

Seaham Town Council

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14th April, 2022

MEETING

A MEETING of the MOTION FOR THE OCEAN WORKING PARTY will be held in the Council Chamber at Seaham Town Hall, Stockton Road, Seaham on THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2022 commencing at 10.00AM

**P Fletcher
Acting Town Clerk**

AGENDA

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF MOTION FOR THE OCEAN WORKING PARTY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

DECISION REQUIRED To appoint a Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF MOTION FOR THE OCEAN WORKING PARTY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

DECISION REQUIRED To appoint a Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

3. INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR SECTION 1 IN THE MOTION FOR THE OCEAN PLEDGE

Members to discuss the initial proposals for the pledge and rewording the template to suit Seaham Town Council's needs. Template is attached at Appendix A

DECISION REQUIRED Members further instructions are requested.

4. 3 PLEDGES

Members to discuss the 3 item pledge to get the award.

**DECISION
REQUIRED** Members further instructions are requested.

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members to discuss a way forward on how to spread the word of the project to the local community.

**DECISION
REQUIRED** Members further instructions are requested.

6. SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members to discuss what information should be placed on Seaham Town Council's website using South Tyneside's as an example.

7. SEWERAGE DATA

Attached at Appendix B is a list of sewerage data for Seaham and the surrounding areas. Members to discuss.

**DECISION
REQUIRED** Members further instructions are requested.

SENT TO: COUNCILLORS MRS J BELL, MRS G M FULLER, MRS S LINGARD,
J PURVIS

APPENDIX A

14 April 2022

SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL MAKES OCEAN RECOVERY DECLARATION

Seaham Town Council has become the first Town Council in the north of England to declare an urgent need for ocean recovery.

The 'Motion for the Ocean', supported at a recent Town Council meeting, recognises the importance of the ocean in the fight against climate change and the role that local and national government need to play to help protect it.

The declaration commits the Council to consider ocean recovery in its decision and policy making, to help improve the way marine environments are used and managed, to rally support for local people to act as marine citizens and to lobby central government for change at national level.

Councillor Mrs Leanne Kennedy is Mayor at Seaham Town Council:

She said: "Coastal communities, such as those in Seaham, are disproportionately impacted by climate change compared to inland communities due to rising water temperatures and sea levels, changes in ocean chemistry and more frequent extreme weather impacts.

"These factors can affect local seafood and tourism industries while accelerating coastal erosion and the risk to infrastructure and properties.

"It is natural that we would be one of the first local authorities in England, and the first Town Council in the region, to declare an urgent need for ocean recovery, to pledge to do all we can as a local authority to help protect our marine environment and recognise the full range of benefits a healthy ocean can bring."

The 'Motion for the Ocean' commits Seaham Town Council to consider the ocean when making decisions, particularly around budgets, planning, skills and regeneration, as well as ensuring that the economic opportunities from the sea, such as fishing, marine technology, renewable energy and aquaculture, are developed in a sustainable way.

Through the declaration, the Council also pledges to invest in the ocean as part of its climate change plans, strive to ensure that all pupils have a first-hand experience of the ocean before leaving primary school and support and promote equitable access to the ocean for all.

Councillor [name] said: (Example quote as a guide) “The world ocean is in crisis due to decades of irresponsible marine exploitation and pollution together with the devastating impact of climate change on marine ecosystems. An unhealthy ocean is detrimental to our local economies, the health, wellbeing and prosperity of coastal communities and to our climate as it means that the sea can’t store as much carbon as it should.

“The ocean is an important part of our local heritage, with its future protection a key factor in delivering local prosperity, boosting Seaham’s economy, providing sustainable jobs and ensuring a clean, safe coastal environment which better connects people and the sea.

“Unfortunately, there are many people who do not have the opportunity, or the means, to access and enjoy the ocean. First-hand experience of the ocean is not only important for health and wellbeing but is essential if people are to be motivated to play their part in helping to protect and care for it – whether that is through recycling more and responsibly disposing of litter to volunteering in ocean conservation.”

