



23052 WP01: Phase 2 Dalefield Road
Flood Risk Assessment
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Phase 2 Dalefield Road, Gravesend

Flood Risk Assessment Note & Preliminary Drainage Strategy

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1.0 Introduction

Manhire Associates have been appointed by O'Halloran & O'Brien Ltd to prepare a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Surface Water Drainage Strategy in support of a Planning Application for the redevelopment proposals for two sites within the larger existing industrial land plot. Both the sites are currently used for external storage Use Class B8.

The existing site on Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2JH is known as Dalefield Way Industrial Estate; which includes the offices, workshops and storage areas used by B&T plant hire, O'Halloran & O'Brien & Keady Construction.



Figure 1 - Aerial Image of site.

Proposals are to erect two new buildings within the existing storage areas :-

- a) A new office building of three stories, Use Class E (g) (i); (Total Floor Area 1,170m²)
- b) A storage building of one storey, Use Class B8 (Total Floor Area 234m²)

The purpose of this report is to provide a review of existing Flood Risk Assessments and to demonstrate to the planning authority and consultees that the industrial element has been assessed and is considered to be safe throughout its design life. It also confirms how surface water run off from the development can be dealt with within the existing sites sustainable drainage network previously constructed for the original development.

2.0 Review of previous Flood Risk Assessments

A site-specific Flood Risk Assessment was prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers in January 2011 to support the planning application for consent to implement the Phase 2 industrial development scheme which was submitted in May 2010 (Planning reference GR/2010/0436) directly north of the Phase 1 residential development and subject of a combined Environmental Impact Assessment covering both sites.

The site-specific Flood Risk Assessment prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers in January 2011 has been provided in Appendix A.

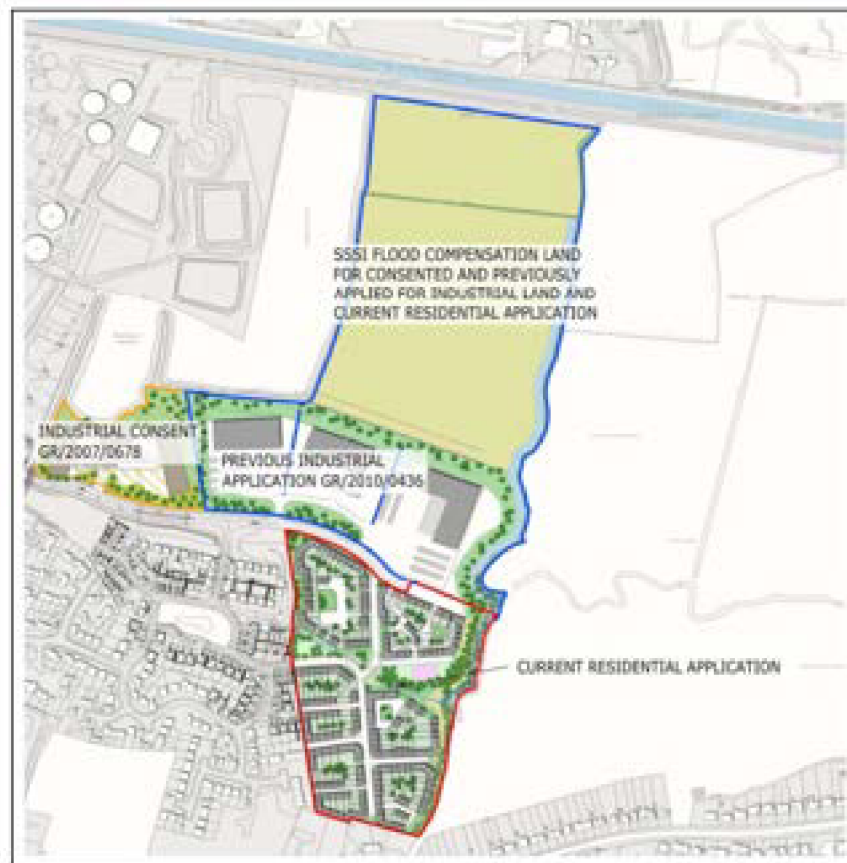


Figure 2 - Extant Planning Applications

An addendum to the Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment was prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers in November 2011 and reissued again in May 2016 following the receipt of new data from the Environment Agency on the existing flood defence crest heights.

During the determination of planning applications 2010/0436 (Industrial) and 2010/0197 (residential) Gravesham Borough Council (BC) identified that portions of the tidal flood defences around Gravesend may be at a lower level than that stated in the HR Wallingford Technical Note MCM57553/01 published in 2007.

This Flood Risk Addendum was used to support the Planning Applications and the Hydraulic Modelling, with the latter having been previously approved by the Environment Agency. At that time the proposals were confirmed as being safe.

On receipt of the information from Gravesham BC a joint meeting was held with senior representatives of the Council, the Environment Agency and Ardent Consulting Engineers. The meeting was held at the Environment Agency's offices on the 12 October 2011. During this meeting the impact of the lowered defence levels was discussed, and it was agreed that:

- Gravesham Borough Council, would benefit from further evidence to support the Sequential Test for the Site from the Applicant; and,
- The impact of the lowered defences needs to be agreed with the Environment Agency.

The Flood Risk Assessment Addendum concluded that the existing flood defence infrastructure and alignment of the railway line provide an adequate level of flood defence for the residential and industrial proposals up to 2055. Consequently, the industrial element is considered to be safe throughout its design life.

The site-specific Flood Risk Assessment Addendum prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers in November 2011 has been provided in Appendix B with the May 2016 reissued Addendum provided in Appendix C

3.0 Review of previous Surface Water Drainage Strategy

As part of the Flood Risk Assessment prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers in January 2011 to support the planning application for consent to implement the Phase 2 industrial development scheme which was submitted in May 2010 (Planning reference GR/2010/0436) a surface water drainage strategy was prepared based upon the parameters and flow conditions previously established and agreed by Ardent and Buchanan Consulting Engineers, HR Wallingford, the Environment Agency and English Nature/Natural England on the Heronsfield Development (GR/99/168) and the adjacent industrial consented scheme known as Phase 3A (GR/2007/0678).

In view of the requirements of PPS25, the design parameters and constraints associated with developing this particular site, a surface water drainage strategy has been devised to demonstrate that the scheme can be suitably implemented without increasing the level of flood risk when the drainage system experiences a 1:100 year rainfall event (including an additional 30% for any potential climate change impact). The adopted design principles are as follows:

- The ambient water level in the open watercourse channel is 1.70m AOD;
- Post-development 1:100 year floodwater level within the watercourses shall not exceed 2.04m AOD;
- Attenuation provision has been assessed based on the previously agreed total greenfield discharge rate of 32.20 litres/sec, although the run-off will freely discharge into the receiving open channel watercourses and the flows controlled to agreed Greenfield rates downstream by the existing devices that have previously been installed to the north of the application site (adjacent to the railway line);

- Sufficient on-line attenuation shall be provided in accordance with the previously agreed strategy by excavating on-line flood levees to accommodate the volume of surface water run-off generated by the development scheme when subjected to a 1:100 year event (including climate change) to provide a maximum volume of 1,905m³ (effective storage depth of 0.34m);
- Flood levees shall be excavated from a level of 1.65m AOD (i.e. below the ambient water level) to provide regular wetting, but the effective volume of attenuation has only
- been considered above the ambient water level of 1.70m AOD;
- The development's total impermeable catchment area is anticipated to be in the region of 3.0 hectares;

Details illustrating the extent of the intended watercourse provision and flood levee excavation works are presented below.



Figure 3 - Watercourse provision and flood levee excavation work.

4.0 Review of existing underground drainage layouts

In 2016 Stephen Wilson Partnership Ltd. prepared a drainage layout for the current offices, workshops and storage areas used for B&T plant hire, O'Halloran & O'Brien & Keady Construction. A copy of the drawings is provided in Appendix D.

The drainage network comprises a number of separate surface water drainage systems. Surface water collected from roads and storage areas in the yard are routed through full retention fuel /oil separators before discharging into the watercourse and flood levee corridors as described in section 3.0. Rainwater collected from the roofs of the buildings is relatively uncontaminated and is discharged through a separate system which discharges to the watercourses without going through the separator's.

Foul water from the site is collected separately and routed to a private package pumping station to the south of the site adjacent to the site access road. From here it is pumped to a private chamber before discharging via gravity into a Southern Water Foul Manhole.

5.0 Proposed Drainage Strategy

As described in section 4.0 the existing site drainage networks currently discharges into the watercourses and flood levee corridors that were designed and implemented as part of the Phase 2 industrial development scheme which was submitted in May 2010 (Planning reference GR/2010/0436)

The introduction of the two additional buildings will not increase the impermeable area therefore no additional surface water runoff will be generated and will have no adverse impact on the existing watercourses and flood levee corridors.

Run-off from the new roof areas will connect into the existing underground drainage networks currently installed and discharge into the watercourse and flood levee corridors as is the current situation.

A new permanent landscaped garden will be created between the new and existing offices. This will create an external amenity space for staff and help improve the "green" ecology of the site.

A copy of the Proposed Drainage Layout in Provided in Appendix E.



