



West Midlands Regional Adaptation Network (RAN)

Tuesday 24th June 2025





Welcome and Introduction



Purpose of the Regional Adaptation Network (RAN)

To connect and build the skills and knowledge of people who have a role in preparing the region for climate change. The Network is part of the new, wider West Midlands Adapt project.

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- What sector do you represent?
- How familiar are you with climate adaptation?



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Agenda

Time	Item	Speaker
13:00-13:10	Welcome and high-level introduction to WM-ADAPT and the RAN Soft launch of Climate Adaptation Literacy 	Beth Haskins & James Hodgson
13:10-13:40	 Member presentation on impacts and adaptations: Birmingham City Council – application of CRVA data Environment Agency – intro to Nafra2 Q&A	Simon Needle Jon Saner
13:40 – 14:00	Mentimetre – accessing data Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessments (CRVAs) to date and data enhancements 3-minute quick fire intro to the four areas – one slide per area. Q&A	Sarah Greenham
14:00 – 14:35	 Breakout discussions: Urban heat island data Surface water flood risk data Health impacts data Economic impacts data 	Sarah Greenham Xilin Xia Jenny Stocker James Hall James Hodgson
14:35 – 14:45	Quick fire feedback to the room	Facilitators
14:45 -15:00	 AOB and wrap up Terms of Reference review for next time Ask to circulate invitation wider Forward Plan – what's coming up 	Beth Haskins & James Hodgson

Climate Adaptation Literacy



- Online, self-led e-learning course
- CPD accredited
- Receive a CPD certified and digital badge upon assessment
- Est. time 30-45mins per module
- Complete at your own pace
- Three modules:
 - Climate change in the UK and why adaptation matters
 - 2. Zooming in Climate impacts in the West Midlands
 - 3. How can we adapt to climate change?

Available here: West Midlands Climate Adaptation Literacy

<u>Training</u>









WM Regional Adaptation Network

Birmingham's Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Mapping – Concept through to Policy

Simon Needle Parks Services Manager



Birmingham's Context

The Challenges

- · Population at 1.1million and rising
- One of the youngest populations in Europe
- Significant number of wards in top 10 percentile IMD
- · High levels YLL in certain quarters
- Air Pollution
- UHI
- · Pluvial and Fluvial flooding
- Need for 89,000 additional homes by 2031; currently space identified for 51,000

COVID19 pandemic has brought to the fore the inequality of accessible green space. Minority ethnic communities more impacted by pandemic

Higher levels of minority ethnic communities in areas of low GI, poorer air quality and high UHI.

Liaison with other Departments such as Public Health are critical to understanding impacts and benefits.









Birmingham - total land area 103.5 Square miles

- 24 Square miles of Green
 Infrastructure
- 13.5 Square miles of Public
 Open Space
- 9.2 Square miles of designated
 Nature Conservation sites
- 5.4 Square miles of designated woodlands (in Parks and open spaces).
- 250 miles of rivers, brooks and streams
- 35 miles of canals

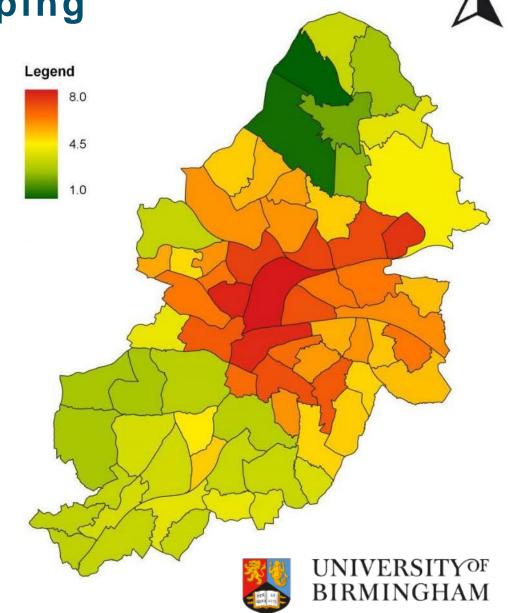
Future Parks Accelerator Environmental Justice Mapping

Environment justice assessment tool

Evidence-based approach for regeneration and levelling up.

Assessed indices of multiple deprivation;

- Access to greenspace
- Tree canopy cover
- Flood Risk (fluvial and pluvial)
- Urban heat island
- Health inequality
- Air pollution ($NO_2 \& PM_{2.5}$)



City of Nature biophilic aims

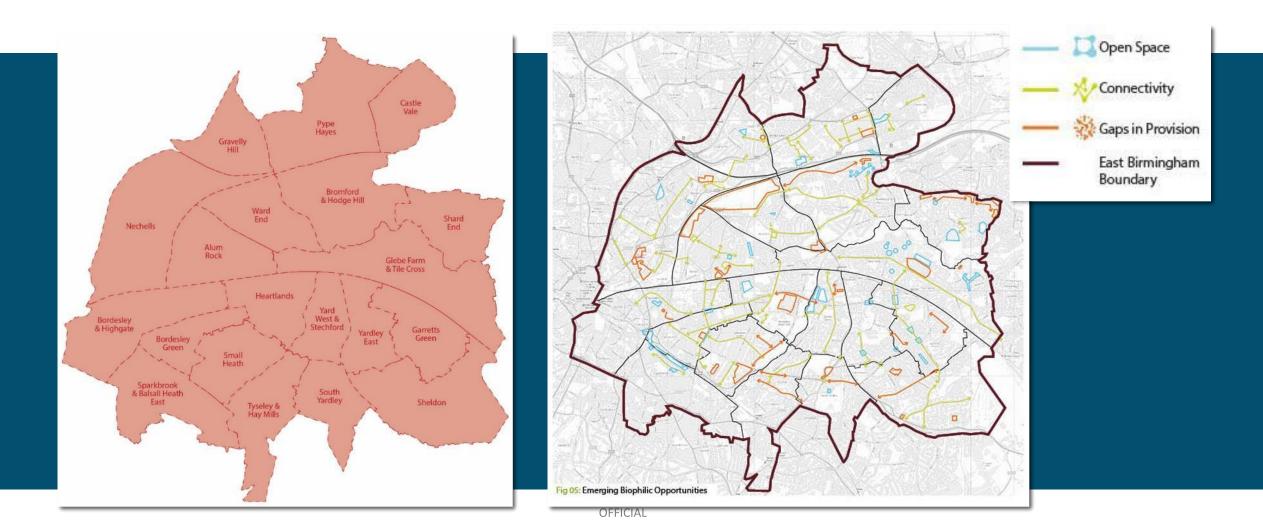
Guiding principles supporting a "Future Parks Standard" And



