

**RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
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Decision taken by individual Officer

Hampshire County Council - Flood and Water Catchment Management Plans Consultation

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Tim Mills, Head of Planning, Economy and Strategic Housing

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

To respond to a consultation from Hampshire County Council

To confirm that the council:

- (a) Recognises the need to establish priority areas for flood mitigation and intervention;
- (b) Would have benefited from clearer plans to identify Priority Areas;
- (c) Wishes Cody Technology Park to be a Priority Area too.

The letter was presented at the Strategic Housing and Local Plan Working Group on 18 July and the draft response received broad approval from elected members who attended.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

27/7/22

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

It would have been inappropriate not to have responded to this consultation. We recognise that the county council as the Local Lead Flood Authority must establish priority areas but that the omission of Cody Technology Park is inappropriate given its importance in the economy and that it serves a number of businesses with national security interests.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

To avoid any perception of conflict of interest, the Portfolio Holder asked Tim Mills to make this decision.

Signed _____



Your reference

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Our reference DTC/Hants/ CMP22

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Date 27 July 2022

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Dear Vicki

Flood and Water Catchment Management Plans Consultation

Thank you for inviting Rushmoor Borough Council to comment on this proposal.

The council's Strategic Planning and Housing Group has reviewed the consultation and the draft catchment-based flood management plans you have prepared.

Our members offer the following comments on this as it relates to the Loddon East Catchment Plan only.

We recognise the need to establish Priority Areas for intervention especially in the likely future context of limited and uncertain public funding. Clearly the areas of greatest flood risk should be prioritised.

We have received reassurances from your team that all of Farnborough and Aldershot are assessed as Priority Areas although it is hard to tell from the mapping information shown on the Catchment Management Plan. It is hard to know which areas your team is referring to.

Nonetheless, we remain extremely concerned that your scoring excludes the Cody Technology Park. It is in Farnborough.

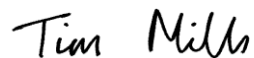
It is wholly inappropriate to exclude the Cody Technology Park from the list of Priority Areas. The Technology Park includes a number of telecoms data centres and businesses which relate to national security. For this reason alone, this Park should be added to the schedule of Priority Areas too.

This suggestion may lead you to review your whole scoring system for the county as it is unclear if you took national security into account when identifying Priority Areas.

We would be happy to give you further evidence to reinforce our view on this matter. Please phone me or my colleague, Vincent Maher, if you need any more information.

I would like finally to thank your team for the advice you have given colleagues here at Rushmoor over the years. We will contact you again in the autumn as we get ready to review our Local Plan and we would appreciate the more detailed mapping you have in this catchment management plan to use in our Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Mills". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tim Mills
Head of Planning, Economy and Strategic Housing