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Dear Beccy

**Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Final Version May 2009**

The Level 2 SFRA is seen as providing a valuable contribution to the evidence base to inform both the LDF process and the planning application process via the sequential test and the exception test.

We are satisfied with the content of the final SFRA and are therefore able to support the revised version of the Level 2 SFRA dated May 2009.

With respect to the specific issue you raised concerning the Bagley Brook area, I have consulted my internal Flood Risk and Flood Mapping colleagues and we are of the view that the Environment Agency Flood Zones Map show an appropriate (high risk ) level of flood risk for this area, bearing in mind the historical evidence in the form of photographs etc which we have. We therefore support your view of using the Agency Flood Zone maps here and the consequent recommendation of no development here unless it is water compatible.

As you note in the document, the SFRA is a living document and all parties should be aware of the need to update the document with revised information when it becomes available eg the Revised RFRA. Further policy development based on the SFRA could include green infrastructure planning and the delivery of strategic SUDS solutions.

Yours sincerely

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