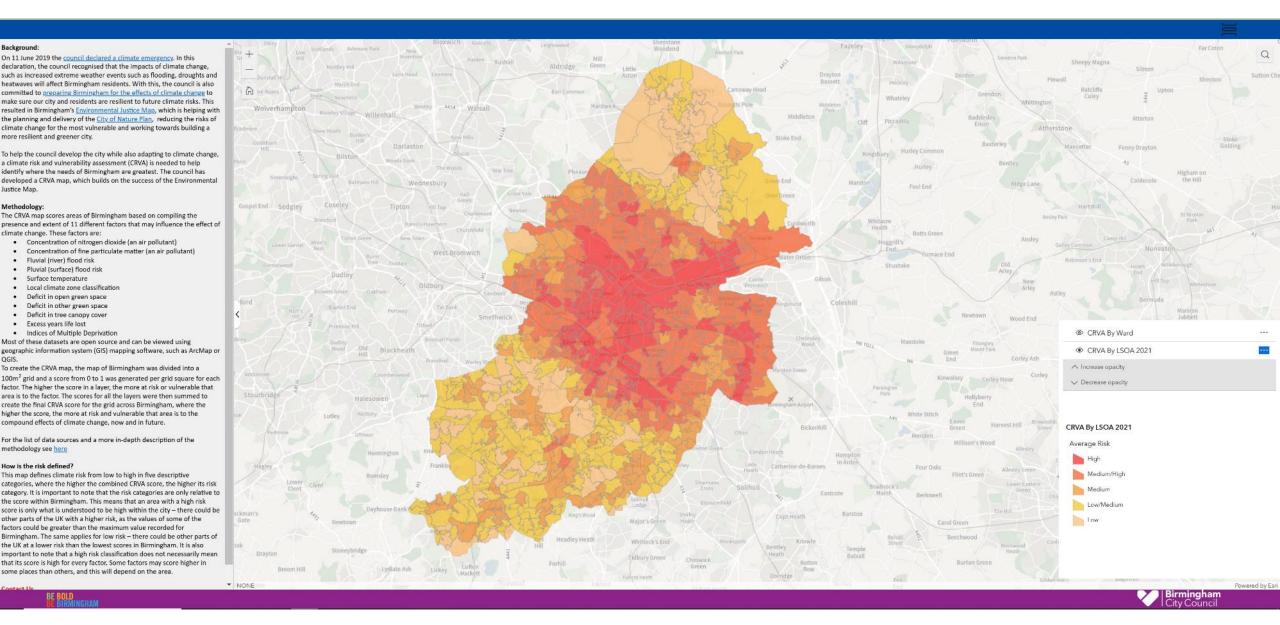


Biophilic Masterplan Approach to East Birmingham

114 Emerging Biophilic Opportunities Across East Birmingham



CRVA mapping - First iteration - evolved from Environmental Justice Map



Biophilic Masterplan Approach Bioph

Legend 8.0 4.5 1.0 0 2 4 6 8 10 km

Baseline analysis

- What we have
- What we need
- What you can connect to eg. (Nature recovery Network)

Biophilic Masterplan

- Connectivity; movement, green, blue and wildlife
- Open space; destinations, co-location
- Gaps in provision; equitable of access, greenspace within 300m



Everyday access to nature benefits

- Mental well-being and physical health
- Climate resilience
- Community
- Biodiversity
- Economic prosperity

Climate Risk & Vulnerability map

- Identifies areas most at risk and so most in need of greenspace
- From a climate resilience, environmental quality and access perspective

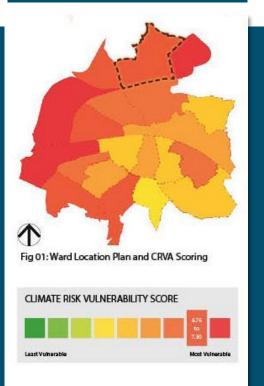
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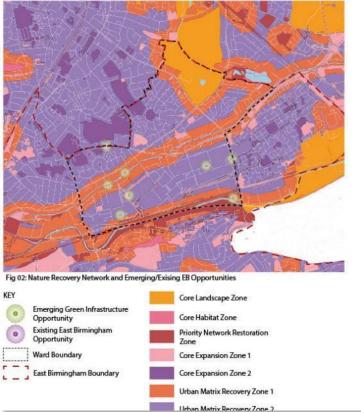
Analysis for Interventions

Ward Example; Pype Hayes

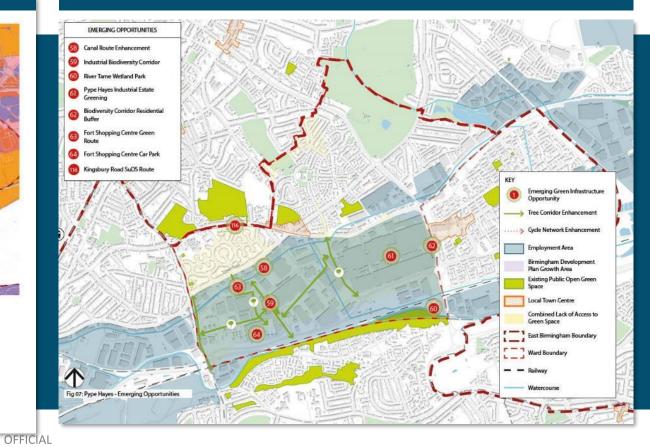
East Birmingham CRVA Map



Nature Recovery Network



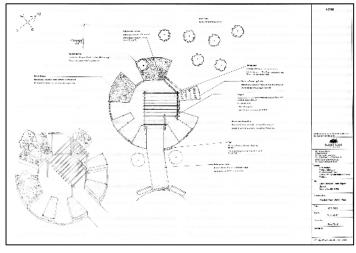
Ward Analysis/ Opportunities Plan



National Trust/ BCC Pocket Parks













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Current CRVA mapping - revised functionality to support Planning Policy

Birmingham residents. With this, the council is also committed to preparing Birmingham for the effects of climate change to make sure our city and residents are resilient to future climate risks. This resulted in Birmingham's Environmental Justice Map, which is helping with the planning and delivery of the City of Nature Plan, reducing the risks of climate change for the most vulnerable and working towards building a more resilient and greener city.

To help the council develop the city while also adapting to climate change, a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (CRVA) is needed to help identify where the needs of Binningham are greatest. The council has developed a CRVA map, which builds on the success of the Environmental Justice Map.

Methodology:

The CRVA map scores areas of Birmingham based on compiling the presence and extent of 11 different factors that may influence the effect of climate change. These factors are:

- Concentration of nitrogen dioxide (an air pollutant)
- Concentration of fine particulate matter (an air pollutant)
- · Fluvial (river) flood risk
- · Pluvial (surface) flood risk
- Surface temperature
- Local climate zone classification
- Deficit in open green space
 Deficit in other green space
- Delicit in other green spar
- Deficit in tree canopy cover
- Excess years life lost
- Indices of Multiple Deprivation

Most of these datasets are open source and can be viewed using geographic information system (GIS) mapping software, such as ArcMap or QGIS.

