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Dear Sir/Madam,

Draft Local Plan 2013 - 2033: Local Development Plan for Brentwood Borough

Plainview Planning has been instructed by Punch Taverns plc, the owners of the land at Spital Lane, Brentwood, to submit representations on the Draft Local Plan for Brentwood Borough.

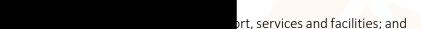
Our client wishes to put forward the land at Spital Lane, Brentwood, see enclosed plan, as a potential residential site allocation. The site extends to 0.25 ha and has potential for in excess of 10 dwellings.

Policy 5.1: Spatial Strategy

Our client strongly supports the principle of focusing new development on land within the Borough's transport corridors, especially at Brentwood and Shenfield.

our client also supports the release of Green Belt sites for development within the transport corridors, provided that:

they have clear defensible physical boundaries to avoid further



- they would have no significant impact on the Green Belt, visual amenity, heritage, transport and environmental quality including landscape, wildlife, flood-risk, air and water pollution; and
- they are deliverable over the plan period.

The supporting text emphasises that Brentwood is considered a sustainable location has excellent transport links, access to jobs and services and town centre facilities are in the wider Brentwood Urban Area would underpin the viability of the town ce opportunities for development where access to services and jobs is greatest (Par supporting text also emphasises that Brentwood offers the most scope for development and that urban extensions into Green Belt are proposed in specific locations with clear physical defensible boundaries and accessible to local services and transport links (Paragraph 5.27).

Land at Spital Lane, Brentwood has not be identified as a housing allocation, yet it fulfils each of the policy requirements set out in Policy 5.1 i.e. it is located within an identified transport corridor, has a clear defensible physical boundary. Indeed it shares many of the same characteristics as the two Brentwood sites that have been allocated at Honeypot Lane and Nags Head Lane.

We will discuss the merits of land at Spital Lane and compare it with these allocated sites under our comments to Policy 7.4.

Policy 5.2: Housing Growth

Policy 5.2 sets out a requirement for 7,240 new residential dwellings to be built in the Borough over the Plan period 2013-2033 at an annual average rate of 362 dwellings per year.

Our client considers it essential that the policy makes it clear that these figures as expressed as a minimum and do not represent a ceiling to housing growth.

residential development sites.

Our client objects to the over reliance of windfall sites. The cited number of windfall sites is significant and has not been fully justified by the Council. It is accepted that if a local planning authority has a listes may be made, but in the case of Brentwood cownfield land and as a result the number of windfall

sites would be significantly reduced compared with the 'historic rate' that relies upon a period without an up to date local plan and where the housing target was suppressed.

Instead of the over reliance upon windfall sites, it is our client's view that the Council should include more Greenfield urban extensions in the Green Belt, such as land at Spital Lane, where they fulfil each

of the policy requirements set out in Policy 5.1 i.e. are located within an identified and have a clear defensible physical boundary.

Policy 7.4: Housing Land Allocations

Our client objects to the exclusion of Spital Lane, Brentwood from the residential allocations.

This policy sets out the sites with a potential capacity for 10 or more hor allocations for residential development over the Plan period 2013-2033. This list includes two Brentwood sites, land at Honeypot Lane and land at Nags Head Lane that are both in close proximity to Spital Lane and have many similar characteristics to Spital Lane.

It is stated that the Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA, 2010) has provided the starting point for considering sites as part of the plan making process (Paragraph 7.28). It is surprising and unjust that the land at Spital Lane has been excluded as a site allocation, as the SHLAA assessment of this site states that it is suitable, available and achievable. Furthermore it is stated as being deliverable within a 0 to 5 year time period.

There is no clear reasoning why this site has been excluded, whilst the comparable sites at Honeypot Lane and land at Nags Head Lane have been included as residential allocations. The following table provides a comparative summary of the three sites from the information provided in the SHLAA.

Site Name	Land adiacent 50 Spital	Land at Honeypot Lane	Land at Nags Head Lane
		G007	G087
Site Area	U.03 Na	10.9 ha	5.8 ha
Density	Medium	Medium	Medium
Proposed land use	Housing	Housing	Housing
Dwelling capacity	10	325	174
		ood Land & Estates ent option on land) ultural fields	Mr A Johnson and Mr W Johnson Paddock
Sancasio	used as a paddock for a small number of ponies. The site, located within a predominantly residential area, is considered to be suitable for residential development.	The site comprises agricultural fields. The site would be suitable for development and would represent a good infill development. The site also lies in close proximity to public transport nodes,	Yes. The site comprises a paddock. The site would be suitable for residential development as it is located on the edge of the Brentwood built area, and therefore bounded on one side by residential

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		facilities and services. The development of the site would also be contained by the railway and A12 therefore development would not protrude into the open countryside	developm Developm a minima the open The site is proximity on the London Road, which is served by public
Available	There is no evidence to suggest that this site is not available and the current use could be relocated easily.	Yes. The site is readily available for development	Y∉ for residential development.
Achievable	Yes. The site is within an attractive residential location. However, mitigation would be required to buffer the noise from the A12 and this may detract from the achievability of the site. Contamination at the site is currently unknown. Connection costs to infrastructure and services is likely to be relatively low due to the existing surrounding land use. Due to its size this site is likely to come forward via a medium	Yes. The site is adjacent to an existing attractive residential development and is a large site, which would aid the sites achievability. However, consideration would need to be given to a buffer / screening as the site is bounded by the A12 to the west, although due to the size of the site this is unlikely to be too detrimental to the site's development. Cost of connection to infrastructure and services would be in line with what would be expected for a site of this size, as would any developer contributions required for the site. This site would be brought forward by a national house builder or a prtium	Yes. The site is within an attractive residential area. A buffer from the railway would need to be considered but due to the size of the site this should not pose a major constraint to the viability of the site. The cost of connection to infrastructure and services is expected to be in line with any site of this size, this also applies to any developer contributions which will apply to this site. Due to the size of the site it is expected that the site will be brought forward by a national house builder.
		lings 5 years = 125 dwellings	

By way of an update, the land at Spital Lane has a site area of 0.25ha, otherwise this information is correct.

Given the conclusions of the SHLAA, it is our view that land at Spital Lane was wro residential allocation and should be included in addition to the sites at Honeypot La Lane. We respectively request that this land be removed from the Green Belt an residential allocation.

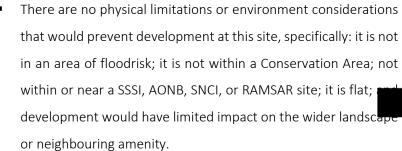
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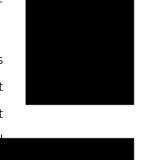
- The site is located within an established suburban part of the Brentwood urban area.
- The land at Spital Lane is currently being used as a very small paddock, containing just a single horse for hobby purposes and is currently being rented at a peppercorn rent. It has no other equestrian facilities and does not benefit from stables or a ménage. There is no long-term prospect that this use would continue.
- The site is located within the Brentwood Transport Corridor and is well related to the services and facilities of Brentwood.
- The A12 acts a defensible boundary between the countryside and the urban area of Brentwood. Our client's land constitutes the small open land on the Brentwood side of the A12. The land at Spital Lane relates well to this suburban area and has no ne wider countryside beyond the A12.
- There is no public access across this land and it makes no meaningful contribution to the amenity of the surrounding area.
- Given the site's characteristics it is clear that it does not fulfil any
 of the five purposes of the Green Belt as set out in the NPPF i.e.

eck urban sprawl, prevent of Brentwood, encourage

regeneration or sareguard the countryside. By contrast, Spital Lane is part of an established suburban area at the southwestern part of Brentwood and is well located to Brook Street, which provides direct access to Brentwood Town Centre and the

M25. The site is separated from the wider Green Belt area by the presence of the A12.





- There are no legal or ownership constraints to development.
- The development of the site is viable, and there are no costs, market or delivery factors that may prevent the site coming forward in the next five years.
- The site is available and deliverable within the 0 to 5 time period.

Whilst the SHLAA states that this has a capacity of 10 dwellings, it is our view that the potential capacity is much greater and could extend to 22 deliverable dwellings in the 0 to 5 year time period.

We consider that this site represents an excellent opportunity to deliver <u>up to</u> 22 dwellings within an existing suburban location at the edge of Brentwood and could form an important component of the 5-year land supply as it has few constraints and could be delivered quickly. We therefore request that the Council includes this site as a residential allocation in the Local Plan for Brentwood Borough.



The site at Spital Lane was considered within the Sustainability Appraisal (February 2016) under the reference '035A Land adjacent 50 Spital Lane, Brentwood'. However this assessment made a critical error area in respect to the flood risk of the site, where it states that more than 10% of the site intersects

a flood risk zone. This conclusion is wrong

ood Risk Assessment' (FRA), which is enclosed with

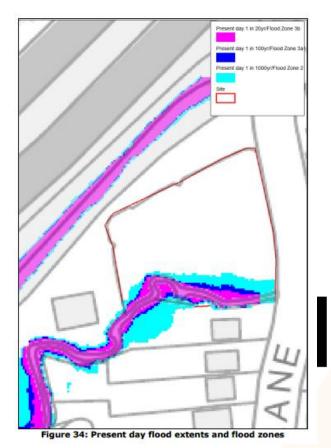
this representation. This FRA sought to:

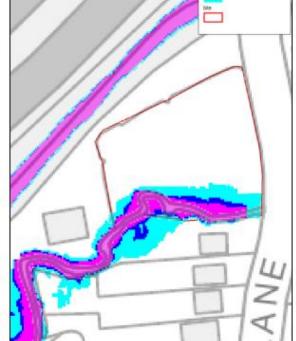
 Estimate the fluvial flood flows within the adjacent watercourse using appropriate and up-to-date Flood Estimation Handbook methods for a range of return period events.

- Develop an InfoWorks flood model of the watercourse to determine the likely extent, depth and velocity of the floodwater.
- Determine the extents of the NPPF and NPPF Technical Guidance
 Flood Zones across the site together with depths of floodwater and hazard.

The FRA mapped the flood zones onto the OS map using the flood extent export function within the InfoWorks software and MapInfo software. Figures 34 and 35 of the FRA indicate that the site is located mainly within the Flood Zone 1. According to the NPPF, all uses of land are appropriate within Flood Zone 1.

The FRA found that whilst there is some fluvial flooding across parts of the site during all modelled return period events, approximately 91% of the site is located within the Flood Zone 1, see images below taken from Figures 34 and 35 of the FRA. The Sustainability Appraisal claims that more than 10% of the site intersects a flood risk zone, which is clearly incorrect.





Given the characteristics of the site, the site boundary could reasonably be redrawn developable area within Flood Zone 1. This would still leave a developable area of 0.2 capacity in excess of 10 dwellings and potentially <u>up to</u> 22 dwellings.



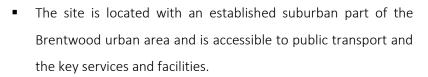
Other than flood risk, which has been shown to be an incorrect assessment, the Sustainability Appraisal only raised access to health and community facilities as a negative for the Spital Lane site. In respect to these matters, it is important to point out that all the other residential allocations had a negative assessment in respect to health and the Nags Head Lane allocation also had a negative assessment in

The Sustainability Appraisal has made an incorrect assessment of the land at Spital Lane and in light of the new flood risk evidence submitted with this representation, we respectively request that this site at Spital Lane be reconsidered as a residential allocation.

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e. In light of this, we respectively request that this site be reconsidered as a residential allocation as:

 It is consistent with the Policy 5.1 of the Draft Local Plan for Brentwood Borough, which relates to the spatial strategy.





- The site has a clear defensible physical boundary. The A12 acts a defensible boundary to the wider countryside.
- Development of this site would have no significant impact on Green Belt, visual amenity, heritage, transport and environmental quality including landscape, wildlife, flood risk, air and water pollution.
- Land at Spital Lane shares many of the same characteristics as the two Brentwood sites that have been allocated at Honeypot Lane and Nags Head Lane.
- Land at Spital Lane is deliverable in the 0 to 5 year timeframe.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any questions in respect to Land at Spital Lane or any comments of the comments raised in this representation.

