Appendix 1 - Flood Evacuation Plan Template

Introduction

This states the purpose, scope and objectives for the plan and who the plan is aimed at.

Scope

What the plan covers and why the plan should be read.

Objectives

Objectives for the plan.

Situation

Description of the Site

Provide background information useful to site users and the emergency services responding to a flood event at the site eg purpose, capacity (number of people during day or overnight / weekend), locations, infrastructure, utilities, hazards, access and egress.)

Map(s) - add as an appendices

Map showing key infrastructure and utilities.

Map showing predicted extent of flood water (See EA Flood Maps), direction of flow, areas designed to flood, vulnerabilities, equipment, hazards.

Map showing evacuation routes and assembly points

Map for Emergency Services showing hazards, access points

Map showing Flood Protection measures (where proposed)

Flood Risk Assessment

Flood probability and impact of flood based on site specific Flood Risk Assessment. Include description of the severity of the impact should it occur and any mitigations (eg areas designed to flood) in place / proposed.

Considerations

Consider the risk of flooding for those with a disability or vulnerable people, including limitations that could compromise the plan or other hazards they may be susceptible to.

Prevent, Protect, Prepare

The risk assessment should identify a number of actions that can be taken to prevent flooding, protect against flooding and prepare for flooding. Each action should be assessed against the cost and benefit of their implementation.

Flood Warnings

Use of Met Office Weather Warnings, EA Flood Warning System to notify users of the escalating risk of flooding. These warnings should be linked to site-specific alarms or messages in advance of flooding.

Action On Alert

Action to be undertaken at each level of warning escalation and when flooding occurs eg protective measures, grab bags, move to refuge, evacuation to safety.

Monitoring

Systems to monitor water levels at site.

Evacuation (in advance of any flooding)

Evacuation procedure, people/property/pets to be evacuated, routes, safe refuges, transport, control and co-ordination, support for the evacuation and welfare arrangements.

Do not assume that the Emergency Services will be available to support the evacuation

Site Reoccupation (once the risk of flooding has diminished and flood water has receded)
Consider environmental hazards, loss of utilities, priorities for clean-up, disposal.

Briefing/Training/Exercising

Briefing for all residents and induction for people new to site, staff evacuation training, exercise to test the arrangements.

Documentation Control

The plan should be maintained and updated by the document author.

Distribution List

Version Control (Number)

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Review

All plans should be reviewed on a regular basis – at least every 3 years, following a flood incident or when information changes.

Useful Information

Am I at Risk of Flooding?

https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk

Flood Warnings - Register Your Home or Business

https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Prepare a Business Flood Plan

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-your-business-for-flooding

Personal Flood Plan

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/444659/LIT 4112.pdf

Flood Plan Guidance for Communities

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-plan-guidance-for-communities-and-groups

Flood Warning Information

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/1027409/Flood Warnings know what to do.pdf

Preparing For Flooding/Get Insurance.

https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/get-insurance

Improving the flood resistance of your property - advice

https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-flooding/reducing-your-risk/property-protection-advisor/