

(CCC) New homes built on floodplains

Q1 – Please provide the number of new dwellings that your local authority granted permission to be built in National Flood Zone 3 (a and b) for each of the following financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. (new dwellings in this context includes new-build flats and homes, and new homes and flats that required a planning permission or prior approval for permitted development for change of use to residential purposes; please do not include the conversion or extension of existing homes in floodplains)

Q2 (A) – In relation to Q1, please provide the breakdown of the number of dwellings granted permission to be built in National Flood Zone 3 (a and b) for each of the following financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20.

- a) Zone 3A
- b) Zone 3B

Q2 (B) – In relation to Q1, if you identify medium and high risk areas within National Flood Zone 3 as separate data, please provide a breakdown for the new homes built every financial year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20:

- a) Medium risk areas
- b) High risk areas

NB. RoFRS High Risk: each year, there is a chance of flooding of greater than 1 in 30 (3.3%)

RoFRS Medium Risk: each year, there is a chance of flooding of between 1 in 30 (3.3%) and 1 in 100 (1%).

Response:

The figures supplied are the number of new dwellings within each application permitted in a year which fall within Flood Zone 3. No figures are given for the total number of new dwellings permitted in these years, or the new dwellings within a permission that fall outside of the flood zone. The figures are shown as a total for Greater Cambridge and also split between each local authority area (South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council).

All applications permitted for new homes in each year have been considered, and those where some or all of the site fell within Flood Zone 3 have then been assessed further to identify and calculate the new dwellings that fall within the flood zone.

When looking at the figure for each year and also the collective total over all four years, please note there maybe an element of double counting if an individual site has had more than one application permitted. For instance, if a Reserved Matters application is permitted in the same year or subsequent year to the outline planning application being permitted, then the new dwellings within Flood Zone 3 for each of these permissions are included (in the relevant year).

FOI Ref

Response sent

8030

27 Nov 2020

In 2016-17, a small area of planning permission reference S/2011/14/OL (Northstowe, Phase 2) falls within Flood Zone 3, however as this is an outline planning permission the plans and documents do not allow the specific number of homes that fall within flood zone 3 to be identified and calculated. As such no figure has been included for this planning permission in 2016-17.

Number of Dwellings Permitted in Flood Zone 3 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20

South Cambridgeshire 277 89 52 55

Cambridge City 0 17 0 7

Greater Cambridge

(South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge combined) 277 106 52 62

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk