

New-builds built in high-risk flood areas

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An investigation by [Unearthed](#), which is funded by Greenpeace, found that almost 10,000 new homes could be built in areas which are at high-risk of flooding. Some of these include new-builds in the South Yorkshire areas of Sheffield and Doncaster, which have been severely affected by recent floods. The group also found that thousands of homes have been planned for construction in medium-risk areas, defined as areas with between a one in 30 and a one in 100 chance of flooding in any given year.

It explains that when a developer plans to build on a floodplain, the local authority sends the application to the Environment Agency who then sends a note back to the council refusing or accepting the application with conditions. However, councils aren't required to follow the recommendations or do they need to report back to the Environment Agency.

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