

# **FLOOD WARNING AND EVACUATION PLAN**

**B/20/0385**

**Change of Use of Land and Building from  
Agricultural to Create Autism Support Centre, Providing short stay,  
physio, therapy, and day support at land North of A52 Between  
Butterwick and Benington**

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## **1 Introduction, Scope & Objective**

The objective of this plan is to raise awareness of the risk of flooding in the location specified below, to detail the Flood Warnings and estimated lead time available, and to detail how the Plan is triggered by who and when, and what actions are required by those people in the area.

The location covered by this Plan: **Autism Support Centre land North of A52 Between Butterwick and Benington**



## **2 Flood Risk**

A flood risk assessment was carried out by S M Hemmings as part of the original planning application and has such details the flood risk for this site and any flood defences

## **3 Flood Warnings**

The EA operate a flood forecasting and warning service in areas at risk of flooding from rivers or the sea, which relies on direct measurements of rainfall, river levels, tide levels, in-house predictive models, rainfall radar data and information from the Met Office. This service operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

If flooding is forecast, warnings are issued using a set of easily recognisable codes. A description of the codes is shown in appendix 1.

## **4 Floodline Register**

Floodline Warnings is a free service operated by the EA that provides flood warnings direct to you by phone, email, or text message. Sign up for Flood Warnings by calling Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or online by following the link included in appendix 2.

Mr P Codling (Aspire Lodge) is responsible for activating this plan and are registered with the EA Flood Warnings Service and should receive a warning through this system.

## **5 Decision Making**

Upon the designated telephone number receiving the warning that the site is at risk of flooding, the assigned person will inform occupants of the situation within the shortest time possible. Once a Flood Warning has been received people will need to decide what actions they or others now have to take.

If immediate flooding is forecast and the opportunity to safely evacuate is gone, pre-emptive flood protection tasks must be implemented (if time allows) and the order given for moving to the area of safe refuge, see below.

If in a communal block the warning and subsequent decision will be communicated to the people in the location covered by this plan by a firstly verbally warning back up by a tannoy or warning bell system.

## **6 Response Actions / Considerations**

### **Site Evacuation Procedures & Routes**

This location incorporates an area of safe refuge from flooding, (e.g., a location above flooding for all people on site, including those with restricted mobility), in the case of a no warning flooding event. This building been designed with a first floor level as such refuse,

Visitors and occupants should familiarise themselves with the site and surroundings and take note of the proposed evacuation plan. Ensure that the owner has a contact mobile number for emergency contact.

All external doors and glazing are to be designed fitted with demountable floor barriers, as stated I the flood risk assessment

## **7 Training & Exercising**

All individuals who live/works and visit with the property should be made aware of this plan and briefed / trained accordingly.




This Plan should form part of the Deeds of the land/property.

## **8 Document Control**

This Plan is to be maintained and updated; all users are asked to advise *[insert details]* of any changes in circumstances that may materially affect the plan in any way.

The plan will be reviewed at least every three years, as a result of lessons identified after an activation event or exercise, following changes ownership of the property, or following any change to the flood risk or warning process that is used by the Environment Agency.

## Appendix 1 - Environment Agency Warning Codes

<b>Flood Alert</b> 	<b>Key Message:</b> Flooding is possible. Be prepared <b>Timing:</b> 2 hours to 2 days in advance of flooding <b>Actions:</b> Be prepared for flooding Prepare a flood kit of essential items Monitor local water levels and flood forecasts
<b>Flood Warning</b> 	<b>Key Message:</b> Flooding is expected. Immediate Action Required <b>Timing:</b> Half an hour to 1 day in advance of flooding <b>Actions:</b> Act now to protect your property Block doors with flood boards or sandbags and cover airbricks and other ventilation holes Move family, pets, and valuables to a safe place Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so Keep a flood kit ready Move cars, pets, food, valuables, and important documents to safety
<b>Severe Flood Warning</b> 	<b>Key Message:</b> Severe flooding. Danger to life <b>Timing:</b> When flooding poses a significant threat to life and different actions are required <b>Actions:</b> Stay in a safe place with a means of escape Be ready should you need to evacuate from your home Co-operate with the emergency services Call 999 if you are in immediate danger
<b>Warnings no longer in force</b>  (no icon)	<b>Key Message:</b> No further flooding is currently expected for your area <b>Timing:</b> When river or sea conditions begin to return to normal <b>Actions:</b> Be Careful. Flood water may still be around for several days and could be contaminated If you've been flooded, ring your insurance company as soon as possible

*Warnings are removed to inform people that the threat has now passed.*

## Appendix 2 - Useful Sources of Information

National Planning Policy Framework and the Planning Practice Guidance.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>

Am I at Risk of Flooding?  
<https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk>

Environment Agency Flood Warnings  
<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Prepare a Flood Plan for your home or business  
<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/make-a-flood-plan>

Improving the flood performance of new buildings: flood resilient construction.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-resilient-construction-of-new-buildings>

*Flooding: advice for the public:*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flooding-planning-managing-and-recovering-from-a-flood>