

ASSET REGISTER

In his review of the summer 2007 floods, Sir Michael Pitt recommended that local authorities should collate and map the main flood risk management and drainage assets (over and underground), including a record of their ownership and condition.

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 received Royal Assent on 08 April 2010. The Act implements those recommendations made by Sir Michael Pitt which require primary legislation including the recommendation for local authorities to establish and maintain a record of assets.

Section 21 of the Act requires a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) to:

- establish and maintain a “register of structures or features, which in the opinion of the authority are likely to have a significant effect on a flood risk in its area” and;
- establish and maintain “a record of information about each of those structures or features including information about ownership and state of repair”

Section 21 of the Act also requires that a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) to:

“arrange for the register to be available for inspection at all reasonable times”

Pitt explained that by mapping and collating information on these assets, local authorities would be able to:

- develop more informed maintenance regimes which can take account of assets important for managing flood risk, particularly in high risk areas
- establish where all their own drainage and watercourse systems are, allowing for quicker identification of the responsible authority in incidences of flooding
- produce and publish a maintenance schedule for their own assets as well as providing guidance to riparian owners as to how they should maintain their assets

As part of our duties as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for the South Gloucestershire area we have produced an Asset Register, which provides basic information about the structures and features deemed to have an impact on flood risk.

Flood Risk Management and Drainage Assets include;

- Gullies
- Manholes
- Highway Drainage
- Culverts
- Trash Screens
- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)