Figure 4 – Proposed Office & Landscaped Garden

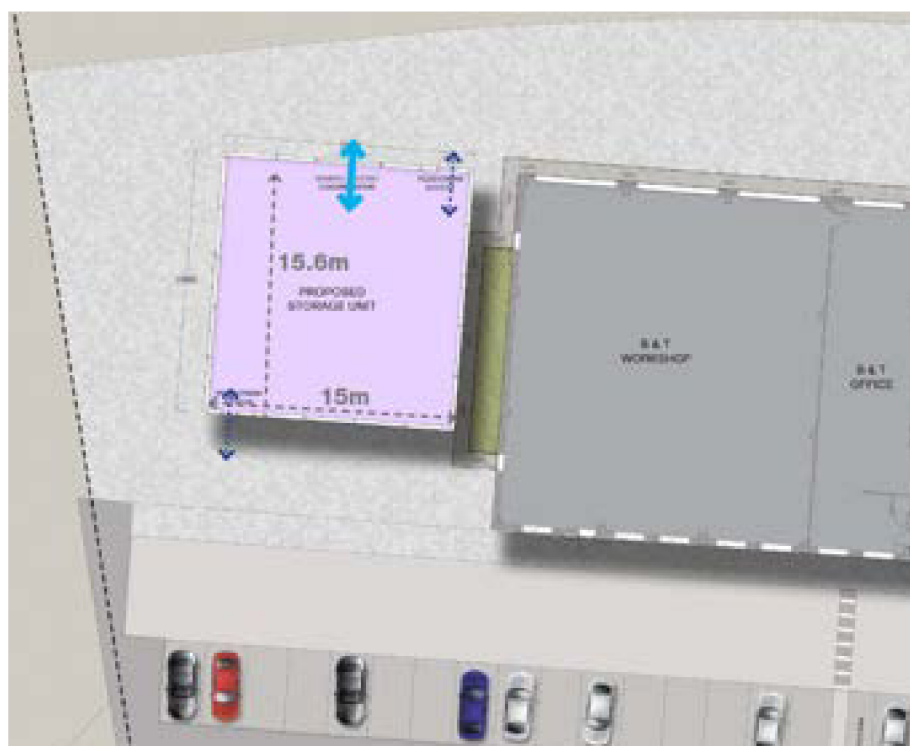


Figure 5 – Proposed Storage Unit

6.0 Conclusions

A review of the existing Flood Risk Assessments for the site from 2011 and Addendums from 2011 and 2016 concluded that the existing flood defence infrastructure and alignment of the railway line provide an adequate level of flood defence for the residential and industrial proposals up to 2055. Consequently, the industrial element is considered to be safe throughout its design life.

As part of the Flood Risk Assessment prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers in January 2011 to support the planning application for consent to implement the Phase 2 industrial development scheme a surface water drainage strategy was devised to demonstrate that the scheme can be suitably implemented without increasing the level of flood risk when the drainage system experiences a 1:100 year rainfall event (including an additional 30% for any potential climate change impact).

Surface Water run-off from the site will freely discharge into the receiving open channel watercourses and the flows controlled to an agreed Greenfield rate of 32.20 litres/sec by the existing devices that were previously installed to the north of the application site (adjacent to the railway line).

Sufficient on-line attenuation has been provided in accordance with the previously agreed strategy by excavating on-line flood levees to accommodate the volume of surface water run-off generated by the development scheme when subjected to a 1:100 year event (including climate change) to provide a maximum volume of 1,905m³.

The site is presently drained by a series of surface water networks which discharge into the watercourse and flood levee corridors.

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The overall conclusion of the initial FRA remains applicable to overall flood risk within the terms and requirements of National Planning Policy Framework.



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Appendix A – Flood Risk Assessment - January 2011

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**LAND AT PM9, NORTH-EAST GRAVESEND:
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Ardent Consulting Engineers has been appointed by a consortium comprising Fort Knight Group, Sunray Development Ltd and Kent County Council to prepare a formal Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and identify a strategy for the disposal of the foul water flows and surface water run-off arising from the proposed residential development scheme.
- 1.2 The following report has been prepared to support a planning application for permission to provide up to 130 residential dwellings with associated supporting infrastructure comprising internal access roads, car parking courtyards and a suitable landscaping scheme. The extent of the application and adjoining sites previously consented or submitted for the planning approval, as shown over the page.
- 1.3 The site is deemed to partially lie within the indicative undefended floodplain associated with the River Thames (albeit appropriately defended) and, to comply with the requirements of 'Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk' (PPS25), a site-specific FRA has been prepared to accompany the planning application.
- 1.4 The adjacent site to the north-west was granted outline planning consent in June 2001 for a scheme comprising a total of 3,333m² gross floor area (GFA) for employment use (Classes B2 - industrial and B8 - distribution warehousing). This consent was subsequently renewed in August 2004. Expiry of that outline consent necessitated the resubmission of this application for an identical scheme in July 2007. This application was approved in October 2007 by Gravesham Borough Council (GBC) under the reference GR/2007/0678 but has not yet been built out. However a Reserved Matter application was submitted in October 2010 and is currently under consideration by Gravesham Borough Council

- 1.5 A site-specific Flood Risk Assessment has also been prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers to support the planning application for consent to implement an industrial development scheme which was submitted in May 2010 (Planning reference GR/2010/0436), directly north of this proposal and subject of a combined Environmental Impact Assessment covering both sites.
- 1.6 The drainage proposals outlined within this report follows the methodology adopted for previous phases of both residential and industrial development granted planning permission by the Local Planning Authority.



- 1.7 The development, drainage and flood mitigation proposals have been devised in accordance with the position reached with the Environment Agency at the meeting held on 19th October 2009 and

subsequent meetings with Natural England. A copy of the minutes of the meeting has been included within **Appendix F** of this report for further reference. Furthermore, meetings have also been held with Natural England on 20th November 2009 and 27th April 2010 to discuss the principle of development and the surrounding SSSI area.

- 1.8 It is anticipated that where additional and/or further detailed information is required, the Authorities will recommend standard conditions to be assigned to any planning decision for future consideration and determination.
- 1.9 This report is to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority (Gravesham Borough Council) and its Statutory Consultees to obtain an approval to the drainage strategy and associated flood risk matters. The objective of the report is to allow the planning application to progress without objection from the Authorities.
- 1.10 It is anticipated that where additional and/or further detailed information is required, the Authorities will recommend standard conditions to be assigned to any planning decision for future consideration and determination.

2.0 BASELINE PARAMETERS

Existing Site

- 2.1 The land which forms the basis of this particular planning application is situated approximately 500m north of the A226 Rochester Road, 700m south of the disused Thames and Medway Canal which lies adjacent to the London to Medway Towns North Kent railway line.
- 2.2 The site is centred on an Ordnance Survey grid reference of 567100mE, 173300mN, as illustrated in the site location plan below and as outlined in red in the key plan within the introduction:



Figure 1 - Site Location Plan

- 2.3 The site lies within an area known as Westcourt which is situated to the north-east of Gravesend and occupies a portion of land allocated as PM9 within Gravesham Borough Council's Local Plan.
- 2.4 The PM9 area is currently allocated in Gravesham Borough Council's Adopted Local Plan First Review of 1994 for industrial and residential development, open space and further education facilities, and also

allocated in the Review Local Plan of 2000 (Policy MDS5) for a similar range of uses.



Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph

- 2.5 A topographical survey that was prepared by Randall Surveys in June 2005, establishes the ground levels for the existing site to be between 2.1m to 8.0m AOD (as illustrated in **Figure 3** below):



Figure 3 - Extract of the Topographical Survey

- 2.6 To enable a breach analysis to be modelled, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data was also obtained from the Environment Agency to establish the existing ground topography across the associated embayment.
- 2.7 The existing surface water land drainage regime comprises a number of open channels which inter-connect with a wide network of watercourses within the north-east area of Gravesend i.e. Westcourt, East Shorne and beyond. Ultimately, the flows in the watercourse network drain in a northerly direction towards the River Thames, which is located approximately 850m to the north of the site, via culverts which pass under the North Kent railway line and disused canal. An extract of the original land drainage regime is shown in **Figure 4** below for reference:



Figure 4 - Land Drainage Regime

- 2.8 Being part of an inter-connected network of watercourses, hydraulic continuity is evident across the catchment and any subsequent local rise in water level is naturally dissipated around the catchment until it reaches hydraulic equilibrium.
- 2.9 In March 1999, Buchanan Consulting Engineers prepared a surface water drainage strategy to support a planning application for the provision of 165 residential dwellings and the associated implementation of these initial phases of development associated with the Heronsfield scheme (Phases 1 and 2 of GR99/168). The surface water drainage strategy utilised a freely discharging outfall from the parcels of development which were controlled to greenfield rates for the catchment-wide area (off-site, adjacent to the railway line). This strategy identified the requirement for supplementary improvement works along a linear length of the existing watercourses present within the SSSI land for approximately 650m

to provide the necessary on-line attenuation required to facilitate the development proposals.

- 2.10 The storage provision essentially comprised excavation of flood levees marginally below the ambient water level of 1.70m AOD (at 1.65m AOD). This methodology has also been adopted for successive phases of development, namely in the area associated with the Phase 3A scheme which was also recently granted planning permission by Gravesham Borough Council in October 2007 under the planning reference GR/2007/0678, to provide a similar industrial development scheme on the adjacent site.
- 2.11 Also associated with the previously approved surface water drainage strategy were the provision of two outfall structures immediately south of the railway which limits the flows to a commensurate greenfield run-off rate.
- 2.12 Detailed design drawings for the off-site watercourse improvement works were subsequently produced and approved by both English Nature/Natural England and the Environment Agency. A copy of the consented drawings has been appended to this report for further reference (Drawing numbers U481-001 Rev. E and U481-002 Rev. D).
- 2.13 The surface water drainage strategy devised for this latest phase has also been based on the principles previously agreed with the Environment Agency and English Nature/Natural England and subsequently implemented in the area. In essence, the strategy seeks to provide appropriate mitigation measures above the ambient water level of 1.70m AOD to ensure the water level does not rise above the 1:100 year level of 2.04m AOD, as a result of implementing the development proposals (based on the hydraulic assessment of the existing land drainage regime prepared by HR Wallingford in September 2001 contained within **Appendix I** of this report). A copy of the relevant correspondence has been included within **Appendix G** of this report for further reference.

