Thank you for your positive comments. We are pleased to hear you enjoyed reading the paper and appreciate your helpful suggestions.

We can update the introduction to mention the limitations/criticisms of NFM that during very large storm events the NFM interventions will be overwhelmed.

We will review the section describing the Ketso methodology with the view of improving clarity by making it more succinct. Moving detail to an appendix is certainly something we will look at.

We will ensure that within the conclusion the most important barrier statements are highlighted and appreciate the helpful suggestion.