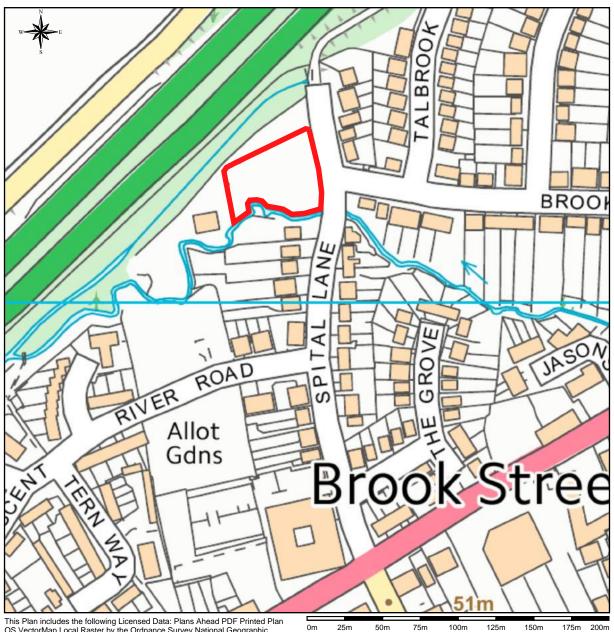
Yours faithfully,



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Land at Spital Lane, Brentwood, CM14 5PG



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PROPOSED SITE OFF SPITAL LANE, BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

FLOOD MODELLING AND FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

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CONTRACT

Evans Rivers and Coastal Ltd has been commissioned by Greensand Asset Management Ltd, to carry out a flood risk/modelling assessment for a proposed site off Spital Lane, Brentwood, Essex.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Scope

- 1.1.1 Evans Rivers and Coastal Ltd has been commissioned by Greensand Asset Management Ltd, to carry out a flood risk/modelling assessment for a proposed site off Spital Lane, Brentwood, Essex.
- 1.1.2 Specifically, this assessment intends to:
 - a) Estimate the fluvial flood flows within the adjacent watercourse using appropriate and up-to-date Flood Estimation Handbook methods for a range of return period events.
 - b) Develop an InfoWorks flood model of the watercourse to determine the likely extent, depth and velocity of the floodwater.
 - c) Carry out a sensitivity analysis;
 - d) Determine the extents of the NPPF and NPPF Technical Guidance Flood Zones across the site together with depths of floodwater and hazard;
 - e) Assess the risks to people and property and propose mitigation measures accordingly;
 - f) Review existing evacuation and warning procedures for the area;
 - g) Carry out an appraisal of flood risk from any other sources such as groundwater as required by NPPF and NPPF Technical Guidance;
 - h) Report findings.
- 1.1.3 This assessment is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and associated Technical Guidance, both produced by Communities and Local Government, March 2012. Other documents which have been consulted include:
 - DEFRA/EA document entitled *Framework and guidance for assessing and managing flood risk for new development Phase 2 (FD2320/TR2)*, 2005;
 - Science Report (SC050050/SR) entitled *Improving the FEH statistical procedures* for flood frequency estimation, carried out by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and published in 2008 by DEFRA and the EA.
 - EA guidance document entitled *Flood Estimation Guidelines Operational Instruction (197_08)* dated June 2012.
 - DEFRA/EA document entitled *Estimating flood peaks and hydrographs for small catchments: Phase 1 (SC090031)* dated May 2012.
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 - EA Supplementary Note on Flood Hazard Ratings and Thresholds for Development Planning and Control Purpose, 2008;

- Communities and Local Government 2007. *Improving the Flood Performance of New Buildings*. HMSO.
- EA Supplementary Note on Flood Hazard Ratings and Thresholds for Development Planning and Control Purpose, 2008;
- National Planning Practice Guidance Flood Risk and Coastal Change.
- Essex County Council Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment dated 2011 (PFRA).
- Brentwood Borough Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment dated 2011 (SFRA).
- Essex County Council Surface Water Management Plan for Brentwood dated 2015 (SWMP).
- Essex County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) dated 2013.

2. DATA COLLECTION

- 2.1 To assist with this report, the data collected included:
 - Ordnance Survey 1:10,000 street view map (Evans Rivers and Coastal Ltd OS licence number 100049458).
 - Filtered LIDAR data at 1m resolution covering the site and surrounding area obtained via Promap.
 - Topographical survey of the site and watercourse carried out by Survey Solutions Ltd (Drawing Numbers GAM_SLB_01A, GAM_SLB_02A and GAM_SLB_03A).
 - 1:250,000 Soil Map of Eastern England (Sheet 4) published by Cranfield University and Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983.
 - 1:625,000 *Hydrogeological Map of England and Wales*, published in 1977 by the Institute of Geological Sciences (now the British Geological Survey).
 - 1:125,000 *Hydrogeological Map of Southern East Anglia* published in 1981 by the Institute of Geological Sciences (now the British Geological Survey).
 - British Geological Survey, *Groundwater Flooding Susceptibility Map* (obtained via Promap).
 - British Geological Survey, Online Geology Viewer.
 - Essex County Council Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment dated 2011 (PFRA).
 - Brentwood Borough Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment dated 2011 (SFRA).
 - Essex County Council Surface Water Management Plan for Brentwood dated 2015 (SWMP).
- 2.2 All third party data used in this study has been checked and verified prior to use in accordance with Evans Rivers and Coastal Ltd Quality Assurance procedures.

3. SITE CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Existing Site Characteristics and Location

3.1.1 The site is located off Spital Lane, Brentwood, Essex. The approximate Ordnance Survey (OS) grid reference for the site is 557592 193081 and the location of the site is shown on Figure 1.

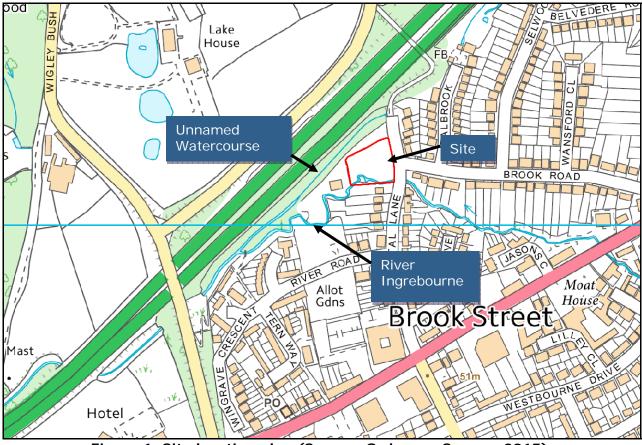


Figure 1: Site location plan (Source: Ordnance Survey, 2015)

- 3.1.2 The site is square in shape and covers an area of approximately 0.29 ha. The site currently comprises undeveloped land covered with height-varying grass, trees and other vegetation.
- 3.1.3 The northern and western frontages of the site are bounded by woodland and the eastern frontage is bounded by Spital Lane from which access onto the site is achieved. The River Ingrebourne flows in a westerly direction adjacent to the southern frontage of the site and a tributary of the river (known as Unnamed watercourse in this report) flows in a south westerly direction within the vicinity of the northern frontage of the site.
- 3.1.4 A GPS topographical survey has been carried out by BB Surveys Ltd and can be seen on Drawing Numbers GAM_SLB_01A, GAM_SLB_02A and GAM_SLB_03A. Ground levels are in metres above Ordnance Datum (m AOD). By reviewing the topographical survey, it can be seen that ground levels across the site fall in south westerly direction towards the River Ingrebourne. It is important to note that some parts of the site and watercourses were not surveyed due to access difficulties caused by very heavily overgrown vegetation.

3.1.5 Filtered LIDAR data at 1m resolution was obtained to supplement areas outside of the topographical survey extents and where access was difficult either due to third party land or heavily overgrown areas. The variation of ground levels across the wider area can be seen on Figure 2, where higher ground is represented by red and orange colours and lower areas are denoted by blue colours. Section 7.2 discusses how the ground model was developed further using the topographical survey.



Figure 2: Ground level variation across the study area and OS map using LIDAR data (Source: Promap 2015)



Figure 3: View of the site (Source: BB Surveys dated August 2015)

3.2 Site Proposals

3.2.1 It is understood that the site proposals are indicative at this stage, however, it is the Client's intention to develop the site with residential dwellings. For the purposes of this report it is assumed that the dwellings will be two-storey and will be served via an access road from Spital Lane.

4. BASELINE INFORMATION

4.1 Environment Agency Flood Zone Map

- 4.1.1 The Environment Agency's Flood Zone Map (Figure 4) shows that the site is located within the NPPF defined Flood Zones 3, 2 and 1.
- 4.1.2 The Flood Zone 3 is divided into two sub-categories, the Flood Zone 3a and Flood Zone 3b. The extent of the Flood Zone 3a 'High Probability' is defined as the 1 in 100 year return period fluvial event in this case.
- 4.1.3 The maps do not show the extent of the functional floodplain (Flood Zone 3b). Flood Zone 3b functional floodplain is defined in Table 1 of the NPPF Technical Guidance as the area where water flows or is stored during flood events. The functional floodplain is generally defined by the limit of the 1 in 20 year flood envelope.
- 4.1.4 The Flood Zone 2 'Medium Probability' floodplain is defined as having between a 1 in 100 year annual probability and 1 in 1000 year annual probability of flooding. The threshold of the Flood Zone 2 floodplain is the 1 in 1000 year extreme event.
- 4.1.5 The Flood Zone 1 'Low Probability' comprises land as having less than a 1 in 1000 year annual probability of fluvial (i.e. an event more severe than the extreme 1 in 1000 year event).

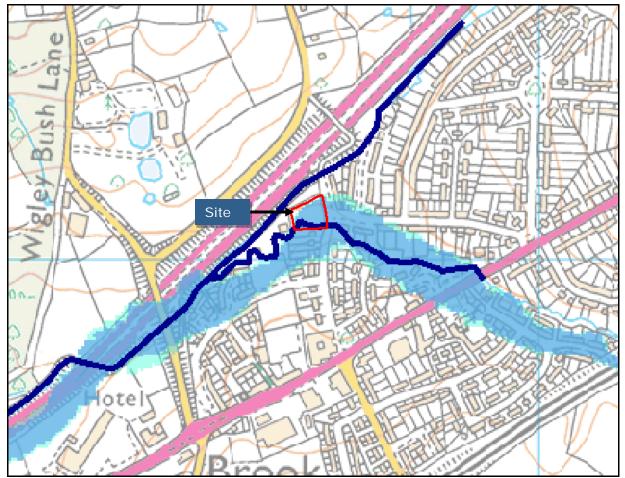


Figure 4: Environment Agency Flood Map (Source: Environment Agency, 2015)

4.2 Climate Change

4.2.1 The NPPF requires that the effects of climate change for the next 100 years be considered in any assessment of flood risk for developments. It is usual to enhance present day flood levels by an appropriate increment to account for the expected effects of sea level rise and the increase in rainfall expected on fluvial catchments. The NPPF recommends that a 20% increase in fluvial flood flows is required to account for climate change effects over the next 100 years.

4.3 Flood Warning and Emergency Planning

- 4.3.1 The site is located within Environment Agency Flood Alert Area and occupants should liaise further with Agency to find out if they can also sign up for Flood Warnings. As meteorological conditions and corresponding flood levels are harder to predict across fluvial catchments for a certain area, sites at risk of fluvial flooding could have a minimum of 2 hours warning before any of the levels of flood warning is issued (the Agency's warning scheme only applies to areas at risk of flooding from main rivers and not IDB controlled drains).
- 4.3.2 According to the Met Office document entitled *Together make a difference with a coordinated response to emergency management* dated 2013, EMARC is one of the forecast production units at the Met Office. It provides specialist forecasts to the UK emergency services and other government departments, as well as to the international community and has continuous operational capability. This enables the Met Office to provide an immediate response to customers requiring meteorological information to deal with a variety of environmental incidents. These could range from chemical or radiological releases to biological hazards such as foot and mouth disease.
- 4.3.3 The National Severe Weather Warning Service provides severe weather alerts and warnings to the general public and emergency responders, giving up to four days advance notice of disruptive weather conditions. These are updated daily in the run up to the weather event and include maps showing the risk of disruption across the UK.
- 4.3.4 Flood Alerts, Flood Warnings and Severe Flood Warnings are issued to residents and businesses within flood risk areas by the Agency's *Floodline Warnings Direct* (FWD) service. This system is managed by the Environment Agency and dials out a message to the recipient when a particular category of flood warning is being advised. The message is conveyed by a constant ringing of the telephone or can alternatively be communicated to mobile phones and computers. The system functions at all times, issuing flood warnings and alerts in conjunction with announcements on radio and other media. Owners and occupiers of dwellings or businesses thought to be at risk can sign up to the scheme. The owners are encouraged to confirm details with the Agency and to sign up for these warnings.
- 4.3.5 The Extended Warning Direct (EWD) service also takes advantage of more recent developments in technology and allows contact to be made through mobile phones and PC's. Information concerning the category of flood warning is also sent to the emergency services and local authorities who may need to mobilise and implement evacuation procedures.
- 4.3.6 A new Flood Forecasting Centre (FFC) has been set up between the Agency and Met Office and is intended to improve the lead time and accuracy of flood warnings issued to emergency services and other important services to assist them with emergency planning decisions.

4.3.7 The FFC issues daily guidance on all forms of flood risk across England and Wales while the Scottish Flood Forecasting Service performs the same function across Scotland. The FFC is now also responsible for issuing tidal alerts for the British coastline which helps the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency assess the risk of coastal flooding and issue warnings when required. The various flood warning codes can be seen on Figure 5.

FLOOD ALERT	Flooding is possible – Be prepared
FLOOD WARNING	Flooding is expected – Immediate action required
SEVERE FLOOD WARNING	Severe flooding – Danger to life

Figure 5: Flood warning codes (Source: Environment Agency)

4.3.8 It is understood from the SFRA, Essex Resilience Forum Strategic Multi-Agency Flood Plan dated September 2011 and LFRMS that Essex County Council and Brentwood Borough Council Council have responsibilities as per the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to warn and inform where time permits and it is safe to do. The decision for evacuation and the coordination of any such evacuation is conducted by the Police. The Council's role in evacuation is the welfare of those who have been evacuated, i.e. running of the evacuation/ rest centre. It is understood that the Council would provide temporary accommodation to any displaced people until such time that they are in a position to return to their homes.