- 2.14 To dispose of the surface water run-off generated by the development site, it is anticipated that the existing watercourses located to the east of the site will accept run-off from the scheme, in accordance with the previously approved strategy for the area as a whole and as acknowledged by the Environment Agency on 6th July 2000.
- 2.15 The current development proposals for the area, allow for the vast majority of the existing watercourse to be retained, whilst providing a compensatory length of new watercourse, to ensure there is no net loss in watercourse length (culverted for access reasons only). To offer betterment, the scheme also seeks to implement additional watercourses to promote the aquatic biodiversity in the area.
- 2.16 A search of the Environment Agency's website confirms that the site does not lie within a groundwater source protection zone, as illustrated in **Figure 5** below:



Figure 5 - Extract of Groundwater Source Protection Zones

- 2.17 To the north-west of the site lies Southern Water's Sewage Treatment Works into which, the surrounding development schemes to the west, discharge foul water flows.

- 2.18 A copy of the public sewer record plans has been provided in **Appendix B** of this report to illustrate the location of the existing public sewers and Sewage Treatment Works mentioned above.

Development Proposals

- 2.19 The planning application for the proposed residential scheme is to comprise up to 130 dwellings with associated infrastructure comprising internal access roads, parking courtyards, amenity space and supporting landscaping scheme. Vehicular access will be achieved off an extension to the distributor road known as Dalefield Way, including inter-connectivity with the adjacent residential scheme.
- 2.20 A development masterplan layout has been prepared by Kember Loudon Williams Limited (see **Figure 6** below for an extract) which has also been included within **Appendix C** of this report for further reference.



Figure 6 - Extract of Development Masterplan

- 2.22 The overall developable area associated with this planning application is approximately 4.60 hectares (excluding the off-site flood mitigation works - refer to **Section 3.0** of this report for details), with an approximate impermeable area of 3.0 hectares which equates to 65% of the total area. The remainder of the land will be suitably landscaped, which will also include the provision of supporting buffer zones and proposed watercourse provisions.
- 2.23 In addition to the above, the works will also comprise locally raising lower lying areas of the site for development by up to 1.7m to 3.9m AOD, to mitigate the risk of floodwater inundation from the River Thames in the event of a breach to the existing defences.

3.0 FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 'Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk' (PPS25) was originally published in December 2006 (subsequently revised in March 2010) and is the acknowledged standard for conducting Flood Risk Assessments (FRA). This study is based on the guidance stated within PPS25.

3.2 Following an inspection of the Environment Agency's website, the development site is shown to partially lie within the indicative undefended floodplain of the River Thames which also benefits from the presence of existing flood defence systems - as illustrated in **Figure 7** below:

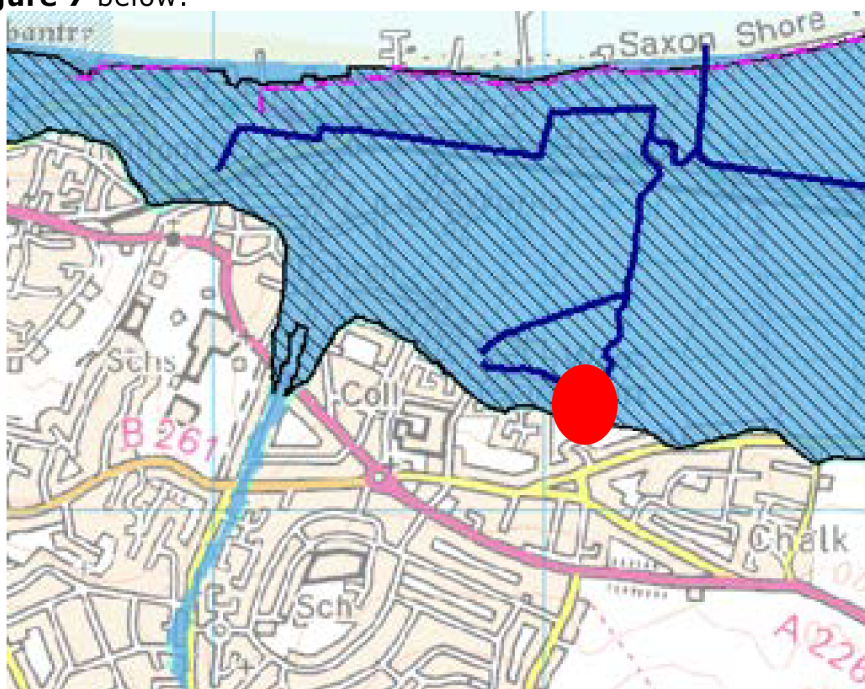


Figure 7 - Indicative Floodplain Mapping

3.3 As the site is classified by the criteria specified in PPS25 as being situated within a Flood Risk Zone 3 area (high probability), the planning application is required to be accompanied by a site-specific FRA, to comply with the requirements of paragraph E9 of PPS25.

3.4 PPS25 primarily places the onus upon Developers for:

- Providing a FRA which demonstrates:
 - i) whether any proposed development is likely to be affected by current or future flooding from any source;
 - ii) to the Local Planning Authority that the development is safe and where possible, reduces flood risk overall;
 - iii) whether it will increase flood risk elsewhere; and
 - iv) the measures proposed to deal with these effects and risks;
- Producing designs which reduce flood risk to the development and elsewhere by incorporating sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) and where necessary, flood resilience measures; and
- Identifying opportunities to reduce flood risk, enhance biodiversity and amenity, protect the historic environment and seek collective solutions to managing flood risk;

Sequential Test

3.5 The guidance uses the concept of sequential testing and the risk based approach to flood risk and development. Development priorities are based on the specific flood risk zones which are outlined in Table D.1 of PPS25 and briefly summarised below:

Zone 1 - Low probability. Land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1,000 year chance of river and sea flooding in any year (<0.1%);

Zone 2 – Medium probability. Land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 chance of river flooding (1%-0.1%) and between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 chance of sea flooding (0.5%-0.1%) in any year;

Zone 3a – High probability. Land assessed as having a 1 in 100 year or greater chance of river flooding (>1%) and a 1 in 200 year or greater chance of flooding from the sea (>0.5%) in any year;

Zone 3b – Functional floodplain. Land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood;

- 3.6 Reviewing the content of Table D.2 of PPS25 classifies a residential development scheme as 'more vulnerable' in terms of flood risk. Reviewing Table D.3 of PPS25 considers the provision of a 'more vulnerable' land class usage in a Flood Risk Zone 3 area, will require the Sequential Test to be applied to ensure the Exception Test is satisfied, as illustrated in **Figure 8** below:

Flood Risk Vulnerability classification (see Table D2)		Essential Infrastructure	Water compatible	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable
Flood Zone (see Table D.1)	Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Zone 2	✓	✓	Exception Test required	✓	✓
	Zone 3a	Exception Test required	✓	✗	Exception Test required	✓
	Zone 3b 'Functional Flood plain'	Exception Test required	✓	✗	✗	✗

Key:
 ✓ Development is appropriate
 ✗ Development should not be permitted

Figure 8 - Table D.3 of PPS25: Flood Risk Vulnerability and Flood Zone Compatibility

- 3.7 The document 'Development and Flood Risk: A Practice Guide Companion to PPS25' also confirms that the on-going regeneration of a particular area should be supported, considering the initial commitment to redevelop certain local areas and the implementation of major infrastructure to support this (i.e. Dalefield Way and its potential for ultimate extension to the A226 and Canal Basin).
- 3.8 A proportion of the PM9 land has already been successfully developed and regenerated for the North-East Gravesend area over

the last 15 years in accordance with the current Local Plan Policy its allocation and will require continued support if the longer term objectives and needs of the area are to be properly realised.

- 3.9 At present, eight hectares of land remaining under the PM9 allocation which is undeveloped to date and the significant infrastructure mentioned above, is in place to deliver these requirements locally, whilst also serving the wider aspirations for the North-East Gravesend area. The implementation of this development scheme would also allow the opportunity for the degraded SSSI land to the north of the application site to be suitably reinstated to a form and condition that would improve the habitat in accordance with a scheme agreed with Natural England.
- 3.10 As part of the development proposals, it is anticipated that the existing ground levels within the built area will be raised sufficiently (refer to the following sections for specific details) to remove the site from the Flood Risk Zone 3 area.
- 3.11 Taken as a whole, the wider development proposals are zoned sequentially, whereby the lower vulnerability flood risk land-class usage (industrial scheme) is located nearer to the River Thames, with the residential scheme sited further away to the south of the distributor road extension.

Exception Test

- 3.12 The Exception Test provides a method of flood risk management whilst permitting necessary development. For a proposed development to meet the Exception Test, three key criteria must be met. The criteria are as follows:
- It should be demonstrated that the development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk, informed by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment where one has been prepared. This element of the test is applied by the Local Planning Authority;

- The development should be on developable previously developed land or, if it is not on previously-developed land, that there are no reasonable alternative sites on developable land; and
- A Flood Risk Assessment must demonstrate that the development will be safe, without increasing flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, will reduce risk overall;

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

- 3.13 The Kent Thameside Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was produced by Entec UK Limited in 2005 and subsequently updated in December 2009. The SFRA was updated as a requirement of PPS25 and identifies the flood risk in the area.
- 3.14 The SFRA includes the assessment of flood risk due to breaches of the River Thames flood defences which have a design standard in excess of 1:1,000 years. A number of Tuflow breach models were developed based on a 1:1,000 year tidal/fluviat flood levels in the River Thames across the area. These breach models were determined from locations in the flood defences deemed most likely to fail.
- 3.15 An independent study of the SFRA was prepared by HR Wallingford in 2007 (refer to **Appendix D**) which concluded that the report did not provide quantitative information on the variation of flood risk across the embayment and in actual fact, flood risk is defined in flood risk management terms as 'probability x consequence'. As the SFRA is concerned with the implementation of new development, the consequence is a function of the development design.
- 3.16 The SFRA only provides qualitative information on flood risk and it remains for the impact of the development to be evaluated. The standard of protection offered by the Thames Tidal Defences is unique compared to the rest of the UK (1:1,000 year) and is far

greater than elsewhere (compared with 1:100 year for non-tidal and 1:200 year for tidal flooding).