To create the CRVA map, the map of Birmingham was divided into a 100m² grid and a score from 0 to 1 was generated per grid square for each factor. The higher the score in a layer, the more at risk or vulnerable that area is to the factor. The scores for all the layers were then summed to create the final CRVA score for the grid across Birmingham, where the higher the score, the more at risk and vulnerable that area is to the compound effects of climate change, now and in future.

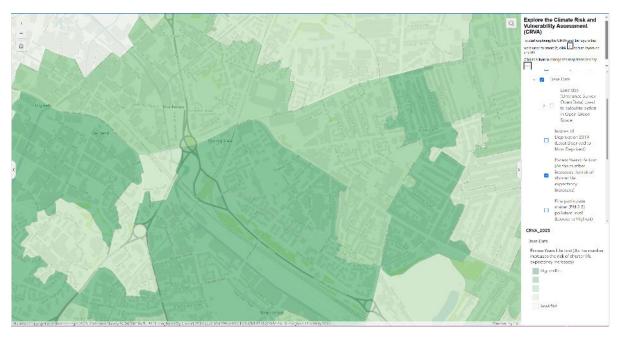
For the list of data sources and a more in-depth description of the methodology see <u>here</u>

How is the risk defined?

This map defines climate risk from low to high in five descriptive categories, where the higher the combined CRVA score, the higher its risk category. It is important to note that the risk categories are only relative to the score within Birmingham. This means that an area with a high risk score is only what is understood to be high within the city — there could be other parts of the UK with a higher risk, as the values of some of the factors could be greater than the maximum

Explore the Climate Risk and **Vulnerability Assessment** To start exploring the CRVA and the layers that were used to create it, click to turn layers on The Chuckery 6 Click this icon to change the map transparency in Fields Bilston Woods Bank Excess Years Life Lost (As the number increases the risk of shorter life expectancy increases) Fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) pollutant level (Lowest to Highest) West Bromwich Nitrogen dioxide air pollutant level Oldbury (Lowest to Highest) aswinford Flood Risk Risk of Surface lowing from Rowley Regis Flooding (Pluvial) Dudley Wood Extent 20 Year Seasonal Withvingo Temperature Maximum (1981 ☐ 2000) (Daily CRVA_2025 Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) CRVA By 2021 LSOA Medium Solihull 🔻 @ Crown Copyright and database right 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000819638 | @ Birmingham City Council 2024 @UK Met Office @DEFRA @MHCLG @ WM-Air, Birmingham University 2024 **Birmingham**

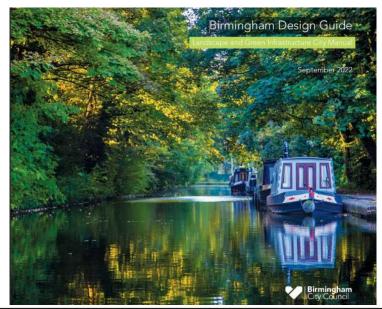


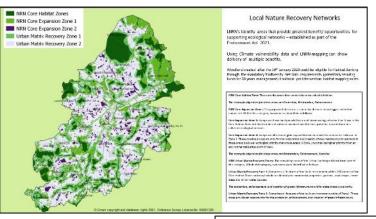


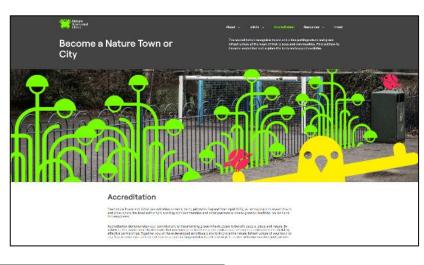




Policy influence and evidence base









Tree planting in new development

BDP Policies: PG3, TP1, TP7, TP8. DM DPD Policies: DM4.

Landscape designs shall include the planting of new trees where there is appropriate space; soil availability; and climate to enable them to grow and mature. Where existing trees have been removed from the site, new provision must appropriately compensate for this loss and seek to deliver wider gains where there is scope to do so.

Uses that currently contribute a low level of canopy coverage to the city (as detailed at City Note GI-15) should seek to introduce new tree planting above the baseline %

Designers must have a clear understanding of the existing and proposed constraints of a site; and design tree planting layouts and species specifications that respond to these.

This process should consider

- · Soil characteristics.
- · Root available soil volume.
- · Above and below ground constraints.
- · Tree pit dimensions and appropriate surfacing. Ultimate height and spread.
- · Wildlife value.
- Ornamental qualities.
- Tolerance to exposure and climatic extremes.
- · Resistance to pests and diseases
- · Nursery availability.
- . Reference to the local tree stock composition. • Planting/supports and guards.

Further guidance on these elements is presented in City Notes GI-16 to GI-19 within the Landscape and GI Manual.

CITY NOTE GI-17 - Effectively responding to on-site constraints

. Highways | Climate | Long term benefits - long-living trees | Groupings

CITY NOTE GI-18 - Root Available Soil Volume (RASV)

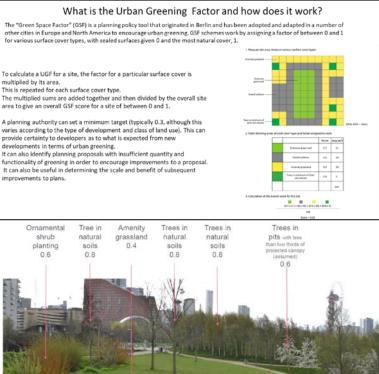
Target, minimum RASV should be provided as follows:

- · 30m8 for individually planted large-medium trees.
- . 20m³ per large-medium tree when planted as a group of two or more with shared RASV.
- 10m8 for individually planted small trees of approximately 6m height and 3m diameter branch spread after 25 years.
- · 5m8 per small tree when planted as a group of two or more with shared RASV.

