

Impact Criteria – October 2013

In assessing and considering the response of Norfolk County Council with regards to carrying out a formal flood investigation, regulatory functions in relation to the Land Drainage Act 1991 or determining whether a structure or feature is placed on the Flood Risk Register the County Council will undertake an initial assessment using Norfolk County Council's impact criteria.

The impact criteria below is used as a basis for determining whether the event has or is likely to increase flood risk and what the consequences of any increase in risk may be.

The risk categories and indicators proposed are in accordance with those used in the Norfolk Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment.

Risk Category and Indicator	Impact Criteria
Human Life	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk to loss of life 	Any Risk to loss of life or serious injury.
Social	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Property 	One or more properties flooded internally.
Critical Services/Installations and Vulnerable Persons	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals • Health Centres/Clinics/Surgeries • Pharmacies • Schools/Colleges • Day Nurseries • Care/Nursing Homes • Rest Centres • Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Stations • Power Services: (Electricity Stations/Sub Stations, Gas Stations) • Water Services: Sewage Treatment Works & Sewerage Pumping Stations • Water Treatment Works & Pumping Stations • 	<p>One or more properties flooded internally; and/or</p> <p>One or more properties rendered inoperable or their functions severely compromised due to the access to the premises being impassable.</p> <p>One or more flooded critical installations, resulting in a loss of service impacting on the local community.</p>
Economic	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops/ supermarkets • Manufacturing premises • Offices • Motorways, main roads, minor roads • Bus services/depots • Railways/railway stations 	<p>One or more properties flooded internally; and/or</p> <p>Any section of a national category 3 road or above made impassable due to flooding; and/or flooding to priority 1 and 2 gritting routes.</p> <p>Flooding adversely impacting a rail link by making it impassable.</p>

