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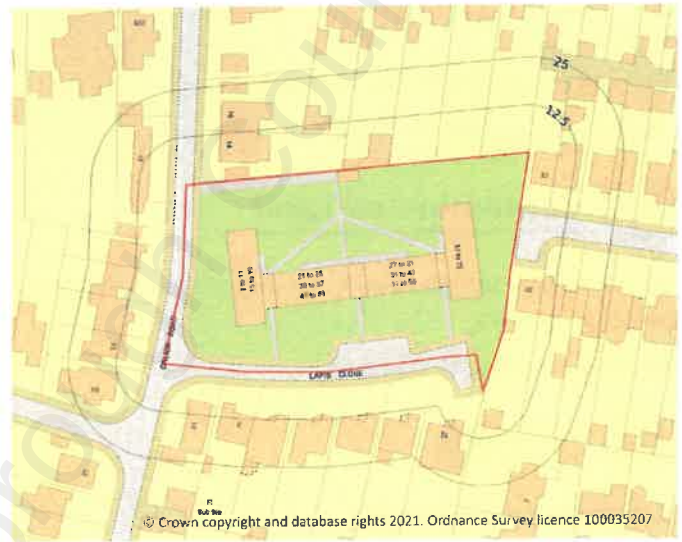
Professional opinion

Site plan



Contaminated Land

Low:
Acceptable Risk



Consultant's guidance and recommendations inside.

Further Guidance

Contaminated land liability



Flooding
Low-Moderate



Ground Stability
Identified

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Radon
Identified

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Banking security

Is it likely that the property will represent acceptable banking security from a contaminated land perspective?

Yes

Statutory or 3rd party action

Is there a risk of statutory (e.g. Part 2A EPA 1990) or third party action being taken against the site?

Unlikely

Environmental liability

Is there a risk that the property value may be impacted due to contaminated land liability issues?

Unlikely

Guidance and recommendations

Current Use	Residential
Proposed Use	Residential
Redevelopment planned? (not refurbishment)	No
Underground storage tanks? (e.g. fuel tanks, septic tanks)	No
Distance to surface water feature	None within 250m
Distance to residential properties	On Site



Contaminated Land

No issues of concern have been identified at the property. The site has been identified to comprise acceptable banking security.

No further action is required.



Flooding

Groundwater Flooding

A risk of groundwater flooding has been identified at the site. This will be more of an issue for properties with a basement or other section below ground. Further advice on groundwater flooding has been produced by the Environment Agency and the Local Government Association and can be found at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/297421/flho0911bugi-e-e.pdf

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

A site-specific flood risk assessment should be provided for all development in Flood Zones 2 and 3. In Flood Zone 1, an assessment should accompany all proposals involving: sites of 1 hectare or more; land which has been identified by the Environment Agency as having critical drainage problems; land identified in a strategic flood risk assessment as being at increased flood risk in future; or land that may be subject to other sources of flooding, where its development would introduce a more vulnerable use. The NPPF states that the flood risk assessment should identify and assess the risks of all forms of flooding to and from the development and demonstrate how these flood risks will be managed so that the development remains safe throughout its lifetime, taking climate change into account. Those proposing developments should take advice from the emergency services when producing an evacuation plan for the development as part of the flood risk assessment.





Ground stability

The property is indicated to lie within an area that could be affected by natural ground subsidence. You should consider the following:

Next steps for consideration:

- if a survey has been undertaken at the property that considers ground instability and no issues were found, no further action is required
- however, based on the findings of this report, the purchaser should be encouraged to consider potential instability in any future development or alteration of the ground including planting and removing trees, and regardless of the survey outcome
- if no survey has yet been undertaken, we recommend one is carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced person
- if ground instability issues have been or are subsequently identified in a survey we recommend following any advice given in the survey findings



Radon

The property is in an area where elevated radon levels are expected to be found in 1-3% of properties.

Next steps for consideration:

- if the property is a new build, you can check compliance on radon protection with the developer
- if you are buying a currently occupied property, ask the present owner whether radon levels have been measured and, if so, whether the results were above the radon Action Level. If they were, ask what remedial measures were installed, were radon levels re-tested and did the re-testing confirm the measures have been effective
- if testing has not been carried out, it would be a sensible precaution to arrange for the property to be tested with radon detectors. If initial short-term radon screening tests are inconclusive, or the purchaser would prefer to carry out a full three-month test, it may be possible to arrange a 'radon bond'
- high levels of radon can be reduced through carrying out remedial works to the property
- No radon protection measures will be required to be installed in the event that any new buildings or extensions are added to the property.
- See <http://www.radonassociation.co.uk/guide-to-radon/information-for-employers/> for further information



Environmental summary



Flooding

Property's overall risk assessment for river, coastal, surface water and groundwater flooding is low-moderate.

Further explanation of flood risk assessment can be seen in the Flood information on **page 24**.

River and Coastal Flooding	Very Low
Groundwater Flooding	Moderate-High
Surface Water Flooding	Negligible
FloodScore™ insurance rating	Very Low
Past Flooding	Not identified
Flood Storage Areas	Not identified
NPPF Flood Risk Assessment required if site redeveloped?	See overview



Ground stability

The property is assessed to have potential for natural or non-natural ground subsidence.

Please see **page 18** for details of the identified issues.

Natural Ground Stability	Moderate-High
Non-Natural Ground Stability	Not identified



Radon

The property is in a radon affected area. This could mean that inhabitants are at risk from the harmful effects of radon. The percentage of homes estimated to be affected by radon in your local area is between 1% and 3%.

Please see **page 19** for details of the identified issues.