CITY NOTE GI-19 - Tree pit openings









Improving how we map and communicate flood and coastal erosion risk information



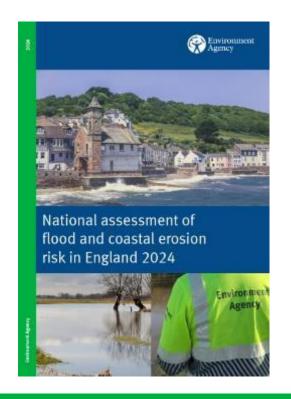
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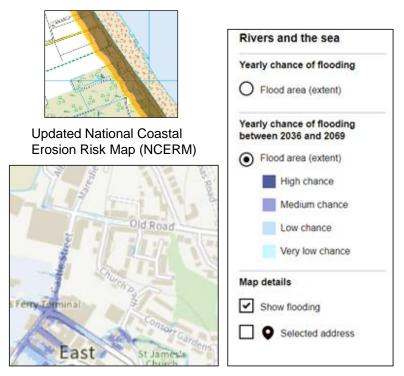
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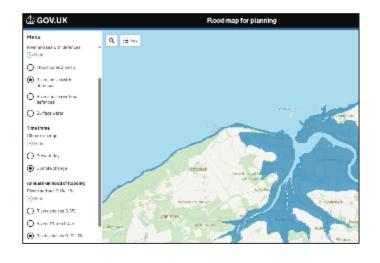
Jon Saner – West Midlands Partnerships & Strategic Overview



How are we making the new information available







We published a report explaining how flood and coastal erosion risk is changing across England and why.

We published the data on GOV.UK and update our digital services
'Check Your Long-Term Flood Risk'

and

'Check coastal erosion risk for an area in England'.

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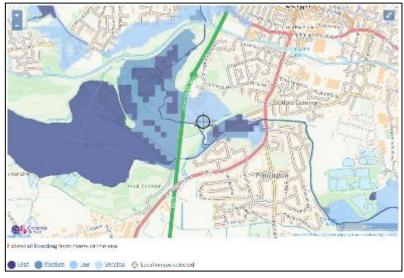
New national flood risk assessment (NaFRA2)

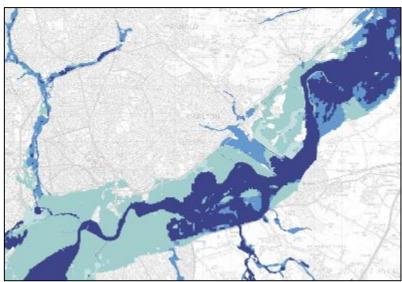
Previous NaFRA:

- No estimates of future flood risk taking into account climate change
- Difficult to update backlog of local updates
- Limited precision and detail
- Inconsistency in national vs local modelling

New NaFRA2:

- Updates all our national flood risk information
- Better and clearer information to help people understand flood risk and take action to build resilience
- Greater consistency
- Greater accuracy and precision
- Greater range of information
- Greater flexibility and efficiency enabling regular updates
- An indication of current and future flood risk to guide investment and development planning





Better methods and input data allow us to produce our data at a much higher resolution

How the data is different



Headlines: All sources of flooding and coastal erosion (England)

Present day risk



are in areas at risk of flooding from at least one of the principal sources: rivers, the sea and surface water (5.5m previously).



are in areas at risk of coastal erosion over the period to 2055 (2,000 previously).

With climate change

properties



could be in areas at risk of flooding from at least one of the principal sources: rivers, the sea and surface water by mid century.



could be in areas at risk of coastal erosion by the end of the century.



Flood risk from rivers and sea

Present day risk



properties in areas at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea – 2.6m previously.



properties in areas at **high** risk of flooding from rivers and the sea - 88% increase.

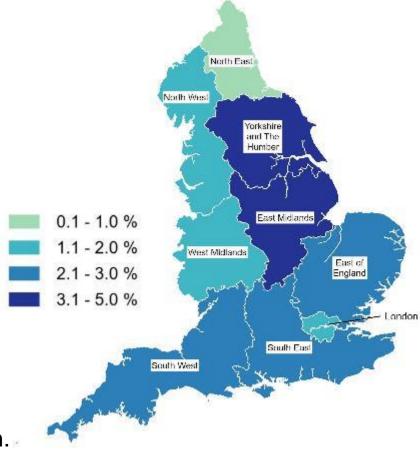


of the total number of properties in areas at **high** or **medium** flood risk are in the East Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber, and South East.



of properties in areas at **high** and **medium** flood risk are in London.

Properties in areas at high/medium risk of flooding from rivers and sea, as a % of total number of properties per region





Flood risk from surface water

Present day risk





properties in areas at risk of flooding from surface water – 43% increase.

1.1 million



properties in areas at **high** risk of flooding from surface water - three fold increase.

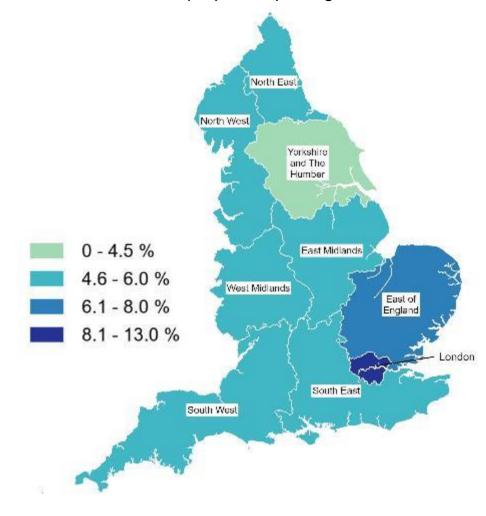


properties in areas at **high** flood risk from surface water flooding are in London.



of the total number of properties in areas at **high** or **medium** flood risk are in the East of England, the North West and the South East.

Properties in areas at high/ medium risk of flooding from surface water, as a % of total number of properties per region





Climate change projections

Rivers and the sea

 With climate change, we estimate that the total number of properties in areas at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea will increase from 2.4m to around 3.1m, a 27% increase between 2036 and 2069.

Surface water

 With climate change, we estimate that the total number of properties in areas at risk of flooding from surface water could increase from 4.6m to 6.1m, a 30% increase between 2040 and 2060.



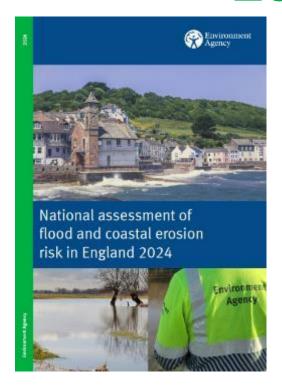


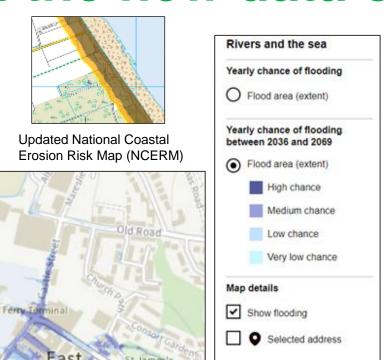


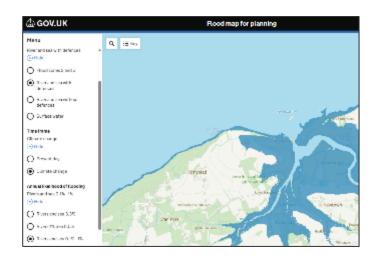
What to do next



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Which service for which audience?



