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**RE: Assessing applications for flood risk and surface water management**

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**Heinrich, Susan** <Susan.Heinrich@breckland.gov.uk>  
To: Chris Blow <chrisblow2005@gmail.com>

10 March 2020 at 21:40

Chris,

The response from DM:

*This is a guidance document that is taken into consideration by officers when determining applications but this is not a requirement as it is not detailed in Policy – if they put in policy then it would hold more weight.*

Is this sufficient?

Susan

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**From:** Chris Blow <chrisblow2005@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 10 March 2020 10:10  
**To:** Heinrich, Susan <Susan.Heinrich@breckland.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Assessing applications for flood risk and surface water management

Hi Susan,

Could you please consult your development management colleagues and ask if and how they make use of the Lead Local Flood Authority's document "Lead Local Flood Authority Statutory Consultee for Planning Guidance Document Version 4 March 2019" (copy attached for convenience) when deciding applications, most especially those for minor development on which the LLFA does not usually provide consultation responses?

I am particularly interested to find out if officers' reference to the document is limited to the standing advice given in section 9 of the guidance, or would all of the technical guidance referred to in that standing advice also be taken into account when deciding an application? Speaking only of officers' reports I have seen on planning applications in Saham Toney, I do not recall any that made reference to the LLFA guidance, even where sites were proposed in areas at high risk of surface water flooding, so I am not clear to what extent the guidance is normally applied.

Finally from a policy perspective, would reference to the LLFA guidance in our plan carry the same weight as specifically including in our policies the key aspects of the guidance that relate to surface water problems in Saham Toney and would that ensure the guidance is fully considered when deciding applications once our plan is made?

Kind Regards,

Chris

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