

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA261119-7811

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 25 November 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

Our response to your requests is as follows:

1. *As a resident of Wandsworth, if the Thames river burst its banks and my home was flooded what compensation & support can I expect from the GLA or local authority?*

The Environment Agency is the body responsible for managing flood risk in the UK. www.environment-agency.gov.uk. You may wish to submit your request to them at:

<https://www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request>

2. *BOROUGHS FLOODING RISK¹ Newham, Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham, Southwark, Greenwich, Richmond-upon-Thames, Wandsworth, Bexley and Lewisham have been identified as the highest risk of flooding in London. How is the GLA supporting those boroughs in flood mitigation and adaptation e.g. natural climate solutions*

The Environment Agency is responsible for managing main river and tidal flooding in London and is the statutory body that has the strategic overview for all forms of flood risk.

The lead local flood authorities in each London borough are responsible for managing flood risk from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses.

The GLA has previously supported boroughs in developing surface water flood risk mapping (Drain London) and has contributed funding towards a number of schemes that have helped reduce surface water flood risk including sustainable drainage schemes, which use nature-based solutions. The GLA and boroughs support the Environment Agency in their role to deliver the

¹ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/london-flood-risk-map-shows-areas-of-the-capital-most-in-danger-10039405.html>

Thames Estuary 2100 plan. This is an adaptive pathway plan to ensure London's tidal flood defence system is fit for purpose in the future.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>