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Our ref: PFRA 005
Your ref: PFRA 005
Date: Wednesday 7th March 2018

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for submitting evidence of your reviews of your preliminary flood risk assessment (PFRA) and identification of flood risk areas (FRAs), as required for compliance with the Flood Risk Regulations 2009.

The regulations require the Environment Agency to review your updated preliminary assessment reports and identification of FRAs, and allow us to recommend modifications (Regs 10(3) and 14(4)).

In relation to review of your PFRA, we are satisfied that you have followed the guidance we provided for review and updating of your preliminary assessment report. We do not require you to make any modifications

In relation to FRAs, which are areas where the consequences of flooding from local sources are considered to be significant, we are satisfied that you have considered the risk criteria set out by Defra for identifying such areas.

Where, as a result of your review, you confirmed an indicative FRA with no proposed change, the extent of the indicative FRA is confirmed as the FRA.

Where, as a result of your review, you proposed a change to the boundaries of an indicative FRAs, and/or proposed additional FRAs, we are satisfied you have provided appropriate evidence for identification of the revised and/or additional areas as FRAs.

The following FRAs are identified wholly or partly within your LLFA area:

- Greater London (previously named London)

We are not asking you to make any further changes, or identify any additional FRAs.

If you do not agree with the outcome presented here, the Regulations allow for a matter to be referred to the Minister.

We will now update the details of FRAs, including all changes and additional areas identified by LLFAs through the review, and make this information available to LLFAs in an appropriate GIS format. If we require any additional information from you to complete this work we will contact you separately.

The regulations require the Environment Agency to publish information on LLFAs' reviews. We will do this by updating the current content relating to PFRAs and FRAs on GOV.UK

If you updated your preliminary assessment report by means of the addendum template provided in Part D of the self-assessment form, we will publish this addendum only (not the full self-assessment form), with an embedded link back to the original PFRA documents published in 2011.

If you provided a revised, or a new, preliminary assessment report, we will publish this report (not the self-assessment form), with a link back to the original PFRA documents published in 2011.

We will tell you when the information on GOV.UK has been updated.

Please ensure that information you provide about your PFRA, on your website and anywhere else, is up to date in light of your review.

The next milestones in the Flood Risk Regulations cycle are:

- review and updating of flood hazard and flood risk maps by December 2019 and
- review and updating of Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) by December 2021.

The regulations place a statutory duty on LLFAs for these products where FRAs are identified. We expect to engage soon with all LLFAs and risk management authorities about the next stages of the cycle.

Yours faithfully,

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