Flood risk information



∰ GOV.UK

Erosion risk information



Check Your Long-Term Flood Risk

For residents and businesses to enable them to understand their risk, make decisions and take actions to prepare.



Flood Map for Planning

For planners, developers and those carrying out flood risk assessments. Help inform decisions about the location and design of development.



Check coastal erosion risk for an area in England, and Shoreline Management Plan Explorer

For planners, developers, practitioners and the public to make short- and long-term planning and investment decisions.



Data services platform: Provides open data access for professional users.

What data is available in each product?



Flood risk information





Erosion risk information



Check Your Long-Term Flood Risk

Rivers and Sea

- Updated maps of flood risk
- Future risk accounting for climate change
- Depth information

Surface water

- Updated maps of flood risk
- Future risk accounting for climate change
- Depth information

Flood Map for Planning

- Updated Flood Zones
- Extents of future flood risk from rivers & sea
- 1 in 30 defended scenario to inform LPA mapping of functional floodplain
- Surface water flood risk extents

Check coastal erosion risk for an area in England, and Shoreline Management Plan Explorer

- Erosion risk areas (polygons) to 2055 and 2105
- Future risk accounting for different coastal management and climate scenarios
- Properties at risk data

Data services platform: Provides open data access for professional users.

Flood Map for Planning: Future improvements

Starting Summer 25

- Improving in priority locations
- Focus on areas where older data is retained or 'holding comments' in place

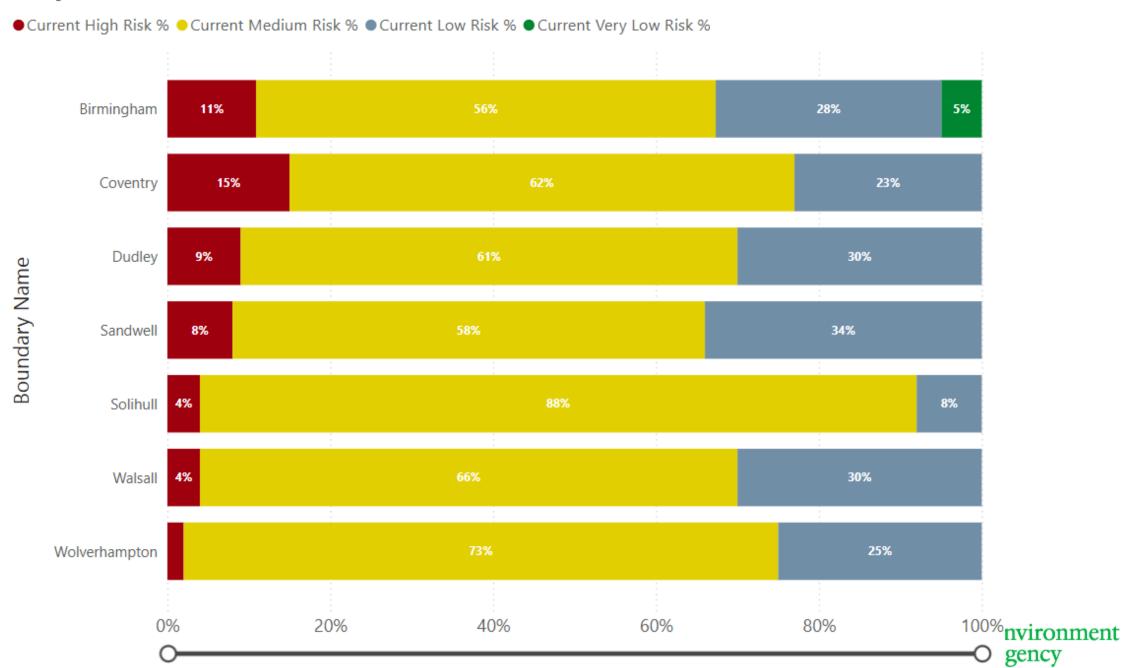
To follow...

- Surface water depths
- Surface water climate change extents
- River/sea depths
- Establish cycle of quarterly updates
- Replacements for retained areas



