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To: Chief Planning Officers  
Cc: PINS, RTPi Cymru, Natural Resources Wales, WLGA

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Dear Colleague

It is Welsh Government's long established policy to actively direct inappropriate development away from areas at risk of flooding. The Development Advice Map which supplements Planning Policy Wales and Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004) is integral to the effective implementation of this policy. The Development Advice Map was first produced by the Welsh Government in 2004 and has been published on the Welsh Government's website since 2009.

I am writing to inform you as of today the Development Advice Map will now be managed, maintained and published by Natural Resources Wales. This will reduce complexity by locating all maps showing flood hazard and flood risk information in one location. Crucially, the Development Advice Map will be updated on the same quarterly schedule as the Flood Map, ensuring the information it contains is always up-to-date and accurate. This removes any potential for confusion which can arise when the Flood Map and the Development Advice Map are out of step.

Natural Resources Wales will now be responsible for managing and making operational decisions on the Development Advice Map, including requests to amend the flood zones through a map challenge process. The Development Advice Map can be viewed on the Natural Resources Wales webpages using the following link:

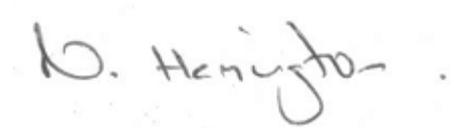
<https://naturalresources.wales/our-evidence-and-reports/maps/flood-risk-map/?lang=en>

Local Planning Authorities, developers and consultants can access the flood zones data in GIS-compatible format through the Welsh Government's geo-portal

<http://lle.gov.wales/catalogue/item/DevelopmentAdviceMap/?lang=en>

I believe this change is a significant improvement in the way important information is made available for planning purposes, and I hope it is welcomed by all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Hemington". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

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