

# **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2012**

## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is to:

- inform the Sustainability Appraisal so that flood risk is taken into account when assessing options
- ensure that the allocation of land within the Local Development Framework, from the Core Strategy through to the Site Allocations, are made on the basis of an appropriately detailed assessment of flood risk as set out in the sequential test National Planning Policy Framework (previously Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk);
- ensure the formulation of appropriate development control policies for managing flood risk (from all sources) in Slough;
- identify the level of detail required for site specific Flood Risk Assessments and for surface water drainage schemes; and
- inform the sequential test for windfall housing sites

This assessment formed part of the evidence base for Slough's Submission Core Strategy, 2009 and has now been up-dated to reflect changes which have occurred over the past two years.

One of these changes is the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was issued in March 2012 and outlines the national policy including on development and flood risk assessment. This replaced with immediate effect national policy including Planning Policy Statement 25 – Development and Flood Risk. The NPPF requires Local Plans to be supported by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and develop policies to manage flood risk from all sources. The SFRA will sit alongside and support the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Surface Water Management Plan.