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### Flooding

I wanted to bring your attention to the flooding which regularly happens around this area. I have attached a number of photos of flooding from the last few weeks and months. I think these speak for themselves. The A156 was closed on and off from 2nd - 9th January 2024, which is the main commuter road between Gainsborough and Lincoln. This road was also flooded 2019. Diversions take you via villages Kexby, Willingham, Stow, Sturton and Saxilby which has increased traffic on this rural route at rush hour times.

Dunham bridge was severely flooded and was closed 5th - 12th January 2024. Fields and houses either side of the river were underwater. The river is high again at the moment and rising over the banks at Dunham.

Trent bridge at Gainsborough was closed 6th - 10th January 2024 due to the rising level of the River Trent and water across the road to Beckingham. The Trent is tidal so the levels rise and fall, but there is significant flooding across a vast area of land as you can see in the photos.

These bridges are the two main crossings over the River Trent in this area. To cross at other points would mean travelling to Newark or Scunthorpe, and both alternative routes add between 40 and 50 miles to a journey. We rely heavily on these two bridges, for work, school, and generally travelling across the Lincolnshire / Nottinghamshire border.

I have included a map which shows all the locations where photos have been taken, and the road closures at Beckingham to Gainsborough and the A57 at Dunham on Trent.

The Foss Dyke is a branch off the River Trent which goes all the way to Lincoln and causes the Brayford Wharf to flood into pubs, restaurants and other businesses. The images attached are from storm Babet and Henk.

The Foss Dyke has repeatedly burst its banks in the village of Saxilby over the last few months coming very close to houses. It also joins with the River Till which has repeatedly flooded fields and roads near villages such as Ingham, Thorpe le Fallows and Broxholme in the last few months.

The disruption to the River Trent for cable routes and the vast amount of land which will be disturbed and covered in solar panels will surely have a detrimental effect on an this area, which is already so susceptible to flooding.