Other actions include calls for national policy change, lobbying Central Government to appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities and ensuring communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy. It also urges Government to produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy, which would include strengthening legislation to help address issues such as single use plastics and microfibres polluting oceans.

The Motion supports Seaham Town Council in their ongoing efforts to tackle climate change and environmental issues. In 20??, the Council declared a climate emergency, making a commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030 and to enhance the natural environment.

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Seaham Town Council is the eighth council in the UK to pass the Motion for the Ocean – a model motion of pledges which have been developed by three marine and coastal experts to encourage local authorities to declare an urgent need for ocean recovery.

One of those experts is Emily Cunningham, Lead Officer for the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group.

She said: “Coastal local authorities are working hard to bring about a brighter future for the communities they serve, yet too often they overlook the opportunities and benefits that a healthy ocean could provide.

“I congratulate the Councillors at Seaham Town Council on this declaration. I look forward to seeing the difference this will make to the coastal communities and stunning natural environment of Seaham.”

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For further information please contact:

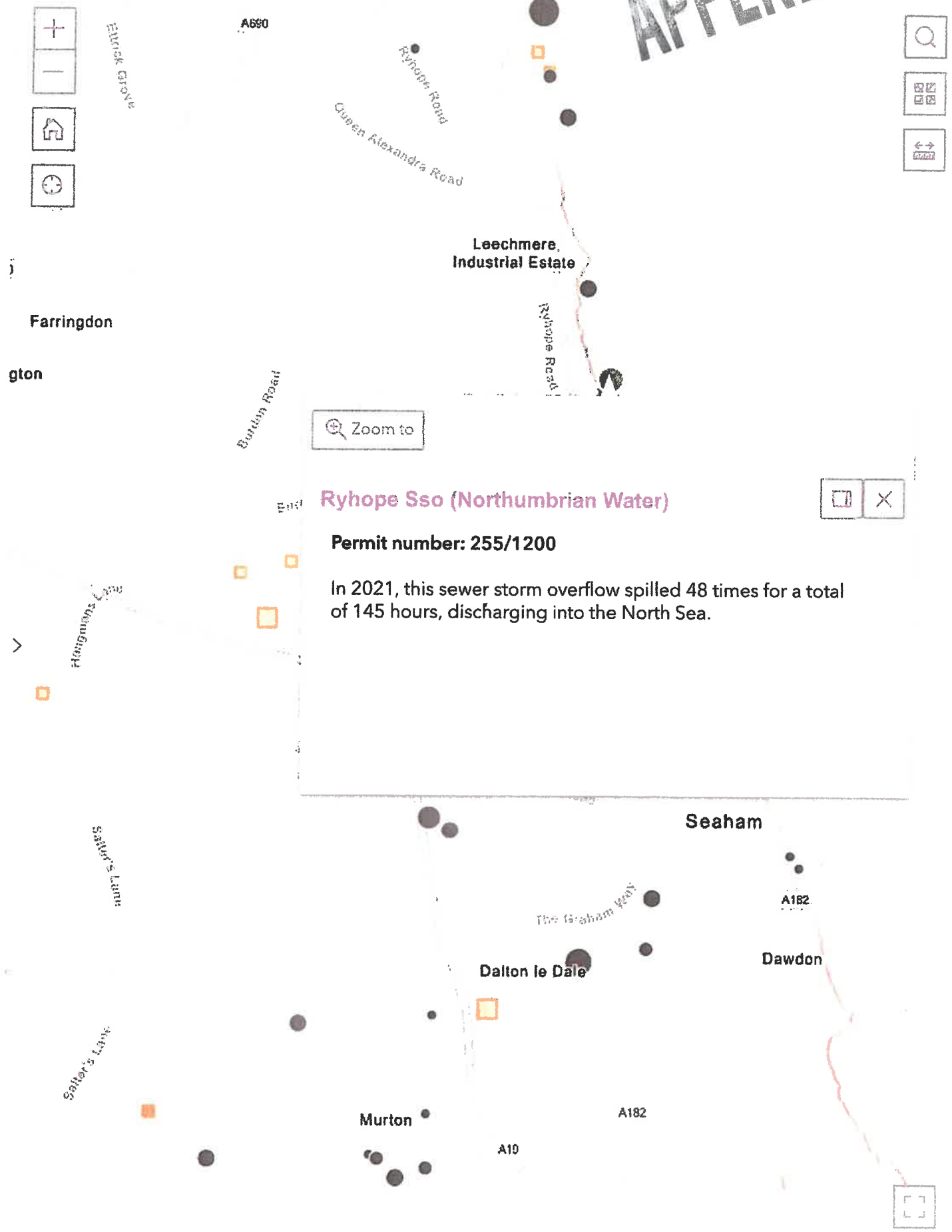
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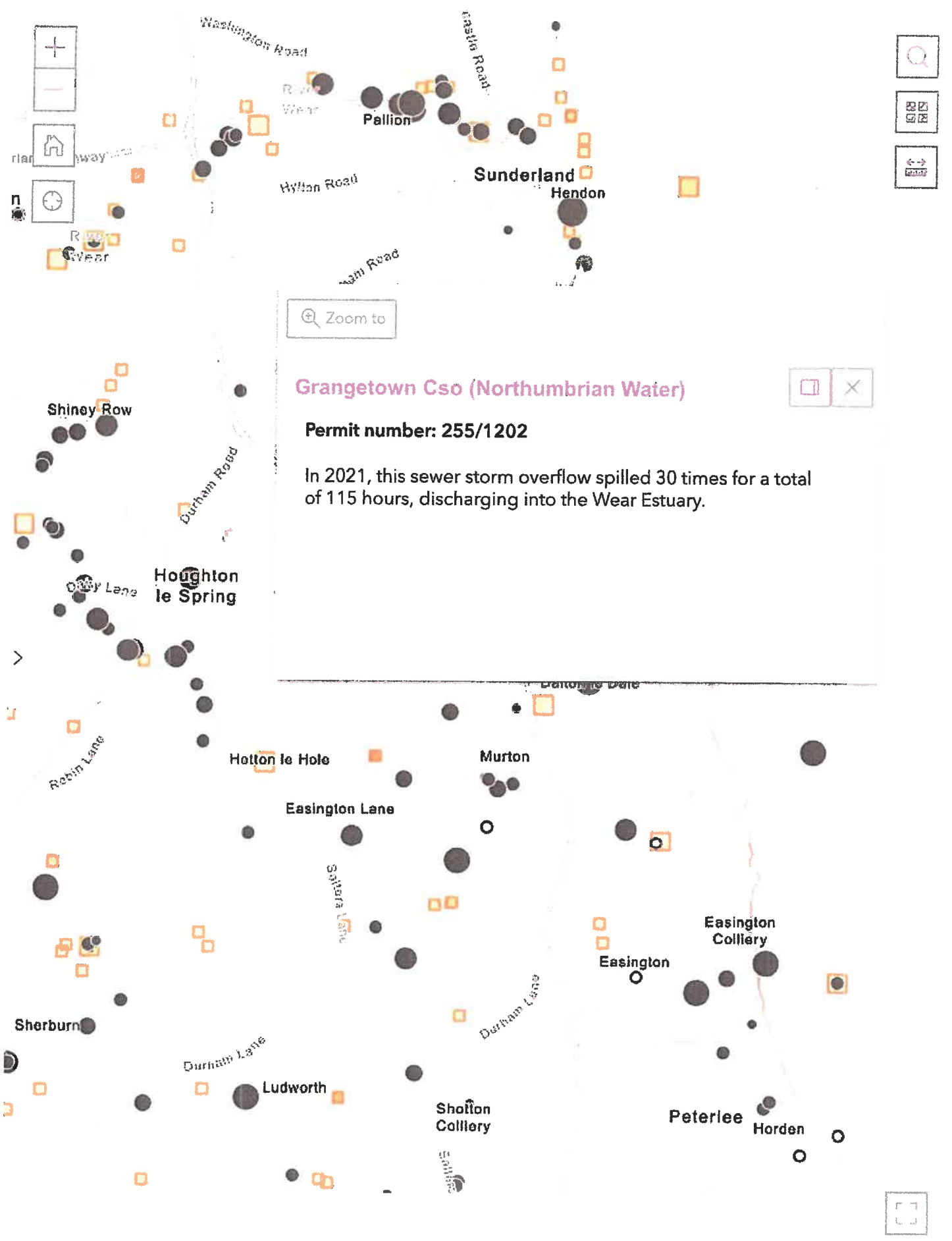
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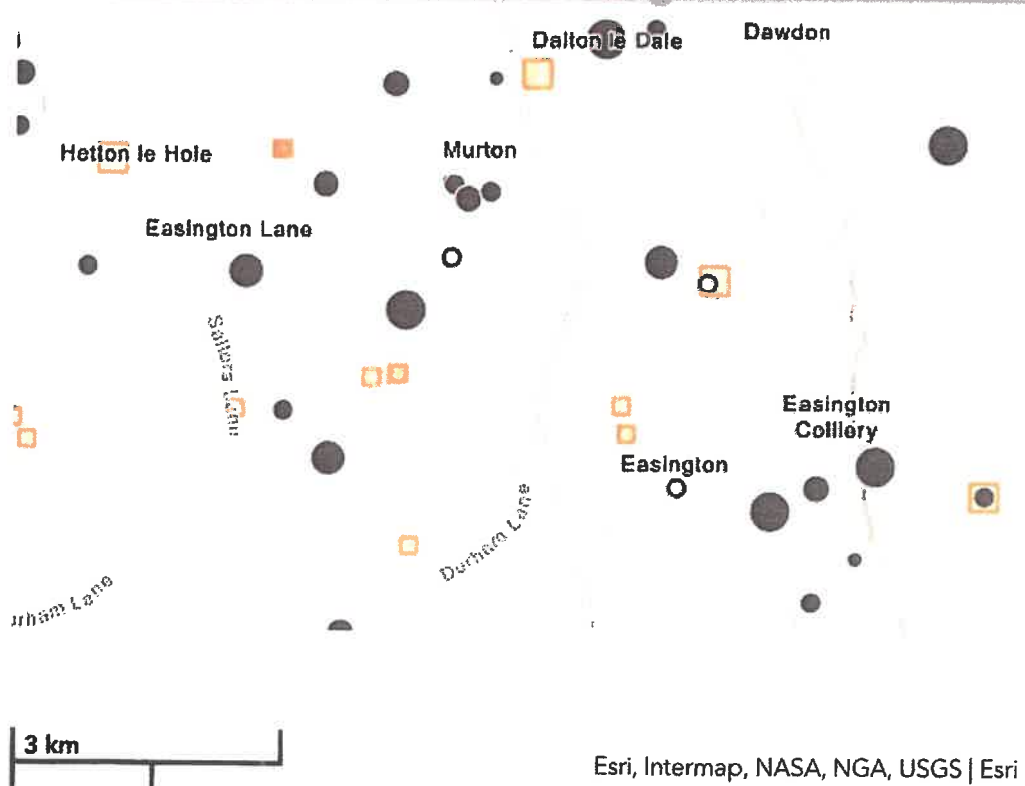
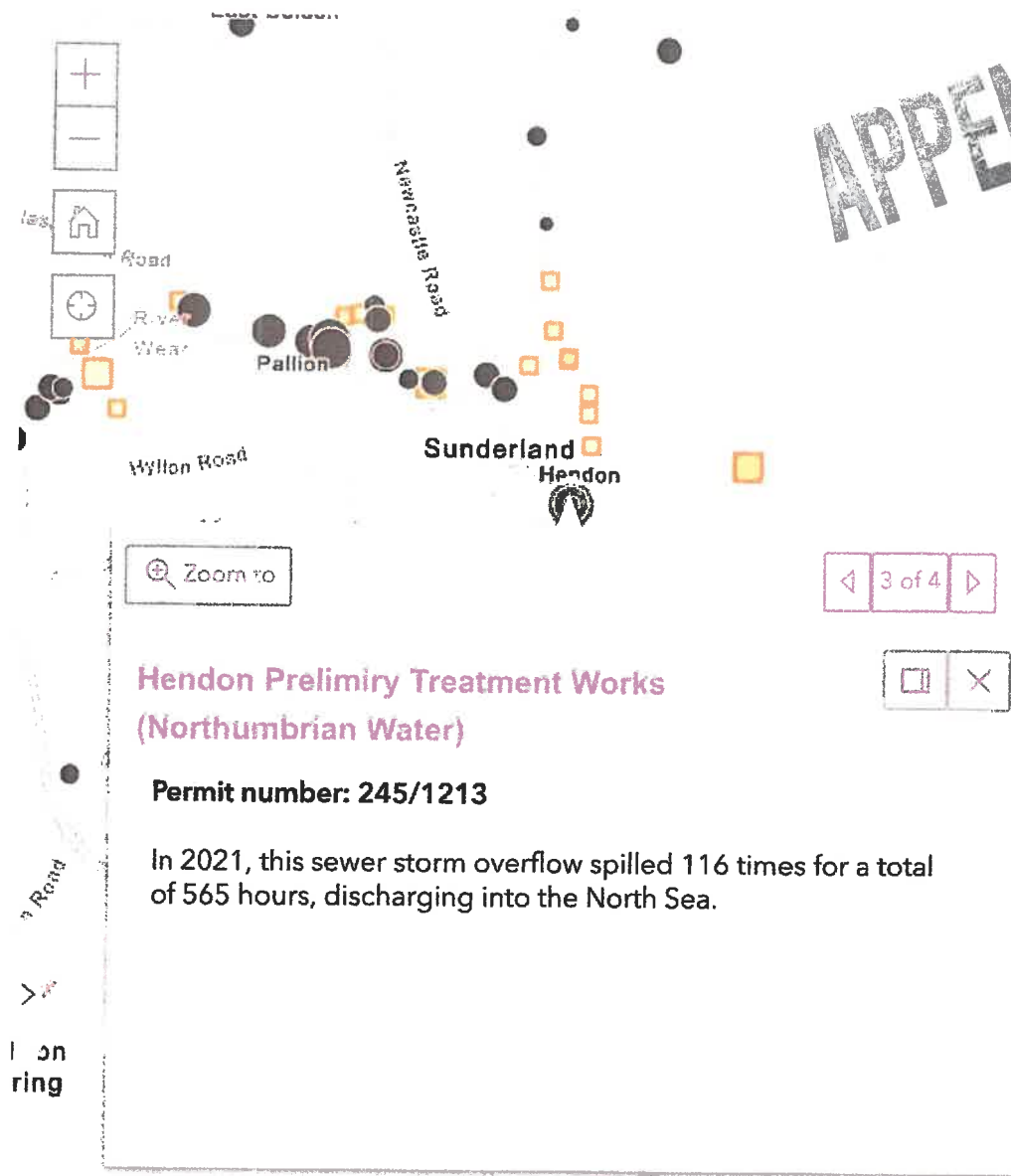
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Permit number: 255/1202