In a radon
affected area



Recent aerial photograph



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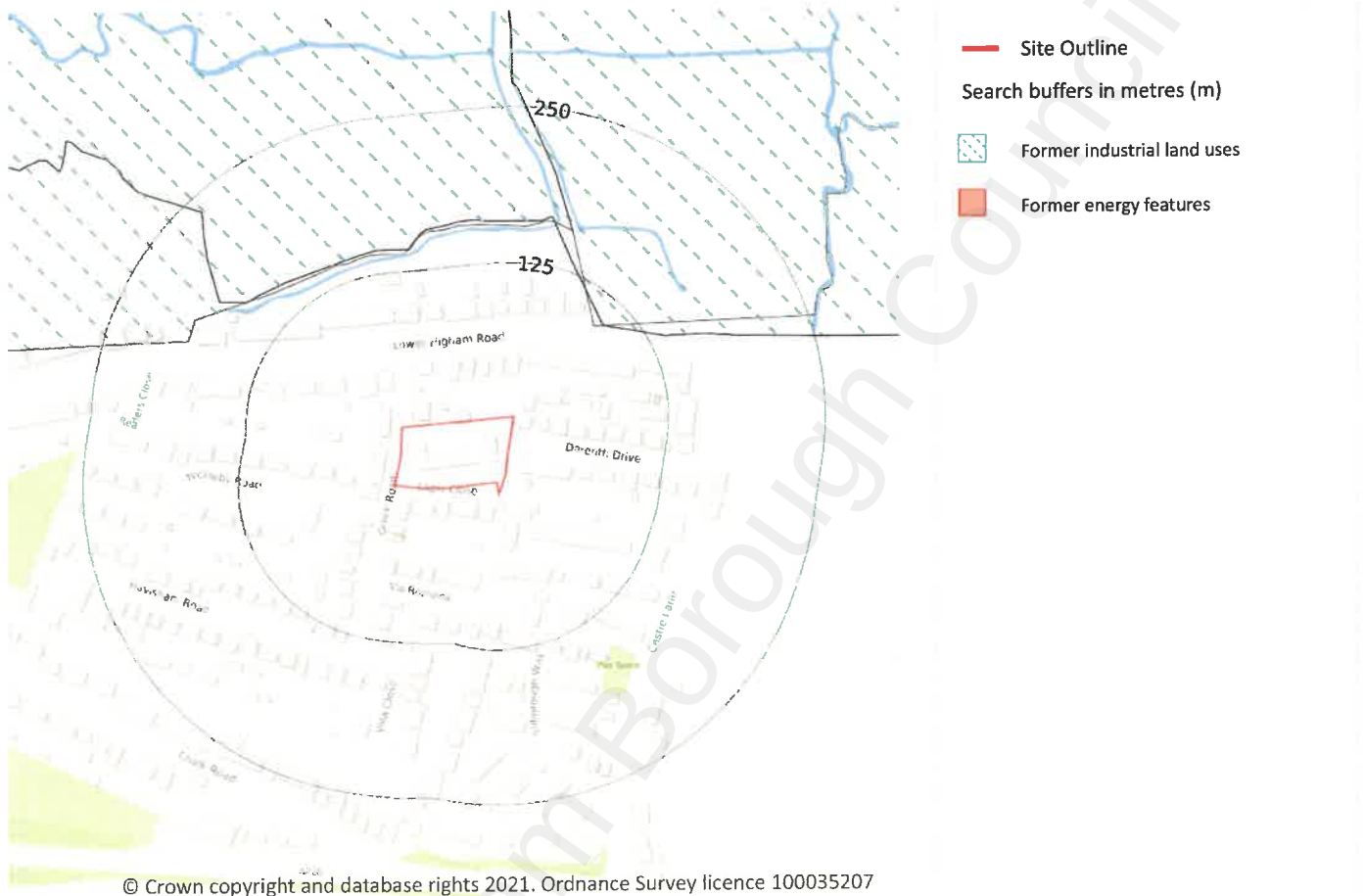
Site Area: 0.45ha

Contaminated Land summary



Past land use	On-Site	0-50m	50-250m
Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale)	0	0	4
Former tanks	0	0	0
Former energy features	0	1	2
Former petrol stations	0	0	0
Former garages	0	0	0
Former military land	0	0	0
Waste and landfill	On-Site	0-50m	50-250m
Active or recent landfill	0	0	0
Former landfill (from Environment Agency Records)	0	0	0
Former landfill (from Local Authority and historical mapping records)	0	0	0
Waste site no longer in use	0	0	0
Active or recent licensed waste sites	0	0	0
Current and recent industrial	On-Site	0-50m	50-250m
Recent industrial land uses	0	1	2
Current or recent petrol stations	0	0	0
Historical licensed industrial activities	0	0	0
Current or recent licensed industrial activities	0	0	0
Local Authority licensed pollutant release	0	0	0
Pollutant release to surface waters	0	0	0
Pollutant release to public sewer	0	0	0
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 1)	0	0	0
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 2)	0	0	0
Dangerous or explosive sites	0	0	0
Hazardous substance storage/usage	0	0	0
Sites designated as Contaminated Land	0	0	0
Pollution incidents	0	0	1

Contaminated land / Past land use



Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale)

These historical land uses have been identified from 1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale Ordnance Survey maps dated from the mid to late 1800s to recent times. They have the potential to have caused ground contamination. Please see the Environmental Summary to find out how these could impact the site.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

Distance	Direction	Use	Date
98 m	NE	Marshes	1888
103 m	NE	Marshes	1899
103 m	NE	Marshes	1899
139 m	N	Marshes	1888

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Former energy features

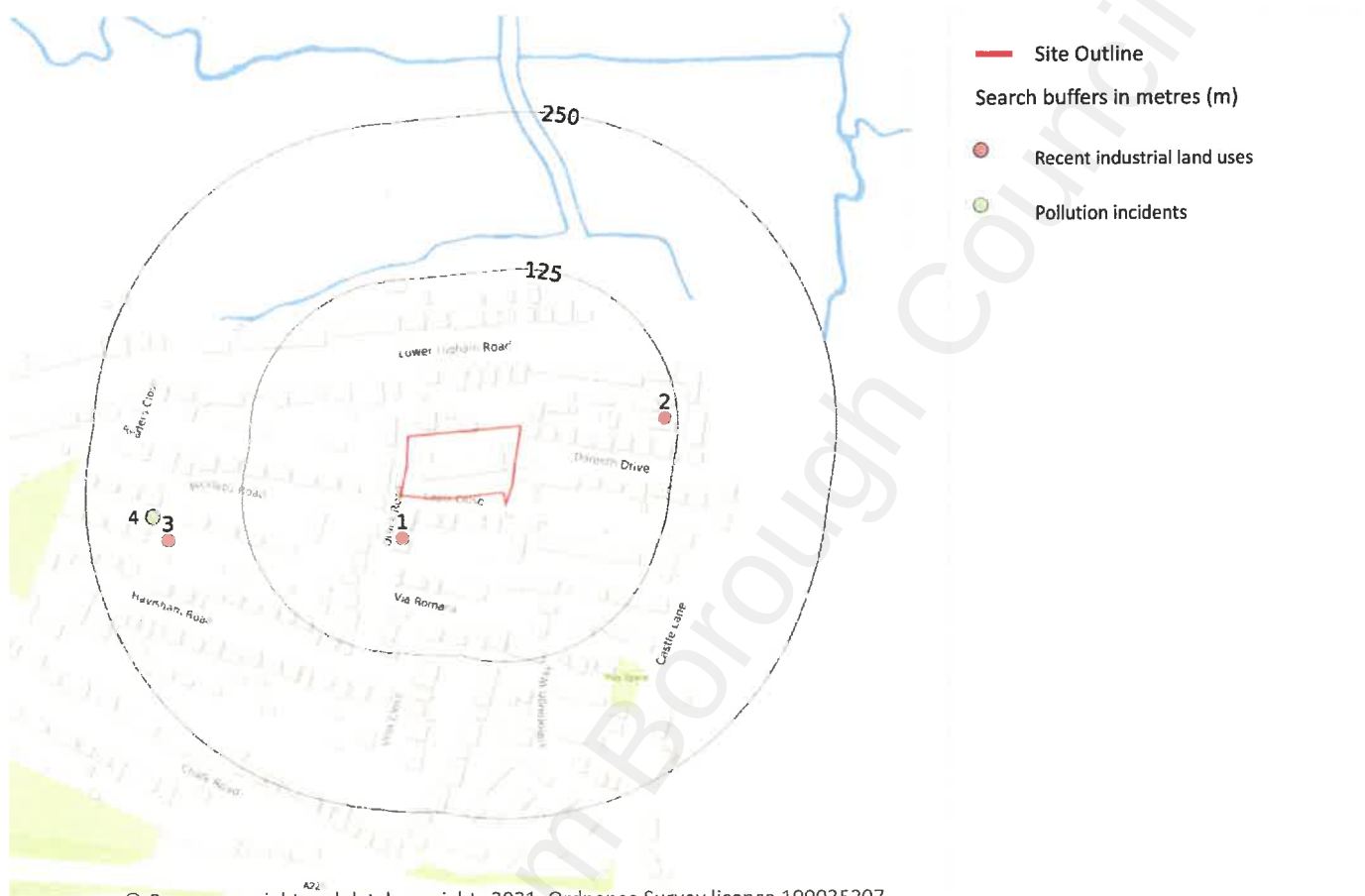
Energy features such as substations, transformers or power stations have been identified from high detailed historical Ordnance Survey maps dating from the mid to late 1800s to recent times. Structures like this can sometimes cause soil or groundwater contamination.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