5. HYDROLOGICAL SETTING AND CATCHMENT DESCRIPTORS

- 5.1.1 The Unnamed watercourse within the vicinity of northern frontage of the site is a tributary of the River Ingrebourne which flows in a westerly direction along the southern frontage of the site. The two watercourses converge 243m south west of the site. The extent of the upstream catchment associated with the River Ingrebourne and Unnamed watercourse is shown on the FEH CD-ROM (Figure 6 and 7).
- 5.1.2 Reference to the catchment descriptors extracted from the FEH CD-ROM Version 3 (Figure 8) shows that the River Ingrebourne drains an upstream catchment of 3.60 sq km. The catchment receives a standard average annual rainfall (SAAR) of 598mm and there is little attenuation from lakes and reservoirs which is denoted by a FARL value of 0.993. The catchment has a moderate to steep gradient (DPSBAR = 48.2m/km) and is of a moderate to high elevation (ALTBAR = 87m).
- 5.1.3 Reference to Figure 9 indicates that the Unnamed watercourse catchment drains an upstream catchment of 2.67 sq km. The catchment receives a standard average annual rainfall (SAAR) of 595mm and there is no significant attenuation from lakes and reservoirs which is denoted by a FARL value of 1. The catchment has a moderate to steep gradient (DPSBAR = 49.7m/km) and is of a moderate to high elevation (ALTBAR = 80m).
- 5.1.4 The new FEH catchment descriptor URBEXT₂₀₀₀, the development of which is discussed in the DEFRA/EA report entitled $URBEXT_{2000} A$ New FEH Catchment Descriptor, indicates that the River Ingrebourne catchment and Unnamed watercourse catchment are very heavily urbanised (i.e. an URBEXT₂₀₀₀ value of 0.4493 and 0.3301 respectively).



Figure 6: Watercourse catchment for the River Ingrebourne (Source: FEH CD-ROM Version 3)

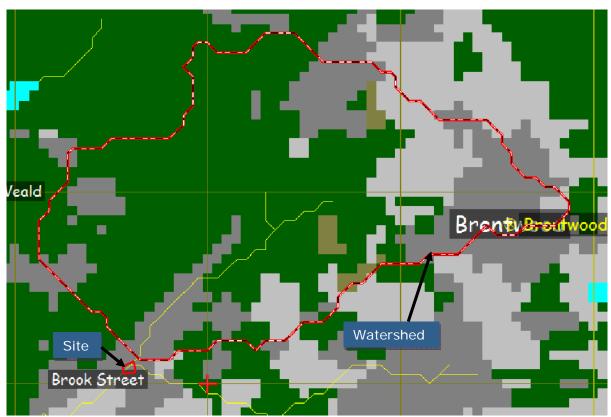


Figure 7: Watercourse catchment for the Unnamed watercourse (Source: FEH CD-ROM Version 3)

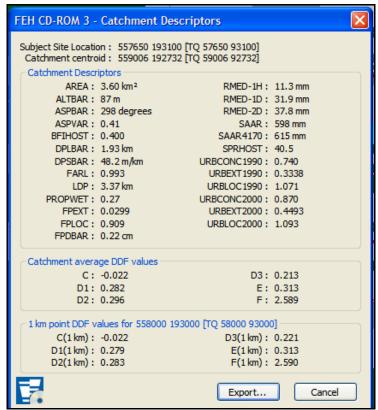


Figure 8: Catchment descriptors for the River Ingrebourne catchment (Source: FEH CD-ROM Version 3)

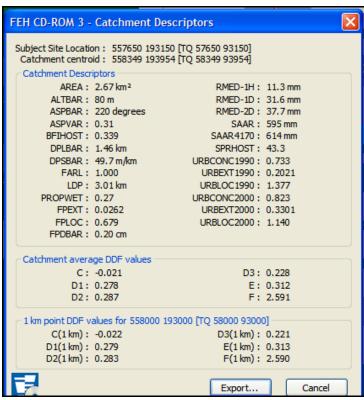


Figure 9: Catchment descriptors for the Unnamed watercourse catchment (Source: FEH CD-ROM Version 3)

- 5.1.5 Figures 6 and 7 indicate that the FEH CD-ROM is showing the confluence between the River Ingrebourne and Unnamed watercourse immediately upstream of the site, rather than downstream of the site as shown on the OS map. For the purposes of this report, however, the catchments as shown on the FEH CD-ROM were selected as shown on Figures 6 and 7, and flow estimation carried out (see Chapter 6). It is considered that this approach is still representative of the flow in the catchments immediately upstream of the site. When developing the hydraulic model, the watercourses as they appear on the OS map were schematised.
- 5.1.6 URBEXT $_{2000}$ is based on a different methodology than URBEXT $_{1990}$ and therefore results in a separate set of FEH categories of urbanisation. For example, a very heavily urbanised catchment will have an URBEXT $_{2000}$ value of up to 0.600 as opposed to 0.500 if using the former URBEXT $_{1990}$ value.
- 5.1.7 Urbanisation of the catchments since 2000 has been checked against the FEH CD-ROM values using OS mapping. The urban extent shown from the FEH CD-ROM (URBEXT₂₀₀₀) is similar to the extent shown on the OS map. Therefore, the updating of URBEXT₂₀₀₀ to 2014 using the national average model of urban growth in WINFAP-FEH Version 3 is acceptable. URBEXT for the River Ingrebourne catchment has therefore increased from 0.4493 to 0.4641, and URBEXT for the Unnamed watercourse catchment has increased from 0.3301 to 0.3410 and the catchments remain very heavily urbanised.
- 5.1.8 By reviewing the topographical survey and site photos it can be seen that the River Ingrebourne flows through a culvert beneath Spital Lane immediately upstream of the site (Figure 10). The OS map and topographical survey indicates that the Unnamed watercourse emerges to the north of the site and downstream of Spital Lane/footpath via a box culvert (Figure 11). Approximately 325m downstream of the site the river flows through a twin box culvert located beneath Wigley Bush Lane (Figure 12).



Figure 10: Culvert beneath Spital Lane (Source: BB Surveys Ltd, August 2015)



Figure 11: Culvert beneath Spital Lane/footpath (Source: BB Surveys Ltd, August 2015)



Figure 12: Twin box culvert beneath Wigley Bush Lane (Source: BB Surveys Ltd, August 2015)

6. ESTIMATION OF FLUVIAL FLOWS

6.1 Choice of Method

- 6.1.1 In order to determine the most suitable flow estimation method, the guidance outlined in the FEH Handbook and the Environment Agency's Operational Instruction entitled Flood estimation guidelines (2008), has been referred to, together with the EA guidance document entitled Flood Estimation Guidelines Operational Instruction (197_08) dated June 2012, and DEFRA/EA document entitled Estimating flood peaks and hydrographs for small catchments: Phase 1 (SC090031) dated May 2012.
- 6.1.2 There are two main approaches for estimating flood flows for catchments of this size; the FEH Statistical Method (pooled analysis) and the Revitalised Flood Hydrograph Method (ReFH). The FEH Statistical Method is based on a larger dataset of gauged flow records across the UK than the ReFH Method.
- 6.1.3 The FEH Statistical Method uses flow records from either a single reliable gauged site located within the catchment or several other gauged sites which are located in other hydrologically similar catchments. The method is based on a large flood event dataset in the UK and is more directly calibrated to reproduce flood frequency for UK catchments.
- 6.1.4 The original FEH Rainfall-Runoff Method was largely superseded by the Revitalised Flood Hydrograph Method (ReFH) in 2006. The ReFH Method is intended to update and address several constraints of the FEH Rainfall-Runoff method. The key changes are that in the ReFH Method baseflow varies throughout the event and the ReFH method uses a new (kinked) unit hydrograph shape. Furthermore, additional calibration data has been used within the ReFH which includes a larger number of flood events across the UK.
- 6.1.5 **Note:** In earlier guidance for small catchments below 25 km² the methodology outlined within the Institute of Hydrology Report 124 (IoH 124) was considered suitable, in which the mean annual flood flow QBAR is calculated. The recently published operational instruction 197_08 and science report *SCO90031* discourages the use of the IoH 124 method for estimating flood flows in small catchments. The guidance recommends that FEH methods should be used in preference.
- 6.1.6 Although both of the above methods are considered appropriate for flow estimation, the FEH Statistical Method is likely to be more appropriate in this instance as it is based on a larger dataset across the UK and uses good quality donor site data.
- 6.1.7 The EA guidance document entitled *Flood Estimation Guidelines Operational Instruction* (197_08) also states on page 93 that for very heavily urbanised catchments the FEH Statistical Method can be used providing an urban adjustment is applied.
- 6.1.8 The Agency's Operational Instruction indicates that there is no preferred method for calculating long return periods (i.e. between 150 and 1000 years), however there has been a tendency to estimate these flows using the FEH Statistical Method. There are some concerns about using the ReFH method to determine such flows as the seasonal correction factors used for design rainfalls may not be applicable for extreme events.
- 6.1.9 However, the study by Faulkner and Barber (2009) suggests that as rainfall is a more spatially consistent variable than flood flow, the ReFH could be preferred over the FEH statistical method for estimation of design floods for long return periods. For consistency, the FEH Statistical Method has been used to estimate the 1 in 1000 year flood flow.

6.2 Improved Statistical Method

- 6.2.1 The original FEH Statistical Method has been improved with the release of the Science Report (SC050050/SR) entitled *Improving the FEH statistical procedures for flood frequency estimation*, carried out by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and published in 2008 by DEFRA and the EA.
- 6.2.2 As stated by the research document, the improved features include a new QMED (median annual flood) equation; an improved procedure for the formation of pooled growth curves; and a revised procedure for the use of donor catchments in the data transfer process. A new catchment descriptor which describes the floodplain extent (FPEXT) was also developed as part of the study to assist in the derivation of pooling groups.
- 6.2.3 The WINFAP-FEH Version 3 software incorporates all of these changes to the FEH Statistical Method and has therefore been used to assist in the flood estimation process.
- 6.2.4 There is no observed flow or level records available as the watercourses are ungauged at this location and the Agency has no spot gauging records. Therefore FEH Statistical Method single-site analysis is not possible. Consequently, estimation of the flood flows has been carried out using the catchment descriptor method and pooled analysis.

6.3 Estimation of QMED

- 6.3.1 To estimate QMED for the catchment, the catchment descriptor method has been used. This method is described in Volume 3, Chapter 13, of the FEH and has been updated in the Science Report. The method produces the mean annual flood QMED, which is the flood flow along the river that is statistically exceeded on average every other year.
- 6.3.2 The exercise can be done by hand using the catchment descriptors taken from the FEH CD-ROM and using the following improved QMED equation:

$$QMED = 8.3062 AREA^{0.8510} \, 0.1536^{\left(\frac{1000}{SAAR}\right)} FARL^{3.4451} \, 0.0460^{BFIHOST^2}$$

- 6.3.3 The QMED equation only applies to rural catchments (URBEXT₂₀₀₀ < 0.030) and as the River Ingrebourne and Unnamed watercourse catchments are very heavily urbanised, an urban adjustment to the QMED (rural) formula is required.
- 6.3.4 To adjust for urbanisation, an Urban Adjustment Factor (UAF) based on the urbanisation (URBEXT) and soil type (SPRHOST) of the catchment is applied to the QMED (rural) value.

$$QMED = UAF \times QMED_{rural}$$

- 6.3.5 The UAF is calculated automatically by WINFAP-FEH Version 3 and applied to QMED (rural) to give the final QMED value.
- 6.3.6 The calculation using WINFAP-FEH based on catchment descriptors for the River Ingrebourne catchment gives a value for QMED_{s,cds}/QMED rural of 0.642 cu m/sec and UAF adjusted QMED value of 1.017 cu m/sec.

6.3.7 The calculation using WINFAP-FEH based on catchment descriptors for the Unnamed catchment gives a value for QMED_{s,cds}/QMED rural of 0.577 cu m/sec and UAF adjusted QMED value of 0.789 cu m/sec.

6.4 Revised Data Transfer Process

- 6.4.1 In order to make the ungauged rural estimate of QMED_{s,cds} at the site more accurate, it is often necessary to use flow data from a similar (rural) donor site either within the catchment, or in another catchment with similar hydrological characteristics, and where gauged information does exist for an adequate number of years.
- 6.4.2 However, the original Flood Estimation Handbook states that particular caution is required when proposing a transfer to or from a catchment affected by urbanisation and the guidance notes associated with WINFAP-FEH Version 3 state that when a catchment is urbanised the use of data transfer methods to improve the estimate of QMED is not recommended.
- 6.4.3 Therefore, the UAF adjusted QMED values calculated for the catchments will not be subjected to the data transfer procedure.

6.5 Pooled Analysis and Flood Growth Curve

- 6.5.1 In order to estimate a range of statistical flood return period events which will occur in the catchments, it is necessary to determine a flood growth curve and a flood frequency curve. This is done by forming a pooling group, which involves a group of gauged rural catchments across the UK which have very similar catchment characteristics such as AREA and SAAR.
- 6.5.2 The catchment output from the FEH CD-ROM is entered as a data file to the WINFAP-FEH software, which sorts a pooling group of similar catchments. The FEH states that the pooling group should contain 5 times as many station-years as the target return period (57); however the Science Report recommends that a fixed pooling group size of at least 500 AMAX events for all required return periods should be used. The WINFAP-FEH Version 3 software incorporates the information and data gathered by the Agency's HiFlows-UK program version 3.3.4 (Note: HiFlows-UK data is now integrated with the National River Flow Archive on the CEH website).
- 6.5.3 The recommended generalised logistic (GL) technique has been applied in the statistical analysis. The updated Statistical Method uses an enhanced procedure which no longer relies on pooling group ranking, but calculates separate weighting equations of the L-moment ratios within the pooling group based on record length. Weight is also applied to each catchment depending on distance in catchment space from the subject site, with more weight assigned to available "at site" data than the FEH procedure.
- 6.5.4 Stations that had been identified in the WINFAP-FEH software as not being suitable for pooling (as indicated by the HiFlows-UK data version 3.3.4), were removed from the pooling group and other more suitable stations added at the end of the pooling group to ensure that the total record length was at least 500 years.

