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Subject: Re: Flood Alert: Upper River Don catchment

Date: 19 March 2020 at 10:23

To:

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From: <floodline@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Date: Sat, 15 Feb 2020 at 13:42

Subject: Flood Alert: Upper River Don catchment

To:

A Flood Alert has been issued by the Environment Agency.

Flood Alert in force: Upper River Don catchment.

Flooding is possible for: River Don and its tributaries from Penistone to Kelham Island in Sheffield.

Be prepared.

Rainfall associated with Storm Dennis is forecast to intensify from midday today, 15 February 2020. The current forecast indicates that the river response will begin later this afternoon and is likely to peak in the early hours of Sunday morning, 16 February. Flooding of properties and roads is possible this evening and into Sunday.

We have staff in the field and are closely monitoring the situation from our incident room. If you observe flood waters, please avoid using low lying footpaths and roads near watercourses. Please also plan driving routes to avoid low lying land that may be flooded. See GOV.UK for a 5 day flood forecast and for weather forecasts please see the Met Office. This message will be updated at 21:45 or as the situation changes.

To check the latest information for your area

\* Visit the GOV.UK website to see the current flood warnings, view river and sea levels or check the 5-day flood risk forecast: https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/target-area/123WAF970

- \* Or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 using quickdial code: 138462.
- \* Follow @EnvAgency and #floodaware on Twitter.
- \* Tune into weather, news and travel bulletins on local television and radio.

What you should consider doing now

- \* Monitor local water levels and weather conditions.
- \* Get ready to act on your flood plan if you have one.
- \* Move your car or other vehicles to higher ground, if it is safe to do so.
- \* Prepare a flood kit of essential items including a torch with spare batteries, mobile phone and charger, warm clothes, home insurance documents, water, food, first aid kit and any prescription medicines or baby care items you may need.
- \* Check that you know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies.
- \* In rural locations, farmers should consider moving livestock and equipment away from areas likely to flood.
- \* Avoid walking, cycling or driving through flood water. 30 cm of fast-flowing water can move a car and 6 inches can knock an adult off their feet.
- \* Flood water is dangerous and may be polluted. Wash your hands thoroughly if you've been in contact with it.

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