



# The background to the National Risk Register and how it will increase community safety and effective business continuity

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# The Future - National Security Strategy

## Flu planning

- Quality checking and testing of plans during 2008

## CCA Review

## Better flood management

## Publish National Risk Register

## Community resilience

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The National Security  
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United Kingdom  
Security in an interdependent world



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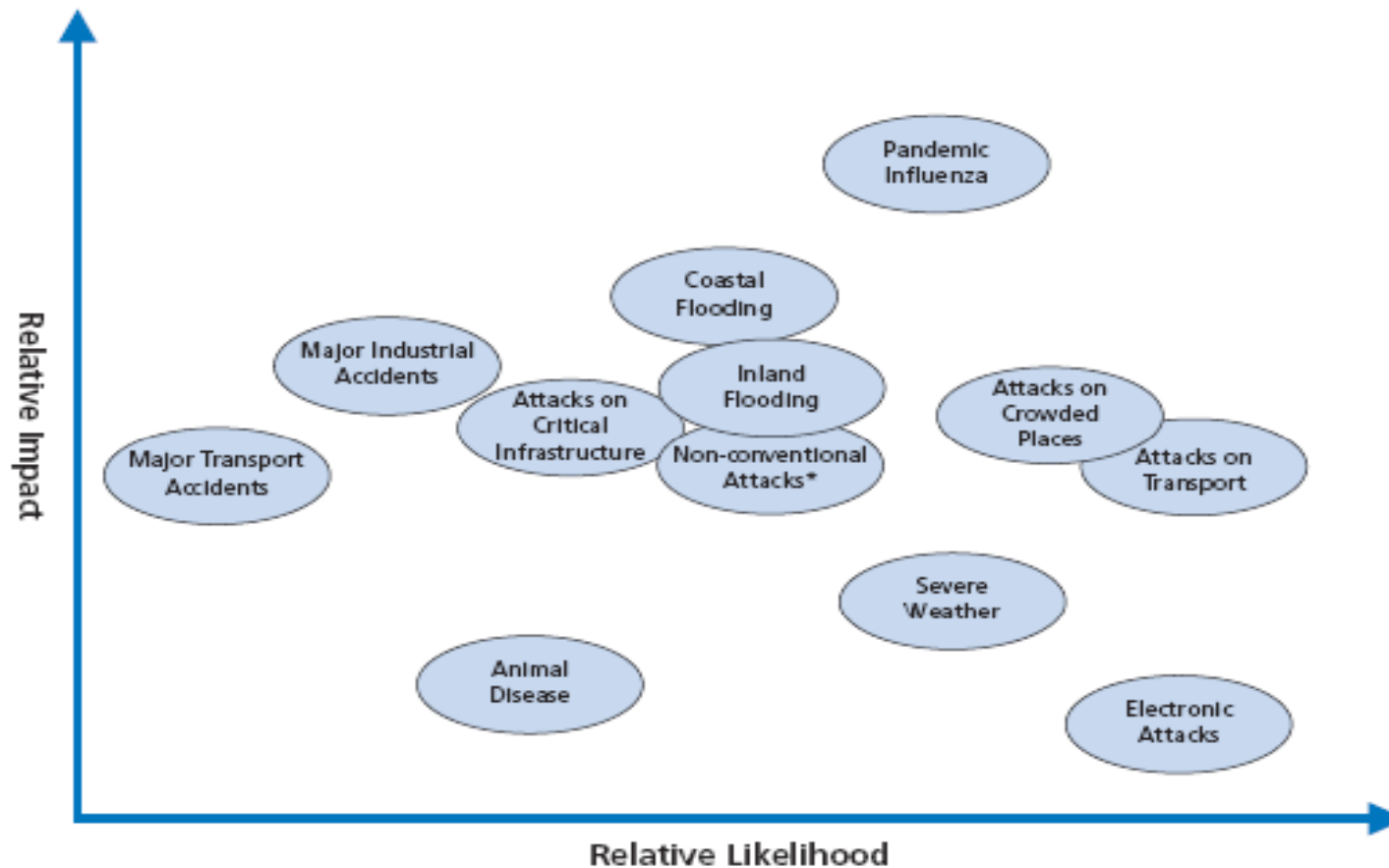
# National Risk Register

- Provides the public with information about the kind of risks the UK could face from natural events, accidents & malicious attacks in the medium term, thereby encouraging debate on security matters
- Includes details of what the Government and emergency services are doing to prepare for emergencies
- Provides advice on how organisations, individuals, families and communities might better prepare for major emergencies thereby helping to improve the UK's resilience



# National Risk Register

Figure 1: An illustration of the high consequence risks facing the United Kingdom



\* The use of some chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials has the potential to have very serious and widespread consequences. An example would be the use of a nuclear device. There is no historical precedent for this type of terrorist attack which is excluded from the non-conventional grouping on the diagram.



# Community Resilience

- The response to and recovery from most major emergencies will generally be more effective if citizens & communities act in support of the ‘blue light’ services
- Communities are ready to help each other
  - Not all
  - But enough to make this a concept worth pursuing
  - Indeed, it’s already happening
- Community resilience must go with the grain of existing citizen engagement initiatives
- Community resilience should be done *by* people (with support from practitioners), not *to* people



# Four Design Features

- The 'communities' involved are small - the strength of the concept
  - Village
  - Ward
- Activity should be targeted on the risks people perceive as being most likely to affect them, their family & their friends.
- The best tasks for community action are the obvious ones:
  - Immediate action
  - Resources – shelter; generators; chainsaws; 4 x 4s
  - Helping others, especially the vulnerable
- Central Government should enable & no more, providing:
  - Information
  - Resources





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