

APPENDIX 1

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Cc: Connor, Lee W; Winrow, Phil
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Dear Sean,

Thank you for your e mail regarding FCRM and external contributions.

We have looked at your queries and our responses are below.

1) When would an airport qualify as 'Essential Infrastructure' and therefore be required to undertake the exception test, if located in Flood Zone 3a?

Answer: The Local Planning Authority would need to determine which vulnerability classification is most appropriate to use. This is done on a case by case basis.

2) In the light of EA policy 284_09 "Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCRM) external contributions" are there any examples from England and Wales where a private company has contributed FCRM activities? In particular, any cases where the company concerned is not the riparian/coastal frontage owner, but is in a flood risk area and benefiting from flood defences?

Answer: We do not differentiate between riparian owners and other organisations in the floodplain. Our policy recognises who benefits the most from our planned investment, this is not always related to proximity to a watercourse or the coast. We have examples of contributions from the private sector and individuals, along with contributions from other local public bodies. Contributions are obtained through the planning process (Section 106 agreements) and through direct negotiation with companies. Contributions may also be 'in-kind' where for example a company provides a service, or foregoes compensation for disruption during construction. Agreements are often subject to commercial confidence. However, we can quote examples from Hereford, where we received a contribution from ASDA of £2M, and the Upper Mole in Surrey, where we received a £4M+ contribution from BAA Gatwick.

You may also be interested in Defra's current consultation on changing the funding model for flood risk and coastal erosion. This can be found on the Defra website or by clicking on this link - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/flood-coastal-erosion/index.htm>

Best wishes

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