Table 1: Pooling Group for River Ingrebourne watercourse catchment

Station	Distance	Years of data	QMED AM	L-CV	L-SKEW	Discordancy
27051 (Crimple @ Burn Bridge)	1.344	40	4.539	0.222	0.149	0.731
45816 (Haddeo @ Upton)	1.629	19	3.456	0.324	0.434	0.723
76011 (Coal Burn @ Coalburn)	1.676	35	1.84	0.169	0.333	1.306
28033 (Dove @ Hollinsclough)	1.92	33	4.666	0.266	0.415	0.636
25019 (Leven @ Easby)	2.101	34	5.538	0.347	0.394	0.829
26802 (Gypsey Race @ Kirby Grindalythe)	2.12	13	0.109	0.261	0.199	0.388
25011 (Langdon Beck @ Langdon)	2.47	26	15.878	0.241	0.326	1.768
47022 (Tory Brook @ Newnham Park)	2.482	19	7.331	0.257	0.071	0.849
27010 (Hodge Beck @ Bransdale Weir)	2.514	41	9.42	0.224	0.293	0.192
27073 (Brompton Beck @ Snainton Ings)	2.603	32	0.813	0.197	-0.022	1.373
44008 (South Winterbourne @ Winterbourne Steepleton)	2.616	33	0.42	0.395	0.332	1.176
25003 (Trout Beck @ Moor House)	2.745	39	15.164	0.176	0.291	0.685
206006 (Annalong @ Recorder)	2.75	48	15.33	0.189	0.052	1.967
22003 (Usway Burn @ Shillmoor)	2.759	26	19.22	0.303	0.303	0.63
203046 (Rathmore Burn @ Rathmore Bridge)	2.815	30	10.934	0.136	0.091	0.926
36010 (Bumpstead Brook @ Broad Green)	2.851	45	6.759	0.418	0.228	1.822
Total		513				
Weighted means				0.257	0.242	

Table 2: Pooling Group for Unnamed watercourse catchment

Station	Distance	Years of data	QMED AM	L-CV	L-SKEW	Discordancy
76011 (Coal Burn @ Coalburn)	1.456	35	1.84	0.169	0.333	1.201
27051 (Crimple @ Burn Bridge)	1.713	40	4.539	0.222	0.149	0.673
45816 (Haddeo @ Upton)	1.892	19	3.456	0.324	0.434	0.81
28033 (Dove @ Hollinsclough)	2.189	33	4.666	0.266	0.415	0.568
25019 (Leven @ Easby)	2.502	34	5.538	0.347	0.394	1.018
26802 (Gypsey Race @ Kirby Grindalythe)	2.532	13	0.109	0.261	0.199	0.369
25011 (Langdon Beck @ Langdon)	2.788	26	15.878	0.241	0.326	1.317
47022 (Tory Brook @ Newnham Park)	2.816	19	7.331	0.257	0.071	1.119
27073 (Brompton Beck @ Snainton Ings)	2.844	32	0.813	0.197	-0.022	1.59
27010 (Hodge Beck @ Bransdale Weir)	2.903	41	9.42	0.224	0.293	0.112
44008 (South Winterbourne @ Winterbourne Steepleton)	3.005	33	0.42	0.395	0.332	1.79
25003 (Trout Beck @ Moor House)	3.019	39	15.164	0.176	0.291	0.589
206006 (Annalong @ Recorder)	3.056	48	15.33	0.189	0.052	1.659
91802 (Allt Leachdach @ Intake)	3.063	34	6.35	0.153	0.257	1.123
22003 (Usway Burn @ Shillmoor)	3.145	26	19.22	0.303	0.303	0.66
54022 (Severn @ Plynlimon Flume)	3.195	37	15.031	0.155	0.168	1.402
Total		509				
Weighted means		509		0.242	0.249	

6.5.5 The WINFAP-FEH software indicates that both pooling groups are strongly heterogeneous and a review of the pooling group is desirable. All of the sites which are ranked are satisfactory in terms of their hydrological similarity with the subject site and the pooling group distribution provides an acceptable statistical fit. Removal or addition of extra sites was not justifiable and a representative, but heterogeneous, pooling group generally gives better flood frequency estimates, than either single site data or a pooling group that has been made homogeneous by inappropriately removing sites. The FEH also states that a significant proportion of pooling groups remain heterogeneous, even after a review and adapting a heterogeneous pooling group to make it homogeneous is not advised.

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Growth Curve Fittings
                                  Standardised by median
Pooled L-moments
L-CV: 0.257
L-skewness:
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Fitted parameters
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Return periods
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1000
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Figure 13: Flood Growth Curve Fittings for the River Ingrebourne catchment

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                                          Standardised by median
Pooled L-moments
L-CV: 0.242
L-skewness:
              0.249
Fitted parameters
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GL
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20
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50
        2.406
100
        2.896
200
        3.502
500
        4.530
1000
        5.526
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Figure 14: Flood Growth Curve Fittings for the Unnamed watercourse catchment

6.6 Flood Frequency Curve

- 6.6.1 The WINFAP-FEH software allows the user to generate a flood frequency curve for the specified return period based on the adjusted QMED_{s,adj} value and growth curve fittings established during the pooling group stage and statistical analysis. The results can be seen on Figures 15 and 16.
- 6.6.2 The WINFAP-FEH software allows the user to construct a flood frequency curve for the specified return period and choose whether to apply the UAF to the QMED rural value and as-rural growth curve.

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Return periods
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        1.929
20
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100
        2.987
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Figure 15: Flood Frequency Curve Fittings for the River Ingrebourne catchment (cu m/sec)

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Return periods
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5
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10
        1.250
20
        1.494
50
        1.898
100
        2.284
200
        2.762
500
        3.572
        4.358
1000
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Figure 16: Flood Frequency Curve Fittings for the Unnamed watercourse catchment (cu m/sec)

6.6.3 Applying 20% to the flows to accommodate the expected climate change effect over the next 100 years, as recommended by the Environment Agency and NPPF, the resultant flood flows can be seen in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3: Flood Flows for the River Ingrebourne catchment (cu m/sec)

Flood Frequency	Q20	Q100	Q1000
Flood Flow	1.929	2.987	5.859
Flood Flow including climate change	2.315	3.584	7.031

Table 4: Flood Flows for the Unnamed watercourse catchment (cu m/sec)

Flood Frequency	Q20	Q100	Q1000
Flood Flow	1.494	2.284	4.358
Flood Flow including climate change	1.793	2.741	5.230

6.7 Hybrid Method

- 6.7.1 Having determined that the FEH Statistical Method is preferred for estimating flood flows, a flow hydrograph is required for input into the hydraulic model, with a peak flow that matches the corresponding flood frequency estimate.
- 6.7.2 It is common to generate such a hydrograph using the ReFH Method, then scale it to match the FEH statistical flood flow estimates.
- 6.7.3 The catchment descriptors were imported into Version 11.5 of the InfoWorks modelling software. The appropriate flood return period, storm duration and data interval was set, as discussed below, to enable appropriate flows to be estimated.
- 6.7.4 The model parameters for the ReFH Method (time-to-peak, baseflow, and standard percentage runoff) should ideally be based on actual flood event data comprising rainfall and flow records rather than catchment descriptors alone. However, due to the lack of available rainfall and flow data for the catchments, the catchment descriptor method and ReFH design standards has been adopted in this instance based on the relevant technical guidance.
- 6.7.5 For the River Ingrebourne catchment the critical storm duration was calculated as 1.993 hours from the time-to-peak (T_p) from catchment descriptors (1.247 hours) using the equation provided in Volume 4 of FEH:

$$D = T_p (1 + SAAR/1000)$$

Where:

D is the critical storm duration

T_p is the time-to-peak

SAAR is the standard average annual rainfall

- 6.7.6 Using the equation above for the Unnamed watercourse catchment, the critical storm duration was calculated as 2.361 hours from the time-to-peak (T_p) from catchment descriptors (1.480 hours).
- 6.7.7 In addition to the storm duration it is necessary to select an appropriate data interval. According to the FEH handbook (Volume 4) a data interval of 10-20% of the time-to-peak (T_D) is usually suitable so that the design flood hydrograph is well defined. A data

- interval of 0.5 hours was selected as a convenient and appropriate value which produced a smooth hydrograph.
- 6.7.8 The ReFH requires the user to have a design storm duration divided by the data interval which is an odd integer to ensure the use of an odd number of rainfall blocks in the storm profile. Therefore, for both catchments the design storm duration was rounded to 2.5 hours.
- 6.7.9 A 50% winter storm profile was used as the catchments are urbanised according to the ReFH Method (N.B. urban catchments are defined as those with URBEXT >0.125 in the ReFH Method).

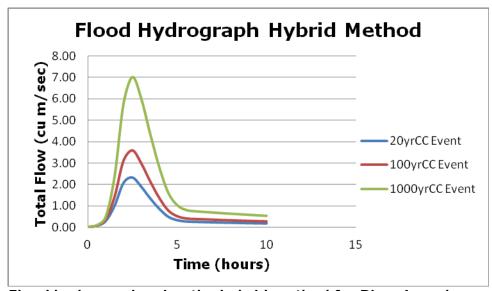


Figure 17: Flood hydrograph using the hybrid method for River Ingrebourne (without climate change)

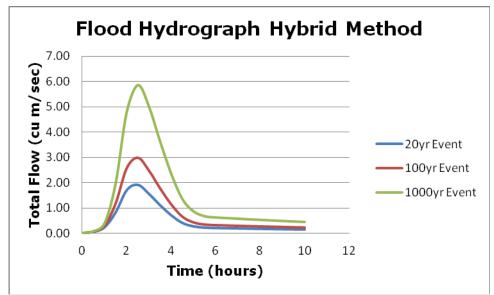


Figure 18: Flood hydrograph using the hybrid method for River Ingrebourne (with climate change)

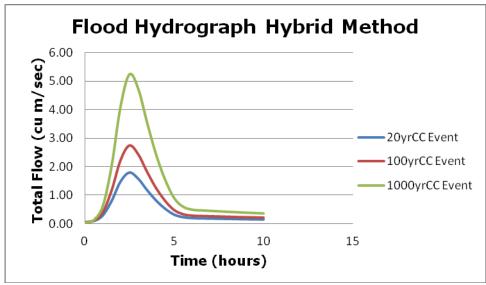


Figure 19: Flood hydrograph using the hybrid method for Unnamed watercourse catchment (without climate change)

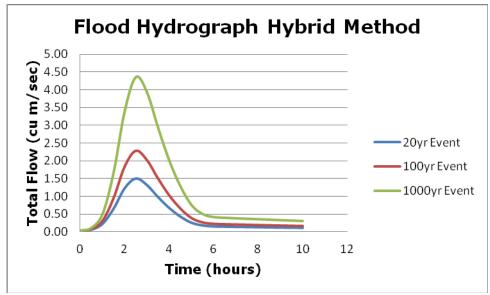


Figure 20: Flood hydrograph using the hybrid method for Unnamed watercourse catchment (with climate change)

7. HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

7.1 Introduction

7.1.1 A site specific assessment of the probability and consequences of the site flooding from the watercourse has been undertaken using well established hydraulic modelling and flood mapping techniques. The Agency's guidance document entitled *Fluvial Design Guide (2009)*, and Agency's Best Practice Guide dated 2006 entitled *Using Computer River Modelling as part of a flood risk assessment* have been consulted.

7.2 InfoWorks Model Development

- 7.2.1 One-dimensional (1D) unsteady hydrodynamic modelling of the watercourse and the study area was undertaken using the hydraulic modelling package InfoWorks RS Version 11.5. This software package combines the advanced ISIS Flow simulation engine and GIS functionality within a single environment.
- 7.2.2 The GPS topographical survey (3D and geo-referenced) was imported into the MapInfo GIS software and a ground model was generated which allowed the interpolation of ground levels between available elevation points. Filtered LIDAR survey data was used to supplement the ground model in areas outside of the site boundary and therefore not covered by the topographical survey (i.e. due to access restrictions). The combined ground model (Figure 21) was then exported in a suitable format which could be read by the InfoWorks software. The final ground model as it appears in the InfoWorks model is shown on Figure 22.

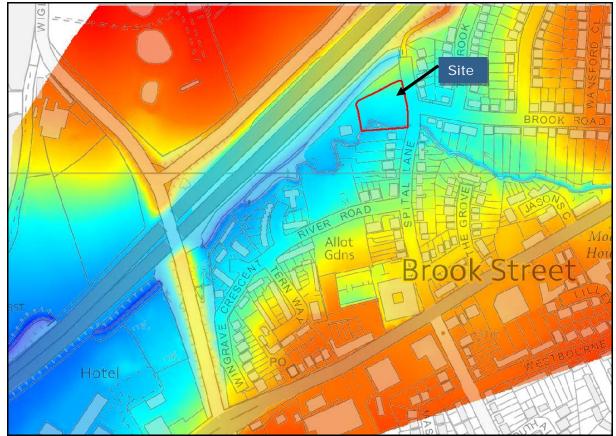


Figure 21: Combined LIDAR and topographical survey (where higher ground is represented by red and orange colours)

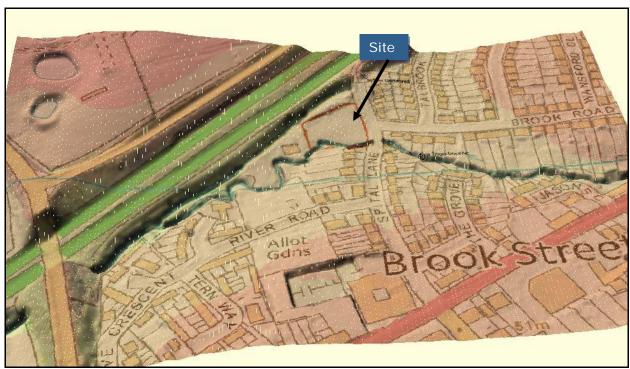


Figure 22: 3D representation of DTM with OS as presented in InfoWorks RS

7.2.3 Figure 23 shows that by forming a ground model which includes the topographical survey information, a more accurate and representative ground model can be generated in contrast to LIDAR alone.

