Main Rivers are designated by Defra as a ‘Main River Map’. The Environment Agency has permissive powers to carry out flood defence works, maintenance and operational activities for Main Rivers. However, overall responsibility for maintenance lies with the riparian owner.

An Ordinary Watercourse is a watercourse that does not form part of a Main River. This includes all rivers and streams and all ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dikes, sluices, (other than public sewers within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991) and passages, through which water flows according to the Land Drainage Act 1991.

The Risk from Rivers is divided into the following categories:

- **Flood Zone 1**: Land having a less than 1,000 (0.1%) annual probability of river flooding in any year. Shown as clear on the Flood Map - all land outside Flood Zones 2 and 3.
- **Flood Zone 2**: Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 (between 1% and 0.1%) annual probability of river flooding in any year.
- **Flood Zone 3**: Land having 1 in 100 (1%) or greater annual probability of river flooding in any year.
- **Flood Zone 3b**: Land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood, or land purposely designed to flood in an extreme event (0.1% AEP). For the purpose of this SFRA, land modelled to have a probability of 5% or greater has been used to delineate Flood Zone 3b.

This map is intended to provide a strategic overview of fluvial flood risk and should not be used to assess flood risk for individual properties.

**Notes**

- Flood Zone 3b amended 20.02.18
- Legend amended 09.05.18

**Legend**

- Watercourses
  - Larger Ordinary Watercourses
  - Main River
  - Culverted Watercourses
  - EA AIMS Structures
  - Flood Defences
- Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences
- Flood Storage Areas
- Historic Flood Map
- flooding from Rivers
  - Flood Zone 1
  - Flood Zone 2
  - Flood Zone 3
  - Flood Zone 3b
- Hertsmere Borough Boundary

**Figure 05.3**

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