Kind regards  
Helen Mitchell

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A156 at Knaith





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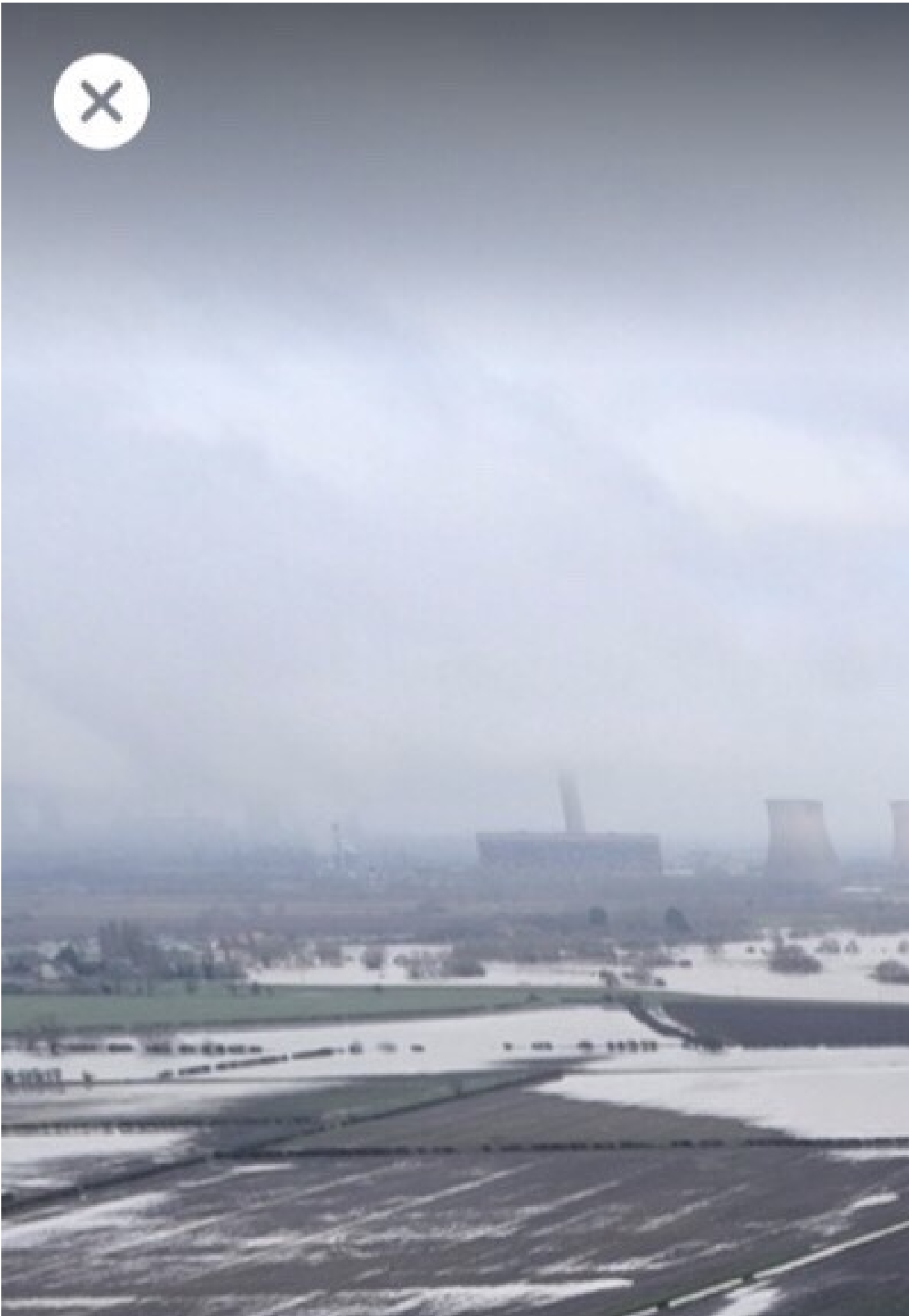