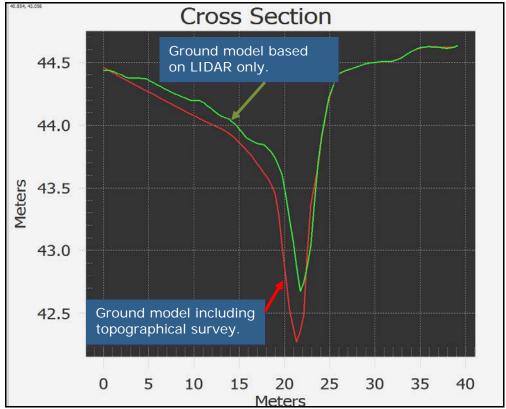


Figure 23: Comparison between LIDAR survey and topographical survey across the site when creating a ground model

7.3 Surface Roughness

- 7.3.1 Surface roughness varies across the study area as a result of different land uses. To ensure an accurate representation of the impact of different surface roughness values on the flood flows, information from the OS map and site observations was used. The anticipated roughness values were checked with the CES Roughness Advisor created by Wallingford Software and resultant Manning's "n" values were entered for each cross section.
- 7.3.2 It should be noted that as the site visit has identified overgrown areas of the watercourse channel (i.e. more heavily overgrown than that surveyed and shown on Figure 25), the upper mannings limit of 0.083 as shown on Figure 24 has been used in the model to consider a worst-case scenario. This also applies to the floodplain areas covered by height varying grass.

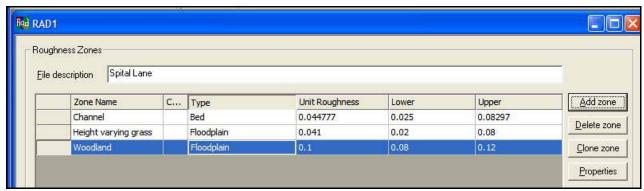


Figure 24: Manning's "n" roughness values derived from the CES Roughness Advisor



Figure 25: Photo of surveyed section of watercourse

7.4 Model Boundary Conditions

- 7.4.1 The following flood event scenarios have been modelled to allow the extent of the fluvial floodplain across the site to be determined and appraised in terms of NPPF:
 - 1. 20yr event (present day Flood Zone 3b)
 - 2. 20yr plus climate change event (future Flood Zone 3b)
 - 3. 100yr event (present day Flood Zone 3a)
 - 4. 100yr plus climate change event (future Flood Zone 3a)
 - 5. 1000yr event (present day Flood Zone 2)
 - 6. 1000yr plus climate change event (future Flood Zone 2)

Upstream Boundary

- 7.4.2 Having determined that the FEH Statistical Method is preferred for estimating flood flows, a flow hydrograph is required for input into the hydraulic model, with a peak flow that matches the corresponding flood frequency estimate.
- 7.4.3 It is common to generate a hydrograph using the ReFH Method, then scale it to match the statistical flow estimate as discussed in Section 6.7. This hydrograph then forms the upstream inflow boundary condition. It was ensured that the hydrograph parameters, shape, duration, data interval and results for each return period determined in Section 6.7 were reproduced in the InfoWorks RS software.
- 7.4.4 In order to consider a more conservative scenario, the upstream cross section on both watercourses was positioned immediately downstream of the culverts under Spital Lane/footpath. This assumes that no flood flow is restricted by these structures and that all flood flow calculated in this report will reach the site immediately. Although the inflow boundaries are shown on the model Geoplan (Figure 26) to be located upstream of the culverts, this is for illustrative purposes only and all flood flow will reach the cross sections downstream of the culverts without obstruction.

Downstream Boundary

- 7.4.5 For the downstream boundary, the InfoWorks software allows the user to define a Normal/Critical Depth downstream boundary which generates a flow-head relationship based on the downstream slope at the end of the model (i.e. 1 in 100 based on the GPS topographical survey).
- 7.4.6 In accordance with the EA Best Practice Guide dated 2006 entitled *Using Computer River Modelling as part of a flood risk assessment*, the downstream boundary has been located sufficiently downstream of the site so that any errors in the boundary will not significantly affect predicted water levels at the site. This is proven by carrying out a sensitivity analysis in Section 7.7 which indicates that when making the downstream slope shallower there is no change in upstream water level at the site.
- 7.4.7 The aforementioned EA guidance states that for a typical fluvial river, a rule of thumb is that a backwater effect extends a length L=0.7D/s, where D= bankfull depth and s= river slope (as a decimal). Hence, if the downstream boundary is greater than L from the site, it is likely that any errors in the rating curve at the boundary will not affect flood levels at the site.
- 7.4.8 It has been calculated that the "L" value is 40m based on a river slope between the site and downstream boundary of 1 in 88 and downstream bankfull depth of 0.63m. The "L"

- value is 44.1m based on a river slope at the downstream boundary of 1 in 100 and downstream bankfull depth of 0.63m.
- 7.4.9 The downstream boundary is set 320m downstream of the site and therefore this distance is significantly greater than the calculated "L" value. This meets the requirements outlined in the EA guidance.
- 7.4.10 Despite complying with the guidance, the positioning of the downstream boundary was also based on the surveyed section of the watercourse immediately upstream of the twin box culvert which runs under Wigley Bush Lane. This would help improve the accuracy of the model rather than solely relying on LIDAR between the two surveyed sections of the watercourse.
- 7.4.11 As the downstream boundary is sufficiently downstream of the site, in order to improve overall model stability it was not considered necessary to include the twin box culvert under Wigley Bush Lane within the model.

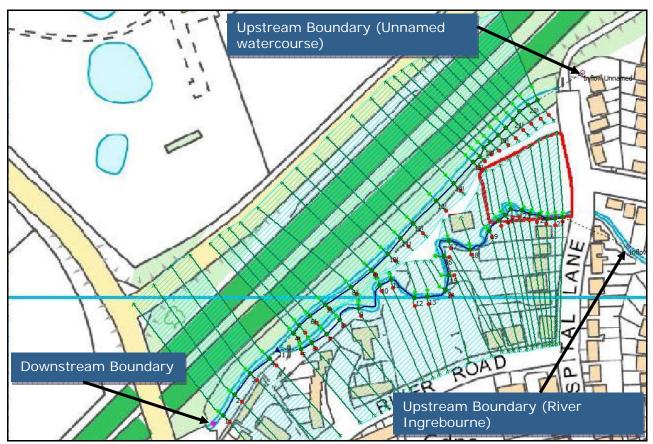


Figure 26: Model schematic as it appears in the InfoWorks software

7.5 Results

7.5.1 The model was initially run to consider the worst-case climate change 1 in 1000 year event, as this would allow the identification of any model instabilities and errors and the opportunity to correct them. It should be noted that the results pertinent to the site's location are between cross sections 28 and 20.

- 7.5.2 The results show that there is no flood risk to the site from the Unnamed watercourse as all flood flows are contained within the channel. However, there is flooding across a part of the site during all modelled events from the River Ingrebourne.
- 7.5.3 Due to disparities between the OS map and LIDAR/topo, it is not clear whether flooding would occur across the part of the site located to the south of the River Ingrebourne as shown on the model Geoplan. Therefore, it is recommended that the areas of the site to the south of the river are discounted/not considered further in this assessment, and all development across the site should be related to areas of the site located to the north of the river.
- 7.5.4 Inspection of the modelling results also indicates that Spital Lane would remain well above the climate change 1 in 1000 year flood level of 44.090m AOD and therefore safe access/egress would be available.

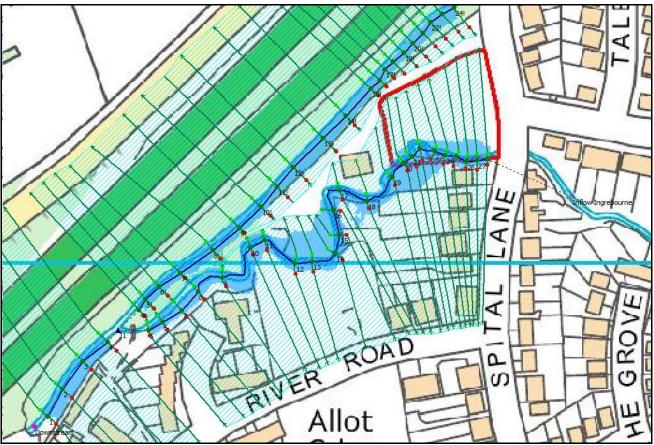


Figure 27: Plan view covering study area during climate change 1 in 1000 year event

1 in 20 year event and climate change 1 in 20 year event

- 7.5.5 The results indicate that during the 1 in 20 year event and climate change 1 in 20 year event the highest corresponding flood level across the site (i.e. at cross section 28) is 43.525m AOD and 43.613m AOD respectively.
- 7.5.6 Figures 28 and 29 shows that there is a very small amount of flooding across the site during both events which is limited to cross sections 26 and 25. Tables 5 and 6 include the flood levels at each cross section.



Figure 28: Plan view of the flood extent during a 1 in 20 year event

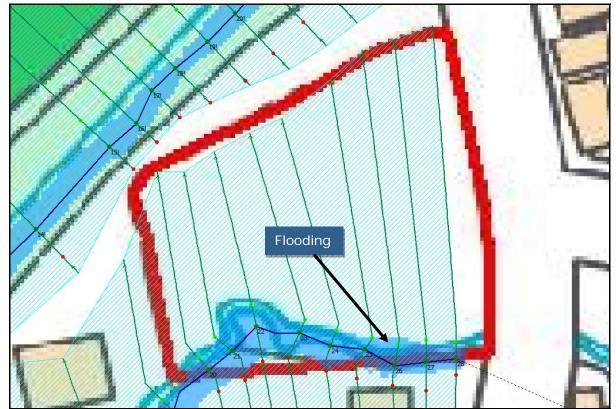


Figure 29: Plan view of the flood extent during a climate change 1 in 20 year event

Table 5: Results for 1 in 20 year event (site results shown in red)

Results - 20yr					
Cross Section	Max Flow (m3/s)	Max Stage (m AD)	Max Velocity (m/s)		
9!	1.48	41.256	0.57		
8!	1.482	41.019	0.845		
7!	1.484	40.77	0.617		
6!	1.485	40.533	0.949		
5!	1.485	40.333	1.029		
4!	1.485	40.270	1.353		
24!	1.494	44.805	0.495		
23!	1.492	44.76	0.473		
22!	1.491	44.697	0.628		
21!	1.491	44.604	0.028		
20!	1.489	44.519	0.639		
19!	1.488		1.16		
18!	1.487	44.268 43.782	1.525		
17!					
16!	1.487 1.486	43.515	0.794 0.785		
		43.415			
15! 14!	1.485	43.302 43.047	0.809		
	1.481		0.607		
13!	1.479	42.958	0.537		
12!	1.476	42.918	0.409		
11!	1.477	42.193	1.535		
10!	1.478	41.413	0.753		
28	1.929	43.525	0.661		
27	1.928	43.495	0.619		
26	1.927	43.469	0.535		
25	1.926	43.352	0.996		
24	1.925	43.276	0.701		
23	1.925	43.183	0.811		
22	1.923	43.123	0.504		
21	1.922	43.096	0.515		
20	1.921	43.058	0.619		
19	1.92	42.984	0.629		
18	1.917	42.789	0.709		
17		42.634	0.663		
16 15	1.911	42.467	0.684		
	1.907	42.342	0.612		
14	1.907	42.221	0.728		
13	1.909	42.097	0.567		
12	1.91	42.033	0.628		
11	1.911	41.884	0.62		
10	1.911	41.833	0.52		
9	1.913	41.721	0.426		
8	1.913	41.361	1.015		
7	1.913	40.786	1.37		
6	1.913	40.64	1.066		
5	1.913	40.156	1.675		
4	3.398	40.156	0.862		
3	3.398	40.013	0.787		
2	3.397	39.87	0.815		
1	3.397	39.719	0.874		

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Table 6: Results for climate change 1 in 20 year event (site results shown in red)

Results - 20yrCC				
Cross Section	Max Flow (m3/s)	Max Stage (m AD)	Max Velocity (m/s)	
9!	1.774	41.321	0.597	
8!	1.776	41.084	0.881	
7!	1.779	40.833	0.655	
6!	1.78	40.598	0.987	
5!	1.781	40.385	1.034	
4!	1.781	40.256	1.358	
24!	1.793	44.866	0.522	
23!	1.791	44.819	0.583	
22!	1.79	44.754	0.668	
21!	1.789	44.655	0.823	
20!	1.787	44.566	0.687	
19!	1.786	44.305	1.231	
18!	1.785	43.826	1.589	
17!	1.785	43.569	0.832	
16!	1.784	43.467	0.833	
15!	1.782	43.356	0.841	
14!	1.779	43.092	0.666	
13!	1.777	42.985	0.567	
12!	1.775	42.934	0.399	
11!	1.774	42.229	1.559	
10!	1.772	41.47	0.78	
28	2.315	43.613	0.701	
27	2.314	43.581	0.649	
26	2.313	43.557	0.551	
25	2.312	43.431	1.023	
24	2.312	43.349	0.716	
23	2.311	43.255	0.836	
22	2.309	43.199	0.504	
21	2.308	43.172	0.509	
20	2.307	43.132	0.65	
19	2.305	43.056	0.67	
18	2.302	42.866	0.725	
17	2.299	42.709	0.706	
16	2.297	42.538	0.709	
15	2.295	42.417	0.627	
14	2.293	42.303	0.731	
13	2.29	42.179	0.573	
12		42.11	0.673	
11	2.29	41.953	0.662	
10		41.902	0.549	
9		41.785	0.464	
8		41.46	1.015	
7	2.297	40.891	1.391	
6		40.645	1.105	
5	2.298	40.256	1.788	
4	4.08	40.256	0.887	
3		40.115	0.828	
2		39.97	0.86	
1	4.081	39.817	0.915	

1 in 100yr event and climate change 1 in 100yr event

- 7.5.7 The results indicate that during the 1 in 100 year event and climate change 1 in 100 year event the highest corresponding flood level across the site (i.e. at cross section 28) is 43.720m AOD and 43.795m AOD respectively.
- 7.5.8 Figures 30 and 31 shows that there is a small amount of flooding across the site during both events which is limited to cross sections 28 to 24. Tables 7 and 8 include the flood levels at each cross section.



