

Flood Risk Management Responsibilities in Denbighshire

1. Sources of Flood Risk in Denbighshire

Main Rivers



St Asaph, November 2012

Ordinary Watercourses



Corwen, June 2007

Surface Water



Ffordd Derwen, Rhyl, July 2018

The Sea



East Rhyl, December 2013

2. Flood Risk Management – Relevant Legislation

- Local Government Act 1888
- Public Health Act (1936)
- Coast Protection Act (1949)
- Land Drainage Act (1991)
- Town & Country Planning Act (1990)
- Highways Act (1980)
- Water Resources Act (1991)
- Water Industry Act (1991)
- Marine & Coastal Access Act (2009)
- Civil Contingencies Act (2004)
- Climate Change Act (2008)
- Flood & Water Management Act (2010)
- Sustainable Drainage (Wales) Regulations (2018)
- Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2012)
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)
- Water Act (2014)
- The Environmental Permitting Regulations (2016)
- Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015)
- Environment (Wales) Act (2016)
- EU Water Framework Directive (2000)
- EU Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001)
- EU Floods Directive (2007)
- EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2009)

3. Flood Risk Management Authorities in Denbighshire



- As the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Council has a responsibility to take the lead in managing flood risk from local sources, such as ordinary watercourses, surface water and groundwater.
- The Council also has powers under the Land Drainage Act and Coast Protection Act to carry out land drainage improvement works (non-main river) and coastal defence works.
- Responsible for highway drainage as the highway authority.
- Responsible for investigating flooding in Denbighshire.
- As the Sustainable Drainage Systems Approving Body (SAB), approves and adopts surface water drainage systems for new developments.
- Issues consent for work affecting ordinary watercourses.



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- NRW 'oversight' role: general supervision and communication of flood & coastal erosion risk management in Wales.
- Manages flooding from main rivers and the sea.
- Issues Flood Risk Activity Permits for work affecting main rivers.
- Issues Marine Licences for work on coastal defences.
- Statutory consultee for planning applications where flood risk is a consideration.



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- Manage flooding from water and sewage systems.
- Manage reservoir assets.



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- Sets national direction and objectives, and prioritises funding.
- Manages Trunk Road highway drainage.

Riparian Landowners....

....have a duty to allow water to pass through their land without obstruction and to keep river banks, river beds and any structures free of any debris, trees and shrubs that might lead to a blockage.

4. Flood Risk Management Authorities Working in Partnership

North Wales Flood Risk Management Group:

- Made up of the 6 North Wales authorities, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Water and Welsh Local Government Association.
- Meets every 3 months.
- Opportunity to discuss common issues and share examples of best practice.
- The foundation stone for future regional, collaborative working, including the possibility of establishing a regional Sustainable Drainage Systems Approving Body (SAB).