Roles and Responsibilities in Flood Risk Management

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Strategic Network Resilience Team

Sustainable Drainage and Consenting Team:

- Assess sustainable drainage proposals on major developments
- Consent alterations to watercourses

Flood Risk Asset Management and Programming Team:

- Bid for funding from Central Government for flood schemes
- Project manage and lead on the development of flood schemes

Strategy and Partnerships Team:

- Write and implement Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Support with local community groups and Flood Action Groups





Roles and Responsibilities

Risk Management Authorities – refers to any organisation with an interest in flood risk management. Flood and Water Management Act (2010) sets out 'duty to co-operate'.

Environment Agency:

- National 'strategic overview' of flooding from all sources
- Develop and deliver flood alleviation schemes
- Main Rivers





Roles and Responsibilities

Surrey County Council:

- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for their area
- Manage flood risk from Ordinary Watercourses
- Manage flood risk from groundwater and surface water flooding
- Highway drainage
- Develop and deliver flood alleviation schemes

District and Borough Councils:

- Ordinary Watercourses
- Approve drainage systems through planning process
- Develop and deliver flood alleviation schemes

Highways England

Highway drainage







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Water Companies (Thames Water/Southern Water):

• Maintaining foul sewer and surface water network

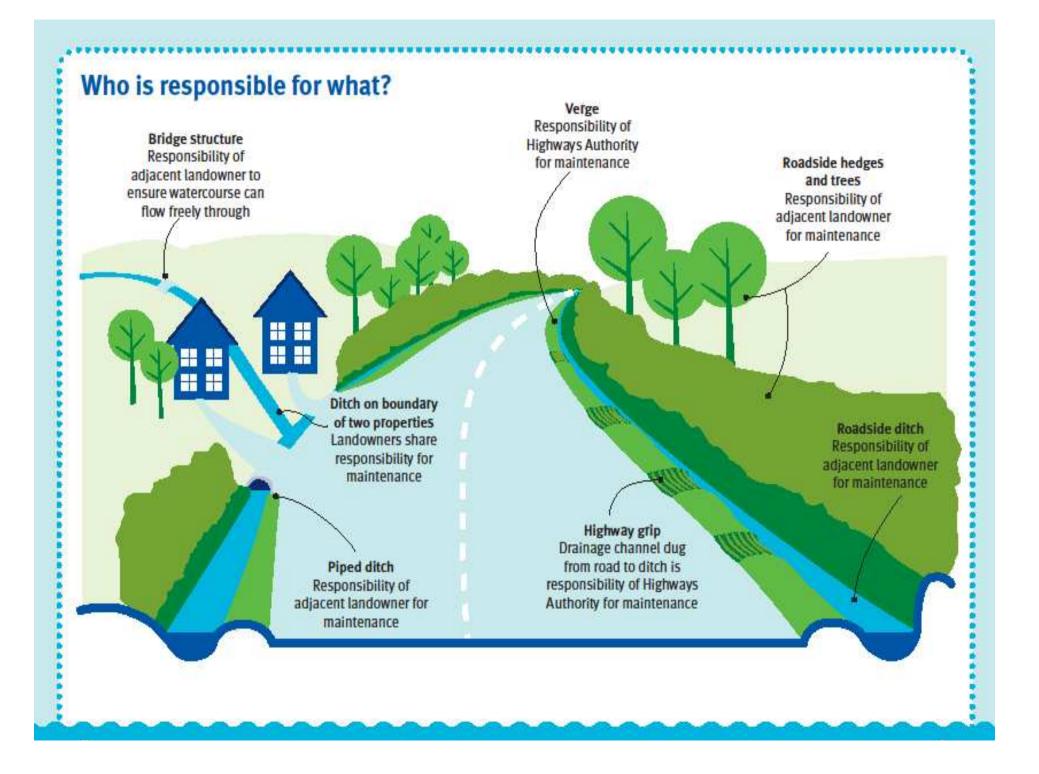
Riparian owners:

- Common law duty to accept flow of water onto land and pass on to adjacent landowner
- Ordinary watercourses (that run through or adjacent to their land)
- Protecting own property from flooding







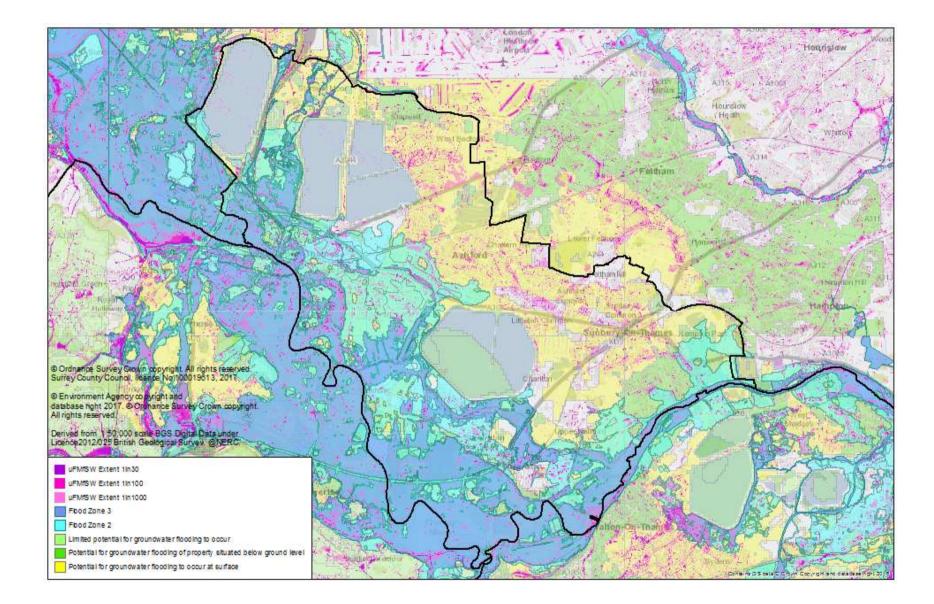


Joint work with SBC and SCC

- 15 communities supported to write emergency plans
- EA, SCC and SBC officers based in same office fortnightly
- National Flood Forum in process of establishing Flood Action Group in North Staines
- Support to RTS community engagement events







Questions?





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