Distance	Direction	Use	Date
37 m	S	Electricity Substation	1984
114 m	E	Electricity Substation	1984
180 m	W	Electricity Substation	1952

This data is sourced from Ordnance Survey/Groundsure.

Contaminated land / Current and recent industrial



Recent industrial land uses

These records show details of businesses that have recently operated, or are currently operating in the area. Depending on the type of activities taking place, some of these businesses could present a risk of contamination.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

ID	Distance	Direction	Company / Address	Activity	Category
1	33 m	S	Electricity Sub Station - Kent, DA12	Electrical Features	Infrastructure and Facilities
2	115 m	E	Electricity Sub Station - Kent, DA12	Electrical Features	Infrastructure and Facilities
3	188 m	W	Electricity Sub Station - Kent, DA12	Electrical Features	Infrastructure and Facilities

This data is sourced from Ordnance Survey.

Pollution incidents

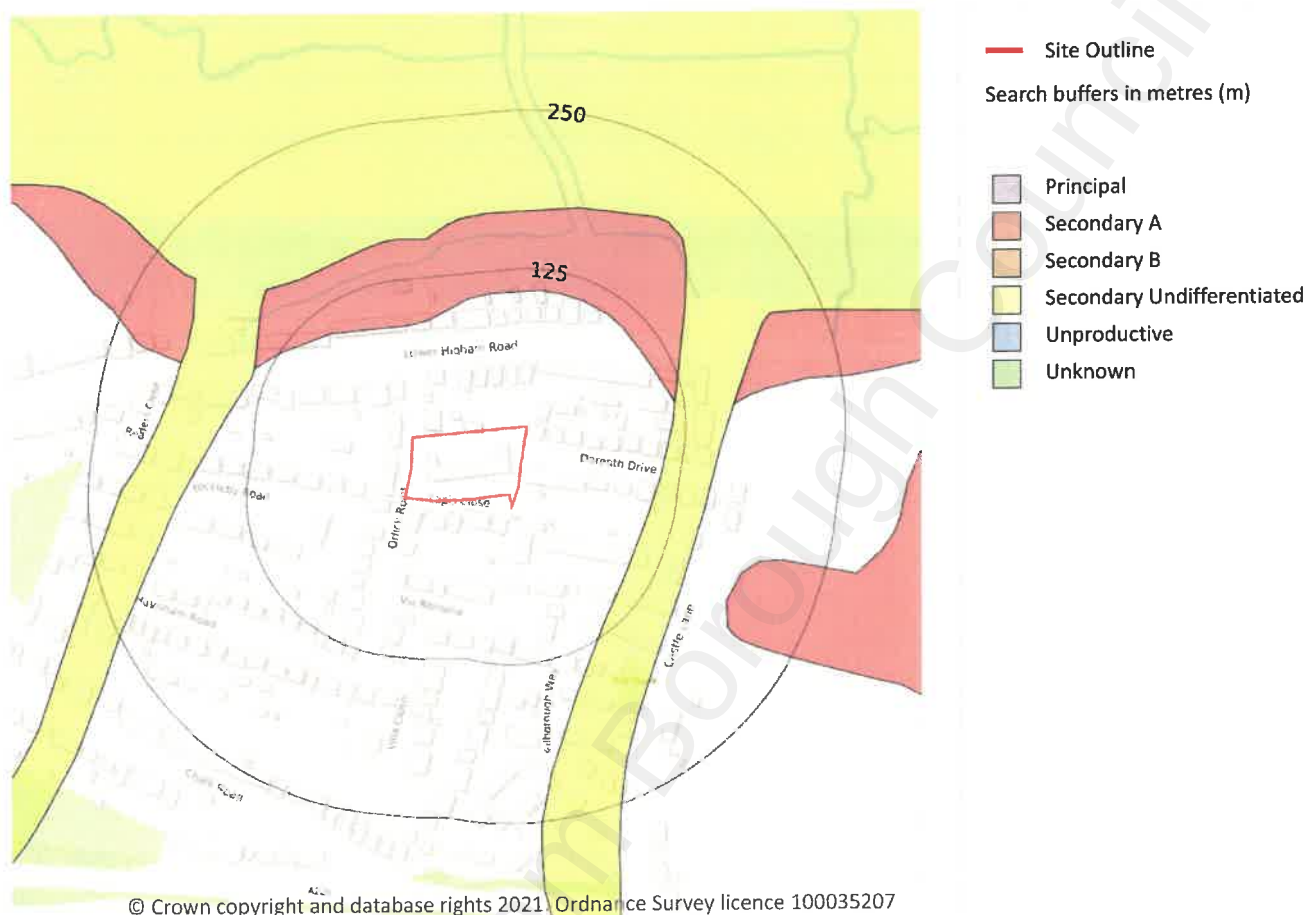
Environment Agency keep records of all major or significant pollution incidents that are known to have impacted the land, water or air. The location provided for these records may relate to the location of the incidents but may sometimes be recorded where the effects of the incident was reported.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

ID	Distance	Direction	Incident Date	Land Impact	Water Impact	Pollutant
4	197 m	W	04/07/2001	Category 3 (Minor)	Category 4 (No Impact)	Gas and Fuel Oils

This data is sourced from the Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales.