Figure 30: Plan view of the flood extent during a 1 in 100 year event

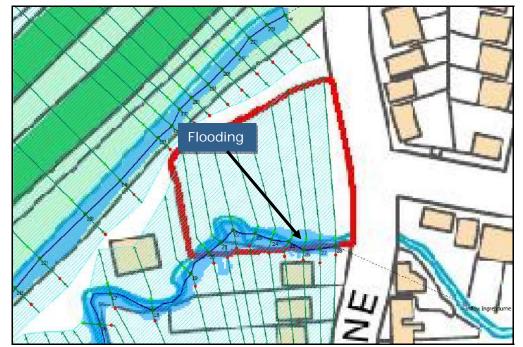


Figure 31: Plan view of the flood extent during a climate change 1 in 100 year event

Table 7: Results for 1 in 100 year event (site results shown in red)

Table 7: Results for 1 in 100 year event (site results shown in red Results - 100yr					
Cross Section	Max Flow (m3/s)	Max Stage (m AD)	Max Velocity (m/s)		
9!	2.261	41.405	0.652		
8!	2.264	41.175	0.92		
7!	2.267	40.936	0.7		
6!	2.268	40.692	1.057		
5!	2.269	40.509	1.033		
4!	2.269	40.41	1.369		
24!	2.284	44.951	0.559		
23!	2.282	44.901	0.632		
22!	2.279	44.833	0.72		
21!	2.278	44.732	0.881		
20!	2.276	44.637	0.755		
19!	2.274	44.369	1.307		
18!	2.273		1.672		
17!	2.272	43.643	0.902		
16!	2.271	43.533	0.915		
15!	2.27	43.423	0.898		
14!	2.265	43.156	0.743		
13!	2.262	43.029	0.604		
12!	2.258	42.96	0.398		
11!	2.257	42.283	1.603		
10!	2.259	41.556	0.821		
28		43.72	0.78		
27	2.986	43.682	0.718		
26		43.655	0.6		
25	2.983	43.526	1.068		
24	2.982	43.45	0.745		
23	2.981	43.363	0.869		
22	2.978		0.519		
21	2.976		0.535		
20		43.245	0.695		
19		43.165	0.727		
18			0.754		
17		42.817	0.769		
16	2.961	42.631	0.767		
15	2.958		0.668		
14	2.955	42.406	0.737		
13	2.951	42.301	0.6		
12	2.951	42.23	0.732		
11	2.954	42.064	0.717		
10	2.955	42.016	0.563		
9	2.96	41.899	0.509		
8	2.962	41.577	1.075		
7	2.963	41.014	1.463		
6			1.158		
5	2.963		1.692		
4	5.233	40.41	0.923		
3		40.269	0.891		
2		40.116	0.933		
1	5.235	39.959	0.976		

Table 8: Results for climate change 1 in 100 year event (site results shown in red)

	Results - 100yrCC	in 100 your oroni (o		
Cross Section	Max Flow (m3/s)	Max Stage (m AD)	Max Velocity (m/s)	
9!	2.713	41.481	0.689	
8!	2.716	41.25	0.96	
7!	2.719	41.014	0.739	
6!	2.721	40.776	1.09	
5!	2.722	40.612	1.045	
4!	2.722	40.525	1.391	
24!	2.741	45.019	0.592	
23!	2.739	44.968	0.668	
22!	2.736	44.896	0.766	
21!	2.735	44.789	0.942	
20!	2.733	44.691	0.807	
19!	2.732	44.425	1.358	
18!	2.73	43.956	1.738	
17!	2.729	43.704	0.955	
16!	2.728	43.593	0.969	
15!	2.726	43.485	0.939	
14!	2.721	43.218	0.795	
13!	2.716	43.079	0.666	
12!	2.71	43	0.405	
11!	2.709	42.332	1.68	
10!	2.71	41.624	0.85	
28		43.795	0.84	
27		43.756	0.763	
26		43.73	0.636	
25		43.601	1.093	
24		43.531	0.764	
23		43.447	0.892	
22		43.4	0.54	
21	3.572	43.373	0.559	
20		43.33	0.732	
19		43.245	0.771	
18		43.062	0.777	
17		42.9	0.813	
16		42.707	0.8	
15		42.582	0.68	
14		42.49	0.733	
13			0.613	
12		42.324	0.772	
11		42.152	0.755	
10		42.107	0.573	
9		41.989	0.544	
8		41.664	1.128	
7			1.5	
6		40.734	1.189	
5			1.577	
4			0.958	
3			0.946	
2			0.99	
1		40.063	1.032	

1 in 1000yr event and climate change 1 in 1000 year event

- 7.5.9 The results indicate that during the 1 in 1000 year event and climate change 1 in 1000 year event the highest corresponding flood level across the site (i.e. at cross section 28) is 44.004m AOD and 44.090m AOD respectively.
- 7.5.10 Figures 32 and 33 shows that there is flooding across part of the site during both events which is limited to cross sections 28 to 20. Tables 9 and 10 include the flood levels at each cross section.



Figure 32: Plan view of the flood extent during a 1 in 1000 year event



Figure 33: Plan view of the flood extent during a climate change 1 in 1000 year event

Table 9: Results for 1 in 1000 year event (site results shown in red)

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	Max Flow (m3/s)	Max Stage (m AD)	Max Velocity (m/s)
9!	4.316	41.703	0.783
8!	4.319	41.48	1.047
7!	4.323	41.258	0.835
6!	4.324	41.052	1.145
5!	4.325	40.942	1.04
4!	4.325	40.887	1.42
24!	4.358	45.215	0.681
23!	4.354	45.159	0.777
22!	4.35	45.08	0.888
21!	4.348	44.961	1.091
20!	4.345	44.857	0.948
19!	4.342	44.573	1.541
18!	4.34	44.122	1.899
17!	4.339	43.888	1.097
16!	4.336	43.771	1.119
15!	4.334	43.665	1.057
14!	4.325	43.391	0.942
13!	4.318	43.219	0.843
12!	4.309	43.101	0.57
11!	4.311	42.474	1.828
10!	4.313	41.838	0.942
28	5.859	44.004	0.991
27	5.856	43.961	0.884
26	5.853	43.93	0.735
25	5.85	43.796	1.165
24	5.848	43.734	0.839
23	5.845	43.654	0.969
22	5.839	43.621	0.569
21	5.834	43.599	0.563
20	5.829	43.562	0.743
19	5.822	43.469	0.864
18	5.812	43.293	0.848
17	5.805	43.115	0.973
16	5.798	42.913	0.923
15	5.79	42.815	0.689
14	5.781	42.744	0.742
13	5.786	42.667	0.62
12	5.79	42.597	0.82
11	5.795	42.407	0.874
10	5.797	42.369	0.612
9	5.801	42.248	
8	5.802	41.921	0.659 1.203
7	5.802	41.401	
			1.569
6	5.804	41.075	1.245
5	5.804	40.887	1.514
4	10.129	40.887	1.04
3	10.129	40.743	1.093
2	10.13	40.573	1.122
1	10.13	40.402	1.185

Table 10: Results for climate change 1 in 1000 year event (site results shown in red)

Results - 1000vrCC

	Results - 1000yrCC			
Cross Section	Max Flow (m3/s)	Max Stage (m AD)	Max Velocity (m/s)	
9!	5.177	41.805	0.826	
8!	5.181	41.587	1.075	
7!			0.868	
o! 5.187		41.375 41.187	1.15	
5! 5.1		41.095	1.027	
4!	5.188	41.048	1.421	
24!	5.23	45.303	0.721	
23!	5.225	45.245	0.824	
22!	5.221	45.163	0.939	
21!		45.037	1.16	
20!	5.215	44.931	1.009	
19!	5.212	44.64	1.62	
18!	5.21	44.196	1.967	
17!	5.208	43.972	1.154	
16!	5.205	43.852	1.184	
15!	5.202	43.746	1.109	
14!	5.193	43.474	0.998	
13!	5.185	43.291	0.908	
12!	5.176	43.159	0.64	
11!	5.172	42.542	1.936	
10!	5.173	41.934	0.979	
28		44.09	1.023	
27		44.046	0.903	
26		44.013	0.761	
25		43.878	1.171	
24		43.809	0.873	
23		43.735	0.979	
22		43.704	0.574	
21	7	43.682	0.561	
20		43.647	0.749	
19		43.554	0.885	
18		43.381	0.881	
17		43.207	0.982	
16		42.996	0.983	
15		42.906	0.69	
14		42.842	0.743	
13	6.945	42.769	0.622	
12	6.95	42.703	0.82	
11	6.957	42.504	0.926	
10	6.958	42.467	0.641	
9	6.963	42.338	0.72	
8	6.965	42.017	1.204	
7	6.966	41.519	1.586	
6	6.967	41.226	1.257	
5	6.967	41.048	1.533	
4		41.048	1.072	
3		40.901	1.151	
2		40.734	1.156	
1		40.563	1.234	

7.6 Flood Zones

- 7.6.1 The flood zones have been mapped onto the OS map using the flood extent export function within the InfoWorks software and MapInfo software.
- 7.6.2 Reference to Figures 34 and 35 indicates that the site is located mainly within the Flood 1, with some parts of the site located within Flood Zones 3b, 3a and 2.
- 7.6.3 According to NPPF, all uses of land are appropriate within Flood Zone 1. Only water-compatible uses are permitted within the Flood Zone 3b. Therefore, it is recommended that all built development, together with access onto the site, is located across the future Flood Zone 1.

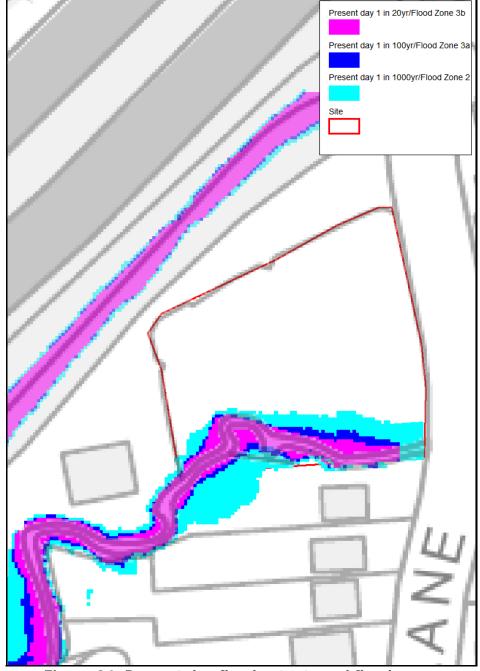


Figure 34: Present day flood extents and flood zones

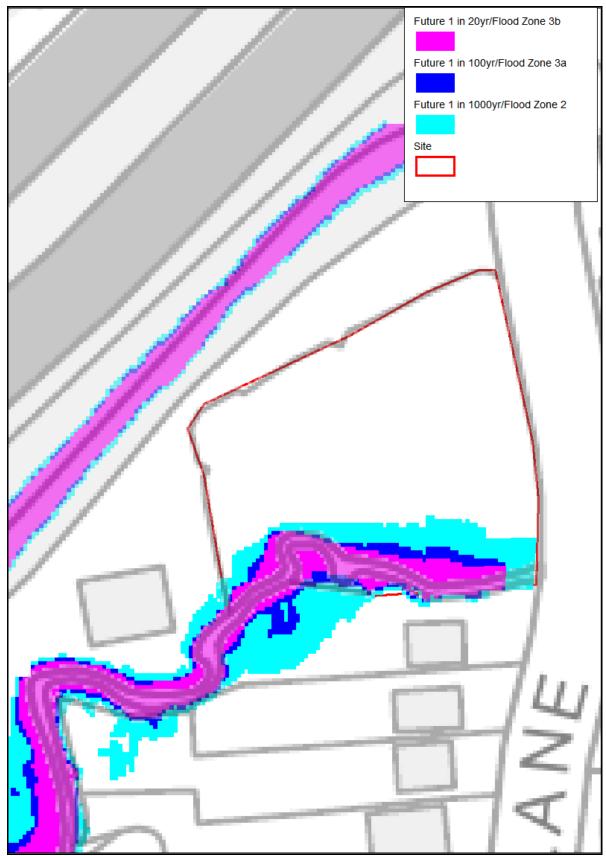


Figure 35: Future flood extents and flood zones

7.7 Sensitivity Analysis

- 7.7.1 Chapter 7 of the Agency's guidance document entitled *Fluvial Design Guide (2009)*, and Section 4.3 of the EA *Using Computer River Modelling as part of a flood risk assessment* guide, suggests that the model should be tested for sensitivity by adjusting key parameters such as the channel roughness values, downstream slope and flow rate.
- 7.7.2 In order to determine whether the model is sensitive when considering a particular parameter, each sensitivity test was carried out individually and as a separate model run. The sensitivity analysis has been carried out for the "design" event (i.e. the climate change 1 in 100 year event).
- 7.7.3 The channel Manning's roughness has been increased by 20% (i.e. from 0.083 to 0.099 in order to consider an even higher density of channel vegetation).
- 7.7.4 The gradient of the downstream boundary slope has also been made shallower by 20% (i.e. from 1:100 to 1:120).
- 7.7.5 The results in Table 11 show that when considering an increase in channel roughness, flood levels are overall higher (i.e. by up to 82mm at cross section 20 adjacent to the site). There is not a significant increase in flood level or flood extent when considering an increase in mannings and it is considered that the mannings value used in this assessment assumes a worst-case scenario.
- 7.7.6 Table 12 shows that there is no increase in flood levels at the site when considering a shallower downstream slope, which is to be expected as the downstream boundary is sufficiently downstream of the site.
- 7.7.7 When considering changes to inflows, it is considered that modelling of the climate change 1 in 1000 year event in this assessment is sufficient.