- 3.17 Fragility curves have been derived for the defence system along the Shorne Marshes by HR Wallingford which illustrate that the probability of failure when the water levels are below the defence crest level. The technical note assessed that the statistical return period of a breach at GR8 together with a 1 in 1,000 year tidal event is likely to occur less than once every 100,000 years. Overtopping of the flood defences would also occur less than once every 10,000 years.
- 3.18 The presence of the Thames Tidal Defence System means that the annual probability of flooding at the development site is significantly less than 0.1% and the result of any breach scenario occurring under these conditions would in actual fact, be a probability less than 0.0001% to 0.00001%.

Breach Analysis

- 3.19 A breach analysis has recently been undertaken by Ardent Consulting Engineers and is appended to this report (**Appendix E** - Report Ref. B142-01: Flood Risk Modelling Report). The breach analysis sought to determine the impacts of the development on flood levels during the event of the River Thames flood defences being breached. The breach assessment also considered the possible introduction of the proposed industrial scheme that may be constructed to the north of Dalefield Way, which is currently being considered for consent, and the previously consented industrial area Phase 3 to the west (GR/2007/0678).
- 3.20 The breach analysis was developed using Tuflow and was based upon the updated Kent Thameside SFRA which was revised in December 2009. Hydrology data was obtained from the Environment Agency which had been used within the SFRA for an event modelled in the Gravesend area at a location named "GR8",

which related to a breach in the flood defences, as identified in **Figure 9** below:

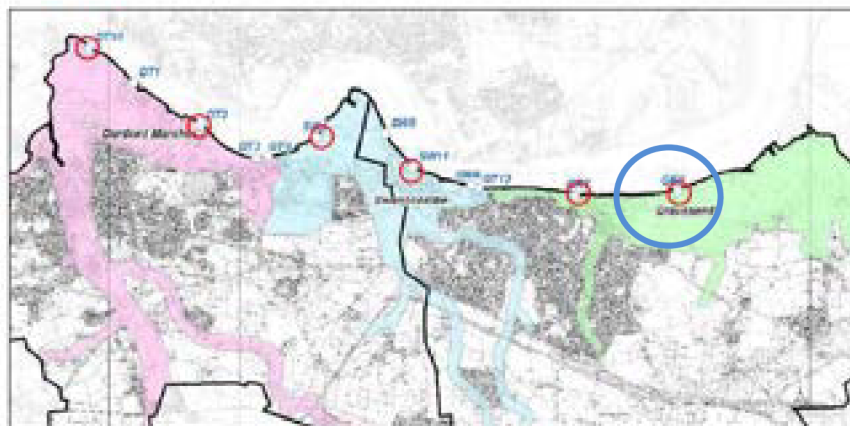


Figure 9 - SFRA Breach Location

- 3.21 LiDAR data was used to provide the geometry for the TufLOW model. The breach analysis included a model of the 1:1,000 year probability event, as provided by the Environment Agency.
- 3.22 The breach model analysis predicts a flood level at the development site of 3.38m AOD during the 1:1,000 year return period event during the existing scenario. With the proposed land raising to approximately 3.9m AOD at the development site, the TufLOW modelling predicted that the depth of flooding would marginally increase in the event of the River Thames flood defences failing. The standing advice generally offered by the Environment Agency however, only requires a 1:200 year breach event to be assessed and as such, the study of a 1:1,000 year event (due to the absence of any data relating to the 1:200 year tidal event), is an extremely conservative approach for a development scheme of this nature
- 3.23 The breach model was re-run to establish the impact of raising the ground levels in this particular area and identified that the water level would marginally rise by approximately 10mm at the development site (to a level of 3.39m AOD). Other areas away from the development site within the breach embayment showed

negligible changes (i.e. <5mm) and can therefore be considered unaffected by the development.

- 3.24 To accommodate the development proposals and maintain the pre-development floodwater levels in the event of a breach, a compensatory storage volume of approximately 7,200m³ will need to be provided for the residential scheme. To deliver the compensatory flood mitigation measures, degraded SSSI land to the north of the site has been identified for land lowering and recent discussions with Natural England has established an agreement to the principle of this provision and the ultimate restoration of the SSSI land.
- 3.25 To offset this predicted marginal rise in water level, compensatory flood storage is proposed within the degraded SSSI land to the north of the development site. It is anticipated that this flood storage will be provided by lowering the land in these areas up to a maximum depth of 200mm, as illustrated in **Figure 10** below. This is an additional 100mm lower than the proposed reduction offered as compensation area for the proposed employment area located directly to the north of this proposed residential development.



Figure 10 - Extent of Flood Compensatory Works Area

- 3.26 The Tuflow model demonstrates that following the reduction in levels on the SSSI (i.e. <5mm), the additional increase of flood depths are negligible and there is no increase to the extent of the flood outline i.e. maintaining the status quo.
- 3.27 Meetings have been held with representatives of Natural England in both November 2009 and April 2010, to discuss the implications associated with lowering the existing ground levels in this area. It was acknowledged that the SSSI land identified is damaged and of poor condition in this particular location and the implementation of the development would provide the opportunity to improve the quality of the ecology and biodiversity. Having discussed these particular matters in detail, the Applicant's Ecology Consultant (Ecology Consultancy) has been continuing to liaise with each party to devise a suitable scheme which will allow the enhancement and improvement of the SSSI land to be achieved whilst addressing the future maintenance requirements of these areas.
- 3.28 Remodelling the breach analysis to include the proposed development and associated compensatory works confirmed that the predicted flood levels will be approximately the same as the predicted existing flood levels (i.e. pre-development level of 3.38m AOD).
- 3.29 The existing degraded SSSI land is to be rejuvenated to a favourable condition in consultation with Natural England and will be formally documented within a SSSI Grassland Management Plan, primarily comprising proposals to ensure:
- That the water quality and quantity in the existing ditches within the SSSI and Ramsar land is maintained, in accordance with the previously agreed strategy. To address this matter, off-site improvement/widening works to the existing ditches are proposed to attenuate the surface water run-off generated by the development proposals, supplemented by the introduction of a new watercourse;

- The lowered grazing marsh also provides specific lower areas of undulation to provide further habitat niches;
 - The creation of topographical variety to maximise moisture variation and ecological areas;
 - Development of a suitable planting plan to enhance the SSSI land and the new watercourse;
 - Avoidance of works within 10m of the existing ditches (where possible);
 - A suitable seed mix is used for grazing;
 - On-going grazing/cutting to provide further ecological niches;
 - The SSSI grassland management plan shall also include a post-construction planting list to aid the re-creation of typical grazing marsh flora;
 - Appropriate consideration offered to undertaking the majority of the works during the summer months to minimise the potential for disturbance to wintering birds;
 - A detailed mitigation and compensation strategy is prepared outlining a suitable action plan to manage any water voles, if encountered on-site;
 - The on-going management and maintenance of the SSSI land (including the regular removal of fly-tipped material);
 - The provision of suitable information boards outlining the restored SSSI character and associated access restrictions;
 - To protect the water quality during the construction stage, a formal Construction Management Plan will be devised and agreed with the LPA to ensure that the construction operations are suitably controlled and managed;
- 3.30 Further details relating to the proposed flood compensatory works have been illustrated on drawing no. B142-010 appended to this report.

Access/Egress Routes

- 3.31 The adjacent access road known as Dalefield Way has previously been constructed to a level in the region of 3.5m AOD and will offer

occupants a means of dry and safe escape from the site, should a 1:1,000 year breach event occur in the Thames Tidal Defence System. Furthermore, the adjoining properties to the south of the site are located on higher land and will also offer a means of dry and safe escape from the site.

- 3.32 The residential development is located at a level approximately 500mm higher than the predicted flood level within the breach model undertaken as part of this assessment for the 1,000 year breach of the River Thames flood defences. Interrogation of the flood extents from the SFRA drawings and paired against the LiDAR suggests that the SFRA predicts a breach flood level of 3.45m AOD which again is well below the proposed level at the development of 3.9m AOD.
- 3.33 It is recommended that the units are registered with the Environment Agency's 'Floodline Warnings Direct Service' to receive advanced information regarding the flood risk status in the area, thus allowing appropriate evacuation measures to be implemented as necessary.

4.0 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE STRATEGY

- 4.1 This drainage strategy has been prepared based upon the parameters and flow conditions previously established and agreed by Ardent and Buchanan Consulting Engineers, HR Wallingford, the Environment Agency and English Nature/Natural England on the Heronsfield Development (GR/99/168) and the adjacent industrial consented scheme known as Phase 3A (GR/2007/0678).
- 4.2 HR Wallingford previously constructed an ISIS model of the existing drainage watercourse regime to establish the post-development water level in the open channels for the over-arching drainage strategy. The analysis determined that the ambient water level in the open channels was approximately 1.70m AOD with levels rising to 2.04m AOD when subjected to a 1:100 year event. Refer to **Appendix I** of this report for confirmation of the methodology adopted and the results of the assessment.
- 4.3 As mentioned in the previous section of this report, the existing watercourse channels modelled by HR Wallingford are interconnected around the application site and the wider area, thus providing hydraulic continuity. For the purposes of this strategy, the objective is to provide sufficient on-line attenuation to ensure that the water levels in the open channels do not rise above the post-development level of 2.04m AOD when the site is developed, thus maintaining the status quo.

