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## **Torbay – Flood Risk Management**

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#### **Overview**

- Catchment Description and Drainage Responsibilities
- Historic Flooding Problems
- Drainage Legislation Affecting Local Authorities
- Schemes/Actions to Reduce Flood Risk
- Future Measures to Reduce Flood Risk

## **Catchment Description: Torbay**

#### Location of Torbay





### **Drainage Responsibilities**

#### **Source of Flooding in Torbay:**

**Combined Sewers** 

Main Rivers

**Ordinary Watercourses** 

Surface Water Run Off

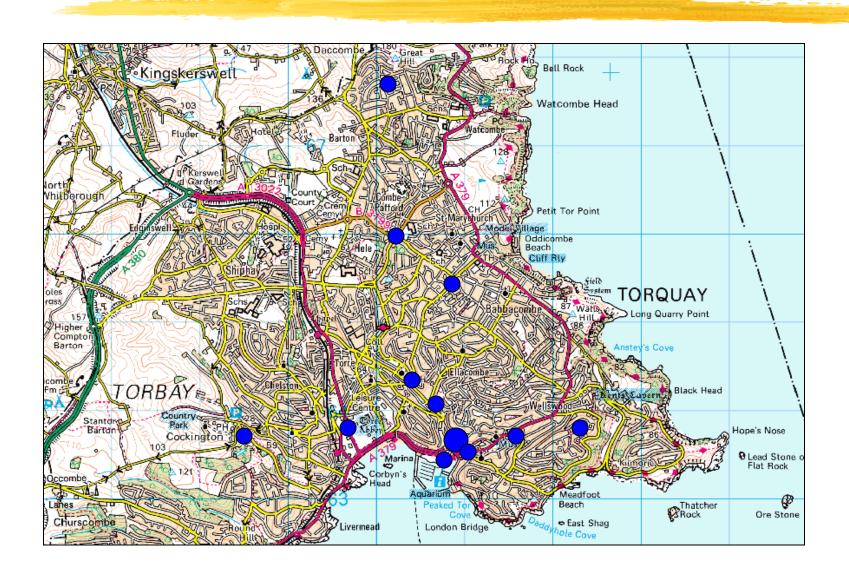
Highway Drainage

The Sea

Groundwater

### **Drainage Responsibilities**

- Flooding mechanisms are complex with floodwater from a variety of sources.
- Responsibilities fall across a range of stakeholders:
  - Individual Property Owners
  - Water Companies
  - Highway Authority
  - Local Authority
  - Riparian Owners



Market Street, Combined Sewer Surcharging - 1984



Upton Area, Combined Sewer & Surface Water Run Off - 1991



John Menzies Basement Flooded, Union Street, -1986

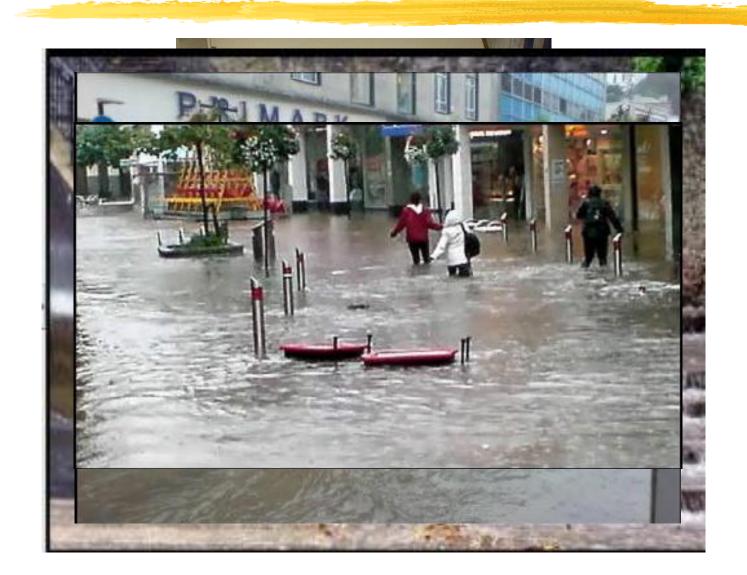


### **Historic Flooding Locations**

#### Recent Flooding Events

- 29<sup>th</sup> May 1999
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 1999
- 19<sup>th</sup> August 2000
- 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007
- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012