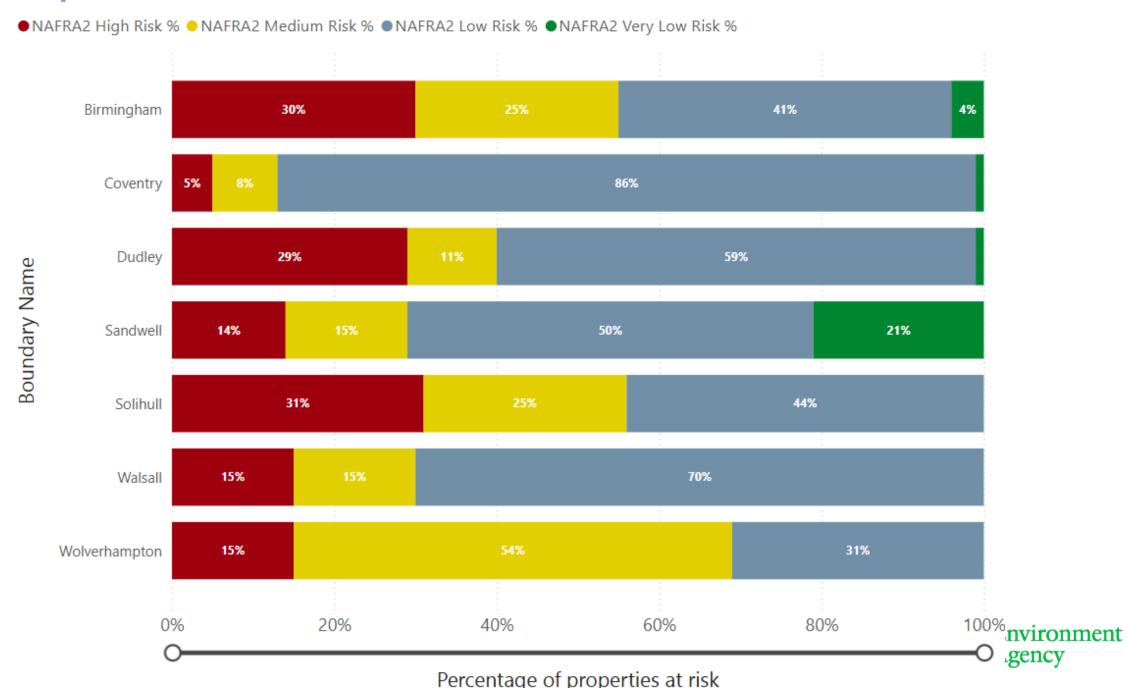


Proportional risk in Current RoFRS



Percentage of properties at risk

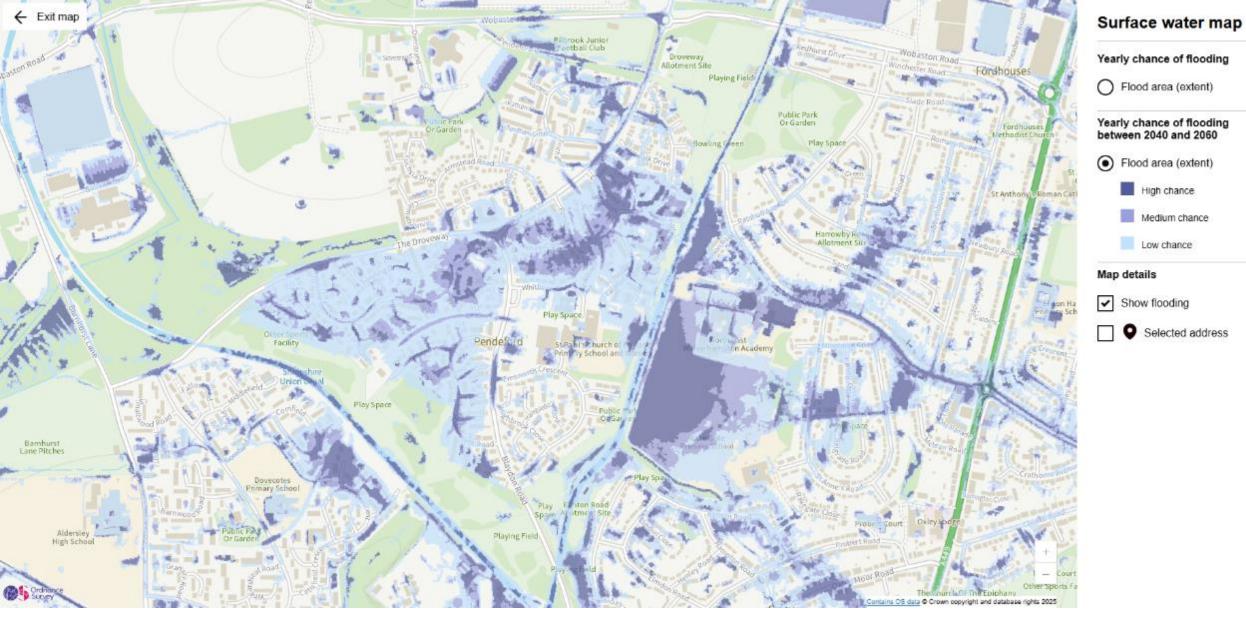
Proportional risk in NAFRA2 RoFRS





Present Day





Climate Change



Rivers and sea supporting data may show inconsistent results. Find out more Get a boundary report □ Edit Q Search iΞ Key Delete **Datasets** Flood zones 2 and 3 River and sea with defences River and sea without Tamwo defences Surface water O None Time frame Present day O Climate change Fazeley Annual likelihood of flooding Rivers and sea 1 in 30 Rivers 1 in 100, Sea 1 in 200 Rivers and sea 1 in 1000 Map features Get summary report Water storage

Present Day- Defences offering high protection



Water storage

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Climate Change - Predicticed impact on defences



Any Questions?







CRVA presentations









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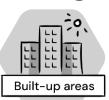




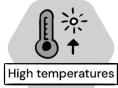


Without addressing these hazards...











... citizens are vulnerable to...



