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**GE32240RI- Age of flood risk maps for Twin Brook Barn Upbrooks Clitheroe.**

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**CMBLNC Info Requests** <Inforequests.cmblnclnc@environment-agency.gov.uk>

12 June 2024 at 13:33

To: "[REDACTED]"

Dear Andrew

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2024.

**Fluvial flood risk**

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I can confirm that the hydraulic model that we hold for the Main River Mearley Brook is the 2018 Mearley Brook model. The Flood Zones on the Flood Map for Planning are currently informed by this model. The river channel survey used in the model was acquired in June/July 2016. The ground level/terrain information used in the 2018 model in this immediate area is from 2006.

If you would like to challenge the Flood Map for Planning please let us know and we can send more information.

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**Surface water flood risk**

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Managing the risk of flooding from surface water is the responsibility of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), which in this instance is Lancashire County Council. I believe that the surface water mapping in this area was produced in 2013, however, I do not know the age of the input data (e.g. ground levels/terrain information) for this mapping.

As part of the Environment Agency's strategic overview role and to support the country in meeting its legal obligations under the Flood Risk Regulations we produced the Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (RoFSW) map. This allowed for a nationally consistent map to be produced.

While the Environment Agency maintains the map, in so far as we collate and publish updates to it via the [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) website, responsibility for providing updated local information (e.g. new surface water modelling) rests with the Lead Local Flood Authority.

**Challenging the surface water mapping**

If you would like to challenge the surface water map you would need to approach your LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority), Lancashire County Council, in the first instance to discuss the options, which are:

- **Produce local detailed surface water modelling** in accordance with the specification that the EA (or LLFA) can provide. This modelling needs to be signed off by the LLFA before being passed on to the Environment Agency for updating the map. The update can take a minimum of 12 months from when the modelling outputs are passed on to the EA (this process will be shorter as we transition to NaFRA2 system from 2025).
- **Add a comment and/or a signpost to the [Check Your Long Term Flood Risk website](#)** - if a customer is in possession of any non-compatible (with the current mapping) surface water information (e.g. engineer's report or a topographic survey), acceptable to the LLFA, then the LLFA can request the EA add a signpost to on the website, pointing in the direction of this additional information and/or add a comment on the website to make users aware of e.g. inaccuracy etc. on the map
- **Please be aware that the Environment Agency is producing a new National model for surface water flood risk** and this is due for delivery at the end of 2024 (although this date may be subject to change).

I hope that this is helpful.

Kind regards.

**Helen Reynolds**

Customers and Engagement Officer, Cumbria and Lancashire

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**From:** CMBLNC Info Requests

**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** GE32240RI- Age of flood risk maps for Twin Brook Barn Upbrooks Clitheroe.

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for contacting the Environment Agency.

We have logged your request as a General Enquiry and will respond to you in due course.

In the meantime you may wish to look at [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk) to see if the data you have requested is available for you online.

For further information on what you can expect from us and our full service commitment to you, please click this link; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-customer-service-commitment>

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If you need to contact me in the meantime, please do not hesitate to do so using the details below and quoting reference number GE32240RI.

[REDACTED]  
**Customer and Engagement Officer**

**Cumbria and Lancashire**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 10:27 AM  
**To:** CMBLNC Info Requests <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Age of flood risk maps for Twin Brook Barn Upbrooks Clitheroe.

Hello

I have had planning permission refused for building a house in the curtilage of my property, which I hoped to retire to. The reason for the refusal is the sequentail test is impossible to pass for a single dwelling in the Ribble Valley Borough. There were no objections from the environment agency. The area of my property is in flood zones 1, 2 and 3.

However, my next door neighbour had planning approved for a similar development, even though he is in flood zone 3, the environment agency objected and no sequentail test was provided.

I am planning to appeal the decision and would like to know when the flood zone maps for my area were last updated and also if the surface water flooding maps have taken account of Twin Brook Buisness Park, which in effect raised the level of the land to the north east and east of my property, and its associated drainage system.

The address of my property is Twin Brook Barn Upbrooks Clitheroe BB7 1PL. I have attached a map to show the area I am referring to. Further information about my planning application can be found on the Ribblevalley Council website, the application number is 3/2023/0272.

If you require any further information regarding this query my contact number is 07808 340466.

Kind regards

Andrew Thornburn

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