

**Flooding Steering Group meeting
2 December 2015
Flooding Issues and Options discussion**

Item	Lead	Notes	Actions
1. Introductions and apologies		Patricia Cuervo (PC) – Planning and Borough Development Robert Krzyszowski (RKr) – Planning and Borough Development Preeti Gulati Tyagi (PG) – Planning and Borough Development Amanda Frame (AF) – Kensington Society Robina Rose (RR) – Resident Roger Dunn (RD) - Resident	
2. Miscellaneous issues	PC	RD said he wanted a FLIP from Thames Water but it was not clear if he needed the landlord's consent or not. He also wanted to know what the developments along the Warwick Road were doing to stop flooding. PC explained that they all had attenuation tanks which will hold water until the storm passes before releasing it to the public sewer. He also wanted some further information about contacts and how the Council manages flood risk. AF raised the fact that controversial decisions were made by planning inspectors (regarding flooding issues) at appeal which was agreed by the attendees.	PC to introduce RD to Thames Water officers at the next public meeting on the 3 rd December. PC to give RD the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Local Plan (documents given in person on the 3 rd December)
3. Issues and Options discussions	PC	RR wanted that the relationship of surface water and groundwater was included in the new flooding policy, along with incremental effect of development. AF wanted the policy to reflect the size chosen by the Environment Agency	Comments will be included as part of the Issues and Options consultation. Some of the comments were

	<p>(in relation to flood risk assessments). She also wanted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain in the documents that a Ha is 10.000m²; • Clarify that non-return valves are not Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS); • Explain more about what a self-contained basement is (in terms of means of escape); • Explain what major and minor development means. <p>AF explained the difference between surface flooding and sewer flooding. This is important as a small amount of surface flooding (as shown on the Surface Water Management Plan maps) may be accepted in terms of flood risk. However, for sewer flooding even a small amount is dangerous and must be handled as an environmental hazard. It is very important that there is a distinction between river/surface water flooding and sewer flooding.</p> <p>RR raised the issue of fracking and how it could potentially affect the Borough. PC said that she did not envisage the Borough to be affected in the short-term by the recently issued licenses given the high land values of the area.</p> <p>RR said that communal gardens should be used to implement SuDS schemes.</p> <p>AF explained that the policy should not allow surface water run-off at all at least for major development.</p>	<p>also included in the draft Issues and Options paper.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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