

## About the project

The Upper Thurne Integrated Drainage Project will be replacing thirteen pumping stations and decommissioning one pumping station within the River Thurne catchment.

The works will be delivered by BAM Nuttall who recently completed the Broadland Flood Alleviation Project.

## When is this work happening?

The project is currently in the detailed design phase which is due to be completed early 2024. The construction works are scheduled to commence in Spring 2024 with completion in Spring / Summer 2027. The pumping stations will be constructed in batches to minimise local impact and increase efficiencies.

Ground Investigation works are scheduled to take place between May and July 2023 with works on each site taking approximately 1 week. Ecological mitigation has been completed in advance of the works to minimise the impact to protected species.

## What will we be doing?

We will be constructing new fish friendly pumping stations to manage water levels on the adjacent marshes, meadows and arable land, discharging through the flood embankments into the River Thurne.

The new pumps will be able to operate over a greater range of flows, with increased efficiency, maintaining stable water levels within the catchments and offering resilience to climate change.

Where possible the new pumping stations will be located at or adjacent to the existing pumping

stations. Some stations require relocating locally due to site constraints.

## Why are we doing this work?

The pumping stations were mostly built in the 1950's to replace the historical wind pumps. These replacement stations were mostly steam or diesel driven pumps, later upgraded to electrical pumps within the same foundations / buildings. Whilst ongoing repairs have sustained their operation for 70 years the pumping stations are now significantly beyond the end of their design lives and require replacement.

Without the existing pumping stations and drainage network, the catchments would be subject to permanent flooding, causing the loss of important designated habitat, arable land, and woodland as well as impacting homes and local communities.

## How will this benefit you?

The pumping stations form an integral part of the flood defence infrastructure protecting people and property, utility infrastructure and important rural roads.

The new pumps will have increased capacity and resilience to climate change.

## How can you get involved or get in touch?

This information is to let you know about the vital work we are doing in your community. We are happy to come along to community groups and residential associations to explain more about the work.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss in more detail. We will keep you up to date with any further developments.

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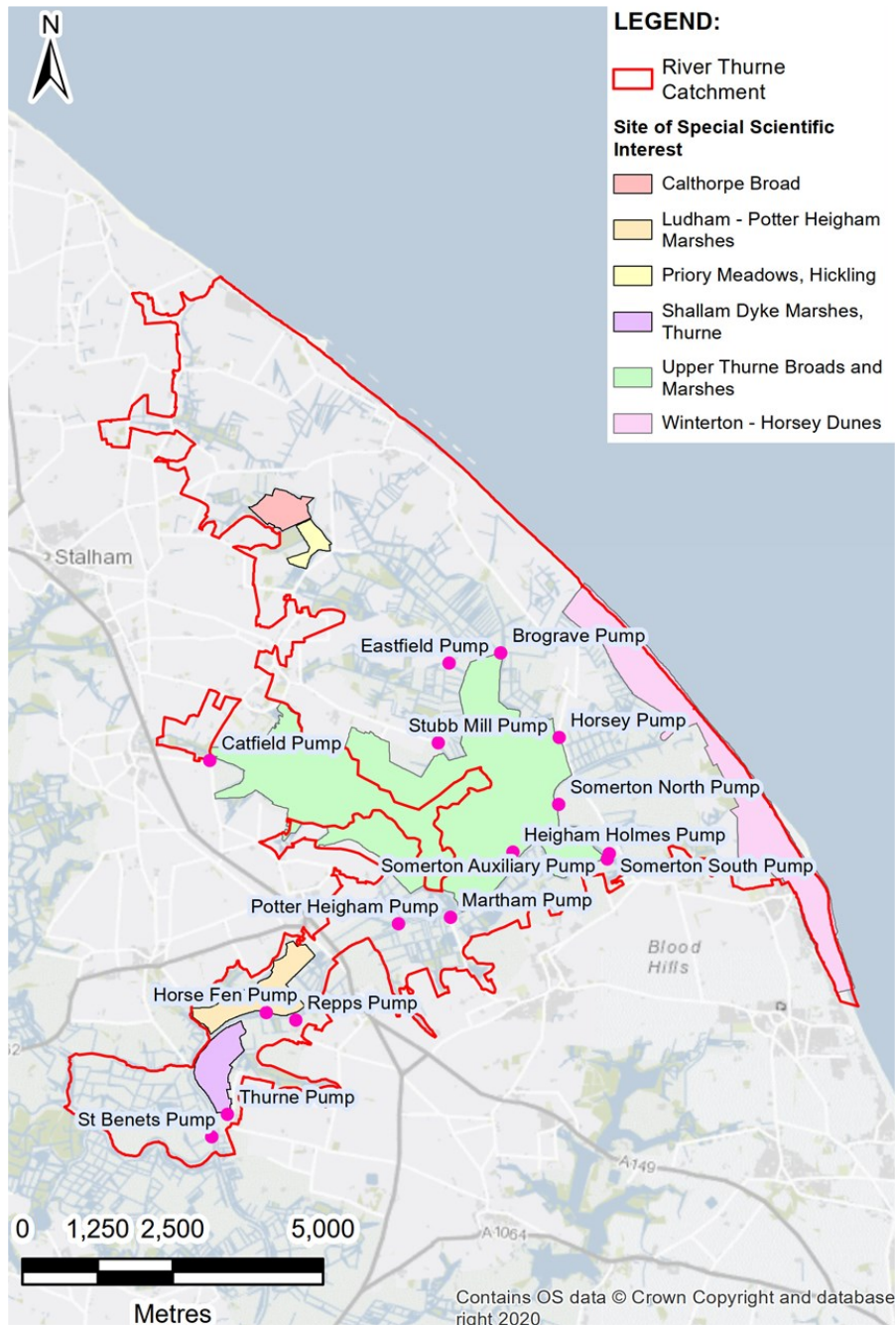
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## Where is this work happening?

The replacement pumping stations are located at Brograve, Stubb, Catfield, Horse Fen, Horsey, Martham, Heigham Holmes, Potter Heigham, Repps Staithe, Somerton North, Somerton South, St Benets, and Thurne. Eastfield pumping station is planned to be decommissioned facilitated by local drainage network improvements and increased capacity at adjacent stations.



## Further information

From the Environment Agency: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/broadland-flood-alleviation-project-reaches-20-year-landmark>

From BAM Nuttall: <https://www.bamnuttall.co.uk/news/broadland-flood-alleviation-landmark/>