

IMPROVEMENTS TO LIVE FLOOD ALERT & FLOOD WARNING AREA MAPS

July 2019

Overview

In response to user feedback, updates have recently been made on our website to improve how Flood Alerts and Warnings are displayed on our flood area maps. These changes will help make our information easier to interpret and more accessible for all our users.

Key improvements

Changes to the main flood area map on the live flooding information [webpage](#) include:

- Our Flood Warning and Severe Flood Warning triangle symbols will now be used to represent warning areas ([Figure 1](#)). Previously, large areas of the map were coloured in red (see [Figure 2](#)).
- Warning symbols are clickable and take the user to a separate webpage with more information about the warning in force.
- To avoid confusion, the word 'Amber' will no longer be used in the map key ([Figure 1](#)).
- The colours red and green, which were used to denote Warning and No Longer in Force areas, will no longer be used ([Figure 3](#)).
- 'No Longer in Force' areas have been removed from the main flood area map (as shown previously in [Figure 3](#)), but details will still be available from the flood area list.



Figure 1: Example of new map content and key

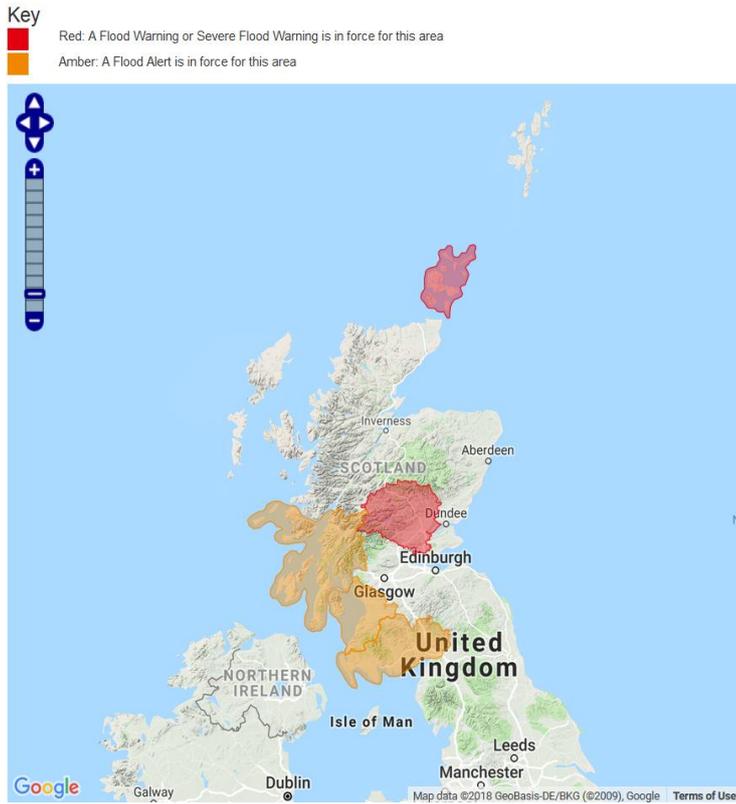


Figure 2: Example of previous flood area map content and key

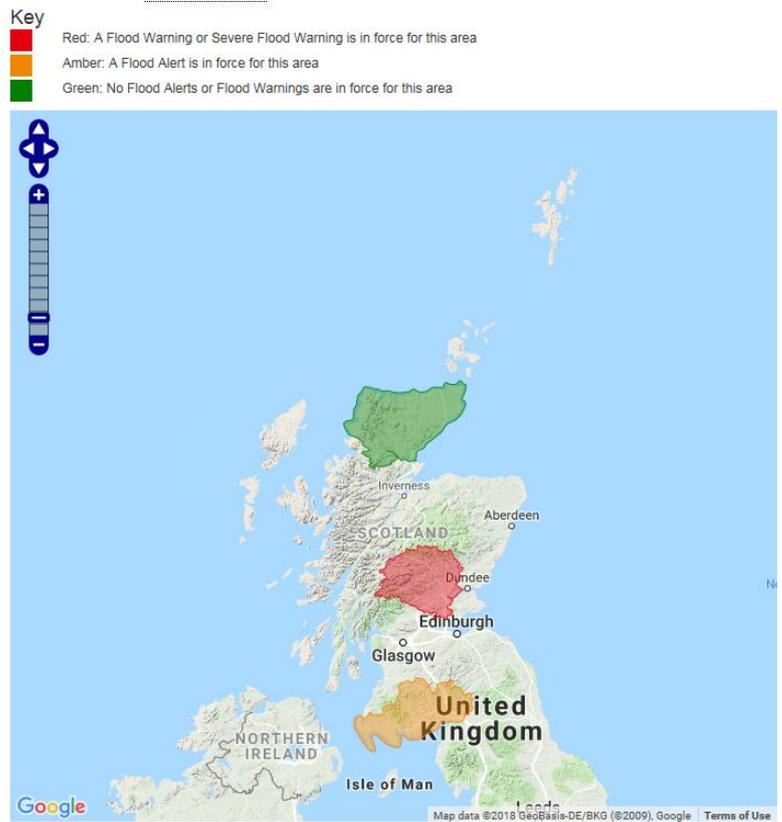


Figure 3: Example of previous flood area map with highlighting a flood warning (red) and a no longer in force area (green)

Key improvements (cont.)

