

The Ouse and Humber Drainage Board

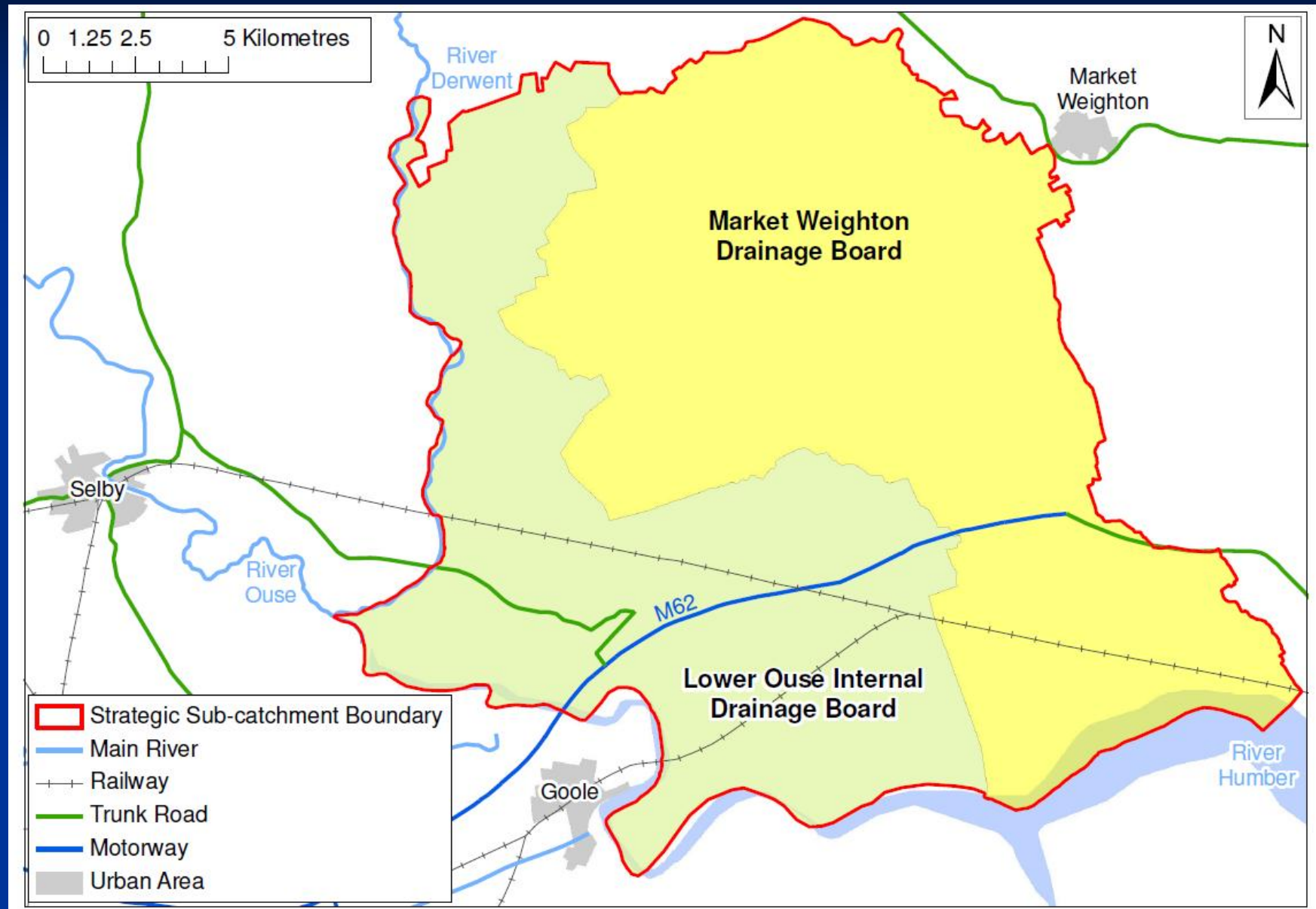


Market Weighton Drainage Board and Lower Ouse Internal Drainage Board

Working in Partnership

Presentation to the Humber Advisory Group by Andrew Morritt, Chief Executive (Designate).

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Who are we?

- ❖ Formed through the amalgamation of Market Weighton Drainage Board and Lower Ouse Internal Drainage Board. Amalgamation ratified by RFDC on the 21st Oct 2010.
- ❖ Amalgamation conforms to the requirements of 'Defra's Rationale for Sub-catchment Internal Drainage Boards'.
- ❖ Board district is based upon defined Sub-catchment, from the River Derwent in the West to foot of the Wolds in the East
- ❖ Operational Expenditure circa £1.1million (min £0.5million)
- ❖ Planned Capital Expenditure circa £0.5millions (funding allowing)
- ❖ Targeted Vesting Date – 1st April 2012



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What do we do and why do we do it?

- ❖ Water Management.
- ❖ Flood Risk Management
- ❖ Habitat Management.

- ❖ Land Drainage Act 1991
- ❖ Flood and Water Management Act 2010
- ❖ Habitats Directive and supporting legislation.



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Where do we come from?

- ❖ **12th May 1772** 'An Act to drain and preserve certain Commons, Low Grounds, and Carrs in the Parish of Market Weighton and other adjacent parishes in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and for making a navigable Cut or Canal from Market Weighton to the River Humber'. (HRH King George III)
- ❖ Canal completed in 1782 - Sole purpose to support agriculture and clay extraction/brick making. Influx of people and the development of larger communities.
- ❖ **1847** - Railway line completed and canal quickly falls into disrepair. Improved infrastructure leads to even greater community development.
- ❖ Canal then used primarily for drainage rather than commercial transport.
- ❖ 1900 – Trustees became the Market Weighton Drainage District.



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Where do we come from?

- ❖ **1934** - Land Drainage Act empowered Drainage Boards to supervise land drainage works.
- ❖ Post War increase in agricultural demand.
- ❖ 1951 - River Foulness and MW Canal transferred to Yorkshire River Authority.
- ❖ **1951** – Lower Ouse Internal Drainage Board formed through the amalgamation of seven smaller Boards all formed in the late 1700's.
- ❖ 1960's – Flooding leads to the construction of banks along the Foulness and MW Canal and water channels being recut.
- ❖ 1971 – Canal closed to navigation.



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Where do we come from?

- ❖ 1975 – Embankment and channel works completed.
- ❖ 1979 – Associated pumping upgrades completed.
- ❖ 2007 – Major floods.
- ❖ 2008 – Pitt Review published.
- ❖ 2009 - Amalgamation agreed.
- ❖ 2010/11 – Amalgamation ratified and joint management team established.
- ❖ Vesting Date 1st April 2012 (MWDB 240th Birthday)

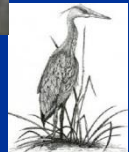


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000 hectares.

- 31 Listed Buildings
- 8km of Railway line
- 9km of main road
- 15 pieces of critical infrastructure.



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Challenges:

- ❖ Changing perceptions of what Drainage Boards are.
- ❖ Funding – reduced and changing funding streams.
- ❖ National and local policy deliver method still unclear.
- ❖ Balancing 'competing' demands – flood risk, urban/rural needs, habitat, long term food security.
- ❖ Impact of the new Public Bodies Bill – changing representation, transfer of supervision to LLFA.
- ❖ **The Political Climate.**



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This is what can be achieved by working together.



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