

- 9.11.5 The United Kingdom Onshore Oil and Gas Group (UKOOG), which represents the industry, has established a **Community Engagement Charter** for new onshore oil and gas proposals.<sup>172</sup> The Charter sets out a number of commitments for operators which includes engagement with local communities at each of the three main stages of operations (exploration, appraisal and production). Where any proposals for fracking to come forward, applicants who are members of UKOOG would be expected to comply with these commitments.

### Policy SI 12 Flood risk management

- A Current and expected flood risk from all sources (as defined in paragraph 9.2.12) across London should be managed in a sustainable and cost-effective way in collaboration with the Environment Agency, the Lead Local Flood Authorities, developers and infrastructure providers.
- B Development Plans should use the Mayor's Regional Flood Risk Appraisal and their Strategic Flood Risk Assessment as well as Local Flood Risk Management Strategies, where necessary, to identify areas where particular and cumulative flood risk issues exist and develop actions and policy approaches aimed at reducing these risks. Boroughs should cooperate and jointly address cross-boundary flood risk issues including with authorities outside London.
- C Development proposals should ensure that flood risk is minimised and mitigated, and that residual risk is addressed. This should include, where possible, making space for water and aiming for development to be set back from the banks of watercourses.
- D Developments Plans and development proposals should contribute to the delivery of the measures set out in Thames Estuary 2100 Plan. The Mayor will work with the Environment Agency and relevant local planning authorities, including authorities outside London, to safeguard an appropriate location for a new Thames Barrier.
- E Development proposals for utility services should be designed to remain operational under flood conditions and buildings should be designed for quick recovery following a flood.

<sup>172</sup> Community Engagement Charter – oil and gas from unconventional reservoirs, UKCOOG, 2013, <http://www.ukoog.org.uk/community/charter>

