

Background



Environment
Agency



Catford Bridge train station, 1968

Flooding from the River Ravensbourne has been recorded in the Lewisham and Catford area since 1809. The last major flood was in September 1968 when several hundred homes and businesses were flooded. Less severe river flooding was also recorded in 1977, 1992 and 1993.

Approximately **1,400** homes and businesses are located within the floodplain of the River Ravensbourne and Honor Oak Stream between Catford and Lewisham. Of these, approximately **400** homes and **280** businesses are at 'high' or 'medium' risk of river flooding. If nothing is done, climate change will increase the number of properties affected.

Risk of flooding

High: each year, this area has a chance of flooding of greater than 1 in 30 (3.3%).

Medium: each year, this area has a chance of flooding of between 1 in 100 (1%) and 1 in 30 (3.3%).

Low: each year, this area has a chance of flooding of between 1 in 1000 (0.1%) and 1 in 100 (1%).

Loampit Vale, 1992