Cardio-vascular diseases



Bacterial and viral infections



Vector-borne diseases



Respiratory diseases



Poorer mental health

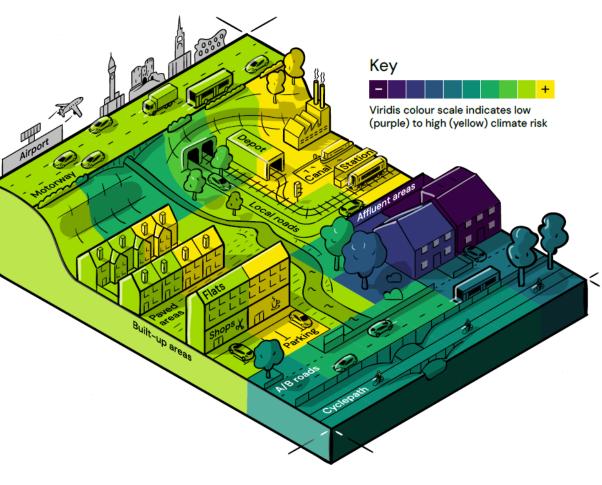


Overheating risk





Loss of income Damage or loss of homes

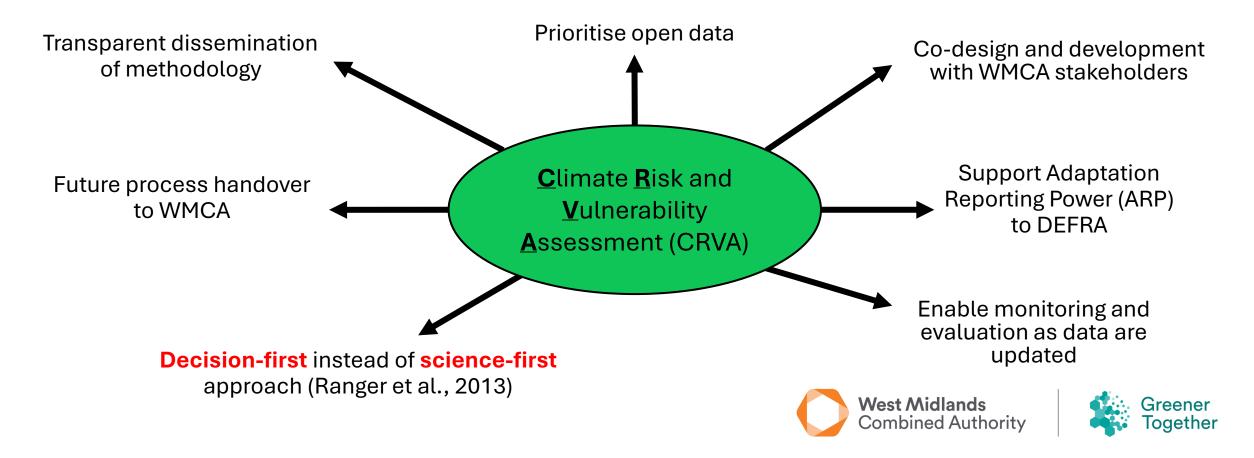




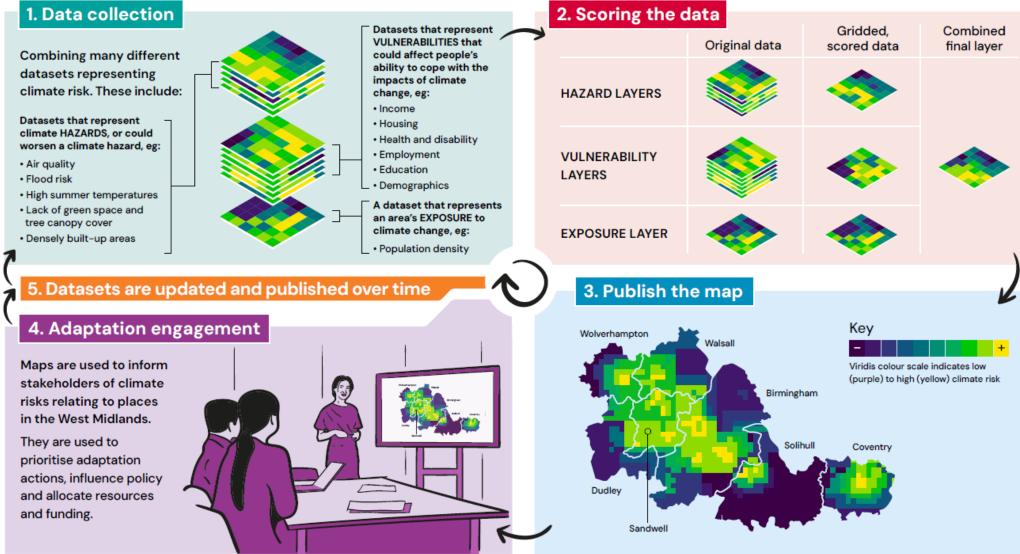




A toolkit that enables practitioners to evaluate the effects of climate change on new or existing developments and infrastructure









A timeline of CRVA activity in the West Midlands...

Oct 2022

Development of CRVA for Birmingham begins

Oct 2023

Development of CRVAs for WMCA begins; BCC publish Birmingham CRVA

Oct 2024

Built Environment CRVA methodology for West Midlands first published

Feb 2025

Transport CRVA methodology for West Midlands first published

Jun 2025

Today's RAN, engaging to enhance CRVAs further!

Jun 2023

CRVA methodology for Birmingham first published

Mar 2024

WMCA Citizen's Panel on CRVA

Dec 2024

WMCA publish Built Environment CRVA; WM-Adapt project begins

Mar 2025

TfWM publish demo Transport CRVA







Workstream Two of the WM-Adapt Project:

Develop exciting new capabilities for mapping climate risk and vulnerability

Model current and future regional urban temperature



Dr Jian Zhong



Dr Jenny Stocker



Yanzhi Lu

Model current and future regional surface water flooding



Dr Xilin Xia



Dr Qian Li

Develop regional health burden layers associated with climate risk



Dr Suzanne Bartington



Dr James Hall



Shi Chang

Develop regional economic impact layers associated with climate risk



Dr Sarah Greenham

Urban temperature (urban heat island) risk

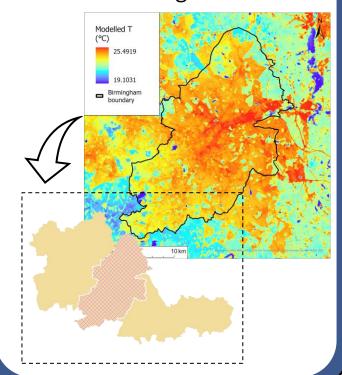


Model Validation

- Set the model up for Birmingham 2019
 - o Thermal admittance
 - Surface resistance to evaporation
 - Albedo
- Model run & evaluation by measured temperature
 - Weather station network
 - Land surface temperature from Landsat
- Revise model set-up based on model performance
- Sensitivity testing to input parameter revising

Model Expansion

- Generate consistent model inputs for West Midlands
- UHI modelling for WM



Future Scenario Modelling



Urbanization/ Land use change



Greening



Climate change

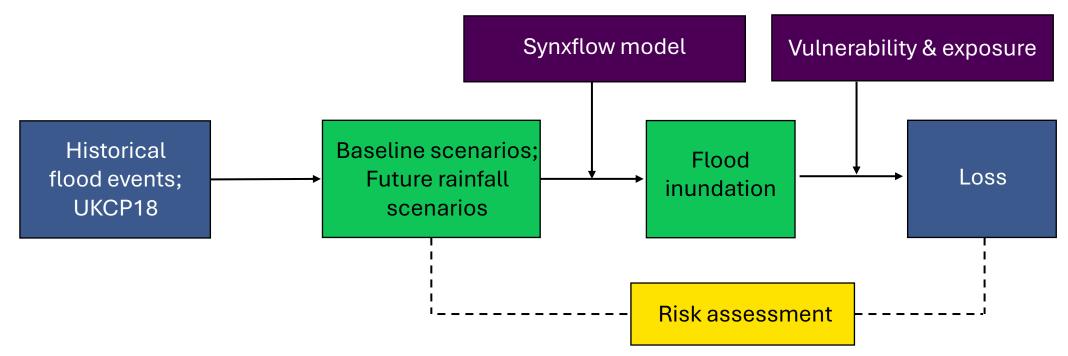


Anthropogenic heat emissions

Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Surface water (pluvial) flood risk

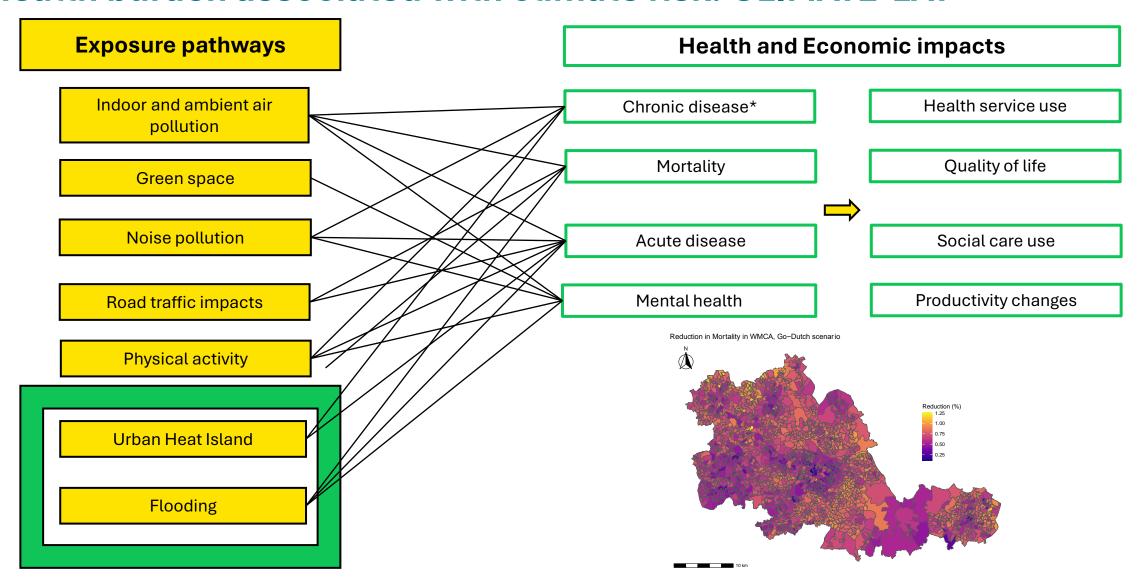


- We will develop different scenarios and simulate them:
 - **A baseline scenario**: extremely severe flood events (26th Sep 2024), as well as flood events with moderate/mild rainfall intensity
 - Future scenarios: rainfall scenarios using future climate projections from UKCP18
- Consider adaptation measurements (green infrastructure)
- Look at how to integrate vulnerability & exposure into the CRVA



Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Health burden associated with climate risk: CLIMATE-LAT

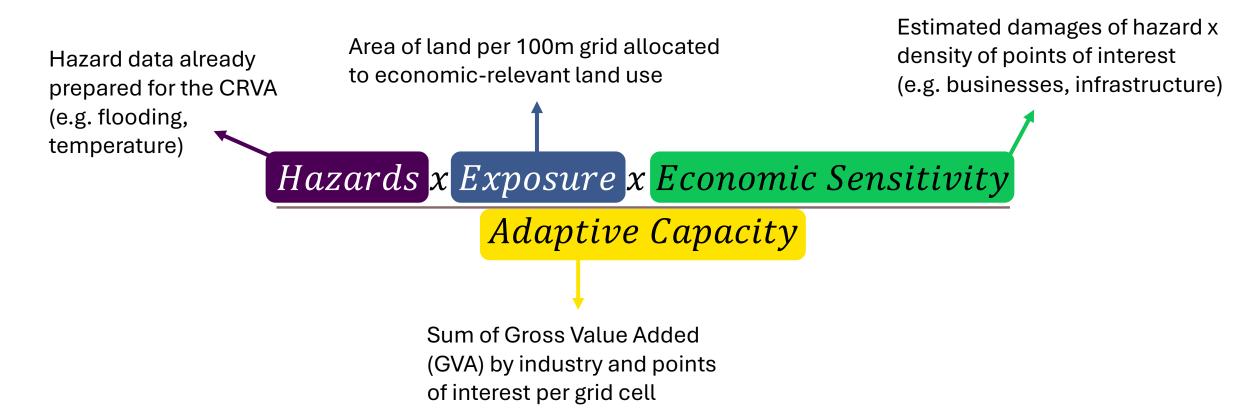




Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Economic impact associated with climate risk



- We have a proposed method that pulls information from lots of other datasets:
 - Multiplication of data on climate hazards, area covered by businesses and their density
 - Divided by Gross Value added (GVA) the area's relative wealth and ability to recover



Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment We come with questions for the RAN!



Urban temperature (urban heat island) risk

- 1. What current and future temperature scenarios would be most useful for the region?
- 2. What **policies, strategies, or information** on urban greenery planning are you aware of across the region that we can review to help us model future urban greening scenarios?
- 3. Do you have data on human-induced heat emissions (e.g. industry, transport) and temperature monitoring?

Surface water (pluvial) flood risk

- 1. Do you have any **photos of flooding** from 26th September 2024 (or even other similar flood events) that we could use for model validation? We would need to know the location where it was taken.
- 2. What green infrastructure might be most useful to improve urban climate resilience?
- 3. What **flooding information** would you like to see presented in the next development of the CRVA?

Health burden associated with climate change

- 1. What statistics on health matter the most regarding climate change?
- 2. What **health impacts are important**? Usually we focus on chronic diseases, what about communicable diseases?
- 3. Should we distinguish between **short-term** (single event) and long-term (climate) health impacts?

Economic impacts associated with climate change

- 1. Do you think the **proposed method captures economic impacts** well? Is there anything to change or add?
- 2. Do you have any **spatial data on businesses** across the region, or on GDP/GVA?
- 3. Given the cost of wind damage, **should be consider a layer on wind risk** in the CRVA?



Breakout discussion

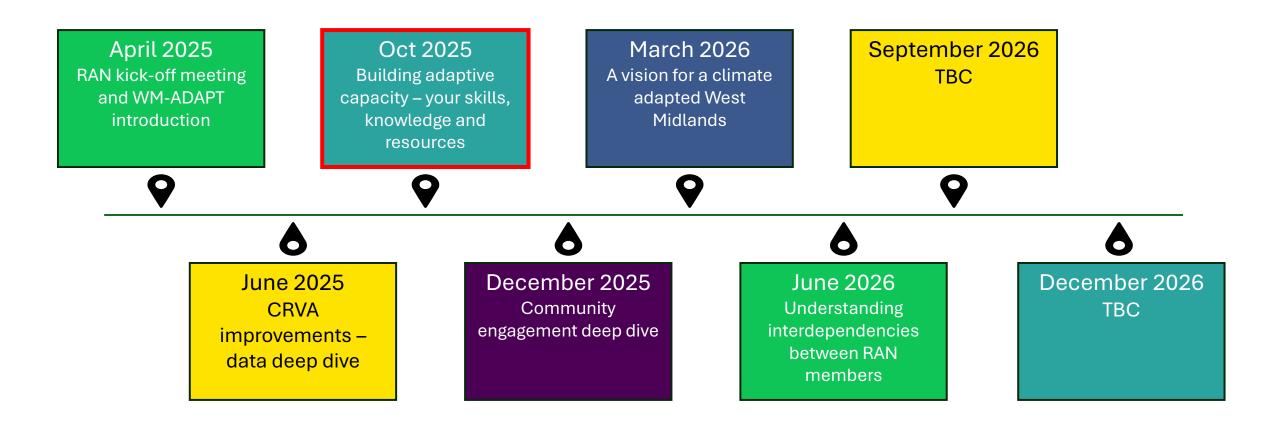
You will be discussing data enhancements on:

- 1. Urban temperatures
- 2. Surface water flooding
- 3. Health impacts of climate change
- 4. Economic impacts of climate change





What's coming up?







Any other business

- Feedback on today's meeting
- Expect a Terms of Reference

Next meeting: Thursday 9th October, 13:00-15:00

- Understanding your adaptive capabilities, skills and knowledge
- Sign up to the RAN's October meeting

Climate Adaptation Literacy Course

- West Midlands specific
- > 3 modules of self-led content
- Upskill on climate risks and adaptation options
- > CPD accredited upon assessment
- No cost
- Available here: West Midlands Climate Adaptation Literacy Training



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