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Dear Pam

**SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK
ASSESSMENT (SFRA) LEVEL 1 REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009**

I refer to my earlier email to you and Rob Sweet at Scott Wilson sent on 27 February 2009.

The Environment Agency can confirm that we are satisfied with the scope and content of the South Gloucestershire SFRA level 1 report dated February 2009.

We would be grateful to know when your Council has formally 'adopted' this evidence, and is prepared to release the contents publicly, either on request or via your website. It is important that this matter is resolved in accordance with the decision making principles set out in PPS25 sections 7 and E5. The SFRA must be used to sequentially test the various development allocations in your Council's area.

In the interim, we will continue to publish quarterly updates to our Flood Map. It is highly likely that you will receive challenges to the SFRA flood mapping outputs when they are released publicly.

In this respect, we would be happy to hold a meeting with you to discuss how the 'SFRA challenge and update' process would be best managed between us in future. It is important that the SFRA mapping outputs are reflected on our Flood Map, specifically from your level 2 work, and that any data we capture through our own studies and incident reconnaissance is likewise fed back into the SFRA. We believe that this should be part of the annual monitoring regime for the LDF documents.

We look forward to working with you further on your Core Strategy and associated LDDs in future. If you wish to discuss any of the contents in more depth, please feel free to ring me.

Yours sincerely

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