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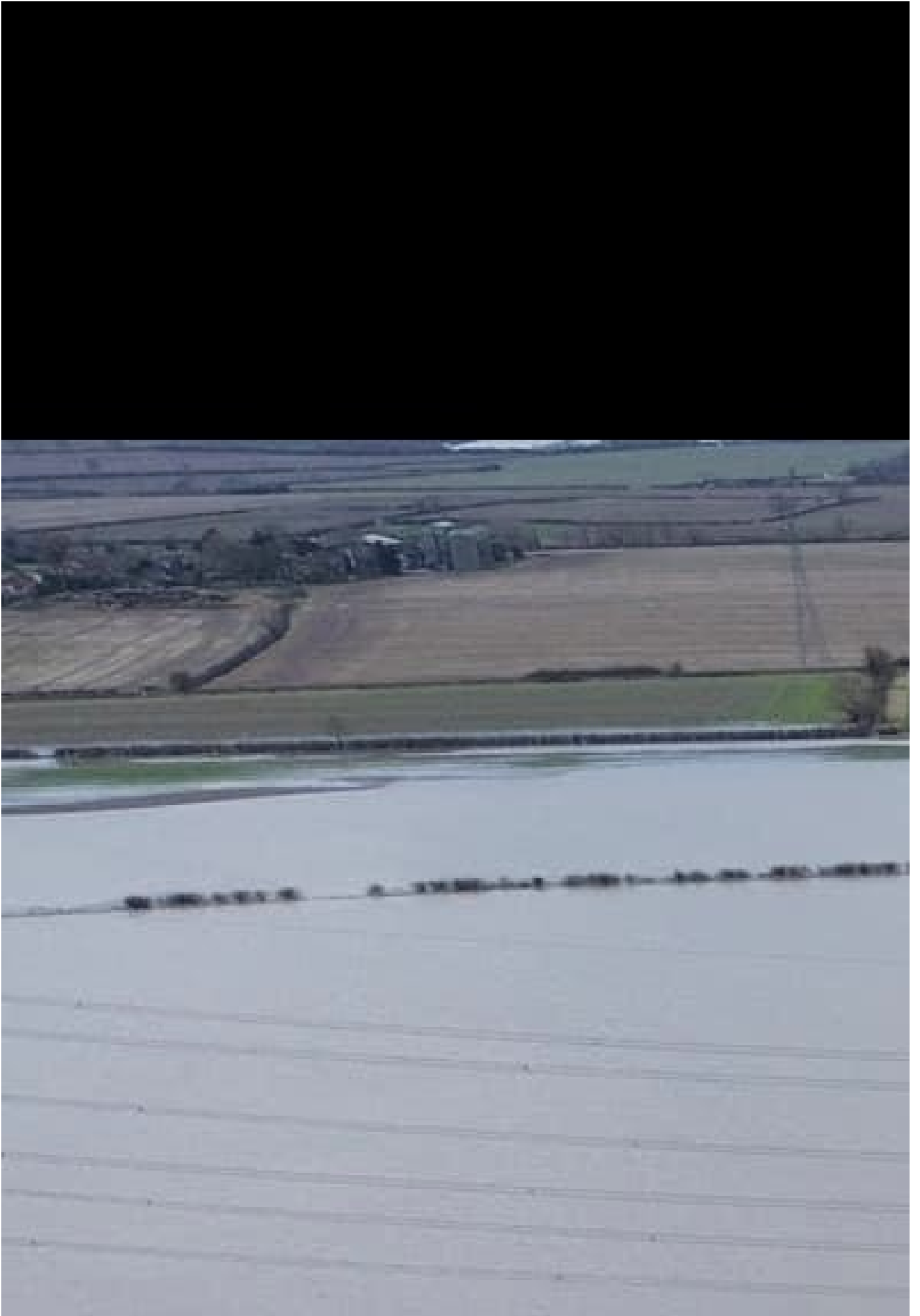
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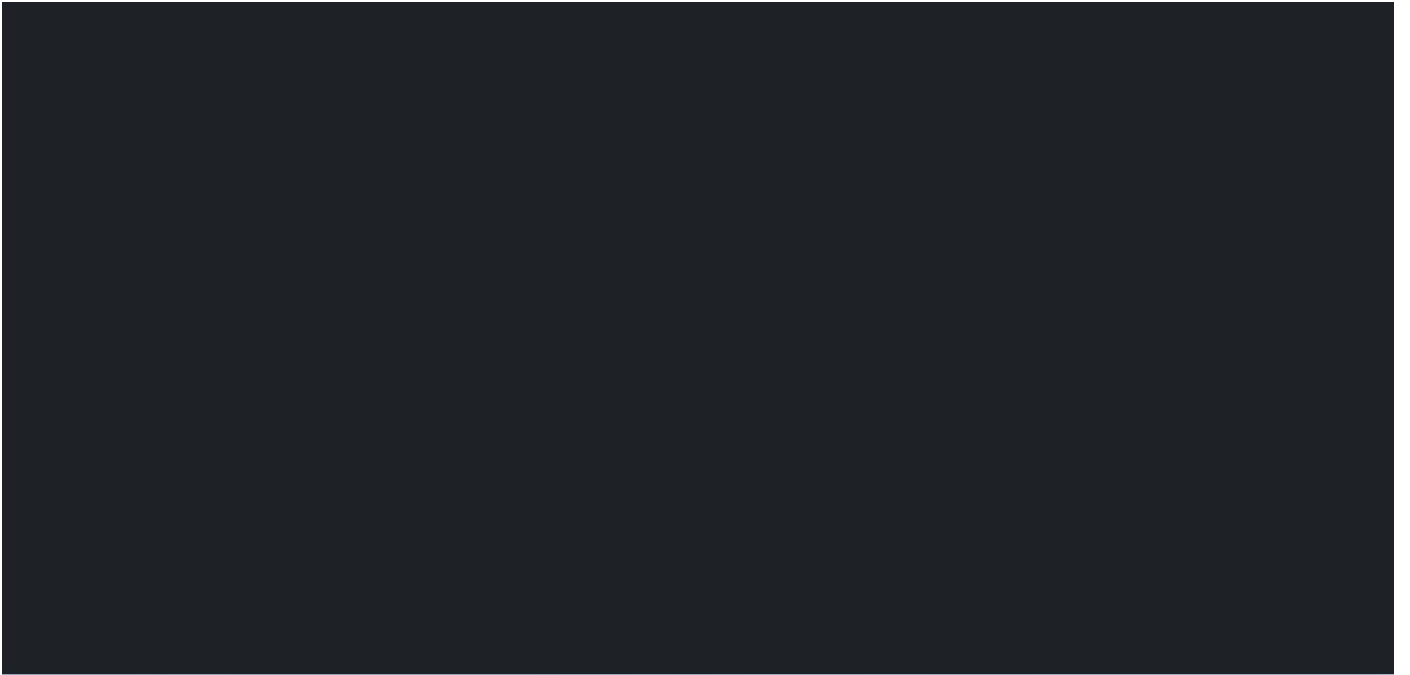






