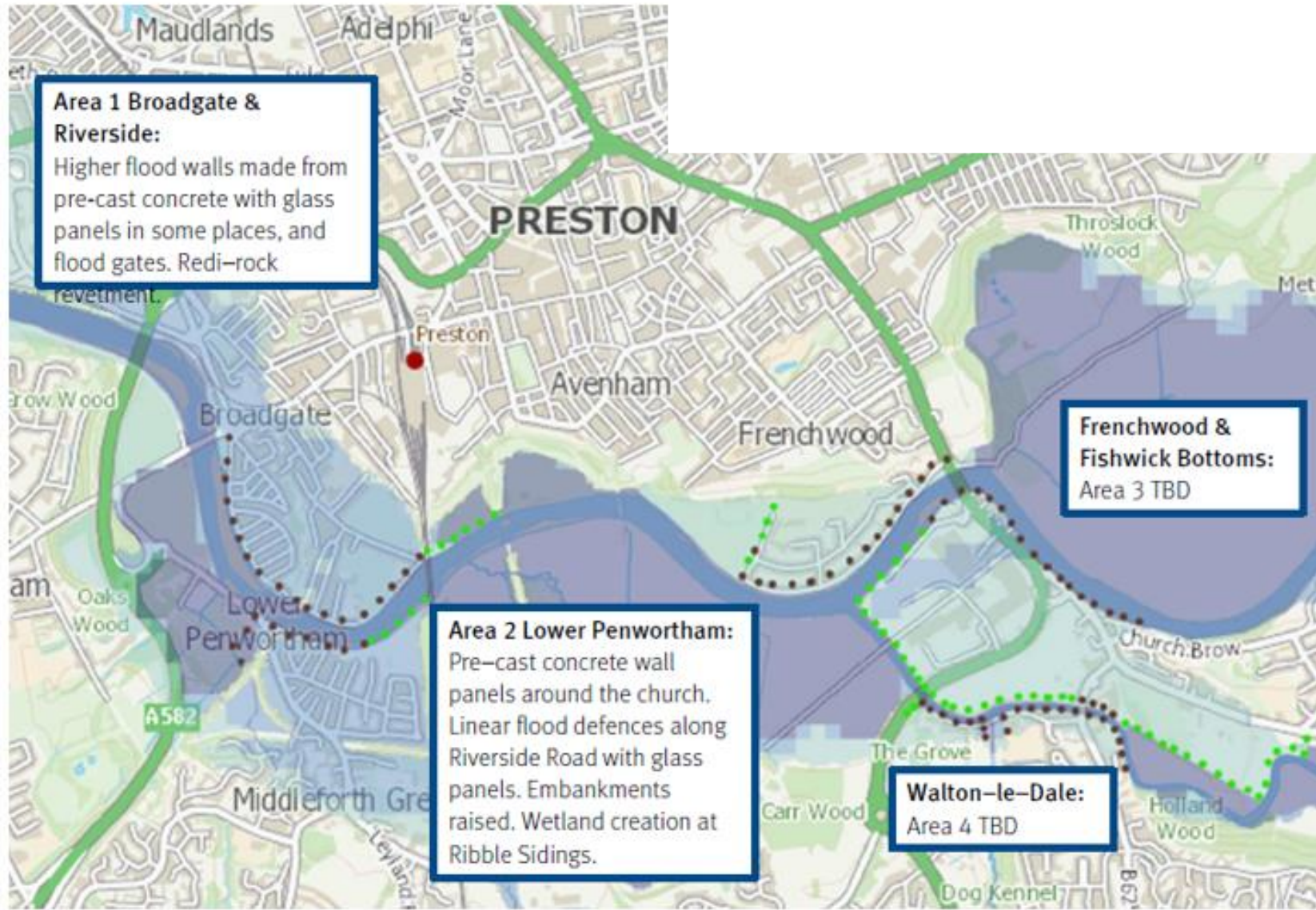


Preston & South Ribble FRMS

- There is a long history of flooding in Preston and South Ribble, which goes all the way back to the 1700s. There have been eight recorded floods since 1936
- Scheme followed the 2015 floods. Almost 200 properties flooded in Preston and South Ribble. This was deemed to be a 'near miss'. Peak flows on the Rivers Ribble and Darwen did not coincide with high tide
- The existing River Ribble defences were built in stages between the 1920s and the 1980s. However, these defences are now reaching the end of their design life and need to be repaired, replaced, or extended
- With climate change creating wetter winters, and the risk of flooding set to increase, we are taking steps and planning for the future. We are invested in and committed to helping communities living close to the River Ribble, so that they are better protected and more resilient to climate change
- Better protect around 5,000 residential properties and businesses from Broadgate in Preston up towards Higher Walton



Areas 1A & 1B - Preston



Areas 2A, 2B and 2C – Lower Penwortham



Funding

- Funding from multiple sources
 - Flood Defence Grant in Aid
 - Booster
 - Other Government Department
 - Local Levy
 - Department for Education
 - Water Environment Improvement Fund
- Contributions in kind

Partnership Working

- Documented expectations and commitments
- Regular meetings - Partner board / Technical partner board
- Visiting the construction site promotes discussion and ideas
- Contributions – financial or in kind (e.g. land, buildings, waived fees, support with reinstatement)

- Collaboration and support of partners throughout
- Clear dissemination of information within organisations
- Timely sharing of information and responses
- Have provision ready to maintain new flood defences and community spaces in the future
- Celebrate success!

- Co-ordinated approach / link in with other projects
- Promote flood resilience in the wider community
- Can create wider funding opportunities

Challenges

- Securing funding
- Ground conditions
- Physical constraints – narrow working area, road closures and diversions, residential area, utilities, in river working window, environmental constraints, construction plant
- Redesign and changes to construction methods
- Delays to programme
- Collaborative working
- Communications, mis-information



Community Benefits

- Fishwick Bottoms – tree planting with RRT on PCC land
- Creation of wetland area at Ribble Sidings with SRBC renewing the adjacent playground
- Miller Park entrance improvements – more open and welcoming
- Broadgate Gardens – renewed community space
- Guild Wheel – improved part of the cycle route / footpath
- BAC sports club – improvements to sports facilities during reinstatement
- Archbishop Temple School – creation of new sports pitches
- SUDS in schools – 3no. primary schools
- Dept for Education funding – Rivercraft and outreach into schools



Volunteers welcome for our remaining tree planting days 18, 25 and 27 February.

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Thank you for your time today