

Working as a Senior Flood Risk Officer



Where will I be working?

The role is hybrid so you will work between home, the main office at New Shire Hall in Alconbury Weald and at various locations across Cambridgeshire depending on what you are working on at the time. For example you could be hosting a flood resilience event at a local library one day, visiting a property owner another day or working in the office with colleagues. You will need a good level of computer skills and IT literacy including the main elements of Microsoft Office 365 and when working at home you will need a good broadband connection to accommodate video calls.

Will I need to travel?

Our work is located across Cambridgeshire so you must either hold a full and current driving licence and have access to personal transport or meet the mobility requirements of the role through other reasonable and suitable means. The Council offers a pool car service with cars based at the main offices throughout Cambridgeshire. This means that cars can be booked and used for site visits and meetings



What are the benefits of working at Cambridgeshire County Council?

We offer colleagues flexible working options including hybrid working, nine-day fortnights and compressed hours. The Local Government Pension Scheme is often viewed as one of the most valuable financial rewards of your job providing you with a secure, Government backed, guaranteed income, when you retire. Our Cambs Rewards, an online portal to access a wide range of employee discounts, a car lease scheme, cycle to work scheme, Pure Gym free day passes and discount on some gym memberships.

Whilst there isn't such a thing as a typical week as a Senior Flood Risk Officer, in general terms you will be involved in a broad range of activities and provided you deliver work to the required quality and timeliness standards, when and how you work is largely up to you. Here's a couple of examples of how a week might look in your role.

Day 1

Meet virtually with the team at our weekly catch-up and plan your site visits for the coming days and weeks. Consider where you are visiting and how this may relate to other work the team is undertaking. Is there flooding in the same place as a live planning application? Is there any important information in relation to flooding that you need to consider before you visit the landowners? What is the history of flooding in this area? Plan your whereabouts and prepare for the meetings.



Day 2

Site visits. Travel to the sites to meet with landowners or homeowners and put your evidence into context. Are there simple steps that can be taken to resolve the flooding issue or will it warrant further investigation and involvement with other organisation/teams? Explain any issues to whoever you are meeting and take the opportunity to explore the local area for other factors that may be influencing the flooding. Make a note of key findings and what further actions need to be taken



Days 3-4

Work in the office with colleagues or at home. Take any necessary steps to resolve the flooding issues identified during your site visits. This could include researching landowners, contacting other teams to arrange meetings, initiating formal action through writing and issuing letters to landowners or writing up formal flood investigation reports.