Superficial hydrogeology



Aquifers within superficial geology

The Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales and the British Geological Survey have assigned designations or types to the aquifers that exist within superficial geology. These designations reflect the importance of aquifers in terms of groundwater as a resource (eg drinking water supply) but also their role in supporting surface water flows and wetland ecosystems.

Principal - These are layers of rock or superficial deposits that usually provide a high level of water storage.

Secondary A - Permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale.

Secondary B - Predominantly lower permeability layers which may store and yield limited amounts of groundwater.

Secondary Undifferentiated - Has been assigned in cases where it has not been possible to attribute either category A or B to a rock type.

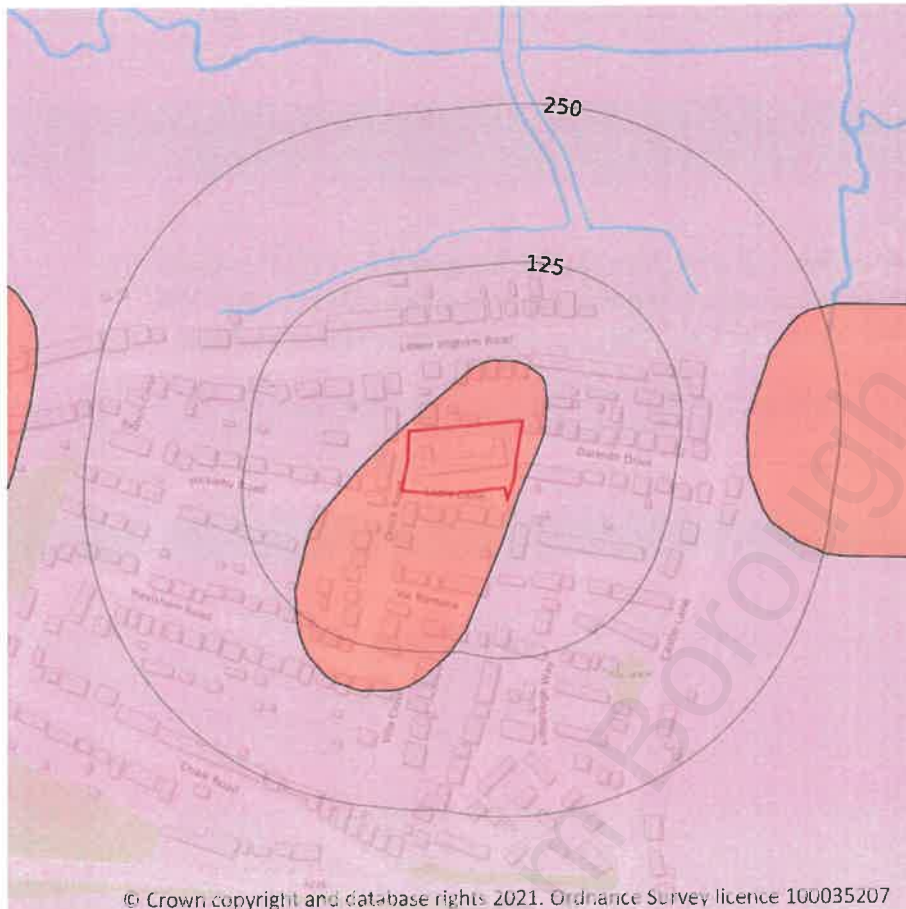
Unproductive - These are rock layers with low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply.

Unknown - These are rock layers where it has not been possible to classify the water storage potential.

Distance	Direction	Designation
88 m	N	Secondary A
103 m	E	Secondary Undifferentiated
164 m	E	Secondary A
185 m	SE	Secondary A
191 m	W	Secondary A

This data is sourced from the Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales and the British Geological Survey.

Bedrock hydrogeology



- Site Outline
- Search buffers in metres (m)
- Principal
- Secondary A
- Secondary B
- Secondary Undifferentiated
- Unproductive
- Groundwater abstraction licence (point)
- Groundwater abstraction licence (area)
- Groundwater abstraction licence (linear)

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Aquifers within bedrock geology

The Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales and the British Geological Survey have assigned designations or types to the aquifers that exist within bedrock geology. These designations reflect the importance of aquifers in terms of groundwater as a resource (eg drinking water supply) but also their role in supporting surface water flows and wetland ecosystems.

Principal - These are layers of rock or superficial deposits that usually provide a high level of water storage.

Secondary A - Permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale.

Secondary B - Predominantly lower permeability layers which may store and yield limited amounts of groundwater.

Secondary Undifferentiated - Has been assigned in cases where it has not been possible to attribute either category A or B to a rock type.

Unproductive - These are rock layers with low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply.

Distance	Direction	Designation
0	on site	Secondary A
5 m	NW	Principal
177 m	E	Secondary A