## Historic Flooding Locations Flooding 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007

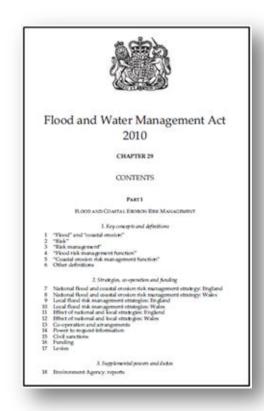


### DRAINAGE LEGISLATION AFFECTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- 1963 Water Resources Act
- 1973 Water Act
- 1989 Water Act
- 1995 Environment Act
- 2009 Flood Risk Regulations
- 2010 Flood and Water Management Act

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Flood & Water Management Act 2010



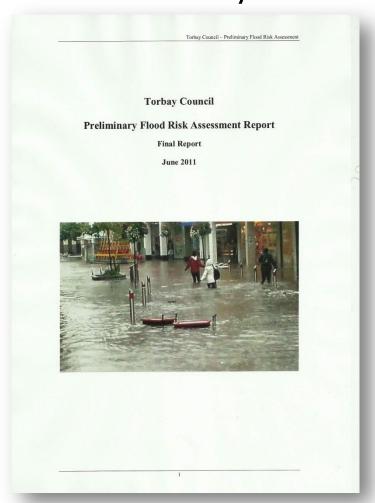
## SECTIONS AFFECTING LEAD LOCAL FLOOD AUTHORITIES

- Designation of Lead Local Flood Authority
- Local flood risk management strategies
- Duty to investigate flooding
- Duty to maintain an asset register
- Designation of assets
- Issuing of consents and enforcement on ordinary watercourses

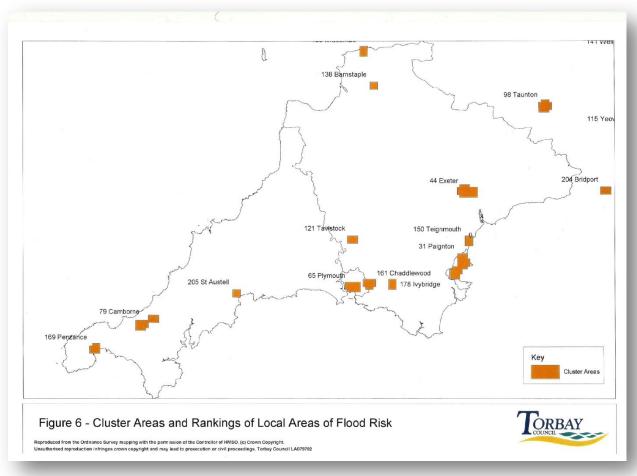
### Sections of FWMA 2010 Awaiting Commencement

 Sustainable drainage systems provisions under Schedule 3 of FWMA 2010.
 Consultation closed on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 over 300 responses. No date has been confirmed for the commencement of this section of the Act.

#### Torbay Council Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment



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Table 5

Number of locally significant flood events within Torbay for a range of threshold levels

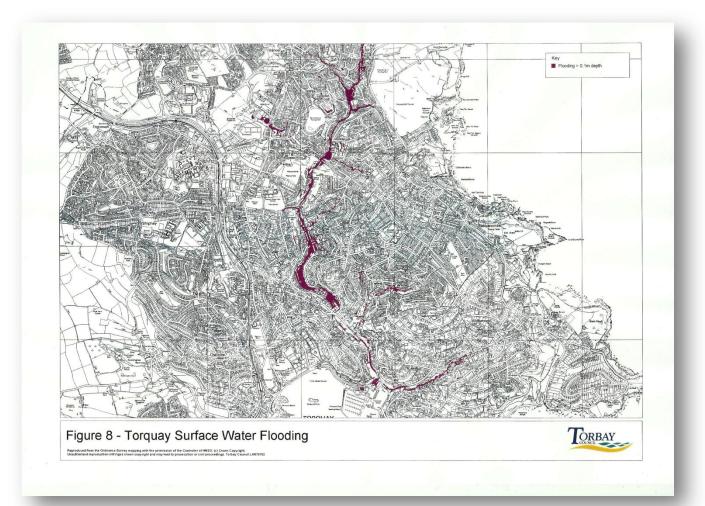
Significant Threshold Level  - Number of Properties Flooded	Number of Locally Significant Flood Events	
5 or more	17	
10 or more	12 10	
20 or more		
30 or more	7	
50 or more	3	
100 or more	1	