- If no Flood Alert has been issued, the regional Flood Alert area map will be denoted by a white border (Figure 4).
- When Warnings are in force, users will be able to see the Flood Warning area by zooming in closer on the map. These areas are denoted by a transparent red area with a red boundary line, like the Findhorn to Lossiemouth Flood Warning area shown in Figure 5.

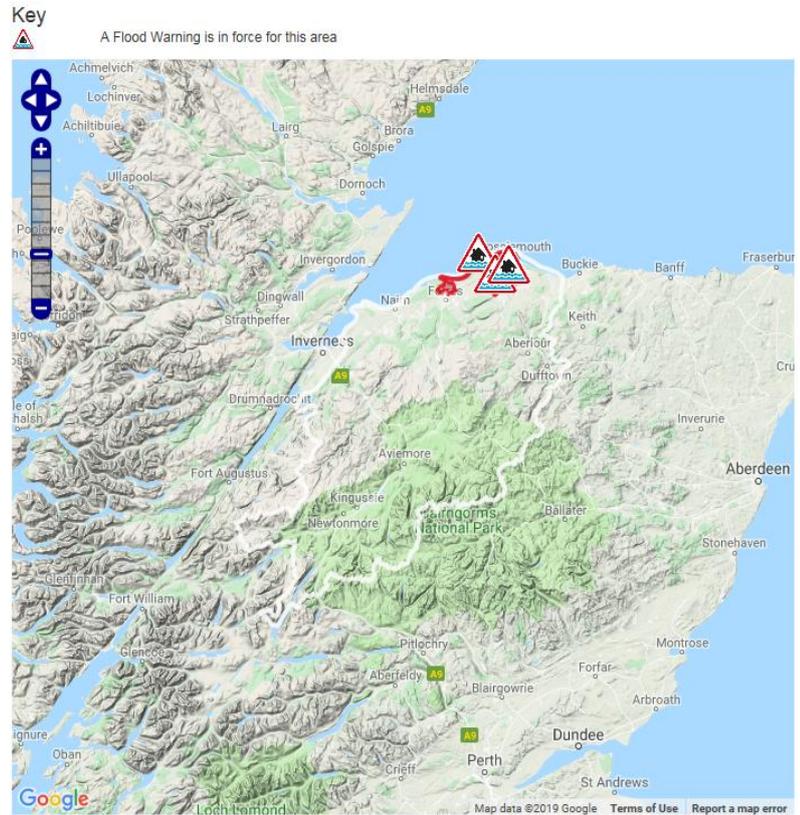


Figure 4: Example of the flood alert area map depicting Warnings in force when a Flood Alert (white boundary area) hasn't been issued for that area