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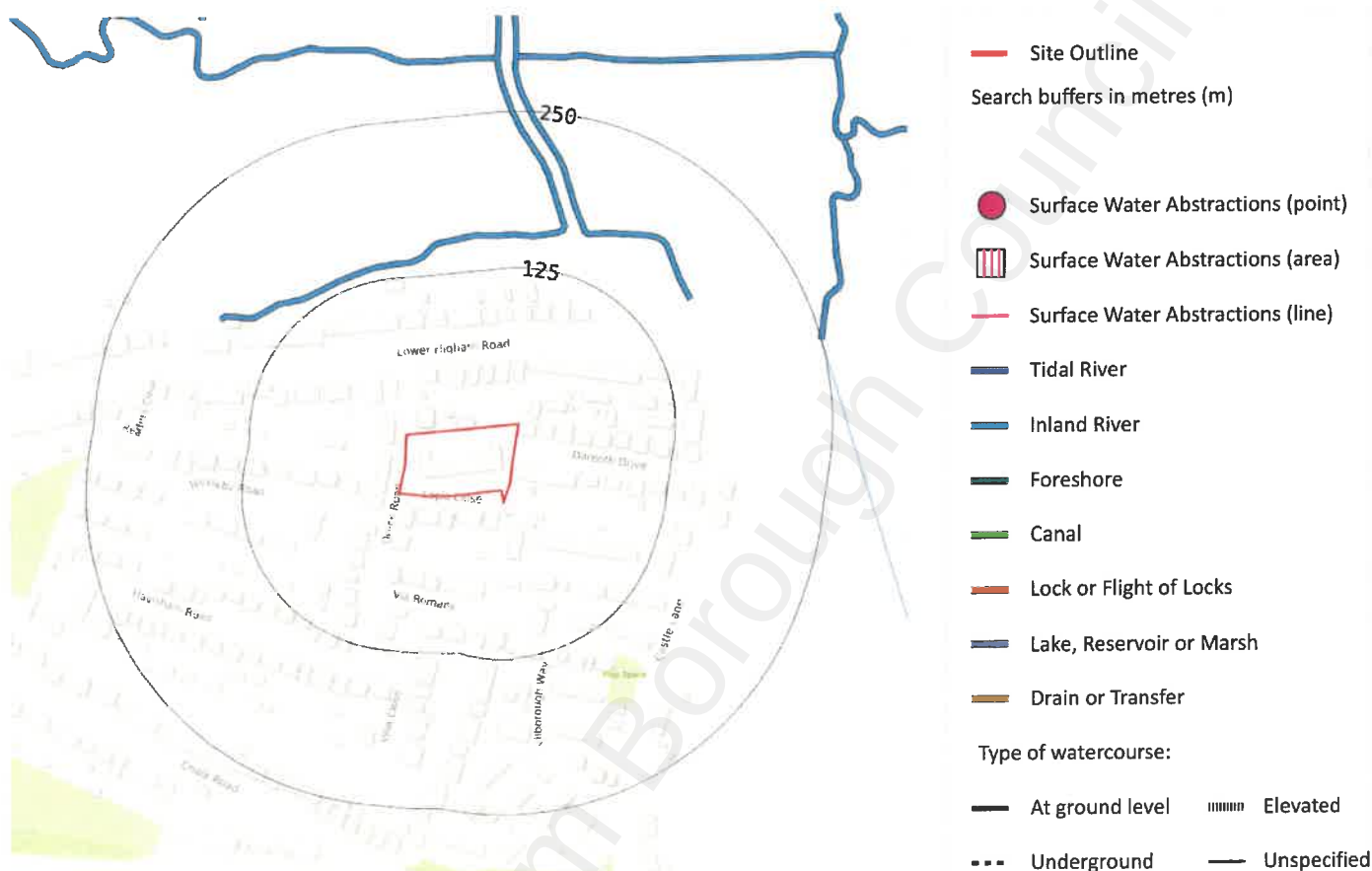
Bedrock geology

Bedrock geology is a term used for the main mass of rocks forming the Earth and is present everywhere, whether exposed at the surface in outcrops or concealed beneath superficial deposits or water. This information comes from the BGS 1:50,000 Digital Geological Map of Great Britain, where available.

Description	BGS LEX Code	Rock Type
THANET FORMATION	TAB-S	SAND

This data is sourced from British Geological Survey.

Hydrology



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Water courses from Ordnance Survey

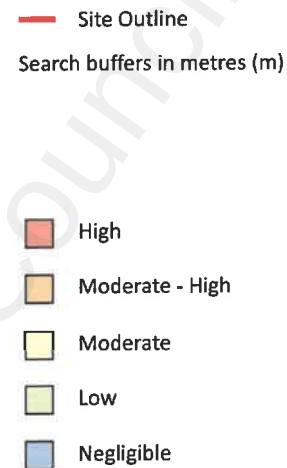
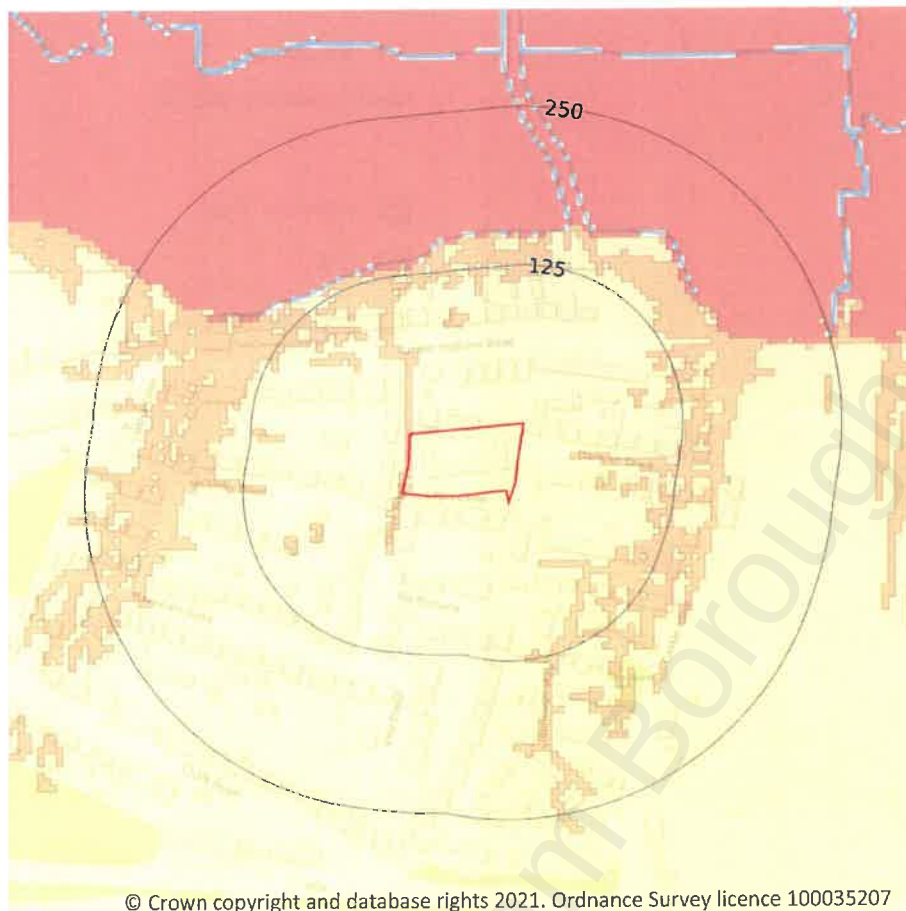
These are water features such as ponds, lakes, rivers and streams that have been identified by Ordnance Survey. These features may be sensitive to contamination.

Distance	Direction	Details
134 m	NW	Name: Type of water feature: Inland river not influenced by normal tidal action. Ground level: On ground surface Permanence: Watercourse contains water year round (in normal circumstances)
162 m	N	Name: Type of water feature: Inland river not influenced by normal tidal action. Ground level: On ground surface Permanence: Watercourse contains water year round (in normal circumstances)

Distance	Direction	Details
250 m	E	Name: Type of water feature: Inland river not influenced by normal tidal action. Ground level: Not provided Permanence: Watercourse contains water year round (in normal circumstances)
250 m	E	Name: Type of water feature: Inland river not influenced by normal tidal action. Ground level: On ground surface Permanence: Watercourse contains water year round (in normal circumstances)

This data is sourced from Ordnance Survey.

