



PPS25: Flood Risk Vulnerability and Flood Zone "Compatibility"

Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification		Essential Infrastructure	Water Compatible	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable
	Zone 1	~	✓	√	1	~
Zone	Zone 2	~	1	Exception Test Required	~	1
Flood	Zone 3a	Exception Test Required	~	×	Exception Test Required	~
	Zone 3b "functional floodplain"	Exception Test Required	✓	×	×	×

: Development should not be

* : Development should not be permitted

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Essential Infrastructure	 Essential transport infrastructure (including mass evacuation routes) which has to cross the area at risk, and strategic utility infrastructure, including electricity generating power stations and grid and primary substations. 			
Highly Vulnerable	 Police stations, Ambulance stations and Fire stations and Command Centres and telecommunications installations required to be operational during flooding. Emergency dispersal points. Basement dwellings. Caravans, mobile homes and park homes intended for permanent residential use. Installations requiring hazardous substances consent.19 			
More Vulnerable	 Hospitals. Residential institutions such as residential care homes, children's homes, social services homes, prisons and hostels. Buildings used for: dwelling houses; student halls of residence; drinking establishments; nightclubs; and hotels. Non-residential uses for health services, nurseries and educational establishments. Landfill and sites used for waste management facilities for hazardous waste 20 Sites used for holiday or short-let caravans and camping, subject to a specific warning and evacuation plan. 			
Less Vulnerable	 Buildings used for: shops; financial, professional and other services; restaurants and cafes; hot food takeaways; offices; general industry; storage and distribution, non-residential institutions not included in 'more vulnerable'; and assembly and leisure. Land and buildings used for agriculture and forestry. Waste treatment (except landfill and hazardous waste facilities). Minerals working and processing (except for sand and gravel working). Water treatment plants. Sewage treatment plants (if adequate pollution control measures are in place). 			
Water-compatible Development	 Flood control infrastructure. Water transmission infrastructure and pumping stations. Sewage transmission infrastructure and pumping stations. Sand and gravel workings. Docks, marinas and wharves. Navigation facilities. MOD defence installations. Ship building, repairing and dismantling, dockside fish processing and refrigeration and compatible activities requiring a waterside location. Water-based recreation (excluding sleeping accommodation). Lifeguard and coastguard stations. Amenity open space, nature conservation and biodiversity, outdoor sports and recreation and essential facilities such as changing rooms. Essential ancillary sleeping or residential accommodation for staff required by uses in this category, subject to a specific warning and evacuation plan. 			