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| **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING POLICY** |
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To all Clerks of Town and Parish Councils in Chiltern and South Bucks Districts

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils Planning Policy request for information – joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment**

Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (SFRAs) are produced to provide an assessment of flood risk from all sources and its implications for land use planning. Jacobs were commissioned to update the SFRA for Chiltern District Council; which was published in January 2013 and is available to view online at <http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/Flooding>. The South Bucks Level 1 SFRA was also produced by Jacobs and published in February 2008 and is available to view online at [http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/](http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=4783&p=0).

There are a number of reasons that warrant an update to the SFRA:

* The two Districts are developing a joint Local Plan, consequently there is a need to update and combine both of the SFRA’s into a single new document to include in the evidence base to inform and support the Local Plan;
* Since the latest Chiltern DC SFRA was developed the guidance for the allowance for climate change published by the Environment Agency has been revised which the SFRA needs to reference and explain; and
* There have been significant changes in government policy and organisational relationships since the last South Bucks SFRA was published.

As there is no fixed format for Parish Councils to record information on flooding, we request that you send us whatever **information on flooding from 01/01/2008** you have available (i.e. that was not supplied previously). Ideally, we are seeking at least the following information for each event:

* Location of flooding (grid reference or street name);
* Date of flooding;
* Source of flooding (e.g. surface water, main river, sewers etc);
* Pathway of floodwaters (e.g. along the High Street);
* Receptors (e.g. properties flooded internally, road, gardens etc); and
* Frequency of flooding (e.g. once a year, during heavy rainfall etc).

We are asking for the data from 01/01/2008 so that we can capture a complete record of events since the SFRAs were first published.

If the information you have is not easily emailed or posted to the address below then please call me so that we can discuss the best ways of obtaining it.

We are aware that you may have recently been consulted on the issues and options for the emerging joint Local Plan; however this request for your views is separate to that consultation and focussed primarily on flood risk. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would provide us with any flood risk related information or comments (even if previously sent) to ensure that full account is taken of these in preparing the SFRA.

Please return all available information to me by **Friday 19th August 2016**. I will then pass on the information to Jacobs, who are working on the production of the joint SFRA. If you have any further queries then please get in touch. My contact details are;

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In my absence if you have any queries you can contact Michael Symons at Jacobs, whose contact details are as follows:

Email: michael.symons@jacobs.com;

Direct Dial: 0208 760 7751

Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours Sincerely,



Helen Harding

Principal Planning Officer



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