Table 6

Summary of Torbay's Significant Flood Events

Event Number	Location	Date	Properties Flooded	Main Source	Secondary Source
1	Torquay & Paignton	24/10/99	162	Surface run-off	Ordinary watercourse
2	Torquay	23/6/91	74	Surface run-off	Combined sewers
3	Torquay & Paignton	20/8/07	64	Surface run-off	Ordinary watercourse
4	Torquay & Paignton	22/9/92	46	Surface run-off	Ordinary watercourse
5	Torquay	19/8/00	41	Surface run-off	Combined sewers
6	Brixham	24/12/99	37	Ordinary watercourse (now designated as main river)	Surface run-off
7	Torquay	29/5/99	30	Surface run-off	Combined sewers

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## SCHEMES/ACTIONS TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK

- Construction of attenuation tanks
- Making Space for Water Pilot Study
- Torquay flood study
- Level 1 & 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessments
- Surface water flood risk mapping
- Installation of depth monitors and raingauges
- Torquay town centre highway scheme
- Watercourse improvements

# **Construction of Attenuation Tanks in Torquay**



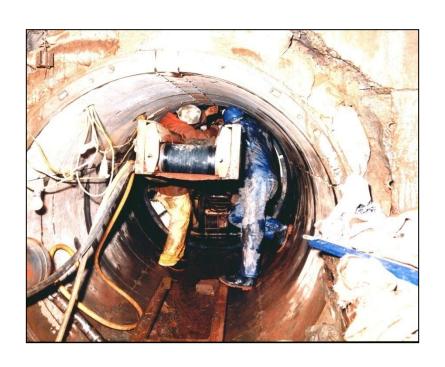
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Hele Tank, Torquay



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#### **Newton Road Tunnel**

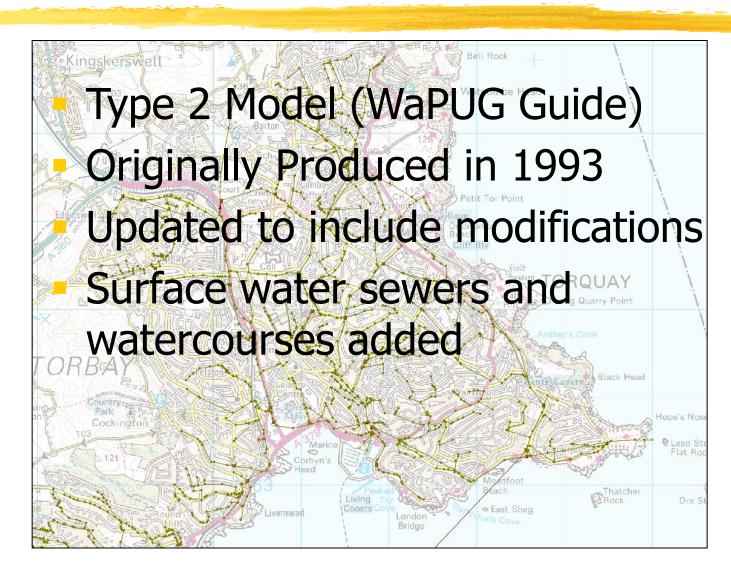




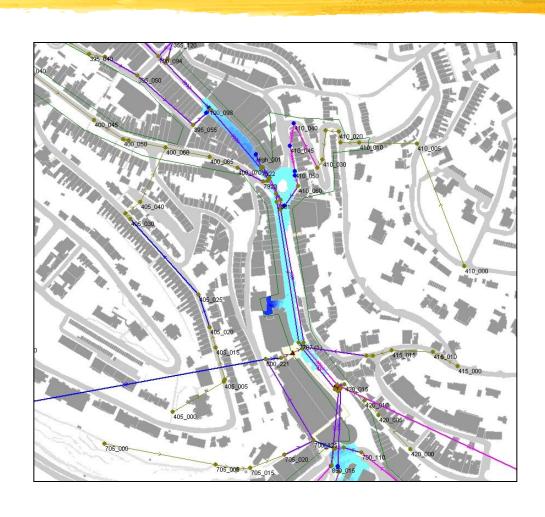
## **Torquay Flood Study: Data Collection**

- Sewer Records
- Watercourse Surveys
- Mastermap Mapping Data
- Digital Terrain Data
- Aerial Photography
- Historic Flooding Records
- Rainfall Data
- Verified Hydraulic Model