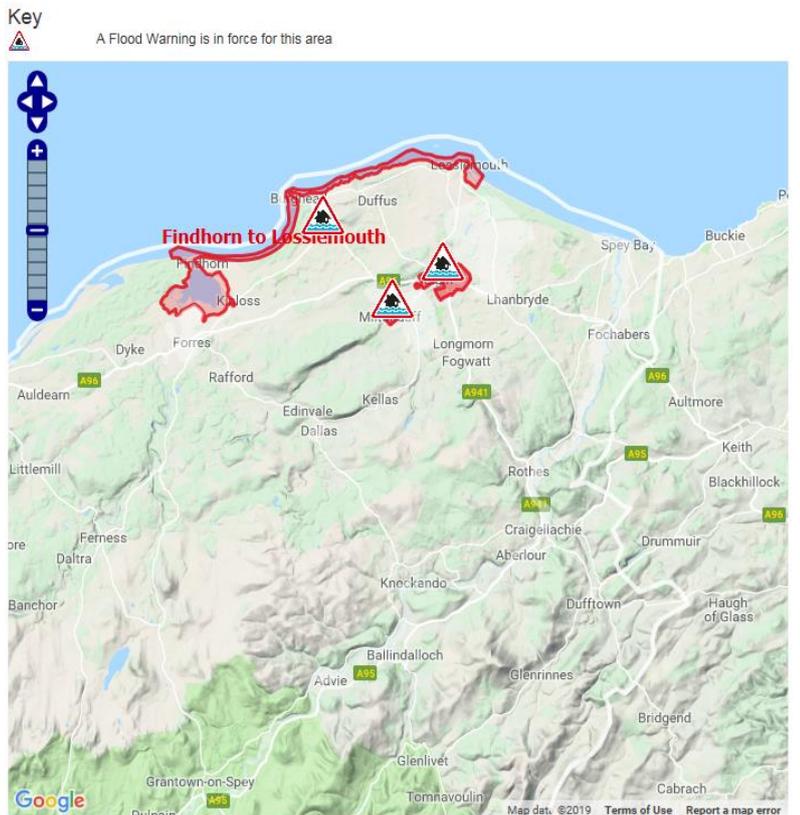


Figure 5: Example of Findhorn to Lossiemouth Flood Warning area highlighted in red

Other improvements

In addition to the main map changes on the live flooding information webpage, we have also made some updates to the area maps on our regional Flood Alert webpages. These webpages become visible when regional Alerts and local Warnings have been issued.

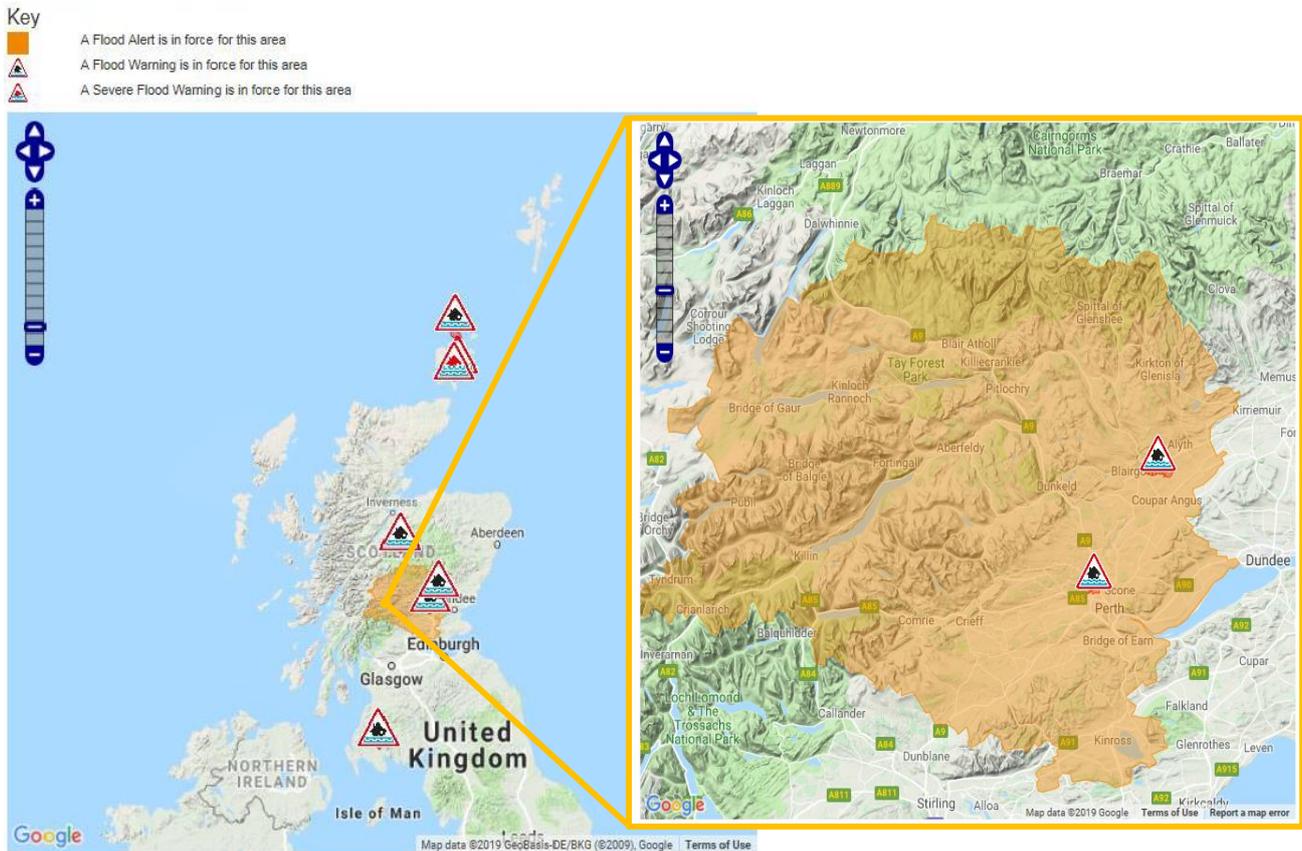


Figure 6: Example of Tayside Flood Alert (area in orange) from live flooding information webpage. Zoomed in image [R]

For example, when a regional Flood Alert is issued in Tayside ([Figure 6](#)), clicking anywhere within its amber coloured area on the main flood area map will take the user to a separate regional Flood Alert webpage ([Figure 7](#)) with more information about the issued Flood Alert message. (It will also show if any local Warnings have been issued within the area).