Pre and Post-Development Run-off

- 4.4 The surface water drainage strategy for the scheme proposes to discharge freely into the adjacent watercourse with the necessary volume of attenuation provided on-line, with modification of the existing watercourse to implement the necessary flood levees. Off-site flows continue to be controlled to previously agreed rates in accordance with the consented drainage strategy implemented in 2001 (Ref. GR/99/168).

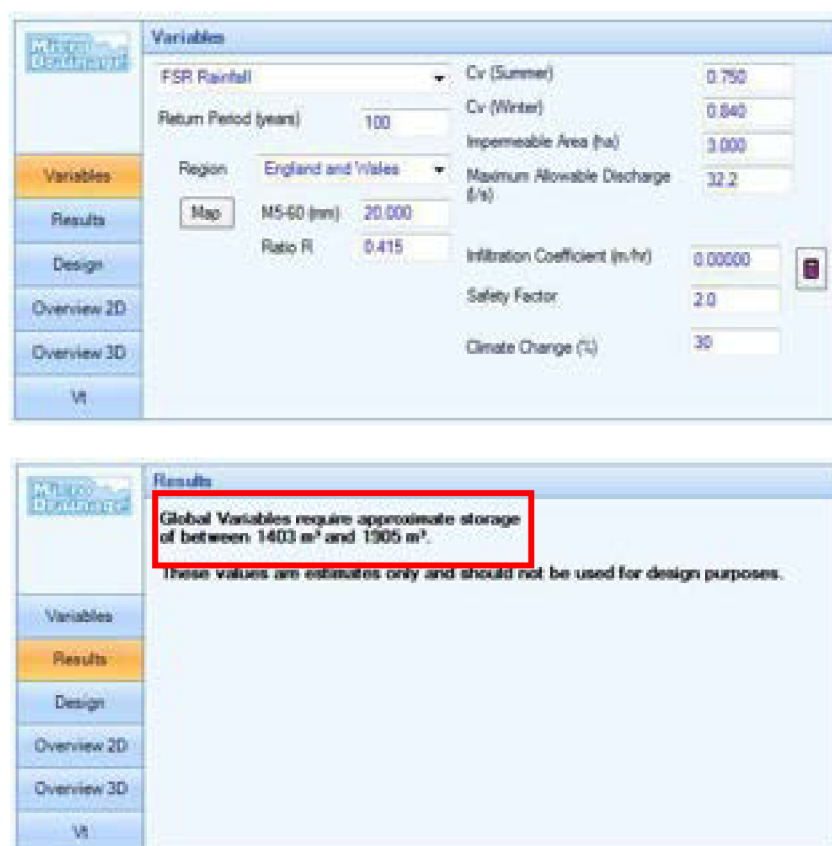
- 4.5 As the existing site is greenfield in nature, the surface water drainage proposals will be assessed adopting a commensurate discharge rate. Using the following design parameters and the rates previously agreed for the catchment area of 7 litres/sec per hectare (as agreed with the Environment Agency), the application site has been assessed using a dummy limiting flow of 32.20 litres/sec. Any significant lower rate will deviate from the strategy previously agreed for the site-wide area and may cause lower water levels to occur - thus, preventing the frequent wetting of the adjacent land/flood levees desired by Natural England. The Environment Agency has previously confirmed that the drainage strategy and run off rates previously implemented for the earlier phases of development will be suitable in this instance (refer to the letter dated 6th July 2000 appended to this report).

Attenuation Provision

- 4.6 To drain the development scheme in a sustainable manner, whilst complying with the requirements of PPS25, the strategy should seek to implement an appropriate sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS).
- 4.7 Typically these forms of SUDS provision could comprise utilisation of either infiltration drainage devices to discharge surface water to the underlying soil stratum (where ground conditions permit), basins and ponds, on-line watercourses and flood levees, filter strips and swales, permeable surfaces, geo-cellular infiltration/attenuation units and over-sized pipes/culverts.
- 4.8 Adopting the design parameters outlined below, a preliminary attenuation assessment has been conducted using Micro Drainage's WinDES hydraulic modelling suite.
- 4.9 Within the simulations, we have also included an additional 30% provision as an allowance for any potential climate change impact,

in accordance with the requirements specified in Table B.2 of PPS25 for the scenario 2085 to 2115 associated with a residential scheme.

- 4.10 Refer to the summary tables below for the attenuation volume predicted for the proposed development scheme:



Variables

FSR Rainfall	Cv (Summer)	0.750
Return Period (years)	Cv (Winter)	0.840
Region	Impermeable Area (ha)	3.000
Map	Maximum Allowable Discharge (l/s)	32.2
MS-60 (mm)	Infiltration Coefficient (in/hr)	0.00000
Ratio R	Safety Factor	2.0
	Climate Change (%)	30

Results

Global Variables require approximate storage of between 1403 m³ and 1905 m³.
 These values are estimates only and should not be used for design purposes.

Figure 11 - Feasibility Attenuation Assessment

- 4.11 Based on the above-mentioned design parameters, the preliminary attenuation simulations predict that in the region of 1,403m³ to 1,905m³ will be required to maintain the existing water levels within the receiving watercourses.

Infiltration Drainage

- 4.12 The volume of attenuation stated above, assumes that all of the surface water run-off is conveyed to the receiving watercourse. This volume however, could potentially be reduced if the flows are also conveyed to the underlying soil stratum, should soil conditions

permit (but this could also affect the performance/levels of the levees).

- 4.13 An inspection of the British Geological Survey mapping for the area shows the site to be located on a geological drift boundary indicating the potential for alluvium drift deposits (comprising peaty silt and clay) to be underlying the land.
- 4.14 Furthermore, the Groundwater Vulnerability mapping for the area indicates that the site is also situated above a major aquifer, with high leaching potential.
- 4.15 An intrusive site investigation has been undertaken for the application site by Lustre Consulting. Reviewing the content of these reports, confirms that the site is underlain by silty sub soil, peat and alluvium over upper chalk and depth. Ground water was encountered in all intrusive test locations ranging from 0.7m to 1.7m, BGL.
- 4.16 In view of the findings outlined above and the intended future use for the land, it is considered that infiltration drainage techniques should be excluded from any further consideration due to the unsuitable ground conditions encountered on-site.

Surface Water Drainage Strategy

- 4.17 In view of the requirements of PPS25, the design parameters and constraints associated with developing this particular site, a surface water drainage strategy has been devised to demonstrate that the scheme can be suitably implemented without increasing the level of flood risk when the drainage system experiences a 1:100 year rainfall event (including an additional 30% for any potential climate change impact). The adopted design principles are as follows:

- The ambient water level in the open watercourse channel is 1.70m AOD;

- Post-development 1:100 year floodwater level within the watercourses shall not exceed 2.04m AOD;
- Attenuation provision has been assessed based on the previously agreed total greenfield discharge rate of 32.20 litres/sec, although the run-off will freely discharge into the receiving open channel watercourses and the flows controlled to agreed Greenfield rates downstream by the existing devices that have previously been installed to the north of the application site (adjacent to the railway line);
- Sufficient on-line attenuation shall be provided in accordance with the previously agreed strategy by excavating on-line flood levees to accommodate the volume of surface water run-off generated by the development scheme when subjected to a 1:100 year event (including climate change) to provide a maximum volume of 1,905m³ (effective storage depth of 0.34m);
- Flood levees shall be excavated from a level of 1.65m AOD (i.e. below the ambient water level) to provide regular wetting, but the effective volume of attenuation has only been considered above the ambient water level of 1.70m AOD;
- The development's total impermeable catchment area is anticipated to be in the region of 3.0 hectares;

4.18 Details illustrating the surface water drainage strategy proposals have been provided on drawing no. B142-009, whereas the extent of the intended watercourse provision and flood levee excavation works are presented on drawing no. B142-010 for reference.

5.0 FOUL WATER DRAINAGE

- 5.1 The public sewer record plan provided by the Drainage Authority for the area (Southern Water), illustrates that there is an existing 300mm diameter foul water public sewer (increasing to 450mm in diameter further downstream) that crosses the site and continues through the adjacent Heronsfield development to the Sewage Treatment Works, as illustrated in **Figure 12** below:



Figure 12 - Extract of Public Sewer Record Plan

- 5.2 The post-development peak foul water flows associated with this particular planning application for up to 130 residential dwellings is calculated to produce a peak flow of 6.1 litres/sec (based on 4,000 litres/unit dwelling per 24-hours, as per 'Sewers for Adoption').
- 5.3 A Level 1 capacity assessment (refer to **Appendix H**) has been prepared by Southern Water which confirms that the downstream sewer network will need to be locally upgraded to accommodate the foul water flows from the development. At present, the assessment has identified a potential connection location at the manhole referenced TQ66736502 which is situated within Dering Way and approximately 400m to the west of the site.

- 5.4 It is anticipated that the alignment of the existing 300mm diameter foul water public sewer will either be accommodated within the development layout (and the associated easement) or locally diverted under formal agreement with Southern Water's consent. In the event that the sewer is diverted, it could be upgraded to accept the development flows.

Strategy

- 5.5 To dispose of the foul water flows from the development, it is anticipated that a gravity draining system will be constructed on-site to direct flows into the public sewer network and utilise two points of connection.
- 5.6 As mentioned in the previous section of this report, the downstream section of the foul water public sewer will be locally upgraded in consultation with Southern Water to accept the additional flows generated by the development.
- 5.7 A foul water drainage strategy has been prepared and identifies the proposals to dispose of the foul water flows from the development scheme. These proposals are outlined on drawing no. B142-009.
- 5.8 The drainage strategy has been designed to demonstrate compliance with both Sewers for Adoption – 6th Edition and The Building Regulations 2000 - Part H: Drainage and Waste Disposal.
- 5.9 Based upon the design parameters and principles discussed previously in this report, it is concluded that following localised upgrading works (to be implemented by Southern Water under requisition) a suitable drainage system can be provided without having a significant material impact on the existing public sewer network.

