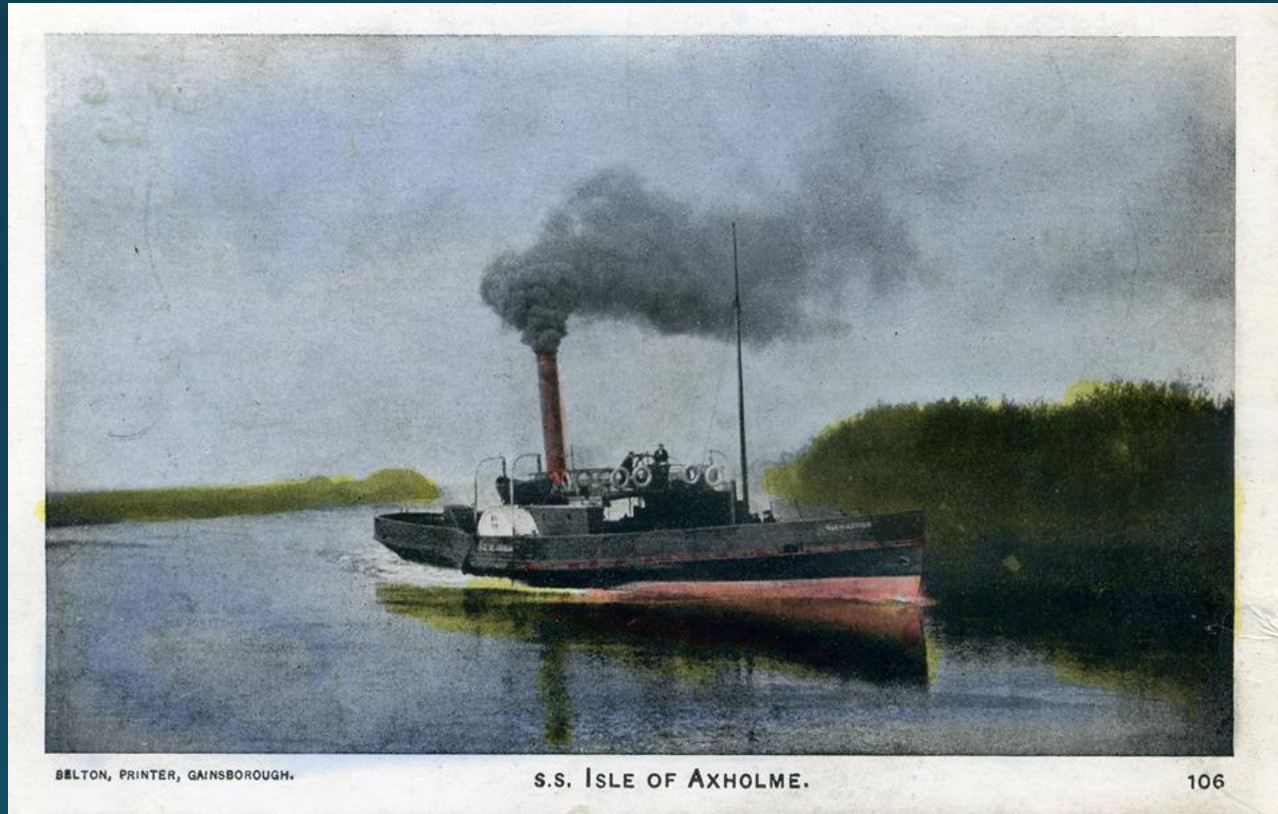


Axholme: Place-Names in the Marsh

