This map has been produced in accordance with PPS25: Development and Flood Risk and its Practice Guide. It is a Level 1 SFRA key output which shows Main Rivers, other watercourses and Flood overlaid by previously allocated development sites or sites to be considered in the future.

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