

Can development be allocated in flood zone 1\*? (Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment)

Yes

**Sequential test passed**

No

Tables 1 & 2

Can development be allocated in flood zone 2? (Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment) – lowest risk sites first

Yes

**Allocate, but apply exception test if highly vulnerable (see diagram 3)**

Table 3

No

Tables 1 & 2

Can development be allocated within the lowest risk sites available in flood zone 3?

Yes

**Allocate, subject to exception test if necessary**

Table 3

No

Tables 1, 2 & 3

Is development appropriate in remaining areas?

Yes

**Allocate, subject to Exception Test**

No

**Strategically review need for development using Sustainability Appraisal**