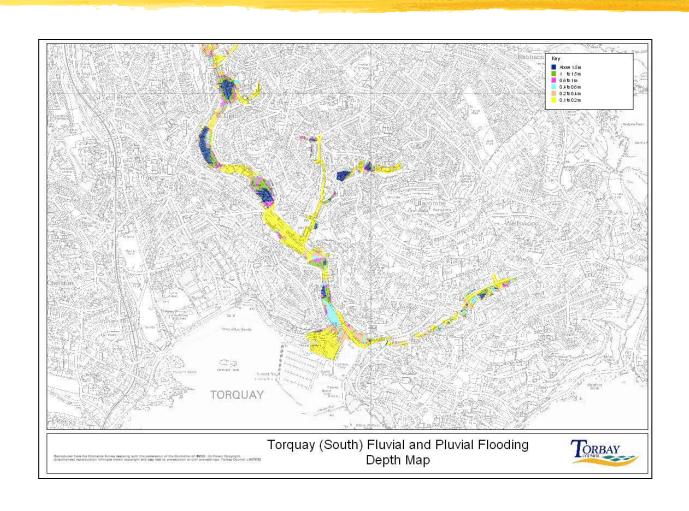
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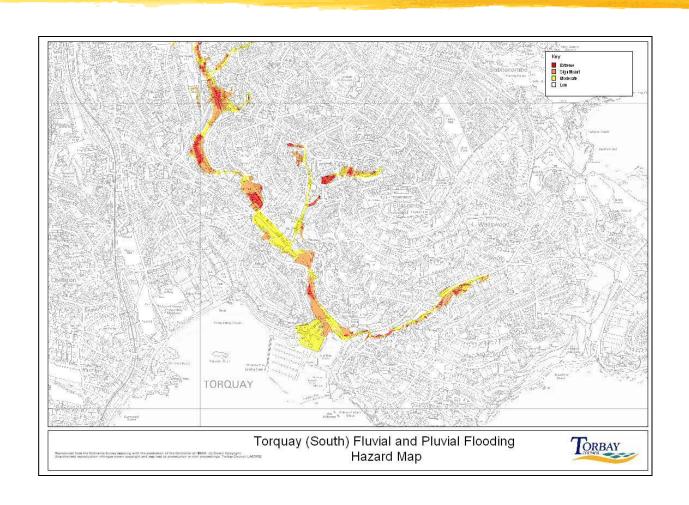
## **Torquay Flood Study – Infoworks 2D Results**



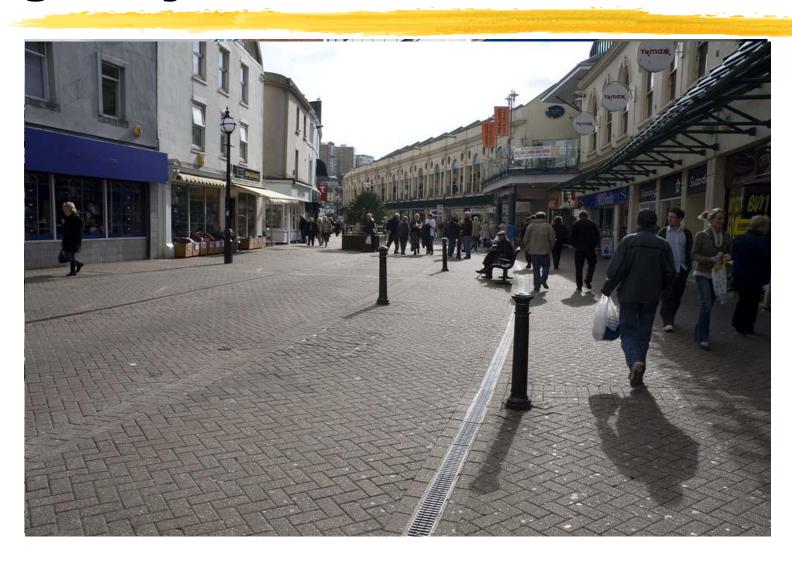
# **Surface Water Flood Risk Mapping Torquay**



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# **Torquay Town Centre Highway Scheme**



## FUTURE MEASURES TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK

- Encourage use of sustainable drainage schemes in future development
- Torquay flood management plans
- Torquay town centre flood alleviation scheme
- Educate the public Defra flood resilience community pathfinder project

### RAINGAIN – TORBAY COUNCIL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

Any Questions?