

## **Deprived communities to get new flood defences faster**

A record £10.5 billion investment in flood defences will defend nearly 900,000 properties in England, with new rules to get defences built more quickly.

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## **Bluetongue: latest situation**

Overview of current bluetongue cases, risk level, vaccinations and restrictions.

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# **Permanent Secretary appointed at Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

Paul Kissack is appointed as the new Permanent Secretary of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).