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Subject: Information Request [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Griffiths,

Information request [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, which was received by Havant Borough Council on 21 October 2022. You have requested the following:

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Havant Borough Council

NB there is no specific Havant Borough Council SFRA. The Havant information forms part of an SFRA that was commissioned jointly by the authorities in the Partnership for South Hampshire. (knowns as PUSH at the time, now PfSH).

I would like the date of creation and a public URL link to this document to demonstrate that it is available to the public prior to this request.

I can find a suggestion of this Assessment on a publicly withdraw document, and in a consultation document but not a current Assessment located in a document that is current, published and public.

The SFRA is currently referenced in a number of places on the planning pages of the Havant website:

- A PDF entitled 'Flood Risk Sequential Test & Exception Test' was added to the SPD page on 21 May 2021
- The 'Related Studies and Strategies' page includes a link to the SFRA. This pages was created on 16 March 2022 to support the new emerging Local Plan and included the link to the SFRA from that date. It was last updated in 30 September 2022. It replaces a previous evidence base page that supported the now withdrawn plan from 2020 to March 2022. This also included a link to the SFRA.
- The Local List Requirements Page was updated to include a flood risk section and a PDF entitled 'Flood Risk Information for Applicants' on 30 September 2022
- Mapping of Future Flood Risk at 2115 with Climate Change, is published on Havant's public interactive mapping, accessible via the 'where I live' link from our homepage www.havant.gov.uk, or directly via <http://maps.havant.gov.uk/>. Expand the map category 'Local Plan', then 'Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Expected future flooding @ 2115' for the climate change extent. These maps were added on 15 February 2022.

It is a document directly referenced by the NPPF with regards to planning, it is not a requirement for a council to have one however if there is one it need to be available for consultation.

Links to other websites will not constitute as the Havant Borough Council SFRA, it has been suggested to us that we should have consulted this document during the planning process however as we cannot locate the document, it was not available for consultation.

Please also be aware, I have downloaded all relevant documents from the Planning section of the website as well as screens shots to aid my location of this document. I have searched the entire website and cannot locate a specific document, although it is referenced in others the specific document does not seemly exist.

A number of evidence studies relevant to the Local Plan are not owned or hosted by Havant Borough Council. Providing links to these documents, rather than rehosting them directly is common practice.

Please accept this email as completion of your request.

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Kind regards,

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