

**APPENDIX 7**

**RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTOR'S REQUEST FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION**

**Letter 21 May 2008 from the Environment Agency re the Strategic  
Flood Risk Assessment**

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Agency**

**Our ref:** JMP/SFRA  
**Your ref:** RGE/p334/21  
**Date:** 21 May 2008

For the attention of Mr R Evans  
(Principal Planning Officer)

Dear Mr Evans

**CUMBRIA MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK  
STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT AND THE SUBMISSION DRAFT  
CORE STRATEGY AND GENERIC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 May 2008 requesting the Environment Agency's comments on the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

The Environment Agency was pleased to assist Cumbria County Council in the preparation of its SFRA. As you'll be aware the Agency helped produce a scoping document for the tender of the SFRA to assist Cumbria County Council and the other Cumbria Local Authorities in their selection of a consultant. We were also consulted on the draft stages of document production prior to the issues of the completed document.

Overall we are satisfied with the content of the final SFRA document which was produced by Jacobs on behalf of Cumbria County Council. We are also satisfied that the SFRA has been developed in accordance with PPS 25 Development and Flood Risk.

We would of course recommend that the SFRA is adopted as a 'living' document which is reviewed on a regular basis to incorporate emerging policy directives and changes to the Environment Agency's Flood Zone mapping information. Updates to the SFRA should also be undertaken in the event that new sites for mineral extraction and waste development allocation are identified.

Please contact me on the telephone number below should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Pickup".

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