6.0 SUMMARY

- 6.1 The land identified as PM9 in Gravesham Borough Council's adopted Local Plan is an allocated site identified for the potential implementation of a suitable industrial and residential development scheme.
- 6.2 Following an inspection of the Environment Agency's indicative floodplain mapping, the site is shown to partially lie within a Flood Risk Zone 3 area, albeit appropriately defended by the Thames Defence System for a 1:1,000 year event.
- 6.3 The level of flood risk associated with the site has virtually been eradicated due to the high standard of protection offered by the Thames Defence System. The fragility curves prepared by HR Wallingford confirm that the statistical return period of a breach occurring coinciding with a 1:1,000 year tidal event is likely to occur for a probability of less than 1:100,000.
- 6.4 The development proposals for the balance of the PM9 area have been sequentially zoned to locate less vulnerable flood risk properties (i.e. industrial units) nearer to the River Thames, with the residential houses being placed on higher land outside of the flood inundation zone.
- 6.5 The Dalefield Way distributor road and its potential extension is of wider strategic importance for the future development of other areas of Gravesend, without which the successful delivery of these schemes cannot be easily foreseen.
- 6.6 The Environment Agency has confirmed that generally, the standard breach event to be considered relates to the 1:200 year scenario. However, in the absence of this event's base data, the breach assessment has been conducted using the 1:1,000 year hydrograph data (i.e. offering a precautionary approach to the modelling procedure).

- 6.7 Ardent Consulting Engineers has prepared a Tuflow model to assess the floodwater levels associated with a 1:1,000 year tidal breach event and established that the implementation of the development scheme without compensation would cause the water levels to marginally rise by 10mm to 3.39m AOD. Appropriate compensatory measures have therefore been proposed to mitigate this impact.
- 6.8 The Tuflow model previously prepared by Ardent for the 2009 industrial application has been re-run and established that the damaged SSSI land to the north of the site could be lowered by a further 100mm (approximately) to mitigate the impact of the residential development scheme (circa 200mm in total) and ensure the level of flood risk is not increased locally or to nearby properties. This 100mm reduction is in addition to the 100mm lowering proposed as part of the proposed employment site located to the north.
- 6.9 The proposed development is located within Flood Zone 3. A residential development would be subject to the Exception Test, however with the proposed land raising, the site would no longer be located within Flood Zone 3. With the proposed land raising, safe site access/egress is available from the site in the event of a breach of the River Thames's flood defences.
- 6.10 The proposal to undertake the compensatory mitigation measures also offers an opportunity to improve the quality of the SSSI land, particularly the ecology and biodiversity in the area.
- 6.11 To ensure the SSSI land is suitably reinstated, a suitable management plan will be formally produced and agreed with Natural England.
- 6.12 The water level within the watercourse networks will be controlled adopting the previously agreed site-wide strategy to ensure the existing conditions are maintained. Frequent wetting of the flood levees to promote the aquatic biodiversity of the reinstated SSSI

land, as desired by Natural England will be achieved by implementing the previously agreed reprofiling.

- 6.13 The site has been assessed adopting a greenfield discharge rate of 7 litres/sec per hectare (as previously agreed with the Environment Agency) and restricted by the slot weir devices previously installed downstream, adjacent to the railway line to control the flow for the catchment. The additional flows up to and including the 1:100 year event (plus an additional 30% as an allowance for any potential climate change impact) will be attenuated within the proposed open watercourse channel and flood levees to be constructed to the north of the application site.
- 6.14 The 8m wide buffer zone/easement associated with the existing watercourse is to be retained within the development layout.
- 6.15 It is considered that the requirements of PPS25 are satisfied as:
- i. The development and its occupants are not at an increased risk of flooding;
 - ii. The development will not increase the level of flood risk to any existing development; and
 - iii. The development can be drained in a sustainable manner;
- 6.16 Southern Water has advised that there will be adequate capacity within the existing downstream system to accommodate the predicted peak foul water design flows from the development scheme once the off-site improvement works are undertaken to the length of public sewer between the site and the manhole referenced 6502 within Dering Way.
- 6.17 We therefore conclude that the scheme satisfies the requirements specified within 'Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk' and therefore planning consent should be granted on flood risk and drainage matters.

Appendix A
Topographical Survey



Appendix B
Public Sewer Record Plans



Appendix C
Masterplan Development Layout

MASTERPLAN



Figure 12: Masterplan

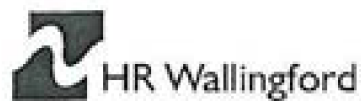
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Appendix Appendix A

1. Introduction:

Ardent Consulting Engineers, on behalf of Fort Knight Group Plc, commissioned HR Wallingford (HRW) to undertake the following tasks in relation to a proposed development in North East Gravesend:

- Initial Review of the Kent Thameside Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA);
- Response to the conclusions of SFRA and an objection raised by the Environment Agency (EA);
- Initial discussion of any potential mitigation measures necessary.

This Technical Note describes the findings of the review of the SFRA and assesses the implications on the proposed development.

1.1 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development comprises a number of sites in North East Gravesend as detailed on the plan shown in Appendix A provided by Ardent Consulting Engineers. The proposed sites include *Site 3* for which previous planning consent for industrial development has been granted.

The intention of the client is to obtain planning consent for mixed use development (residential and commercial) for *Site 3* in the first instance, and to subsequently seek consent for the overall development shown in Appendix A. This study takes into account these two separate phases.

A large part of the proposed development, including *Site 3*, is within Flood Zone 3 (High Probability) as defined in PPS25. The flood zones are defined on the assumption that the flood defences are not in place although the sites are defended by the Thames Flood Defences as detailed in the SFRA.

2. Review of the Kent Thameside SFRA

The requirements for an SFRA are covered by Sections E5 to E7 of Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25).

An SFRA is intended to consider flood risk, identify suitable sites in priority order based on the Sequential Test in PPS25, and then allocate development sites. For the Kent Thameside SFRA, a general assessment of flood risk for the area has been undertaken, along with a more detailed level of assessment for a number of pre-determined development sites.

Paragraph E5 of PPS25 states that decision-makers should use the SFRA to inform their knowledge of flooding and determine the variations in flood risk across their area. Paragraph E6 indicates that flood outlines should be produced for different event probabilities, impact, speed of onset, depth and velocity, taking into account the presence of flood risk management infrastructure. In the case of the Kent Thameside SFRA, flood outlines have not been generated for different probability events, and the flood risk management infrastructure has not been accounted for in a probabilistic approach.

2.1 FLOOD SCENARIOS EVALUATED IN THE SFRA

The floodplains of the Shorne marshes and Gravesend are defended by the Thames Flood Defences. The Kent Thameside Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) identifies the main pathways of flooding to be overtopping, breaching of flood defences and failure to close frontager gates. As an assessment of risk the Kent Thameside SFRA defines the following:

Source	Pathway	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
Flooding due to tidal surge in excess of the 0.1% event	Overtopping	Very Remote	High	High
Flooding during the 0.1% event	Breach	Remote	High	High
Flooding during the 0.1% event	Failure to close flood gates	Likely	Medium	High

2.1.1 Overtopping of Defences

The SFRA modelling uses defence heights of around 6.7 m AOD in Gravesend, then lower elevations of 5.6 to 6 m AOD on the western Shorne marshes taken from LiDAR (Figure 2.4 and Appendix C in the SFRA vol.2 Report). The overtopping model is an ISIS model of the River Thames with spill units representing the defences in Gravesend and the Shorne Marshes. These are connected to a reservoir unit representing the whole of the Gravesend Embayment. The reservoir unit specifies a relationship between area and level, which is used to calculate the water level in the embayment for a given inflow volume of water. This model does not include the other floodplains/embayments of the Thames Estuary which would also be inundated in an extreme event.

The flood event on the River Thames is a tidal event, with a total tide level at Southend of 6.4 m AOD. This is derived from a 3 m astronomic tide with a surge of 3.1 m (2.7 m surge from 1953 with an additional 0.4 m for waves) and 0.3 m sea level rise from the DEFRA 2003 climate change scenario for 2050 (page 28 in the SFRA vol.2 Report). The Halcrow 2002 report calculates that the 1 in 10,000 year, or 0.01% probability event is approximately 5.53 m AOD. This is also the present day 0.01% event used in the TE2100 projects. The event used in the SFRA is greater than the 0.01% event (even if the climate change is taken into account and the wave component viewed as uncertainty).

The results of the SFRA model show flood depths of approximately 1 to 2 m over the entire Gravesend embayment (Figure 4.3 in the SFRA vol.2 Report). Because the relationship between storage area and level has been generated for the entire embayment (Figure 4.1 and Appendix B in the SFRA vol.2 Report) this does not include the impact of local floodplain topography (features which act as secondary defences) on the spatial distribution of flooding in the embayment. All areas with low topography are shown to be flooded whether there is a valid flow path or not.

2.1.2 Breaching of Defences (SFRA Breach GR_8)

The breach inflow is determined from the ISIS model. The breach dimensions are 50 m wide at the base with side slopes of 1 m in 0.5 m. The base of the breach is assumed to be at ground level (approximately 2m AOD). The discharge coefficient of the spill unit is 1.7. The flood extents and depths on the floodplain are modelled using JFLOW, which spreads the flow from the breach according to topography.

The SFRA dismisses the results of the HR Wallingford 1996 study (refer to Section 2.2 below) into the impact of breaching on flooding behind the flood defences, because it did not use the present day EA guidance on the size of breach and used a simplified method to calculate flood extents.

