

Accessibility Statement for StoryMaps published via <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/>

This accessibility statement applies to the StoryMaps published by the Environment Agency on behalf of the Humber 2100+ Partnership on <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/>. The Humber 2100+ StoryMap is available at this URL:

<https://environment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=ca50cc93ac6644b096f8e0e4ab1b2dc1>

StoryMaps are a service provided by ESRI, which is used by the Environment Agency and on behalf of the Humber 2100+ Partnership. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- Zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- Navigate most of the website using a keyboard or speech recognition software
- Listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and Voiceover)

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible this website is

We know that some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- StoryMaps may be difficult to navigate with a keyboard alone and hard to read for users with a visual impairment
- The colour contrast may be insufficient for users to distinguish between items

Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording, or braille:

- Email hstrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact the Environment Agency's Humber Team on hstrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the ‘accessibility regulations’). If you’re not happy with how we respond to your complaint, [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

Technical information about this website’s accessibility

The Environment Agency is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Compliance status

The website has been tested against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) [2.1 or 2.2] AA standard.

This website is partially compliant with the [[Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard or [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.2](#) AA standard], due to the non-compliance and exemptions listed below.

Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

- The page structure and reading order may not be accurate due to “empty buttons” created automatically by the StoryMap web application.
 - 1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A) – all non-text content that is presented to the user has a text alternative that serves the equivalent purpose. Controls, Input: If non-text content is a control or accepts user input, then it has a name that describes its purpose.
 - 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A) Every link’s purpose is clear from its context
- Colour contrast is not strong enough and use of colour not clear enough
 - 1.3.3 – Sensory Characteristics: Use more than one sense for instructions
 - 1.4.1 – Use of Colour: Don’t use a presentation that relies solely on colour e.g. forms, disabled buttons
 - 1.4.3 – Contrast (Minimum): Contrast ratio between text and background is at least 4.5:1

- A user browsing with a keyboard alone may experience difficulties
 - 2.1.1 – Keyboard: Accessible by keyboard only
 - 2.4.3 – Focus Order: Tabbing in logical Order
 - 2.4.7 – Focus Visible: Keyboard focus is visible and clear
 - 3.2.1 – On Focus: Elements do not change when they receive focus
 - 3.2.2 – On Input: Elements do not change when they receive input
 - 4.1.3 – Status Messages: Status messages can be presented to the user by assistive technologies without receiving focus

Disproportionate burden

StoryMaps are built and hosted through third party software supplied by ESRI.

ESRI's ArcGIS StoryMaps support accessibility by following the World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). ArcGIS StoryMaps has been evaluated for conformance according to WCAG 2.0 AA, WCAG 2.1 AA, and the Revised Section 508 standards. This evaluation is also known as a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) and it explains the extent to which a product such as ArcGIS StoryMaps adheres to such important accessibility guidelines. The results of the ArcGIS StoryMaps evaluation are available through the [Accessibility Conformance Report for ArcGIS StoryMaps](#).

We've assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information in the tools provided by the 3rd party system and believe that doing so would be a [disproportionate burden](#) within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

Online maps and mapping services

Online maps and mapping services are [exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations](#) as long as essential information is provided in an accessible digital manner for maps intended for navigational use.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

It is the Environment Agency's and Humber 2100+ Partnership's intention for the StoryMaps hosted via <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/> to be as compliant as the technology allows and we are committed to continually reviewing our offer. We will keep the use of StoryMaps under review as accessibility in mapping technology continues to involve.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 28 July 2023 and updated on 26 July 2024.