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Referee comment on "Barriers to mainstream adoption of catchment-wide natural flood management: a transdisciplinary problem-framing study of delivery practice" by Thea Wingfield et al., Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/hess-2021-404-RC1, 2021

Overall, I really enjoyed reading this paper - well done!

As the paper investigates mainstreaming natural flood managment, the criticism of NFM should also be mentioned within the introduction (e.g. that it would be overwhelmed with extreme floods).

The Ketso method and its applications is well described which makes the method-chapter very transparent. But sometimes it gets lost in details, which makes some texts hard to read. Maybe you can summarise some parts or move them to the appendix.

I would appreciate if you would clearly highlight your most important statements within the conclusions.