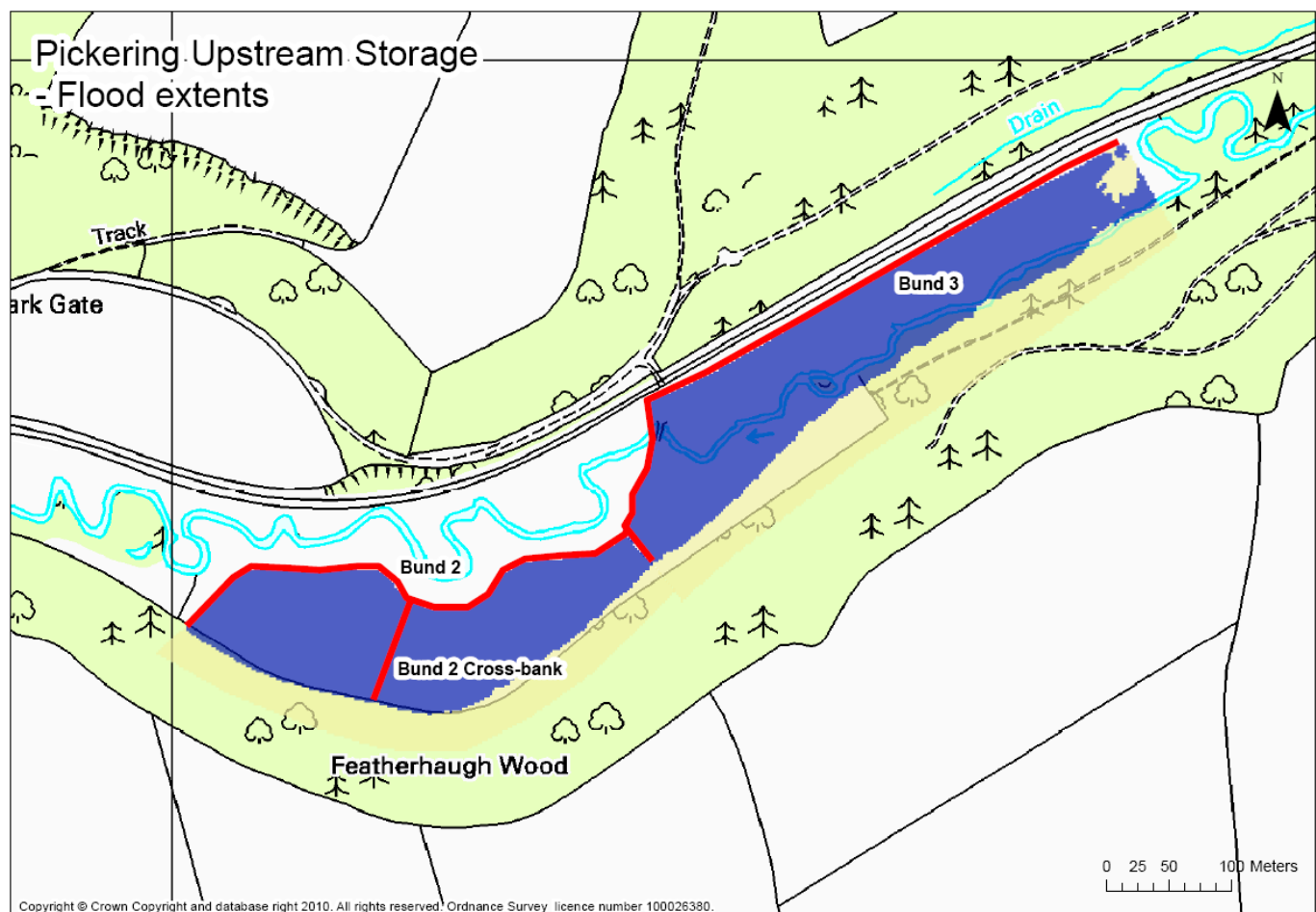


Pickering Bunded Storage Update - August 2010

Ryedale District Council voted unanimously to support the Bunded Storage element of the Slowing the Flow project. This stemmed from a local idea which led to many discussions with residents and different organisations, and culminated in the council's decision to help fund this exciting pilot.

The two earth embankment defences will protect around 60 properties in Pickering during low level floods such as 1999, 2000 and 2002. The scheme is designed to store up to 85,000 cubic metres of water.



The cost of the bunded storage element of the scheme is estimated at £950,000. Ryedale District Council agreed to fund £800,000 and the Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee agreed to fund the remaining £150,000 through its local levy.

The next step will be to finalise the details, seek planning permission and work out agreements with landowners. We hope that work on building the new defences will start in Spring 2011.