In 2021, this sewer storm overflow spilled 30 times for a total of 115 hours, discharging into the Wear Estuary.



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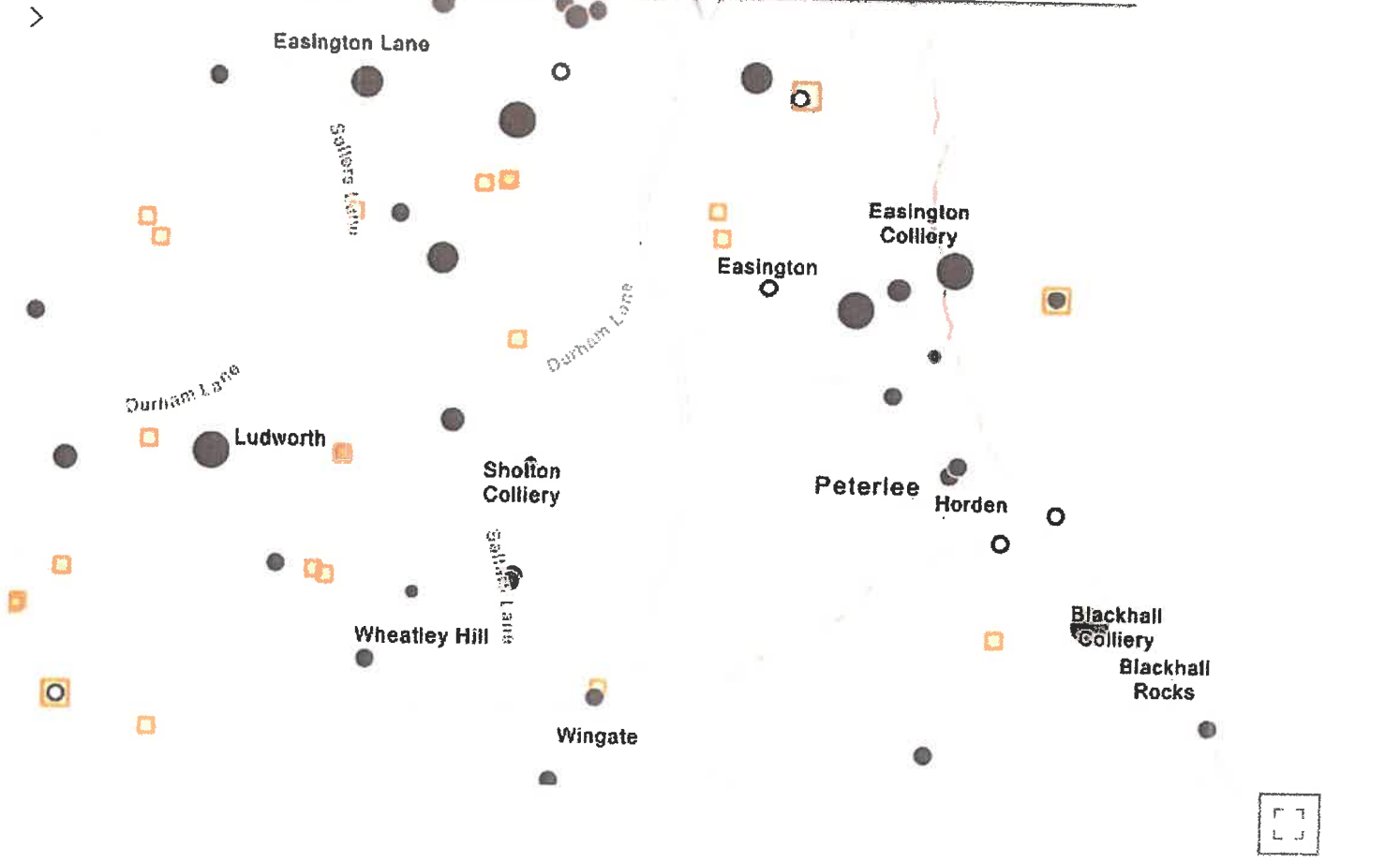
Permit number: 255/D/0277

