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Bexley SL/2006/100021/SE-04/SP1

Bromley SL/2009/105151/SE-02/SP1

Greenwich SL/2007/100673/SE-02/SP1

Lewisham SL/2007/101451/SE-08/SP1

Your ref: Email

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Dear Jack,

South East London Local Flood Risk Management Strategies SEA scope consultation

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above. We have no comments to make on the conclusions of the screening and scoping reports and the proposed structure of the Environmental Report.

The most important issues for the Environment Agency which include flood risk and sustainable drainage, biodiversity, land contamination, water quality, groundwater protection and pollution prevention have been addressed.

The SEA scoping report appears consistent with the National Flood Risk & Coastal Erosion Management Strategy (NFCERMS), produced by the Environment Agency. Local planning authorities are required to exercise their flood management functions in line with this strategy. This is in accordance with the Flood and Water Management Act which requires local flood risk management strategies to be consistent with the guiding principles for managing flood risk set out in the national strategy. The local strategies will build on information such as national risk assessments and will use consistent risk based approaches across different local authority areas and catchments.

Appendix A references the Ravensbourne River Corridor Improvement Plan. This document only applies to London Borough of Lewisham. It also appears to miss off their strategic flood risk assessment.

For other most up to date and accurate environmental evidence we recommend using our Data Share service where you can access our environmental datasets and also datasets from Natural England, Forestry Commission and English Heritage.
<http://www.geostore.com/environment-agency/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

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