Flooding / Groundwater flooding

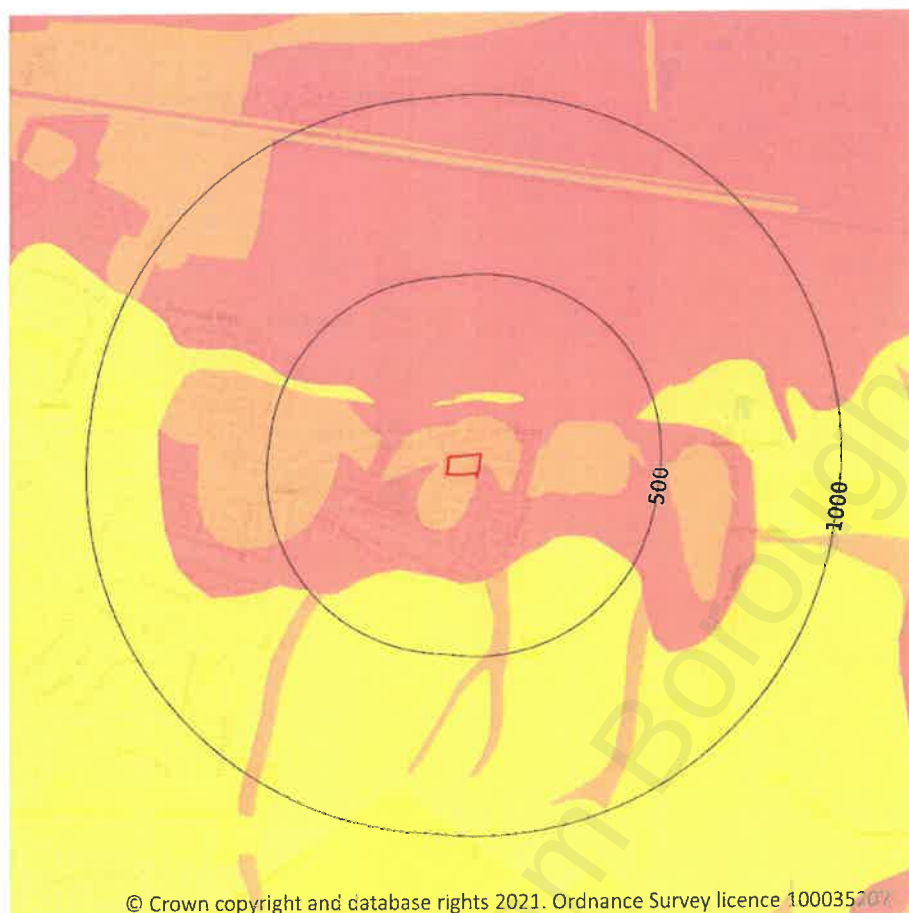


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Ambiental data indicates that the property is in an area with a moderate to high risk of groundwater flooding. Should a 1 in 100-year groundwater flood event occur, groundwater levels could rise above ground level to depth of up to 25cm. Basement areas may become inundated.

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Ground stability / Natural ground subsidence



- Site Outline
- Search buffers in metres (m)
- Moderate - high
- Low
- Negligible - very low

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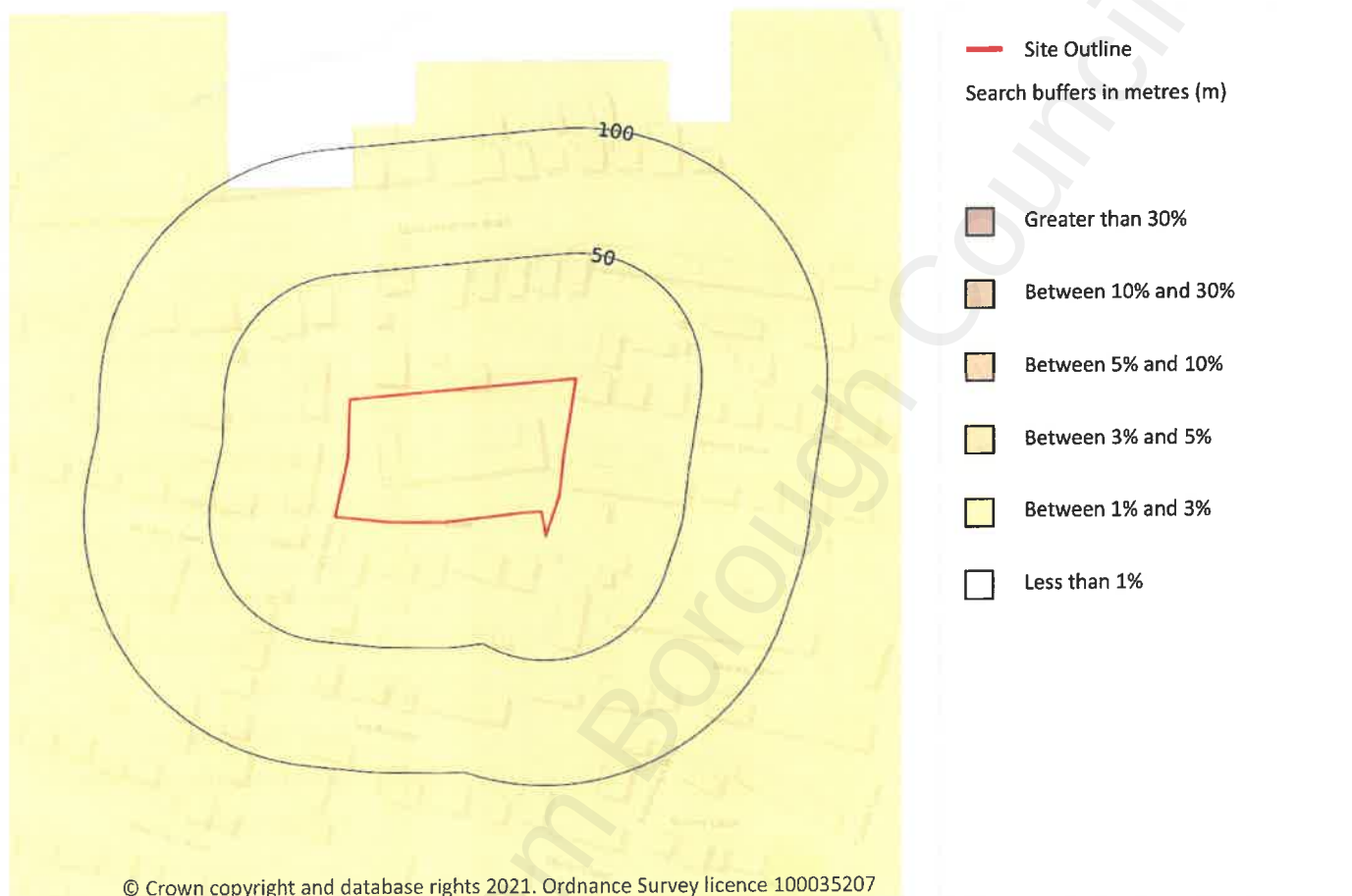
Natural ground subsidence

