

Levels of Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

	Description
Level 1	<p>A Level 1 Assessment should be carried out in local authority areas where flooding is not a major issue and where development pressures are low. The Assessment should be sufficiently detailed to allow application of the Sequential Test to the location of development and to identify whether development can be allocated outside high and medium flood risk areas, based on all sources of flooding, without application of the Exception Test. The Environment Agency and lead local flood authorities can advise on the key outputs from a Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.</p>
Level 2	<p>Where a Level 1 Assessment shows that land outside flood risk areas cannot appropriately accommodate all the necessary development, it may be necessary to increase the scope of the Assessment to a Level 2 to provide the information necessary for application of the Exception Test where appropriate. A Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment should consider the detailed nature of the flood characteristics within a flood zone including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• flood probability;• flood depth;• flood velocity;• rate of onset of flooding; and• duration of flood