<u>Precautionary Evacuation Notice issued</u> <u>for West Norfolk</u>

The <u>Environment Agency</u> has issued a Precautionary Evacuation Notice (PEN) flood warning for Hunstanton, Heacham and Snettisham. These flood warnings cover caravans and properties that lie between the two sea defences on the West Norfolk Coast from Snettisham to Hunstanton.

High tide and strong winds

The flood warnings have been issued because the combination of a high tide due at 8.40am tomorrow (Tuesday 1 October) and north-westerly winds up to force 6 could result in flooding.

People should leave caravans and properties in the area between the hours of 7am and 10am on Tuesday 1 October and not return until it is safe to do so. They are also urged to take with them any medication, pets and anything urgent that they may require over the next 48 hours. The evacuation is precautionary and is issued to allow an orderly and safe evacuation.

If a rest centre is required, then one will be opened a couple of hours before high water is due. For rest centre details, please contact <u>King's Lynn</u> and <u>West Norfolk Borough Council</u> on 01553 616200.

Take care on the coast

People are advised to take care along beaches, promenades, coastal footpaths and roads as large waves and sea spray could be dangerous, and to follow advice from emergency services.

People living in the affected areas should call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 for the latest flood warnings in their area. For up-to-date information, tune into local radio and TV stations and keep an eye on local weather conditions.

Flood warnings are updated every 15 minutes on the <u>Environment Agency</u> <u>website</u>, where you can also sign up to receive flood warnings and alerts straight to your phone.