

## GUIDANCE NOTE: EMERGENCY PLANNING

### 1. Essential Infrastructure

The success of emergency response is dependent upon a pre-planned course of action. In relation to flooding it is vital that essential emergency infrastructure, such as hospitals and fire stations, are able to operate and not rendered useless by being flooded themselves. In planning new infrastructure it is essential that flood risk is taken into account. Section G11 of PPS25 states that:

*“Essential Infrastructure which has to be located in flood risk areas should be designed to remain operational when floods occur.”*

The Flood Risk Vulnerability and Flood Zone Compatibility Table (D3.22, PPS25) states that essential infrastructure should be sited in Flood Zones 1 or 2.

### 2. Access Routes

In the event of a severe flood, either by overtopping or defence breach, consideration must be given to the safe evacuation of people of different levels of mobility. The flood extent maps within the SFRA highlight the flood risk to access routes during different flooding scenarios.

Further guidance is given in the Sections 5.46 to 5.51 of PPS25.

### 3. Emergency Planning

Section G12 of PPS25 sets out the importance of flood warning and evacuation plans. The evacuation plan should identify “safe havens”, where people forced to evacuate their homes are able to seek refuge.

It is also essential that support services know their responsibilities in the event of flood, (Section H11, PPS25).