The property, or an area within 50m of the property, has a moderate to high potential for natural ground subsidence. This rating is derived from the British Geological Survey's GeoSure database, and is based upon the natural qualities of the geology at the site rather than any historical subsidence claims or events. Additionally, this data does not take into account whether buildings on site have been designed to withstand any degree of subsidence hazard.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

Surveyors are normally aware of local problem areas in relation to subsidence, however, this data provided by the British Geological Survey (BGS) can highlight areas where a significant potential for natural ground subsidence exists and whether it may need particular consideration. The term "Subsidence" refers to ground movement that could cause damage to foundations in domestic or other properties.

Radon



The property is in a radon affected area, meaning there is an increased risk that properties will contain elevated levels of radon.

In order to determine if there is a problem at your property, a radon measurement in the building must be taken. Access to a testing service and further information on radon is available from Public Health England (PHE) or www.ukradon.org.

Radon is a colourless, odourless radioactive gas present in all areas of the United Kingdom, usually at levels that pose a negligible risk. However, the property is situated in an area where levels of radon can be much higher and pose a health risk. High levels of radon can cause lung cancer, particularly for smokers and ex-smokers. The higher the level and the longer the period of exposure, the greater the risk.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

This data is sourced from the British Geological Survey/Public Health England.

Planning constraints



- Site Outline
- Search buffers in metres (m)
- Listed buildings
- Certificates of immunity from listing
- Conservation areas
- National Parks
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Registered parks and gardens
- Scheduled Monuments
- World Heritage Sites
- Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites)
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Designated Ancient Woodland
- Green Belt
- Local Nature Reserves
- Special Areas of Conservation
- National Nature Reserves
- Special Protection Areas (for birds)

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) are nature conservation sites chosen because they are significantly important natural habitats for animals or plants or significant geologically. They are designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This national network of sites are subject to strict regulations, protecting against any developments on them.

Distance	Direction	SSSI Name	Data Source
150 m	N	South Thames Estuary and Marshes	Natural England

This data is sourced from Natural England/Natural Resources Wales/Scottish Natural Heritage. For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-areas-sites-of-special-scientific-interest>

Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites)

Ramsar Sites are internationally important wetland habitat sites adopted from the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance (1971) and ratified by the UK Government in 1976. They are subject to strict regulations that protect them from development.

Distance	Direction	Ramsar Name	Ramsar Site Status	Data Source
150 m	N	Thames Estuary & Marshes	Listed	Natural England

This data is sourced from Natural England/Natural Resources Wales/Scottish Natural Heritage. For more information see <http://www.ramsar.org/>.

Green Belt

Green Belts are intended to prevent inappropriate development by keeping certain areas of land open. The fundamental purpose of Green Belt is to prevent continued growth and merging of urban areas, hence the majority of Green Belt land being located on the fringe of large towns and cities, extending into the countryside. Whilst development can happen in the Green Belt, it should be subject to greater controls on the type and size of the development. However, the presence of a Green Belt designation is not in itself a complete barrier to development and the Local Plan should be consulted if a purchaser is concerned about any potential development in these areas.

Distance	Direction	Green Belt Name	Data Source
85 m	NE	London	Gravesham

This data is sourced from Local Authorities (Green Belt data contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2021). For more information please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/9-protecting-green-belt-land>

Listed Buildings

The presence of listed buildings means there will be extra control over what changes can be made to that building's interior and exterior. If the property itself is a listed building, owners will need to apply for Listed Building Consent for most types of work that affect the 'special architectural or historic interest' of the property and the work approved may increase costs.

Distance	Direction	Name	Grade	Listed building reference number	Listed date
46 m	N	Readers, Chalk, Gravesham, Kent, DA12	II	1089019	23/01/1952

This data is sourced from Historic England. For more information please see <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

Datasets searched

This is a full list of the data searched in this report. If we have found results of note we will state "Identified". If no results of note are found, we will state "Not identified". Our intelligent filtering will hide "Not identified" sections to speed up your workflow.

Contaminated Land

Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale) **Identified**

Former tanks Not identified

Former energy features **Identified**

Former petrol stations Not identified

Former garages Not identified

Former military land Not identified

Former landfill (from Local Authority and historical mapping records) Not identified

Waste site no longer in use Not identified

Active or recent landfill Not identified

Former landfill (from Environment Agency Records) Not identified

Active or recent licensed waste sites Not identified

Recent industrial land uses **Identified**

Current or recent petrol stations Not identified

Dangerous or explosive sites Not identified

Hazardous substance storage/usage Not identified

Sites designated as Contaminated Land Not identified

Historical licensed industrial activities Not identified

Current or recent licensed industrial activities Not identified

Local Authority licensed pollutant release Not identified

Pollutant release to surface waters Not identified

Pollutant release to public sewer Not identified

Contaminated Land

Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 1) Not identified

Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 2) Not identified

Pollution incidents **Identified**

Superficial hydrogeology

Aquifers within superficial geology **Identified**

Superficial geology Not identified

Bedrock hydrogeology

Aquifers within bedrock geology **Identified**

Groundwater abstraction licences Not identified

Bedrock geology **Identified**

Source Protection Zones and drinking water abstractions

Source Protection Zones Not identified

Source Protection Zones in confined aquifer Not identified

Drinking water abstraction licences Not identified

Hydrology

Water courses from Ordnance Survey **Identified**

Surface water abstractions Not identified

Flooding

Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea Not identified

Flooding

Flood storage areas: part of floodplain	Not identified
Historical flood areas	Not identified
Areas benefiting from flood defences	Not identified
Flood defences	Not identified
Proposed flood defences	Not identified
Surface water flood risk	Not identified

Groundwater flooding **Identified**

Natural ground subsidence

Natural ground subsidence **Identified**

Natural geological cavities	Not identified
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Non-natural ground subsidence

Coal mining	Not identified
Non-coal mining	Not identified
Mining cavities	Not identified
Infilled land	Not identified

Radon

Radon **Identified**

Planning constraints

Sites of Special Scientific Interest **Identified**

Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites) **Identified**

Special Areas of Conservation	Not identified
Special Protection Areas (for birds)	Not identified
National Nature Reserves	Not identified
Local Nature Reserves	Not identified
Designated Ancient Woodland	Not identified

