

## Flooding

- 4.29 Core Strategy Policy SS7 is concerned with addressing climate change which, inter-alia, includes consideration of “minimising the risk of flooding and making use of sustainable drainage methods”. This is taken further in Core Strategy Policy SD3 – Sustainable Water Management and Water Resources. These two policies apply throughout the NDP area anyway and between them set out the overall principles for new development with the aim of designing out the risk of flooding. There is also a possibility of a County-wide Design Code being developed to include consideration of flood risk.
- 4.30 Within the NDP area the greatest threat of flooding has historically occurred at Withington Marsh. Consequently it is especially important for this locality that any new development is not only not at risk of flooding itself but, just as importantly, does not exacerbate the existing risk of flooding to other properties nearby. This issue will also be particularly relevant should any canal restoration works take place. Consequently the policy below is required to ensure that the two Core Strategy policies (and possible Design Code) are applied in a manner to take account of the specific circumstances of Withington Marsh.

### **Policy P14 Minimising Flood Risk in Withington Marsh**

**In implementing the requirements of Core Strategy Policies SS7 and SD3, all new developments in the Withington Marsh locality must take full account of the historic risk of flooding and ensure that they include measures not only to minimise the risk of flooding to the new development itself but also avoid exacerbating flood risks in the locality and preferably seek to improve the resilience of the locality to flood risk generally.**