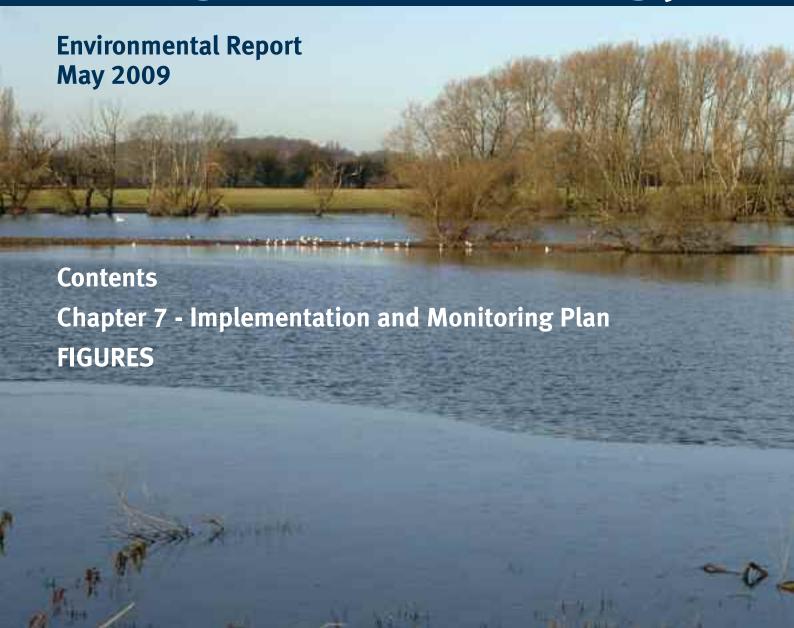


River Tame Flood Risk Management Strategy





7 Implementation and Monitoring Plan

This section deals with:

- The environmental monitoring at a strategic level
- · Future agreements and approvals required

7.1 Introduction

A fundamental part of the SEA process, required by the SEA Directive, is a monitoring system that allows the actual impacts of strategic measures to be tested against the predicted impacts. The monitoring process also helps to ensure that mitigation is effective, that no unforeseen impacts occur and that existing arrangements for monitoring are not duplicated. Monitoring can also be used to address gaps in data, or uncertainty highlighted by the assessment, to provide a more comprehensive baseline for the next Strategy.

The term 'implementation' in Article 10 of the SEA Directive is taken to mean the realisation of the projects envisaged in the strategy. This includes both their construction and operation. When the River Tame Flood Risk Management Strategy is adopted, these projects will progress into our project appraisal process including an environmental impact assessment.

7.2 Monitoring Parameters

The adopted parameters for monitoring are taken directly from the environmental objectives and indicators in table 1 of this report.

The significant adverse and beneficial effects are also included in Table 20 below to allow the predicted effects to be compared with actual effects. Additional columns can be added onto the end of the table once monitoring is carried out. These could include:

- Results from monitoring
- Target achieved (Y/N)
- Further action required



7.3 The Next Steps – Agreements and Approvals

Consultation will be carried out on this Environmental Report and the draft Tame Strategy between 18 May 2009 and 10 August 2009. During this consultation period we will be holding a series of workshops with local communities and stakeholder organisations.

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Following consultation the Strategy will be finalised, and submitted for Environmental Agency internal approval.

A post adoption statement will then be published in Autumn 2009 which will indicate how the comments received have been taken into account during development of the Strategy.

Following agreement the Strategy will begin to be implemented. Detailed design will be required in order to implement many of the preferred options. It is likely that the majority of schemes will require:

- Environmental Impact Assessment under SI 1783 (improvement works which are progressed as permitted development.
- Planning Permission

We have indicated in this report areas in which potential environmental risks have been passed to this next 'tier' (i.e. Environmental Impact Assessment) within the assessment framework. These include:

- Investigation of potential constraints offered by the presence of unknown/buried archaeological remains
- Protected species surveys to identify specific impacts and the need for mitigation measures



 Unforeseen in-combination effects that become apparent as programmes change or existing uncertainties are further understood.



Table 20: Proposed Monitoring Plan

| Strategic Environmental Objective | Sub-Objectives | Indicator | Proposed Monitoring | Responsibility for monitoring and timescales |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| To protect and, where possible, enhance <i>biodiversity</i> | To avoid damage to designated wildlife sites | Reported condition status of designated sites | Condition of designated sites | EA/ Natural England. Annual update. |
| | To contribute to achieving UKBAP and local BAP objectives | Reported progress against BAP objectives and targets | Progress against BAP objectives/ targets for water related habitats/ species. Area of water related BAP habitat created / enhanced. | EA/ Natural England. Annual update. |
| | To enhance biodiversity in the urban environment | Areas of habitat and urban greenspace creation or enhancement | Area of water related BAP habitat and urban greenspace created / enhanced. | EA/ Natural England Annual update. |
| To avoid and, where possible, enhance possible effects on <i>human</i> health and population | To protect people and their property from the adverse effects of flooding | Numbers of people and properties affected by flooding | Numbers of people and properties protected from flooding. | EA. Updated every 5 years |
| | | | Numbers of properties covered by flood warning scheme. | |
| | | | Numbers of properties signed up to flood warning scheme. | |
| | To protect and enhance recreation and amenity facilities | Number and area of recreational and amenity facilities | Recreational sites enhanced as a result of flood risk management activities. | EA. Updated every 5 years |
| To protect and enhance land quality | To protect valuable land from adverse effects of flooding and safeguard soil quality and quantity | Area of valuable agricultural land at risk from flooding | Area of valuable agricultural land at risk of flooding. | EA. Updated every 5 years |
| | | | Area of floodplain agricultural land used for activities compatible with flood risk. | |
| To protect and enhance water | Contribute to maintaining or improving water quality standards where feasible. Support achievement of GES/GEP under the Water Framework Directive. | General Quality Assessment Classification Grade. | Length of river achieving WFD objectives. | EA. Annual update |
| | | Achievement of Water Framework Directive objectives | | |
| | Protect geomorphological features for the river and floodplain and, where possible, provide opportunities for enhancement. | Length of natural or unmodified river and area of unmodified floodplain | Length of river achieving WFD objectives. | EA. Annual update |
| | | | Length of river in which greater connectivity between river and floodplain achieved. | |
| To protect existing <i>material assets</i> | To protect infrastructure | Critical infrastructure (rail, road, water treatment works etc.) at risk from flooding | Key strategic transport networks and infrastructure protected from adverse effects of flooding. | EA. Updated every 5 years |
| To protect and enhance <i>cultural heritage</i> features | To minimise adverse effects on undiscovered or buried archaeology | Area and quality of potential archaeological assets threatened | Proposed flood risk management schemes for which appropriate archaeological study / watching brief carried out. | EA/ English Heritage. Updated every 5 years |
| | To protect designated archaeological and historic features within the floodplain | Number of Scheduled Monuments and other designated features at risk from adverse effects of flooding | Number of Scheduled Monuments and other designated features at risk from adverse effects of flooding | EA/ English Heritage. Updated every 5 years |
| To protect and enhance landscape character/visual amenity | To avoid detrimental effects and enhance landscape character objectives | Number of valuable landscape features protected or enhanced | Number of sites at which landscape character improvements achieved. | EA/ Natural England. Updated every 5 years |



Figures



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