
Flood Risk Management



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Flood Risk Management

Responsibility

- Liability?
- Duty?
- Permissive Power?
- Relevant function?
- Remit?



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Flood Risk Management

- The Flood and Water Management Act defines bodies as risk management authorities:
 - Environment Agency
 - Lead Local Flood Authority
 - District Council
 - Internal Drainage Board
 - Water Company
 - Highway Authority



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Flood Risk Management

Environment Agency

- Strategic supervisory role in relation to all sources of flooding – National Strategy
- Permissive powers to undertake flood risk management work on main rivers and the sea
- Powers to regulate activities by others on main rivers
- Operate a flood warning service



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County Council

- As Lead Local Flood Authority a supervisory role in relation to ordinary watercourses, surface water and groundwater – Local Strategy
- Permissive powers to undertake flood risk management work for surface water and groundwater flooding
- Powers to regulate activities by others on ordinary watercourses – outside IDB areas
- Duty to investigate flooding to the extent it deems appropriate to determine which authority has relevant powers

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District Council

- Permissive powers to undertake flood risk management work on ordinary watercourses
- Emergency response
- Controlling the impact of new development on flooding through the planning process

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Internal Drainage Board

- Permissive powers to undertake flood risk management work on ordinary watercourses
- Land drainage and water management for agricultural benefit
- Powers to regulate activities by others on ordinary watercourses within their area
- Powers to make and enforce bylaws for securing the drainage of land



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Water Company

- Responsible for flooding from public foul and surface water sewers

Highway Authority

- Respond to flooding incidents affecting the highway
- Maintenance of bridges and culverts under the highway
- Power to discharge surface water from the highway into adjacent ditches and watercourses
- Generally not responsible for ditches alongside the highway



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Riparian and Property Owners

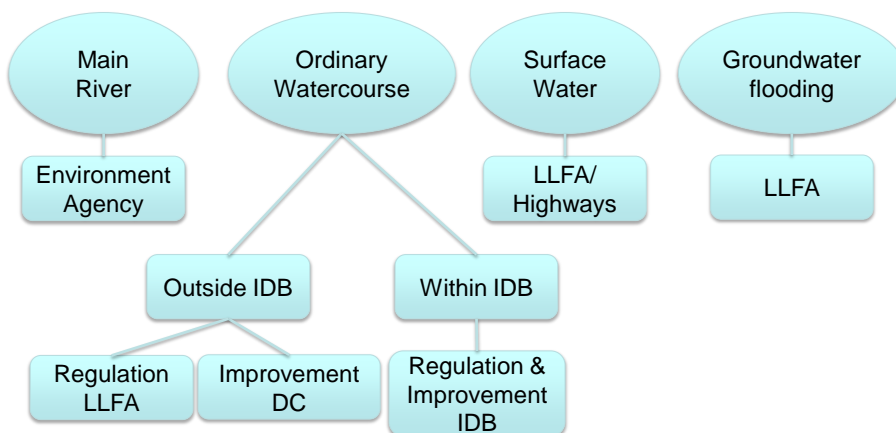
- Responsible to maintain watercourses on/adjacent to their land
- Must accept and pass on flows in a watercourse
- Right to protect property from flooding and land from erosion



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Flood Risk Management summary - works



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FRM summary – New Development (from 6 April)

Environment Agency (as consultee)	LLFA (as consultee)	LPA
Development in Flood Zones 2&3	Surface Water Drainage of major development (≥ 10 houses)	Surface Water Drainage of minor development (<10 Houses)
Development in Critical Drainage Areas	Development with groundwater implications*	Flood risk to development FZ 1
Development within 20m of a main river	Development in close proximity to an ordinary watercourse*	Securing maintenance of drainage system
		Enforcement if drainage system not constructed as approved or adequately maintained

 Somerset County Council

Flood Risk Management in Somerset



Thank you

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