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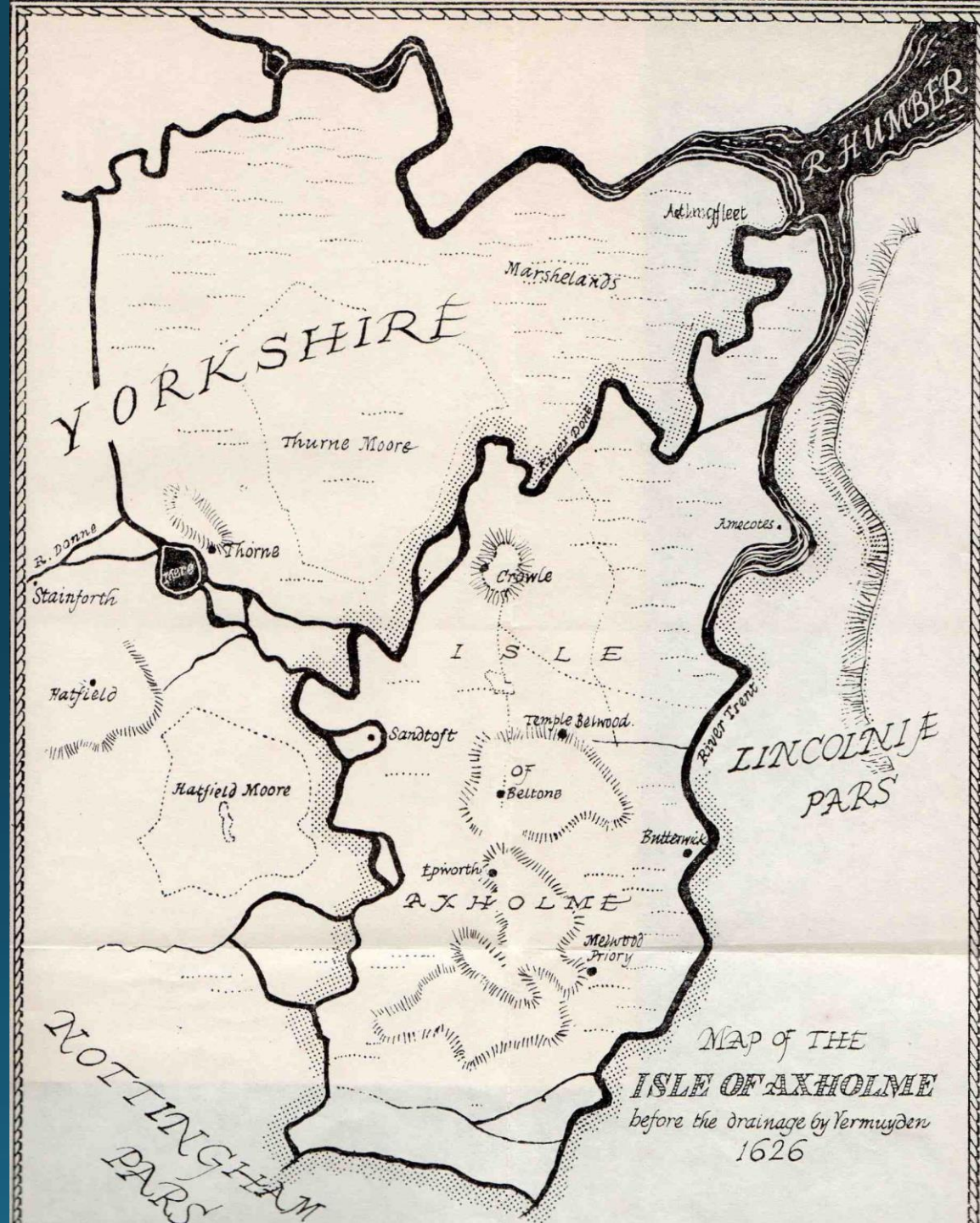


