

Proposals for review of the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy – May 2015

In preparing the [Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy](#), originally published in 2013, we recognised that there would be a need to update the document to reflect changes in legislation, policy or new information. It is now time to bring it up to date.

NB. the SFRMP regularly monitors and updates the Action Plan associated with the Strategy – details in meeting notes and on the website at <http://www.greensuffolk.org/about/SFRMP/>



The items listed below are proposed for amendment with brief details of new/updated information to support them:-

- Foreword – amend to reflect new Cabinet Member
- Check and amend contact numbers and websites – particularly references to EA, SCC out of hours...
- Update historical information to reflect the 2013 tidal surge and current reports on surface water flooding incidents.
- Legislation: Section 3 FWMA (SuDS) – amend reference to anything in this schedule which is not now going to be implemented. Replace with information on the current regime for delivery through planning policy.
- Delete references to IBC as highway authority (now all under SCC)
- Update numbers of properties at risk from various sources of flooding based on latest data sets – numbers may alter but this is unlikely to affect the priority lists in Chapter 4.
- Add data on other assets at risk of various sources of flooding where available (not available at time of original strategy)
- Reference Suffolk Nature Strategy, updated RBMP, FRMP and any other new or updated policy documents.

Page 10 correction: East Anglia Coastal Group (not East Anglian)

Page 23/4: Section 2.4.2 Recording and investigating flooding:

- add details of agreed investigation procedure and template of Section 19 report

- add map showing extent of reports in 2014 and list formal investigations/Section 19 reports.
- add wording to investigation criteria to reflect additional weight given to highly vulnerable properties - (new words in italics).

2nd para:

The decision whether or not to investigate a flood is at the discretion of the LLFA and the comprehensiveness of the investigation will be adjusted to reflect the significance of the incident, *the vulnerability of the residents*, and resources available.

Box on page 24:

Bullet point 1:

where there was a risk to life as a result of flooding *or where those affected are particularly vulnerable due to age or infirmity preventing easy relocation to safety.*

Bullet point 5:

after critical infrastructure insert (*including care homes, hospitals, etc*)

2.4.4. Designation: add agreed procedure

2.4.5 Consenting: add agreed procedure including need for WFD assessments.

2.4.6 SuDS – add new policy, protocols and guidance. (NB. *This represents significant additional information*)

2.4.8. – delete reference to IBC as highway authority

2.5.3 – District/Borough councils responsibilities – amend to reflect planning policy changes requiring SuDS.

2.7. EA roles – add reference to WFD and new FRMPs.

2.7.4 – amend to reflect changing role in relation to planning advice.

Chapter 3 – provide update on progress to date.

Chapter 4 – refer to 2013 tidal surge and impacts.

- Amend maps and tables to reflect current risks. *NB. This is unlikely to alter the priority list.*
- Add reference to FRMPs

Chapter 5 – Objectives

No changes proposed apart from correcting wording in relation to SuDS approval/adoption.... *NB. The principle of promoting and maintaining SuDS (multi-functional and above ground where possible) remains the same.*

Chapter 6 – correct as needed and add reference to LEP as source of growth funding...

Chapter 7 – refer to Suffolk Nature Strategy.

Add short report on actions achieved/projects delivered since Feb 2013 (first published strategy)

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