

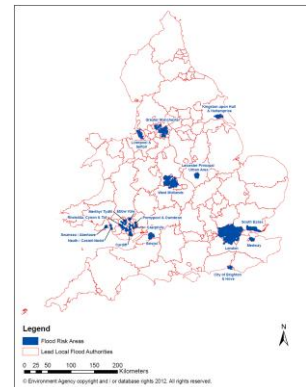
Flood Risk Management Plans - February 2013

Publication of responses to the consultation on the approach

Under the Flood Risk Regulations (the Regulations) Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and the Environment Agency are required to produce Flood Risk Management Plans by December 2015 in England and Wales. We've been consulting on the approach to producing these plans and we're now looking at the responses.

Introduction

The Regulations implement the requirements of the European Floods Directive which aims to provide a consistent approach to managing flood risk across Europe. We are currently in the first cycle of implementation, where LLFAs (county councils and single tier authorities) need to prepare flood hazard and risk maps and Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) for the 10 Flood Risk Areas in England and 8 in Wales (see adjacent figure). The Environment Agency needs to prepare flood hazard and risk maps and FRMPs for main river, the sea and reservoirs covering the whole of England and Wales.



Why did we consult on the approach to Flood Risk Management Plans?

FRMPs are important because they set out how risk management authorities and communities can reduce the potential adverse consequences of flooding. We wanted to raise awareness of the planning requirements and to get views on the possible approaches to delivering FRMPs for this first cycle and future cycles.

What was the response to the consultation and what are the next steps?

The consultation closed at the end of October and we have received over 80 responses from national organisations, risk management authorities, private companies and individuals.

“...nearly 70% of responses came from risk management authorities, with over half the responses from Lead Local Flood Authorities.

Nearly a quarter of all LLFAs responded to the consultation...”

We have now [published all the responses to the FRMP consultation on our website](#) and we are working on summarising the views from this consultation as well as those received from our [Working Together Consultation](#)¹ about how we co-ordinate consultation on the River Basin Management Plans and FRMPs. We aim to be in a position to share a summary of the responses to the FRMP consultation by March.

Where can I find out more?

Visit our website to view the responses and find out more about the Flood Risk Regulations and Flood Risk Management Plans: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/135520.aspx>

¹ <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/working/together2012>