The SFRA does use current EA guidelines on breach dimensions and a 50 m wide breach in the flood defence for the Shorne Marshes is modelled. Due to the low ground levels in the vicinity of the breach, large flow volumes pass on to the floodplain. These are enough to overtop the railway embankment and flood the area to the south, including the development site, to depths of 2 to 2.5 m (Figure 5.11 in the SFRA vol.2 Report).

The volume of flow through the breach is such that the entire low lying area of the embayment is flooded to significant depths. However, the railway embankment is likely to delay the onset of flooding in the southern marshes from the breach in the main flood defence.

Analysis of the probability of the breach in addition to the probability of the event to determine the overall probability of flooding is not undertaken as part of the SFRA.

2.1.3 Failure to Close Flood Gates (Breach GR_7)

This breach is a failure of the flood gates of the canal basin in Gravesend. The breach dimensions are different to that used for breach GR_8. The breach is 7.3 m wide and the base depth is at -1.8 m AOD, the side slopes will be vertical. The SFRA results show extensive flooding throughout the embayment with greatest flood depths in low lying areas close to the breach location in Gravesend. On the marshes flood depths are up to a maximum of 1 m (Figure 5.10 in the SFRA vol.2 Report). The volume of water passing through the breach is approximately half that in Breach GR_8.

In the SFRA model it appears that the breach allows free flow into the storage area for the entire embayment. It may therefore over estimate the amount of flood water that can flow through the breach because of constraints caused by local topography. The topographic map (Figure 2.3 in the SFRA vol.2 Report) shows ground levels are generally between 3 and 5 m AOD in Gravesend, which limits the duration of and amount of water that can flow through the breach.

2.1.4 Overall Assessment of Risk

The Kent Thameside SFRA does not provide quantitative information on the variation of flood risk across the area. This statement is based on the following observations:

- Flood risk is defined in flood risk management as 'probability x consequence'.
- As the SFRA is concerned with new development, the consequence is a function of the development design. The key variable that must therefore be considered is the probability.
- No attempt has been made to assess the probability of flooding of the scenarios used in the SFRA. The SFRA provides the following:
 - Extent of the floodplain with an 0.5% (1 in 200-year) annual probability of flooding (Zone 3 in PPS25).
 - Extent of the floodplain with an 0.1% (1 in 1000-year) annual probability of flooding (Zones 2 and 3 in PPS25)
 - Area outside the floodplain with an 0.1% (1 in 1000-year) annual probability of flooding (Zone 1 in PPS25)
 - Extent of the defended floodplain and associated Standard of Protection (SoP). In the case of North East Gravesend, the area has tidal flood defences that

- protect against a flood with an 0.1% (1 in 1000-year) annual probability of flooding.
- Within Zone 3, areas of High, Medium and Low residual risk are defined in the SFRA. However, these are subjective definitions that are unrelated to probability.

The SFRA only provides qualitative information on flood risk. This cannot be directly compared with results from SFRA's which cover defended areas elsewhere in the country as the Standard of Protection (SoP) on the Thames is higher.

The SoP provided by the Thames Tidal defences is unique in the UK, and much higher than the indicative standards adopted elsewhere (1% or 1 in 100-years for non-tidal flooding and 0.5% or 1 in 200-years for tidal flooding). The presence of the Thames Tidal defences means that the annual probability of flooding at the development site is less than 0.1%.

2.2 PREVIOUS STUDY - HR WALLINGFORD 1996 STUDY

The HR Wallingford 1996 study used historical breach sizes observed on the defences in the 1953 tidal flood on the Thames. The geometry of the modelled breach is as follows; 18.3 m wide and 2 m in depth below the defence crest (i.e. the crest level of the breach is about 4.2m AOD). The study also assumed that the breaches occurred at HW, which was what was observed in the 1953 event.

The weir equations used by HR Wallingford in 1996 are unlikely to be greatly different to those used in the spill unit of the ISIS model in the SFRA to calculate the flow through the breach. The study assumed that the ground level on the floodplain was 2 m AOD. Because the topography of the area is so flat and well defined the storage area relationships derived from OS maps are unlikely to be greatly different from those derived from LiDAR.

This produces smaller volumes of flow through the breach in a 1 in 1000 year event than the SFRA method, mainly because the breach width and depth are both less than the dimensions used in the SFRA. The results showed water depths of around 0.06 m for a single tide, and for a further two consecutive tides would raise it by another 0.14 m. The smaller volumes of flow through the breach calculated by HR Wallingford were not enough to overtop the railway embankment and flood the development site. The calculations tie in with the historical evidence that the railway embankment was not overtopped in the 1953 event.

2.3 INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS

As part of this study, simple checks of the results of the SFRA were undertaken using available models and data. It should be noted that these analyses do not include local survey detail and as such the results are not suitable for detailed design purposes.

2.3.1 Defence levels

Existing defence data shows that crest levels at Gravesend generally vary between 6.7 and 7.2 m AOD. There are a few low points at around 6 m AOD and also some higher points. On the Shorne Marshes the defence crest levels are generally between 6.5 and 6.7 m AOD with some lower spots at 6.33 m AOD.

2.3.2 Overtopping of Defences

The analysis undertaken as part of this study, using an ISIS flood cell model, indicates that the Shorne Marshes are not flooded in the 1,000 year or 10,000 year tidal events. The peak level for the present day 1,000 year event is 5.03 m AOD and for the 10,000 year event is around 5.51 m AOD at Southend. At the Shorne Marshes this level is approximately 5.75 m AOD in the 1,000 year event and 6.1 m AOD in the 10,000 year event. The defence crest levels tend to be 0.5 m to 1 m above the 0.1% water level. This is because of the freeboard built into the defences to account for uncertainty in the estimated water level and the impact of waves. The defence levels are also at least 0.2 m AOD above the 0.01% water level. The Shorne Marshes and the development sites are therefore not flooded in this event. The probability of inundation of the marshes from overtopping of the defences is therefore less than 0.01%, although this does not take account of freeboard on the flood defences. This is understood to be about 0.7m at Gravesend.

A test was carried out with the same boundary conditions for the River Thames as used in the SFRA study for overtopping. The ISIS flood cell model of the estuary used for the modelling included overtopping in other parts of the estuary, thus reducing tidal volume and water levels at Gravesend. This is more realistic than the assumption used in the SFRA that flooding would only occur in the vicinity of the development site (refer to Section 4.4 of the SFRA vol.2 Report) site. The results of this model show that there is little inundation south of the railway embankment. This model did not however include flow through culverts under the railway embankment, which may lead to greater flood depths if there are not tide flaps on the culverts.

2.3.3 Breaching of Defences/Failure of Flood Gates

The ISIS flood cell model of the estuary was used to calculate the flow through the breach and water levels on the floodplain. This method calculates the flow volumes in a similar way to the SFRA model but includes the impact of local topography to the breach. The floodplain inundation is a simplified method compared to the approach used in the SFRA because it does not account for flow times across the floodplain, but the peak water level should be similar. This model is used as a check that the railway embankment is overtopped and the area to the south, including the development site, would be flooded. The 1 in 1,000 year or 0.1% probability event on the Thames was used for the breach modelling, as in the SFRA (Page 38 and Section 3 in the SFRA vol.2 Report).

The model results for the Breach GR 8, a 50 m wide breach in the earth embankment defences on the Shorne Marshes, shows similar inflow volumes and flood extents as the SFRA modelling. This confirms that breach flow volumes are such that the railway embankment would be overtopped and the development site flooded to depths of 1 to 2 m. If the breach was located further away from the development site the depth of flooding at the site may be reduced.

The results for Breach GR 7, failure of flood gates, are significantly different from those of the SFRA model. The flow volume through the breach is significantly smaller, approximately 400,000 m³ compared to 3,100,000 m³. This is because the topography local to the breach in Gravesend constrains the volume of flow through the breach. This does not flood the development site to the south of the railway embankment. The breach was also re modelled using the storage area relationship for the entire embayment which gave similar inflow volumes as the SFRA model.

2.3.4 Fragility of Defences

The probability of the breach needs to be taken into account in addition to the probability of the source event. This can be expressed in the form of fragility curves which relate a defence

condition grade to probability of failure for different water levels. The generic fragility curve used for defences of condition grade 2, the condition of defences on the Shorne Marshes, is shown in Figure 1.

The fragility curve shows that the probability of defence failure when water levels are below the defence crest level is around 0.02%. The 1 in 1,000 year water level is considerably below the crest level and a breach is therefore unlikely. Once the water level becomes greater than the crest level the probability of a breach increases rapidly. However this would require an event of around 1 in 10,000 years.

It should be noted that these fragility curves are currently under review and that site specific data has not been used. However, these fragility curves provide an initial estimate of the likelihood of defence failure for a given event.