When viewing the map from the Flood Alert webpage, the Flood Alert area is outlined by an amber border, and any Flood Warnings and Severe Flood Warnings are denoted by the evident triangle symbols. ([Figure 7](#)). Clicking on a symbol will also take the user to more detailed information about the Warning in force.

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A FLOOD ALERT has been issued for Tayside

Message Issued at 16-07-2019 12:50



FLOOD ALERT

FLOODING IS POSSIBLE. BE PREPARED.

An updated FLOOD ALERT has been issued for Tayside.

This message has been generated in **SEPA's TRAINING ENVIRONMENT** and the following information is for **TRAINING** purposes only. **NO ACTION REQUIRED!**

test update FA (T) 16/07/19 - please ignore!

[Flood area list](#)

[Flood area map](#)

Key

-  A Flood Alert is in force for this area
-  A Flood Warning is in force for this area

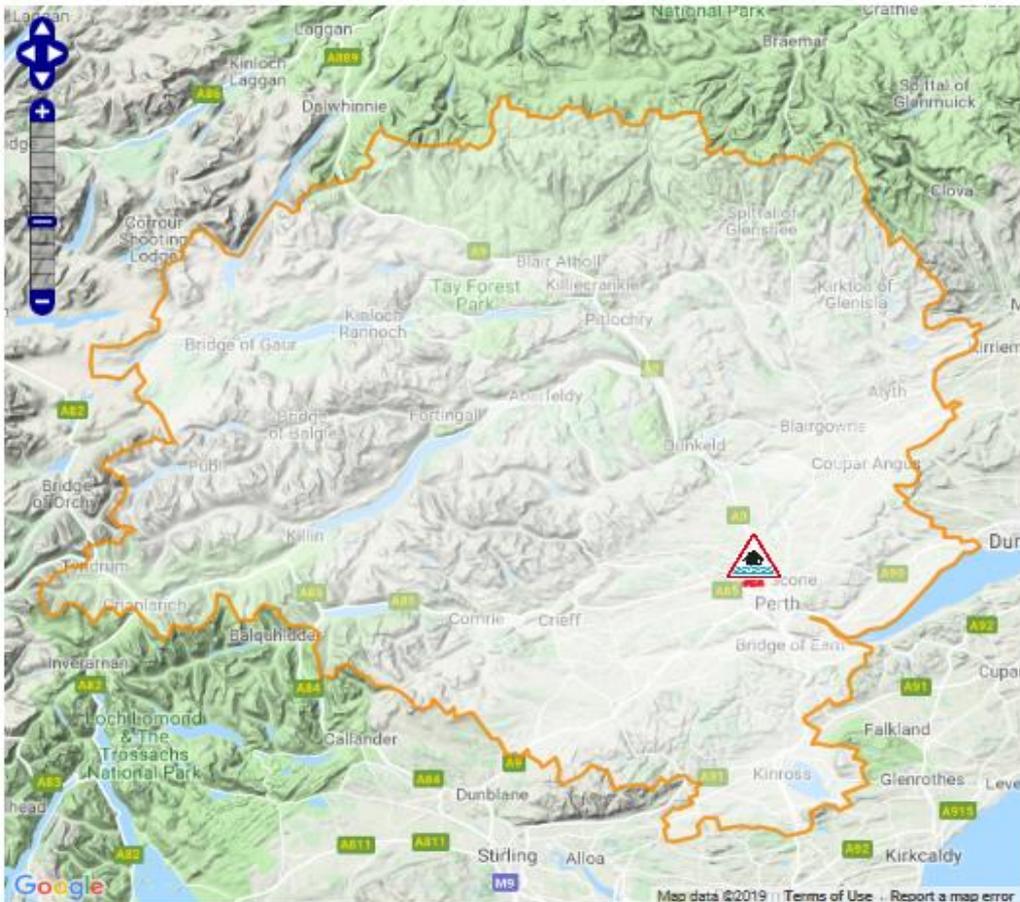


Figure 7: Example of Tayside Flood Alert area webpage

More information

These changes have been tested in both SEPA's test and live environments and have been in effect since 18 July 2019.

If you require more information or notice any issues in the live environment, please contact flooding@sepa.org.uk

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