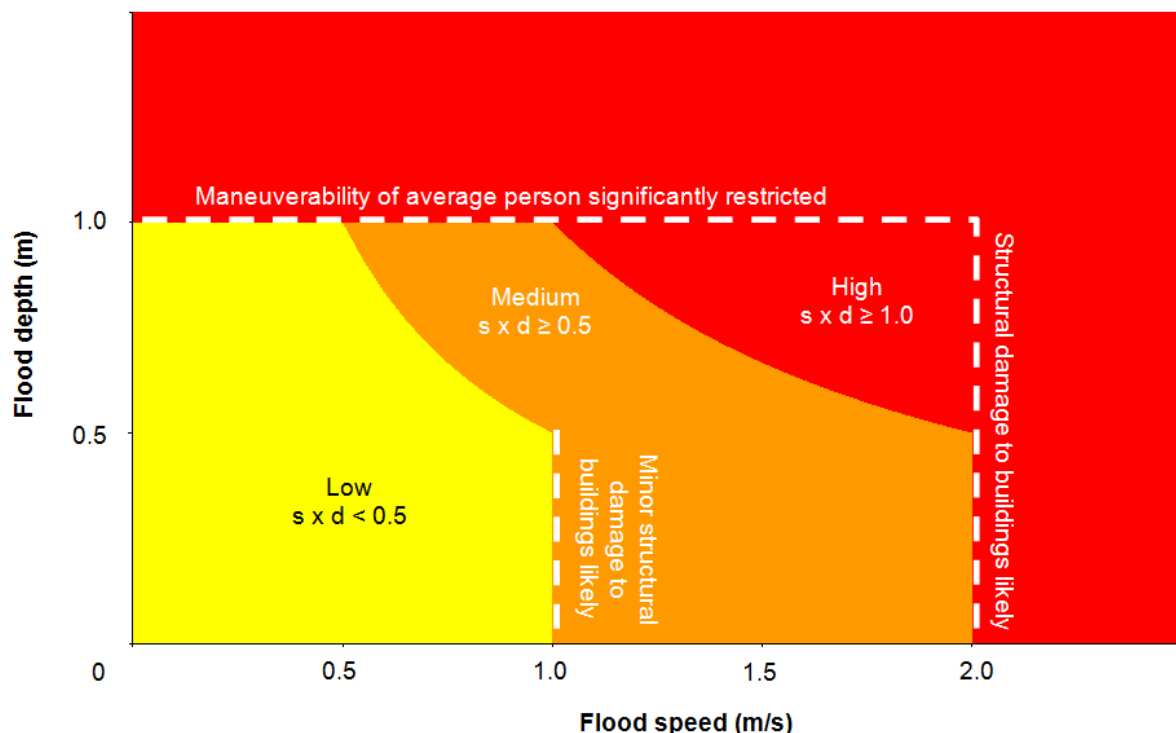


Waikato Regional Council River Flood Hazard Classification (Environment Waikato, 2008)

Category	Impact on people	Damage to property
Low	The combined depth and speed of floodwaters are unlikely to impede the manoeuvrability or stability of the average person.	Damage to property is likely to be non-structural and mainly due to inundation and deposition of sediment.
Medium	The combined depth and speed of floodwaters are likely to start to impede the manoeuvrability or stability of the average person.	Damage to property is unlikely to be structural provided that weak points such as windows and doors are retained above flood level.
High	The combined depth and speed of floodwaters are likely to significantly impede the manoeuvrability or stability of the average person.	Damage to property is likely to be widespread and structural, including instances where buildings have been raised above the 'flood level'.
Defended	This flood hazard category identifies land that is within an identified river flood hazard area but has been subsequently included in a flood protection scheme that is managed and maintained by Environment Waikato.	

Description of river flood hazard categories (



River flood hazard classification matrix (Environment Waikato, 2008).

Reference: Environment Waikato. 2008b: Karaka Stream river flood hazard assessment. Environment Waikato Technical Report April 2008 (Doc # 11301821).