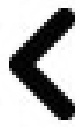












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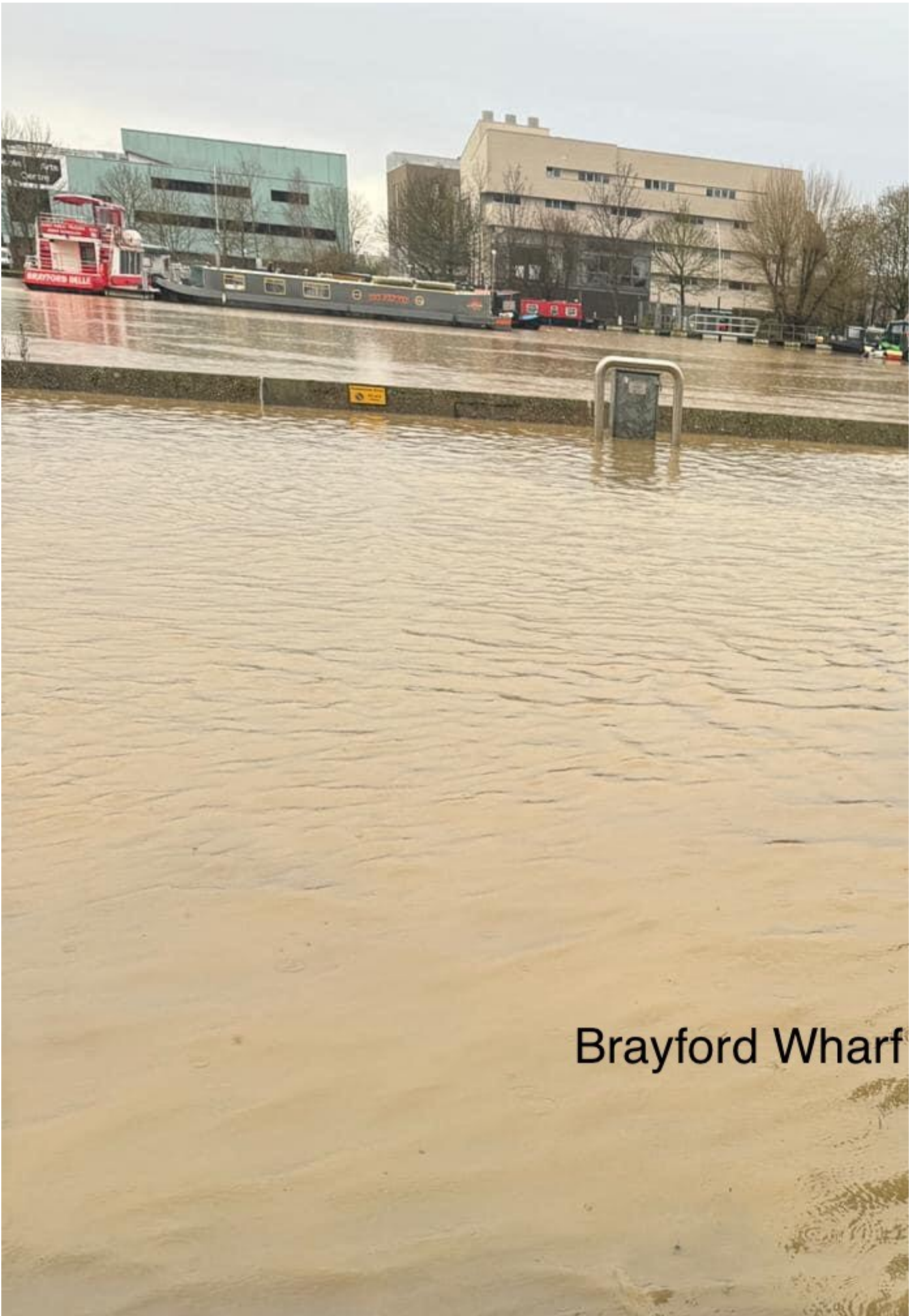
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