Table 11: Results comparison for increased "n" during climate change 1 in 100 year event (site results shown in red)

Channel	Manning's n = 0.099			Original Results		
Node	Max Stage (m AD) Max Ve	elocity (m/s)	Node		Max Velocity (m/s)	Stage Difference (m)
9!	41.555	0.609	9!	41.481	0.689	0.074
8!	41.337	0.825	8!	41.25	0.96	0.087
7!	41.103	0.648	7!	41.014	0.739	0.089
6!	40.903	0.888	6!	40.776	1.09	0.127
5!	40.777	0.689	5!	40.612	1.045	0.165
4!	40.645	1.181	4!	40.525	1.391	0.12
24!	45.084	0.531	24!	45.019	0.592	0.065
23!	45.031	0.606	23!	44.968	0.668	0.063
22!	44.955	0.697	22!	44.896	0.766	0.059
21!	44.842	0.857	21!	44.789	0.942	0.053
20!	44.724	0.755	20!	44.691	0.807	0.033
19!	44.501	1.123	19!	44.425	1.358	0.076
18!	43.992	1.594	18!	43.956	1.738	0.036
17!	43.773	0.835	17!	43.704	0.955	0.069
16!	43.665	0.847	16!	43.593	0.969	0.072
15!	43.562	0.804	15!	43.485	0.939	0.077
14!	43.323	0.66	14!	43.218	0.795	0.105
13!	43.206	0.54	13!	43.079	0.666	0.127
12!	43.137	0.345	12!	43	0.405	0.137
11!	42.374	1.517	11!	42.332	1.68	0.042
10!	41.698	0.738	10!	41.624	0.85	0.074
28	8 43.865	0.759	28	43.795	0.84	0.07
2	7 43.822	0.685	27	43.756	0.763	0.066
20	6 43.789	0.577	26	43.73	0.636	0.059
2!	43.677	0.923	25	43.601	1.093	0.076
2	4 43.603	0.658	24	43.531	0.764	0.072
2	3 43.527	0.766	23	43.447	0.892	0.08
2:	2 43.476	0.477	22	43.4	0.54	0.076
2		0.475	21			0.078
20	0 43.412	0.625	20	43.33	0.732	0.082
19	9 43.324	0.685	19	43.245	0.771	0.079
18	8 43.141	0.67	18	43.062	0.777	0.079
1	7 42.977	0.724	17	42.9	0.813	0.077
10	6 42.78	0.7	16	42.707	0.8	0.073
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	7 41.219	1.261	7		1.5	0.107
	6 40.844	1.024	- 6		1.189	0.11
	5 40.645	1.272			1.577	0.12
	4 40.645	0.827	4		0.958	0.12
	3 40.503	0.837	3		0.946	0.12
	2 40.342	0.869	2		0.99	0.118
	1 40.181	0.906	1	40.063	1.032	0.118

Table 12: Results comparison for shallower downstream slope during climate change 1 in 100 year event (site results shown in red)

1 in 100 year event (site results shown in red) Channel slope = 1:120 Original Results						
Node		Max Velocity (m/s)	Node		May Velocity (m/s)	Stage Difference (m)
9!	41.481	0.689	9!	41.481		
7: 8!	41.481		8!	41.25		
7!	41.014		7!	41.014		
7 : 6!	40.781	1.082	6!	40.776		
5!	40.622		5!	40.612		
4!	40.622		4!	40.525		
24!	45.019		24!	45.019		
23!	44.968		23!	44.968		
23! 22!	44.966	0.766	22!	44.896		
22! 21!	44.789		21!	44.789		
20!	44.769					
		0.807	20!	44.691		
19!	44.425		19!	44.425		
18!	43.956		18!	43.956		
17!	43.704		17!	43.704		
16!	43.593		16!	43.593		
15!	43.485		15!	43.485		
14!	43.218		14!	43.218		
13!	43.079		13!	43.079		
12!	43		12!	43		
11!	42.332		11!	42.332		
10!	41.624		10!	41.624		
	8 43.795		2			
	7 43.756		2			
	6 43.73			6 43.73		
	5 43.601	1.093		5 43.601		
	4 43.531	0.764		4 43.531		
	3 43.447	0.892		3 43.447		
	2 43.4			2 43.4		
	1 43.373		2			
	0 43.33			0 43.33		
1				9 43.245		
	8 43.062			8 43.062		
	7 42.9		1			
	6 42.707			6 42.707		
	5 42.582			5 42.582		
	4 42.49		1			
	3 42.397		1			
	2 42.324			2 42.324		
	1 42.153		1			
	0 42.107			0 42.107		
	9 41.989			9 41.989		
	8 41.663			8 41.664		
	7 41.114			7 41.112		
	6 40.74			6 40.734		
	5 40.54			5 40.525		
	4 40.54			4 40.525		
	3 40.407			3 40.383		
	2 40.261	0.952		2 40.224		
	1 40.125	0.965		1 40.063	1.032	0.062

8. OTHER SOURCES OF FLOODING

8.1 Groundwater Flooding

- 8.1.1 In order to assess the potential for groundwater flooding during higher return period rainfall events, the Jacobs/DEFRA report entitled *Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management: Groundwater Flooding Scoping Study*, published in May 2004, was consulted, together with the guidance offered within the document entitled *Groundwater flooding records collation, monitoring and risk assessment (ref HA5)*, commissioned by DEFRA and carried out by Jacobs in 2006.
- 8.1.2 According to Cobby et al (2009), groundwater flooding can be defined as flooding caused by the emergence of water originating from subsurface permeable strata. The greatest risks of groundwater flooding are considered to be from either:
 - a rise of groundwater in unconfined permeable strata, such as Chalk, after prolonged periods of extreme rainfall;
 - a rise of groundwater in unconsolidated, permeable superficial deposits, which are in hydraulic continuity with local river water levels and where the hydraulic gradient of the water table is low.
- 8.1.3 As described above, it is widely accepted that groundwater flooding generally occurs from both permeable strata (e.g. Chalk) and superficial deposits (e.g. sands and gravels). In particular, unconfined water-bearing deposits (i.e. those with permeable soils above them) are susceptible to a rise in groundwater during prolonged, extreme rainfall and during periods of high recharge throughout autumn and winter. Antecedent conditions, such as, above average groundwater levels prior to the rainfall event, are also a contributing factor to a variation in the water table.
- 8.1.4 Permeable superficial deposits can also hold quantities of groundwater, although these tend to be insignificant compared to the stored quantities within consolidated aquifers. Unconsolidated deposits such as sand and gravels are sufficiently permeable to store water; however such deposits which yield a low quantity of water are commonly termed a non-aquifer.
- 8.1.5 Deposits comprising a mixture of permeable and impermeable soils can lead to a presence of perched water. Perched water tables are located above less permeable deposits such as clay and are located within water-bearing soils such as sand and gravel. If perched water is unconfined then the potential for recharge and groundwater flooding can be high. If the perched water is confined by less permeable clay deposits, then the clay deposits will have a buffering effect on percolating surface water and thus the recharge potential and rise in the water table is low.
- 8.1.6 It is common for groundwater flooding from water-bearing superficial deposits to occur within the vicinity of watercourses, as the water table is generally in hydraulic continuity with the water levels in the watercourse. Therefore, if the watercourse floodplain is flat and low-lying, the water table is likely to have a low hydraulic gradient and will rise to the equivalent water level within the watercourse (Figure 36). This, in turn, can cause the water table to breach the ground surface. This is more prominent in winter during which groundwater flooding often precedes fluvial flooding.

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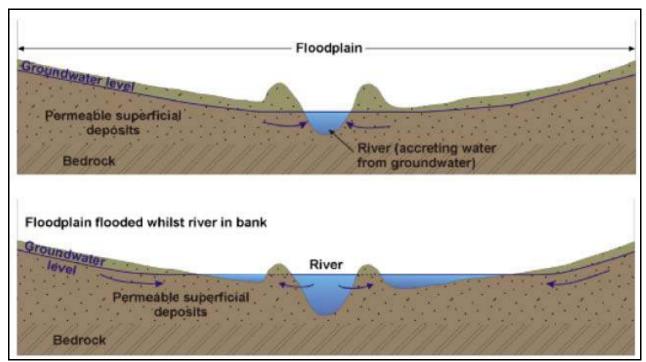


Figure 36: Schematic showing mechanisms of groundwater flooding from high in-bank water levels (Source: DEFRA Groundwater flooding records collation, monitoring and risk assessment (ref HA5))

Soil and Geology at the Site

8.1.7 It can be seen from the various soil and hydrogeological data, listed in Section 2, that the soils beneath the site comprise Head deposits (i.e. clay, silt, sand and gravel) overlying London Clay (i.e. clay, silt and sand). Local borehole data extracted from the BGS Online Geology Viewer indicates that the clay content is high and that groundwater is not expected at shallow depths.

Groundwater Flooding Potential at the Site

- 8.1.8 There have been no recorded groundwater flood events across the area between 2000 and 2003, as indicated by the Jacobs study. The BGS *Groundwater Flooding Susceptibility Map* indicates that there is a "Potential for Groundwater Flooding to Occur at Surface".
- 8.1.9 Figure A (6d) of the SFRA and Drawing 2012s6570-002 of the SWMP indicates that there have been no historical groundwater flood events at the site or within the immediate vicinity.
- 8.1.10 Due to the low permeable soil types present below the site, it is possible that during prolonged or heavy rainfall events there will be a high buffering effect on infiltrating surface water which will confine the water table and reduce the potential for the water table to rise significantly.
- 8.1.11 It is considered that the evidence suggests an overall low risk of groundwater flooding to the site.

8.2 Surface Water Flooding and Sewer Flooding

- 8.2.1 Surface water and sewer flooding across urban areas is often a result of high intensity storm events which exceed the capacity of the sewer thus causing it to surcharge and flood. Poorly maintained sewer networks and blockages can also exacerbate the potential for sewer flooding. Surface water flooding can also occur as a result of overland flow across poorly drained rural areas.
- 8.2.2 Figure A (6d) of the SFRA and Drawing 2012s6570-002 of the SWMP indicates that there have been no historical surface water flood events at the site or within the immediate vicinity. Drawing 2012s6570-002 of the SWMP also shows that the site is susceptible to surface water flooding.
- 8.2.3 The Agency's Surface Water Flooding Map (Figure 37) indicates that across the site there is a:
 - very low surface water flooding risk across the site (i.e. less than 1 in 1000 year chance);
 - low surface water flooding risk (i.e. chance of flooding of between 1 in 1000 years and 1 in 100 years);
 - medium surface water flooding risk (i.e. chance of flooding of between 1 in 100 years and 1 in 30 years) and;
 - high surface water flooding risk (i.e. chance of flooding greater than 1 in 30 years).
- 8.2.4 The data associated with the EA map indicates that the depth of water would be below 0.3m during medium and high chance events, however, the depth could reach 0.9m during low chance events. The maps indicate that the velocity would be greater than 0.25 m/s.
- 8.2.5 The flood hazard to people, (using the hazard equation outlined in paragraph 13.7.2 of FD2320/TR2 which is based on the depth and velocity of the floodwater), during low chance events would be Dangerous for Most (assuming 0.3 m/s velocity and 0.9m depth). When considering medium chance events and high chance events the hazard would be Very low (i.e. assuming 0.3 m/s velocity and 0.25m depth).
- 8.2.6 Research provided in paragraph 6.13 of the superseded 2009 DCLG document entitled *PPS 25 Development and Flood Risk Practice Guide* states that vehicles can be unstable in depths greater than 300mm. The DEFRA/EA document FD2321/TR1 and FD2321/TR2 suggests that heavier vehicles such as fire engines become unstable in 0.9m of still water and this value reduces as the velocity increases. Therefore, it is likely that there will only be a risk to vehicles across the site during low chance events.
- 8.2.7 No mitigation measures will be required for properties located within the very low risk area. However, as a precaution, a *Water Entry Strategy* as detailed in the DEFRA/EA document *Improving the Flood Performance of New Buildings* should be applied to any proposed buildings located within the low risk areas of the site as this will reduce the surface water flooding risk to property further. A *Water Exclusion Strategy* as set out in the aforementioned guidance document could be incorporated across medium and high risk areas. It is recommended that as a minimum, all finished floor levels should be set 0.3m higher than ground levels.
- 8.2.8 Figure 37 also shows a low, medium and high surface water flooding risk adjacent to the site along Spital Lane. The map indicates that the depth of water could reach 0.9m and the velocity greater than 0.25 m/s. Therefore, the ability for vehicles and emergency services to access the site could be compromised under these conditions and the hazard

would be *Dangerous for Most* people across this area. It is recommended that if people observe flooding across Spital Lane they should not access the site or leave the site.

