

AMBER VALLEY LEVEL 1 STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25): Development & Flood Risk requires local planning authorities to assess the risk of flooding in their areas by carrying out a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The purpose of the assessment is to steer vulnerable development (particularly vulnerable development like housing and schools) towards areas of lowest risk and to avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding.

Amber Valley's SFRA is being carried out in two stages. The first stage (Level 1) comprises of a desk based study gathering, evaluating and analyzing existing flooding information held by various public and private institutions including the Environment Agency, Water Companies, British Waterways, the Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and other agencies. The purpose of this initial assessment is to provide an appraisal of the extent and nature of the risk of flooding in Amber Valley and its implications for the Local Development Framework (LDF).

The second stage of the SFRA (level 2) is a more detailed study and may be carried out later in the LDF preparation process. The purpose of this level of assessment is to increase the levels of confidence concerning flood risk to those developments/development sites that could not be steered towards areas where the risk of flooding is marginal. Amber Valley will review the need to prepare a level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment as soon as housing and employment land allocations are identified. Where necessary this level of assessment could be carried out in conjunction with partner authorities in Derby City and South Derbyshire.

You can find further information on Strategic Flood Risk Assessments on the Communities and Local Government website:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planningpolicyguidance/planningpolicystatements/planningpolicystatements/pps25/>