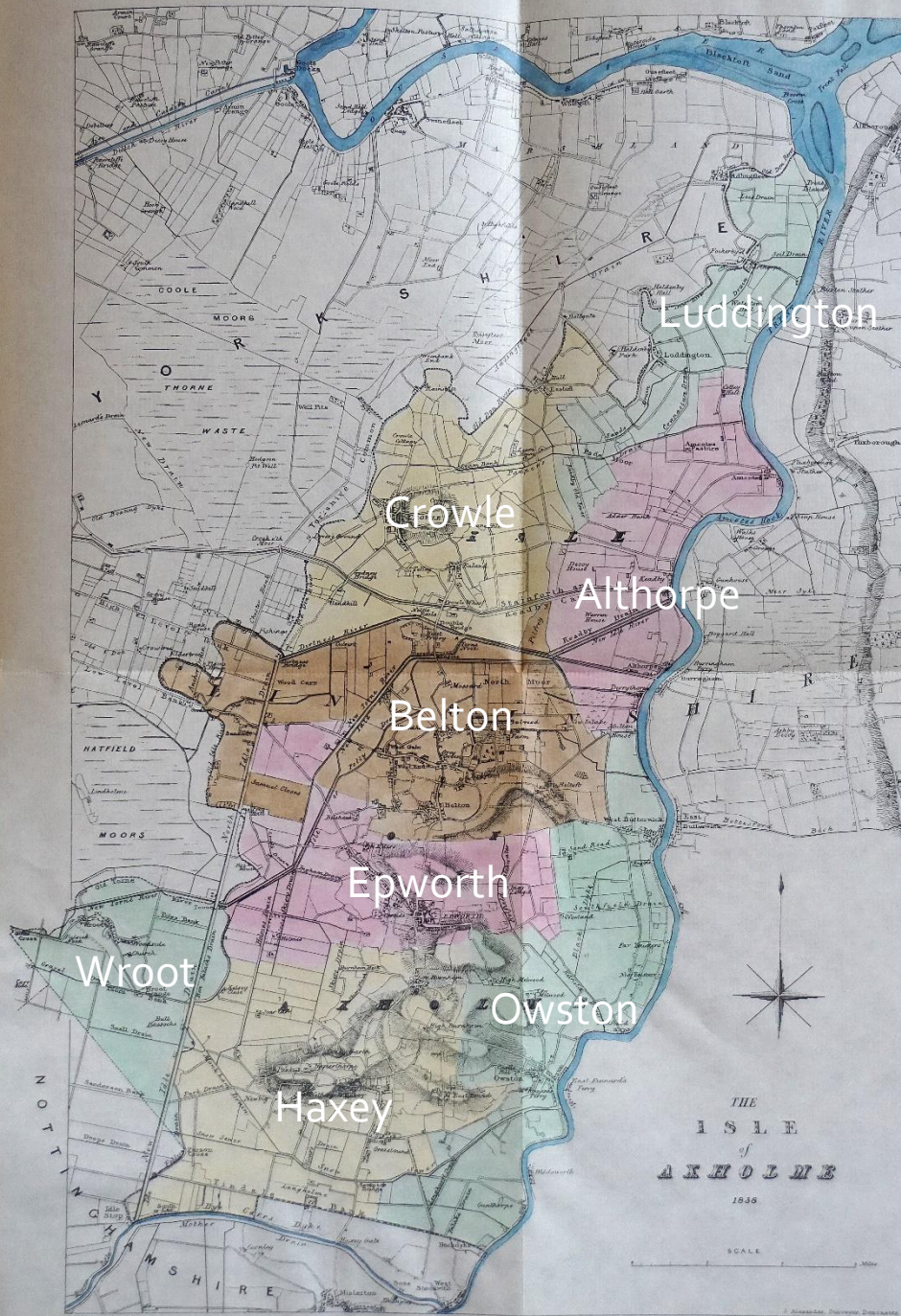
Isle of Axholme - background



- The only part of Lincolnshire west of the River Trent.
- Originally bounded by the River Don, River Torne, River Trent and River Idle.
- Axholme is defined as 'the island by Haxey', from Old Norse *holmr* 'island, water-meadow'.