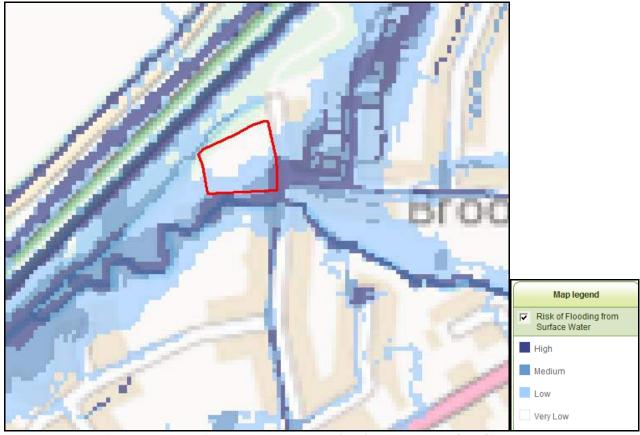


Figure 37: Environment Agency Surface Water Flooding Map

8.3 Reservoirs, Canals And Other Artificial Sources

- 8.3.1 The failure of man-made infrastructure such as flood defences and other structures can result in unexpected flooding. Flooding from artificial sources such as reservoirs, canals and lakes can also occur suddenly and without warning, leading to high depths and velocities of flood water which pose a safety risk to people and property.
- 8.3.2 The Environment Agency's "Risk of flooding from reservoirs" map suggests that the site is not at risk from such features.

9. REDUCING VULNERABILITY TO THE HAZARD

- 9.1 Providing that built development is located across the fluvial Flood Zone 1 and the *Water Entry/Exclusion Strategy* is implemented to reduce the surface water flood risk, people and property will remain safe during flood events from all sources.
- 9.2 The Agency aims to provide up to 2 hours notice before the issue of a *Flood Warning* for fluvial events. It is likely that the flood levels will be monitored by the Agency and the corresponding level of flood warning issued depending on the rising flood level. It is understood that the police and other emergency services will assist in the evacuation to rest centres operated by the Council. It is not mandatory for occupants to use these centres and personal evacuation arrangements can be just as effective. The Fire Service will assist in any rescuing of people from the flooded area once this has occurred.
- 9.3 It is recommended that the occupants liaise with the Agency in order to register with the Agency's Flood Warnings Direct service and ensure that they are aware of the flood risk so that they have the option to escape/evacuate upon receipt of a *Flood Warning* or upon the instruction of the emergency services.
- 9.4 The residents are encouraged to make a *Family Flood Plan* bespoke to their needs. Further guidance is offered in the Environment Agency's guidance document entitled *What to do before, during and after a flood.* The *Flood Plan* should consider, for example, vital medical items needed and a *Flood Kit*.
- 9.5 Safe refuge across upper floors is available during all flood events and safe (dry) access/egress can also be guaranteed during the peak of all fluvial flood events via Spital Lane. However, for surface water flood events, safe access/egress cannot be guaranteed and if people observe flooding across the site or Spital Lane they should remain across upper floors.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 The Association of British Insurers (ABI) published a guidance document in 2012 entitled Guidance on Insurance and Planning in Flood Risk Areas for Local Planning Authorities in England.
- 10.2 The ABI guidance sets out the requirements of the insurance industry when considering flood risk and insurability of the property. The guidance suggests that properties should be protected for flood events up to the climate change 1 in 100 year event in order to access insurance at a competitive price.
- 10.3 The guidance also states that insurers would of course prefer to cover properties which are not at risk of flooding, however, for those properties which are at risk of flooding insurers would prefer that the properties are raised above the flood level, over resistance measures which prevent floodwater from entering the building, or resilience measures which allows floodwater to enter the building.
- 10.4 All built development will be located within the fluvial Flood Zone 1 and outside of the climate change 1 in 1000 year floodplain. Therefore, the ABI's requirement of protection during the climate change 1 in 100 year event will be exceeded and there will be a good chance of the property being insured at a competitive rate.
- 10.5 Mitigation measures up to the 1 in 1000 year surface water flooding event will also be incorporated at the site.

11. SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND SUDS

- 11.1 Planning policy recommends the maximum practical use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) within proposals for new sites. There is a requirement that sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) be installed where appropriate, in order to limit the amount of surface water runoff entering drainage systems and to return surface water into the ground to follow its natural drainage path.
- 11.2 The soil types comprise less permeable clayey soils and the infiltration capacity associated with these soils is not considered sufficient for the practical use of infiltration devices such as soakaways or permeable surfaces.
- 11.3 The SWMP *Infiltration SUDS: Areas of Compatibility* map shows that across the site there are very significant constraints when considering the use of infiltration SUDS. Furthermore, BRE Digest 365 requires that the time taken for infiltration devices to empty to 50% should be less than 24 hours. This requirement is unlikely to be achieved when considering these soil types.
- 11.4 Therefore, due to the soil types/infiltration capacity across the site there is a stronger case to implement an attenuation SUDS solution at the site instead of an infiltration SUDS solution.
- 11.5 Permeable surfaces could be used to cleanse and attenuate surface water from roof areas and driveways and attenuated discharge could be directed to the watercourse at Greenfield runoff rates in order to prevent an increase in flow rate.
- 11.6 It is important that any surface water attenuation feature is located outside of the floodplain as it would be at risk of flooding and its storage capacity would be compromised.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- An InfoWorks RS model has been developed to determine the fluvial flood risk to the site from the watercourses.
- The results show that there is fluvial flooding across parts of the site during all modelled return period events, however, the site is mainly located within the Flood Zone 1.
- A sensitivity analysis has been carried out in which the model was tested for a change in channel roughness and change in downstream slope. The results indicate that the model is not particularly sensitive and does not result in significant changes in flood extent.
- It is recommended that all built development is located within the future Flood Zone 1 area.
- It is considered that there is a low risk of groundwater flooding at the site from underlying deposits and from artificial sources.
- There is a very low to high surface water flooding risk at the site and along Spital Lane. It is recommended that a *Water Entry/Exclusion Strategy* is implemented in order to protect people and property.
- It is proposed that the occupants register with the Agency's *Flood Warnings Direct* and prepare a *Family Flood Plan*. It is recommended that the occupants take advice from the emergency services.

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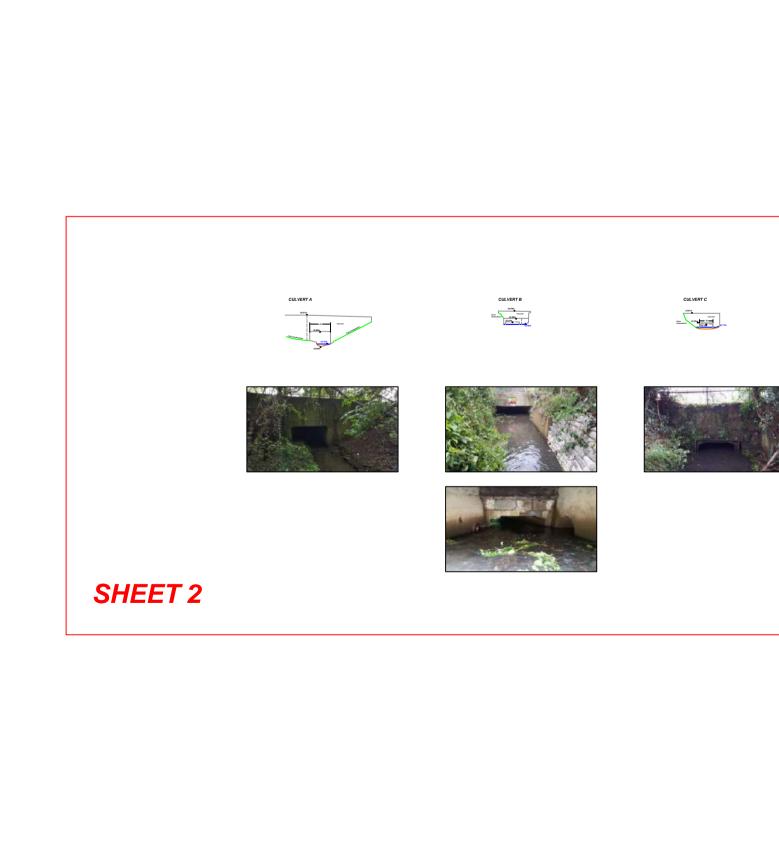
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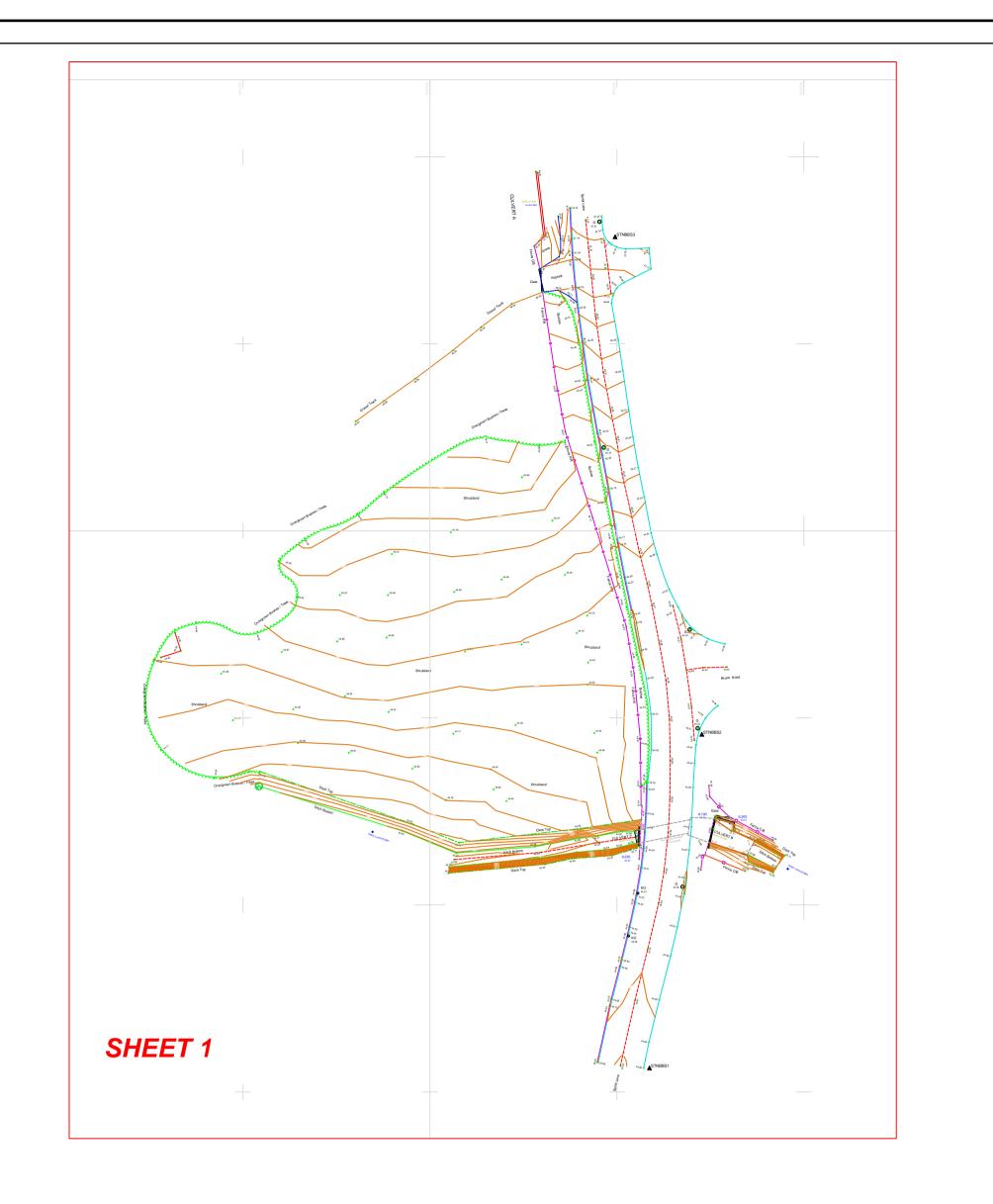
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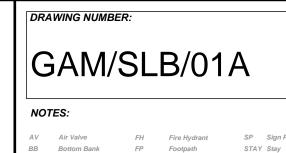


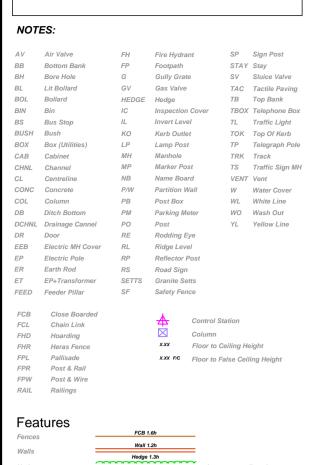


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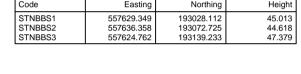
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