G Sequential and Exception Test Flow Charts

G.1 Applying the Sequential Test in the preparation of a plan

- **Can development be allocated in Flood Zone 1?**
  - Yes: Sequential Test passed
  - No

- **Can development be allocated in Flood Zone 2?**
  - Yes: Allocate, but apply Exception Test if development classed as ‘highly vulnerable’
  - No

- **Can development be allocated within the lowest risk sites available in Flood Zone 3?**
  - Yes: Allocate, subject to Exception Test if necessary
  - No

- **Is development appropriate in the remaining areas?**
  - Yes: Allocate, subject to Exception Test
  - No: Strategically review need for development using a Sustainability Appraisal

* Other sources of flooding also need to be considered
G.2 Apply the Exception Test in the preparation of a plan

Has the Sequential Test been applied?

- NO: Carry out Sequential Test

Is the Exception Test required?

- NO: Development is in an appropriate location under NPPF flood risk policy (Tables 2 and 3 of NPPF Planning Practice Guidance)

- YES: Does the development pass both parts of the Exception Test?

- NO: Development is not appropriate and should not be allocated or permitted

- YES: Development can be considered for allocation or permission