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Dear Beccy

STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT LEVEL 2 SECOND DRAFT

Following close liaison with us during the production of the SFRA, we have no major concerns with the Level 2 SFRA produced for Telford and Wrekin Council and see it as a useful document to inform planning related decisions made by Telford and Wrekin Council.

As discussed with you earlier, we have some minor editing amendments which I reiterate here for completeness ie

- p23 first para – remove word “watercourses” after access crossings.
- P67 delete the word “drainage” in last sentence of fourth bullet point.

We have concern over the apparent discrepancy between the SUDS Strategy para 5.1 which asks for a 5% reduction on brownfield sites, and the actual SFRA document where it was pushing for a 20% reduction. As mentioned to you previously we recommend the 20% figure.

We are surprised at the limited reference to historic flood data as we are aware that some information exists in the media, within the Council Drainage department and from local knowledge. T&WC's Urban Integrated Drainage Study has been completed and reference should be made to this with results included in the SFRA.

We agree that the new Level 2 SFRA Flood Zone information should be used to assist the LPA in carrying out the Sequential and Exception Tests, as we support the use of the most up to date and comprehensive data. However the last sentence of the new section 11.10 could be clarified by adding an additional sentence “This would be supported where appropriate with a detailed FRA from the developer”.

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In summary, subject to the above minor points, we support the Level 2 SFRA document as seen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary R Berry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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