The historic market town of Pocklington has suffered a number of significant flood events in recent years. The effects of the flooding from the Pocklington Beck spilling over into the town centre during 2007, 2012 and 2015 has caused significant damage to business premises, residences and infrastructure.

The key risk to the town is from the flooding of Pocklington Beck that collects rainwater run off from a large catchment area upstream in the Wolds. This is exacerbated by the throttled flow rate of the Pocklington Beck as it passes through the culverts under the town which then results in overland flows of flood water.

The Pocklington Flood Alleviation Scheme, (POCFAS), proposal comprises of an earth based dam structure set on the Pocklington Beck and located to the North East of the town. This structure will hold back potentially damaging flood waters and with the use of a flow control device will allow a maximum forward flow that can be accommodated within the Pocklington town culverts and avoid the overland flooding in the streets of the town. The stored water will occupy farm land behind the structure that will remain in agricultural production as the stored body of water will remain for a relatively short period of time before it drains into the Pocklington Beck and runs away in a controlled manner.

An economic evaluation in accordance with Environment Agency standards has been carried out and indicates that this solution is the most cost effective and appropriate.

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POCFAS PROPOSED SCHEME OUTLINE

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1. Earth embankment structure.
2. Flow control structure.
3. Water storage area.
4. Extent of maximum flood water level.
5. The Mile.
6. Existing overhead power cables.
7. Mile Field Farm.
8. Maintenance access tracks.