

Policy 7 Reducing the Risk of Flooding

- 1. Development must follow a sequential approach to flood risk management from all sources and use the most up to date mapping information. For development in Flood Zones 2 and 3, the exception test will be applied in accordance with Diagram 3 of national planning practice guidance.**

- 2. Proposals for flood management, or other infrastructure offering improvements that lower the risk of flooding, will be supported subject to the proposal not resulting in an increase in flood risk elsewhere.**

- 3. Surface water management should be undertaken through the utilisation of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) techniques which mimic natural drainage patterns and should achieve net gains for nature including through green infrastructure provision such as the planting of trees and bushes suitable to the location to provide biodiversity.**