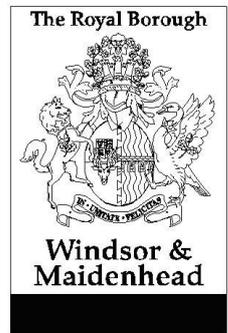


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Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive
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4th August 2016

Dear Sir James Bevan,

Mapping of fluvial flood risk

Members of the Council at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead continue to express concern regarding the reliability of fluvial flood risk mapping prepared by the Environment Agency, the difficulties this can lead to in obtaining house hold insurance for some residents, and the difficulties this can lead to in making informed development control decisions in response to planning applications.

The following motion was passed at Council on 21st June 2016.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That this Council:

- i) Notes with concern how unreliable flood mapping can impede planning and cause mispricing of insurance, and:
- ii) Calls on the Environment Agency to revise its flood maps in Maidenhead to take account of evidence accumulated since the 'Jubilee River' flood relief scheme was commissioned in 1999, including the heavy local flooding in January and February 2014.

I am obviously aware of the extensive hydraulic modelling work being undertaken by the Environment Agency in support of the River Thames Scheme, and would be grateful to receive your assurances that the outcomes of this modelling will be incorporated into the published fluvial flood risk mapping sets at the earliest opportunity.

I would also be grateful if you would confirm the likely timescale for a complete revision of the published fluvial flood risk mapping sets.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Simon Dudley
Leader of The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

cc. Rt Hon Theresa May MP - Prime Minister
Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP - Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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