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Evidence of watery landscape

- Old Norse **ey** 'island' - Haxey
- Middle English **flasse** 'swamp' - Flash Close
- Old Norse **kjarr** 'brushwood, marsh' - Thatch Carr Bank



Old English **hænep** 'land on which hemp was grown or stored' - Hempland

Old English **lin** 'flax'- Lincroft



Landscape management

Old English **dīc** 'ditch' - Common Dyke

Middle English **drein** 'drain' - Engine Drain

Middle English **seuer** 'trench or ditch used for drainage' -
Snow Sewer



Middle English **turbarie** 'a place where peat is dug'

- Epworth Turbary, Haxey Turbary

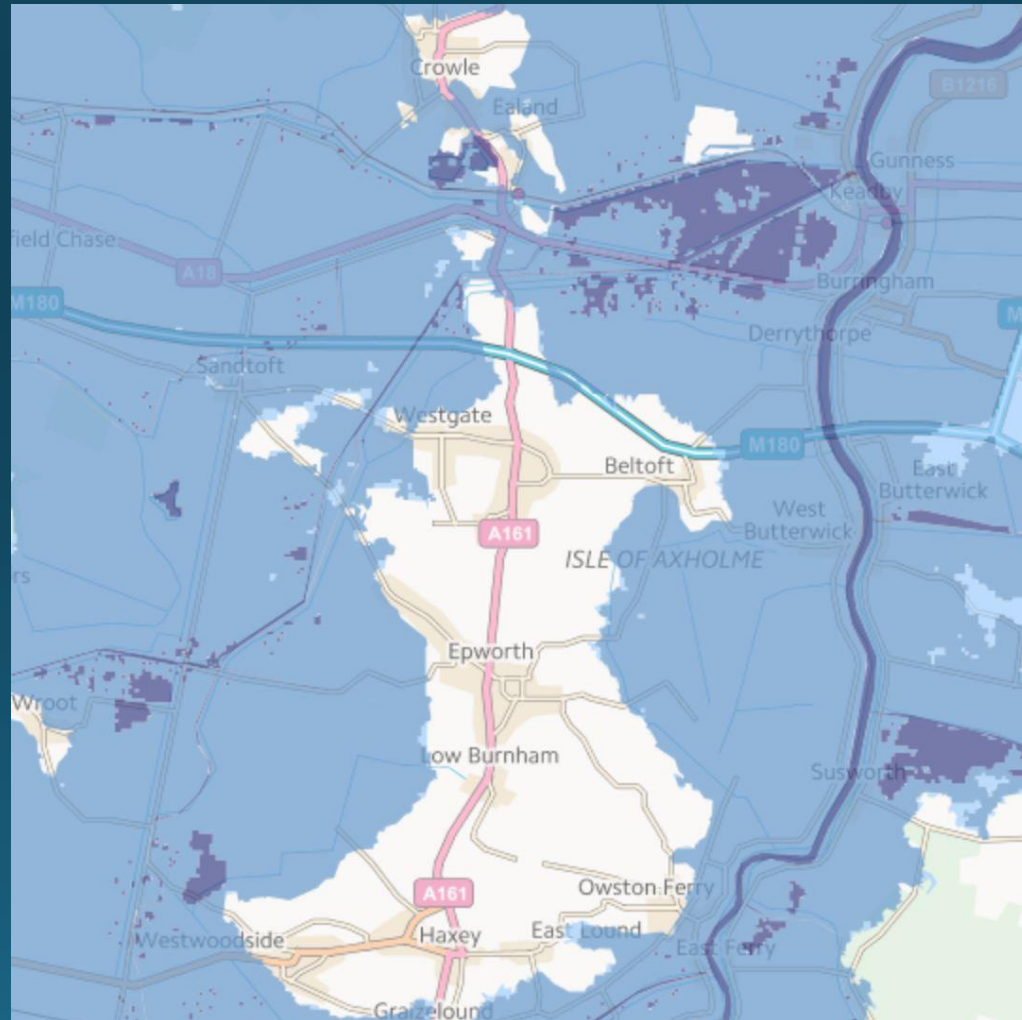


How does what we know of the past help manage future challenges?

Research supports the Environment Agency strategy for Axholme, focusing on sustainability and making spaces for water.



Provides knowledge of the relationship between the past and possible changes back to a more watery landscape in the future...



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