This map has been produced in accordance with PPS25: Development and Flood Risk and its Practice Guide. It is a Level 1 SFRA map, which shows Main Rivers, other watercourses and Flood Zones overlaid by previously allocated development sites or sites to be considered in the future. The Flood Zone maps also contain the undefended modelled outlines for the Manchester Ship Canal and outlines for the Grey Irwell. It is understood that the Grey Irwell outlines were integrated into the national Flood Map in March 2010 and the undefended model outlines for parts of the Sinderland and Timperley Brooks will become integrated into the national Flood Map in June 2010.

The Main River information shown on the SFRA is provided by the Environment Agency, the centreline data may deviate from that shown on basemapping due to inherent differences in data resolution. Further information on Main Rivers is provided on the Environment Agency’s website. The mapping of culverted sections of watercourse is a strategic screening only based upon Ordnance Survey 1:10,000 mapping and should be confirmed for more detailed studies such as site specific Flood Risk Assessment. The canals layer does not necessarily cover all the canal arms, but the modelled overtopping/breaching and hydraulic interactions with rivers and other waterbodies is complete and accurate as appropriate for a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

This map should be used to facilitate the undertaking of the Sequential Test by planners and developers. The SFRA has produced a further suite of flood maps following its assessment of other sources of flooding and the implications of climate change and these should be used in conjunction with this map.