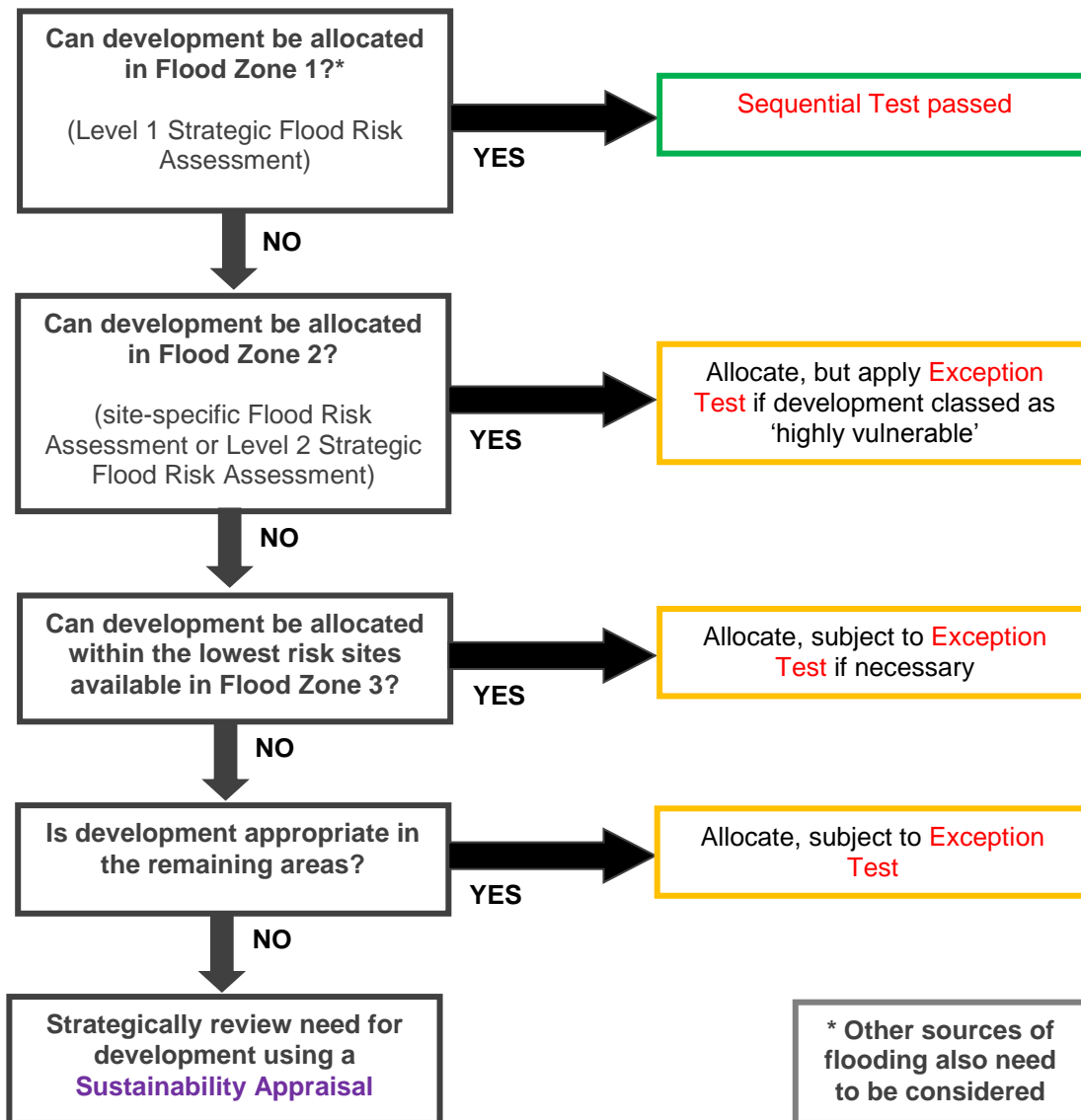# G Sequential and Exception Test Flow Charts

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

Can development be allocated in Flood Zone 1?*

(Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment)

YES → Sequential Test passed

NO ↓

Can development be allocated in Flood Zone 2?

(site-specific Flood Risk Assessment or Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment)

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

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┌─────────────────────────────┐                    ┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ Has the Sequential Test been│  ──── NO ────▶     │ Carry out Sequential Test   │
│        applied?             │                    │                             │
└─────────────────────────────┘                    └─────────────────────────────┘
            │ YES
            ▼
┌─────────────────────────────┐                    ┌─────────────────────────────┐
│  Is the Exception Test      │                    │ Development is in an         │
│       required?             │  ──── NO ────▶     │ appropriate location under   │
│                             │                    │ NPPF flood risk policy       │
│ (Table 3 of NPPF Planning   │                    │ (Tables 2 and 3 of NPPF      │
│  Practice Guidance)         │                    │ Planning Practice Guidance)  │
└─────────────────────────────┘                    └─────────────────────────────┘
            │ YES
            ▼
┌─────────────────────────────┐                    ┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ Does the development pass   │                    │ Development is not           │
│ both parts of the Exception │  ──── NO ────▶     │ appropriate and should not   │
│         Test?               │                    │ be allocated or permitted    │
└─────────────────────────────┘                    └─────────────────────────────┘
            │ YES
            │                                       ┌─────────────────────────────┐
            └─────────────────────────────────────▶│ Development can be considered│
                                                    │ for allocation or permission │
                                                    └─────────────────────────────┘
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