Green Belt **Identified**

Planning constraints

World Heritage Sites	Not identified
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Not identified
National Parks	Not identified
Conservation Areas	Not identified
Listed Buildings	Identified
Certificates of Immunity from Listing	Not identified
Scheduled Monuments	Not identified
Registered Parks and Gardens	Not identified

Contaminated Land Assessment Methodology and Limitations

Our risk assessment methodology and limitations can be found at [Risk Assessment methodology and Limitations - Groundsure](#)

Flood information

The Flood Risk Assessment section is based on datasets covering a variety of different flooding types. No inspection of the property or of the surrounding area has been undertaken by Groundsure or the data providers. The modelling of flood hazards is extremely complex and in creating a national dataset certain assumptions have been made and all such datasets will have limitations. These datasets should be used to give an indication of relative flood risk rather than a definitive answer. Local actions and minor variations, such as blocked drains or streams etc. can greatly alter the effect of flooding. A low or negligible modelled flood risk does not guarantee that flooding will not occur. Nor will a high risk mean that flooding definitely will occur. Groundsure's overall flood risk assessment takes account of the cumulative risk of river and coastal data, historic flood events and areas benefiting from flood defences provided by the Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales (in England and Wales) and surface water (pluvial) and groundwater flooding provided by Ambiantal Risk Analytics. In Scotland the river and coastal flood models are also provided by Ambiantal Risk Analytics.

Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea

This is an assessment of flood risk for England and Wales produced using local data and expertise, provided by the Environment Agency (RoFRaS model) and Natural Resources Wales (FRAW model). It shows the chance of flooding from rivers or the sea presented in categories taking account of flood defences and the condition those defences are in. The model uses local water level and flood defence data to model flood risk.

The categories associated with the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales models are as follows:

RoFRaS (rivers and sea) and FRAW (rivers):

Very Low - The chance of flooding from rivers or the sea is considered to be less than 1 in 1000 (0.1%) in any given year.

Low - The chance of flooding from rivers or the sea is considered to be less than 1 in 100 (1%) but greater than or equal to 1 in 1000 (0.1%) in any given year.

Medium - The chance of flooding from rivers or the sea is considered to be less than 1 in 30 (3.3%) but greater than 1 in 100 (1%) in any given year.

High - The chance of flooding from rivers or the sea is considered to be greater than or equal to 1 in 30 (3.3%) in any given year.

FRAW (sea):

Very Low - The chance of flooding from the sea is considered to be less than 1 in 1000 (0.1%) in any given year.

Low - The chance of flooding from the sea is considered to be less than 1 in 200 (0.5%) but greater than or equal to 1 in 1000 (0.1%) in any given year.

Medium - The chance of flooding from the sea is considered to be less than 1 in 30 (3.3%) but greater than 1 in 200 (0.5%) in any given year.

High - The chance of flooding from the sea is considered to be greater than or equal to 1 in 30 (3.3%) in any given year.

Historic flood events

Over 86,000 events are recorded within this database. This data is used to understand where flooding has occurred in the past and provides details as available. Absence of a historic flood event for an area does not mean that the area has never flooded, but only that Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales do not currently have records of flooding within the area. Equally, a record of a flood footprint in previous years does not mean that an area will flood again, and this information does not take account of flood management schemes and improved flood defences.

Surface water flooding

Ambiantal Risk Analytics surface water flood map identifies areas likely to flood following extreme rainfall events, i.e. land naturally

vulnerable to surface water or "pluvial" flooding. This data set was produced by simulating 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year, 1 in 250 year and 1 in 1000 year rainfall events. Modern urban drainage systems are typically built to cope with rainfall events between 1 in 20 and 1 in 30 years, though older ones may even flood in a 1 in 5 year rainstorm event.

Proposed flood defences

The data includes all Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales's projects over £100K that will change or sustain the standards of flood defence in England and Wales over the next 5 years. It also includes the equivalent schemes for all Local Authority and Internal Drainage Boards.

Flood storage areas

Flood Storage Areas may also act as flood defences. A flood storage area may also be referred to as a balancing reservoir, storage basin or balancing pond. Its purpose is to attenuate an incoming flood peak to a flow level that can be accepted by the downstream channel. It may also delay the timing of a flood peak so that its volume is discharged over a longer time interval. These areas are also referred to as Zone 3b or 'the functional floodplain' and has a 5% or greater chance of flooding in any given year, or is designed to flood in the event of an extreme (0.1%) flood or another probability which may be agreed between the Local Planning Authority and Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales, including water conveyance routes. Development within Flood Storage Areas is severely restricted.

Groundwater flooding

Groundwater flooding is flooding caused by unusually high groundwater levels. It occurs as excess water emerging at the ground surface or within underground structures such as basements. Groundwater flooding tends to be more persistent than surface water flooding, in some cases lasting for weeks or months, and it can result in significant damage to property. This risk assessment is based on a 5m Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and 1 in 100 year and 1 in 250 year return periods.

Conservation Area data limitations

Please note the Conservation Area data is provided by Historic England and may be incomplete. We recommend reviewing your local search for confirmation.

Subsidence data limitations

The natural ground subsidence assessment is based on the British Geological Survey's GeoSure data. GeoSure is a natural ground stability hazard susceptibility dataset, based on the characteristics of the underlying geology, rather than an assessment of risk. A hazard is defined as a potentially damaging event or phenomenon, where as a risk is defined as the likelihood of the hazard impacting people, property or capital. The GeoSure dataset consists of six data layers for each type of natural ground subsidence hazard. These are shrink-swell clay, landslide, compressible ground, collapsible ground, dissolution of soluble rock and running sand. Each hazard is then provided with a rating on its potential to cause natural ground subsidence. This rating goes from A-E, with A being the lowest hazard, E being the highest. Groundsure represent full GeoSure data as either Negligible (ratings of A), Very Low (ratings of B), Low (C), Moderate (D) or High (E). Where GeoSure Basic is instead used, ratings are displayed as Negligible-Very Low (A or B ratings), Low (C) or Moderate-High (D or E). The GeoSure data only takes into account the geological characteristics at a site. It does not take into account any additional factors such as the characteristics of buildings, local vegetation including trees or seasonal changes in the soil moisture content which can be related to local factors such as rainfall and local drainage. These factors should be considered as part of a structural survey of the property carried out by a competent structural surveyor. For more information on the "typical safe distance" trees should be from a property please see this guide:

<https://www.abi.org.uk/globalassets/sitecore/files/documents/publications/public/migrated/home/protecting-your-home-from-subsidence-damage.pdf>

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