In 2021, this sewer storm overflow spilled 66 times for a total of 646 hours, discharging into the Dawdon Dene Beck.

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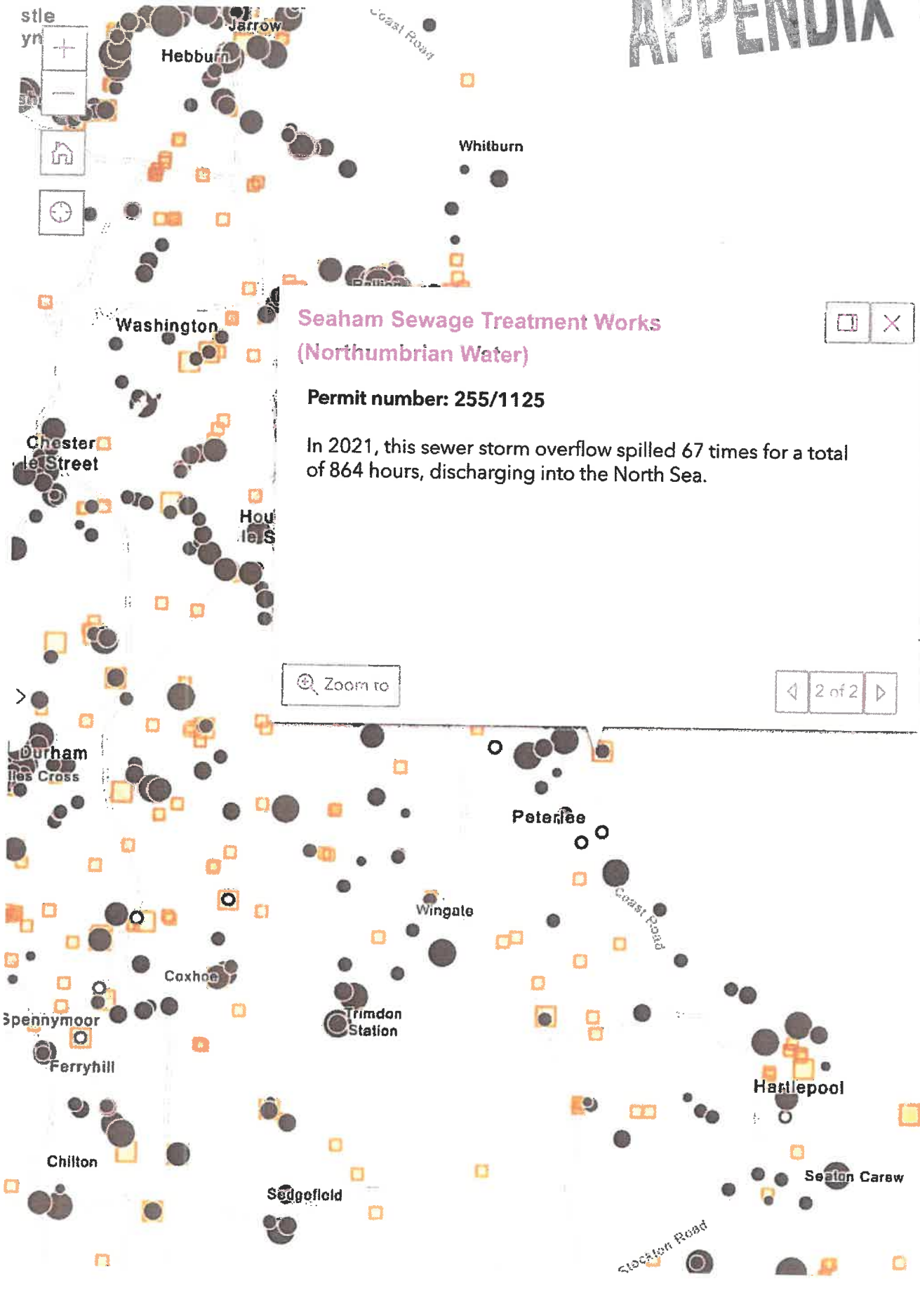
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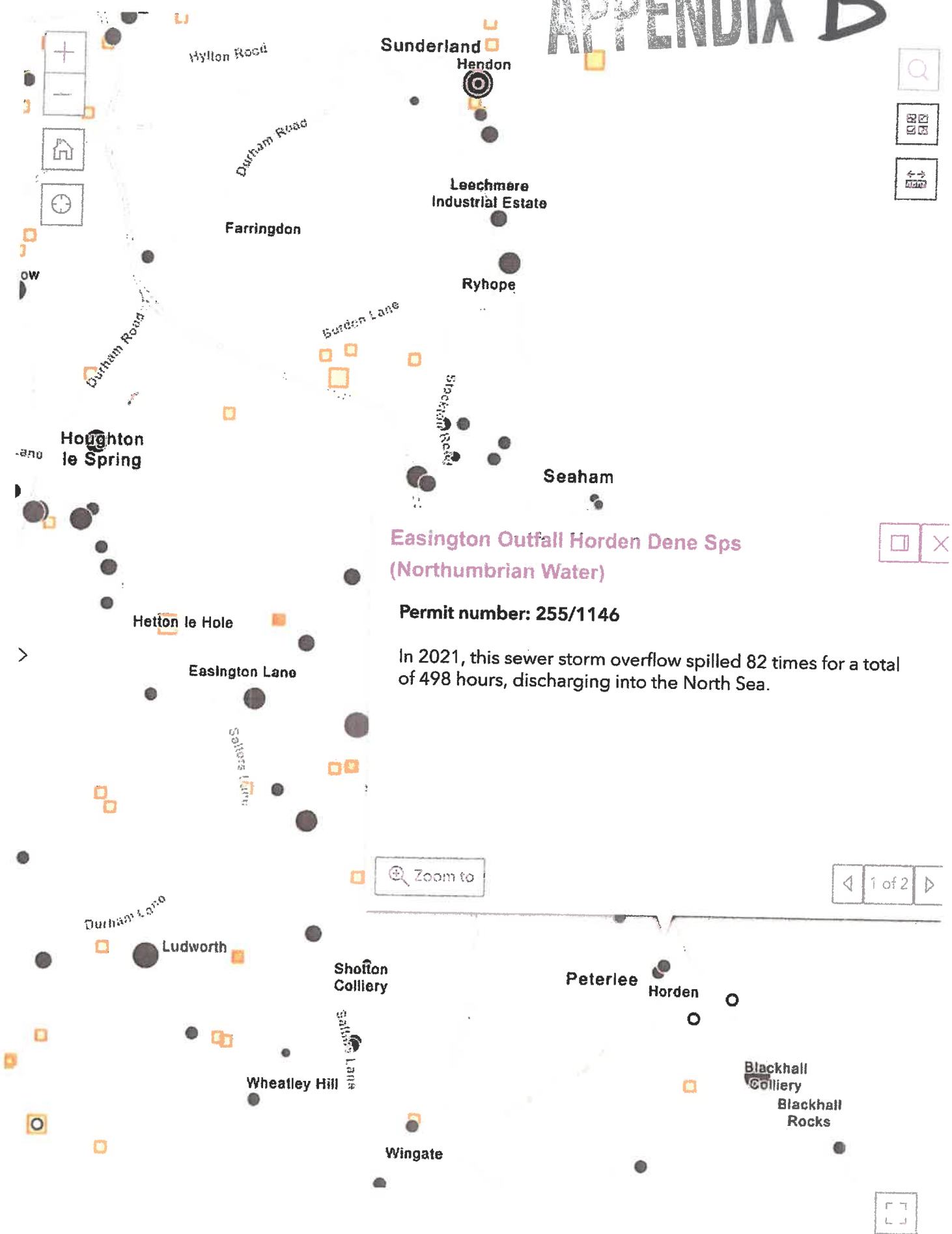


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Easington Outfall Horden Dene Sps (Northumbrian Water)

Permit number: 255/1146

In 2021, this sewer storm overflow spilled 82 times for a total of 498 hours, discharging into the North Sea.

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