Along the edge of the existing field boundary and willow plantation, a connection will be made between the existing flood plain and the flood storage area. The connection will simply comprise an extension of the existing level of the floodplain into the flood storage area. No physical structures are required.

By extending the level of the natural floodplain into the flood storage area, water that is held upstream of the dam will be allowed to passively flow into and drain from the flood storage area.

The connection between the existing floodplain and the flood storage area will extend from around Nunn’s Bridge to the dam at the Coggeshall Football Ground and will run along the base of the Blackwater valley.

Existing floodplain at Nunn’s Bridge

Connection point between the existing floodplain and the flood storage area

The existing hedgerow and tree line that form the touch point between the agricultural fields and the willow plantation will be retained.