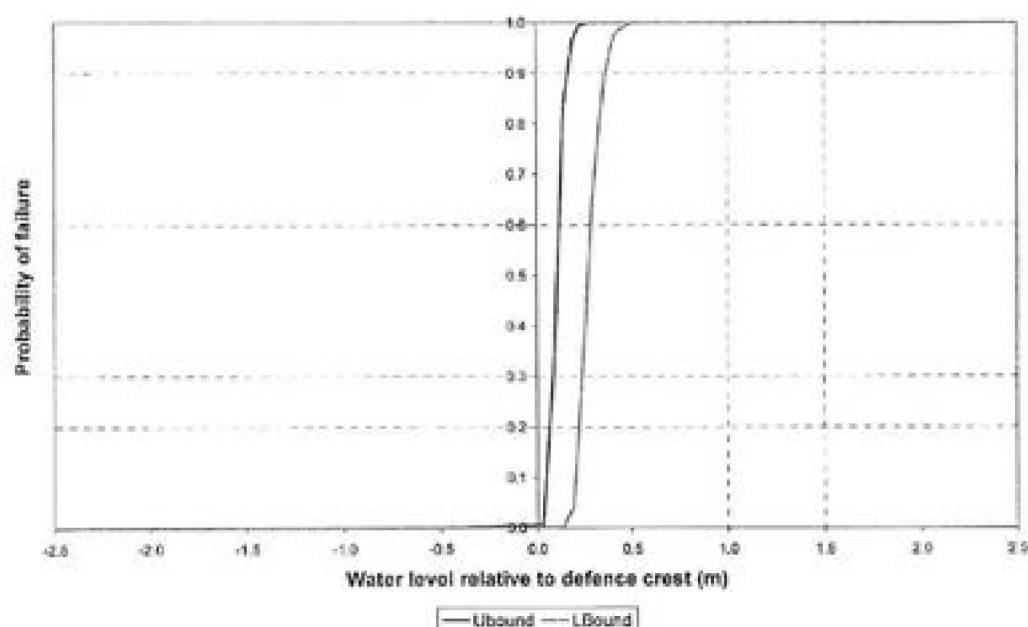


Figure 2 Generic fragility curve for condition grade 2 flood defences

2.4 CONCLUSIONS

With regards to the three pathways of flooding covered by the SFRA the following conclusions have been made.

2.4.1 Overtopping of Defences

- It would take an extraordinary overtopping event to cause flooding at the site (annual probability of occurrence far less than 0.1%). The following observations are made on the SFRA analysis:
 - The SFRA defence levels are about 0.5m to 1m lower than those obtained from existing records;
 - The SFRA flood levels are greater than an 0.01% (1 in 10,000-year) annual probability of flooding event;

- The SFRA analysis treats the marshes as a single reservoir and does not appear to take account of the canal and railway embankment.
- An independent hydraulic analysis using the same tide as the SFRA indicates that there would be little inundation south of the railway embankment.
- It is concluded that the overtopping event used in the SFRA (which has an annual probability of <0.01%) would be unlikely to cause flooding at the site. Smaller events would not overtop the defences.

2.4.2 Breaching of Defences

- A 50m breach was modelled in the embankment protecting Shorne Marshes. This size is consistent with EA guidance.
- Flooding is predicted in the area south of the canal and railway, including the development site, to depths of 2 to 2.5 m.
- An independent hydraulic analysis shows that the SFRA model results for this scenario are reasonable.
- It is concluded that the breaching event would flood the site. However the annual probability of this event would be <0.1% (1 in 1000-years). This is because the SoP provided by the defences is about 0.1%, and the probability of failure is small (much less than 1).

2.4.3 Failure to Close Flood Gates

- The failure of the flood gates of the canal basin in Gravesend is represented by a breach 7.3 m wide with a base level at -1.8m AOD. The SFRA results show that this would flood the site.
- An independent hydraulic analysis indicates that flooding of the site would not occur. The SFRA analysis appears to over-estimate the flood volume. The independent analysis shows that flow into the embayment is restricted by ground levels in Gravesend.
- It is concluded that failure of the gates at the canal basin would be unlikely to cause flooding at the site.

2.4.4 Summary of Independent Analyses

Overall, it is concluded that only scenario 2 (breaching) would cause flooding at the site. However, the probability of this event is remote (<0.1% per annum).

3. PPS25 and Implications on Development

3.1 SEQUENTIAL TEST

The PPS25 sequential test aims to direct development towards low probability hazards identified by flood zone 1 or 2. The Thames embayments are in zone 3 which means they would be inundated by the 0.5% flood if the flood defences were not there. The policy in PPS25 is that, "only where there are no reasonably available sites in Flood Zones 1 or 2 should decision-

makers consider suitability of sites in Flood Zone 3, taking into account the flood vulnerability of land uses and applying the Exception Test if required”.

Therefore, to satisfy the above policy, it needs to be demonstrated that no appropriate sites within Flood Zones 1 and 2 are available before development in Flood Zone 3 can be considered. In this case, the Exception Test is applied.

3.2 EXCEPTION TEST

Only where it is not possible to allocate development to sites in accordance with the Sequential Test is the Exception Test applied. The Exception Test is intended to make provision for sites where flood risk is outweighed by wider sustainability considerations and is designed to ensure that the flood risk is controlled and mitigated to an acceptable level.

The Exception Test includes three conditions, all of which must be fulfilled by all (other than minor developments) planning applications:

- a) it must be demonstrated that the development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk;
- b) the development should be on developable previously-developed land or, if it is not on previously developed land, that there are no reasonable alternative sites on developable previously-developed land; and
- c) a FRA must demonstrate that the development will be safe, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, and, where possible, will reduce flood risk overall.

Conditions a) and b) are planning issues and are therefore outside the scope of this study. However, the client will need to identify and prove that there are insufficient sites on developable previously-developed land and also demonstrate that wider sustainability benefits will be delivered to satisfy these conditions.

It is also worth noting that *Site 3* has previously been granted consent for industrial development and therefore the Local Planning Authority may consider treating this site differently to other greenfield sites, thus making condition b) less stringent for this specific application.

Condition c) has been considered as part of this study as outlined below.

4. Impacts of Proposed Development on Flood Risk

To ensure the proposed development is safe, one option would be to raise land levels above the design flood level. However, the impact of this loss of floodplain storage on surrounding areas would need to be mitigated. As part of this study a preliminary assessment of the impacts of this land raising on water levels has been undertaken for the *breaching of defence* scenario only.

This assessment has been undertaken for both the initial planning application (*Site 3*) and for the overall development.

4.1 SMALL APPLICATION (SITE 3 – PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED INDUSTRIAL LAND)

For the small application it has been assumed that *Site 3* is entirely raised to 3.8m AOD. The relationship between area and level has been modified for this storage area to account for the land raising, as shown in Figure 3, with the areas of floodplain lost also tabulated in Table 1 on vertical intervals of 0.5m.

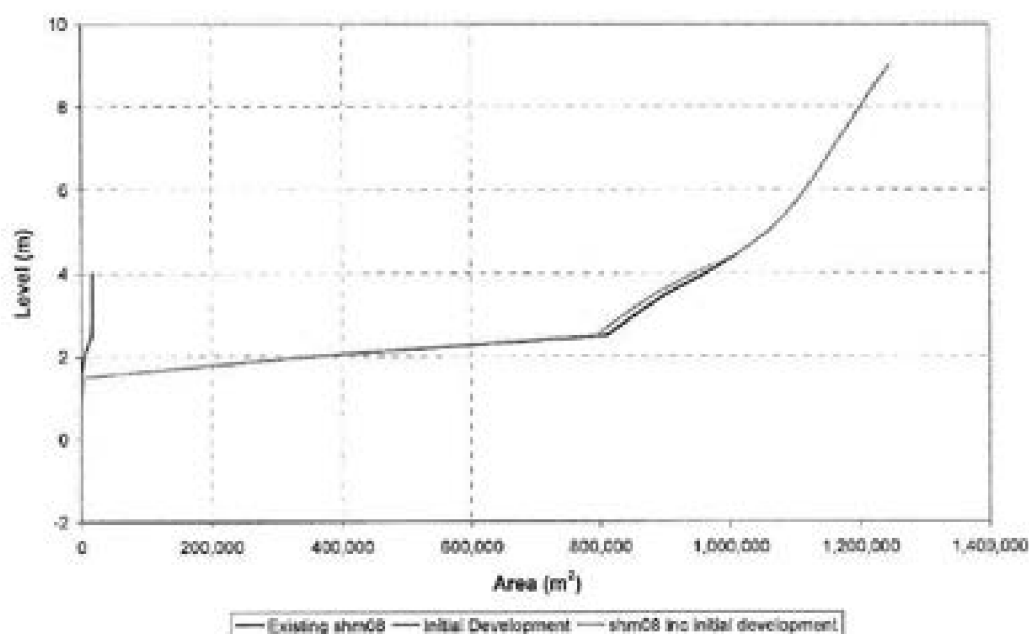


Figure 3 Relationship between storage area and level, including the impact of raised development

Table 1 Tabulation of the area lost due to development at different elevations

Elevation (m AOD)	Area (m ²)
1.5	0
2.0	4500
2.5	17000
3.0	17486
3.5	17486
4.0	17486

The breaching of defences scenario has been evaluated using this modified storage relationship to calculate the change in peak water level in the embayment. The results of this are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Water level difference due to initial development

Location	Water level difference (mm) following raised development
North of railway, west of breach	0
North of railway, Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	0
South of railway, west of Breach	0
South of railway, south of Breach	10
South of railway, east of Breach	10

These results show that there is little change in peak water levels due to the loss of storage area from the raised development. Flood levels are increased by 10 mm in the marshes south of the railway line where there is some existing development.

4.1.1 Proposed Mitigation

To satisfy condition c) of the Exception Test within PPS 25, adequate mitigation to ensure flood risk is not increased elsewhere would need to be demonstrated.

To provide adequate mitigation compensatory floodplain storage could be provided within the SSSI land area as part of an overall ecological enhancement project linked to the proposed development. Detailed analysis would be required to demonstrate that the compensation would mitigate the increase in flood levels and the environmental impacts of lowering levels within the SSSI site would need to be considered as part of a broader environmental assessment. Typically, compensation would need to be provided on a level for level basis although the Environment Agency may accept compensation at lower levels if this can be demonstrated as being effective in mitigating the increased flood levels resulting from the proposed development.

4.2 LARGE APPLICATION (OVERALL DEVELOPMENT)

This assessment has conservatively assumed that the entire development site, including the SSSI zone, of 458,555 m² is raised to a level of 3.8 m AOD. The relationship between area and level for this flood storage area has been modified to account for the land raising, as highlighted in Figure 4 below. Table 3 summarises the areas of flood plain storage lost in 0.5m horizontal slices.

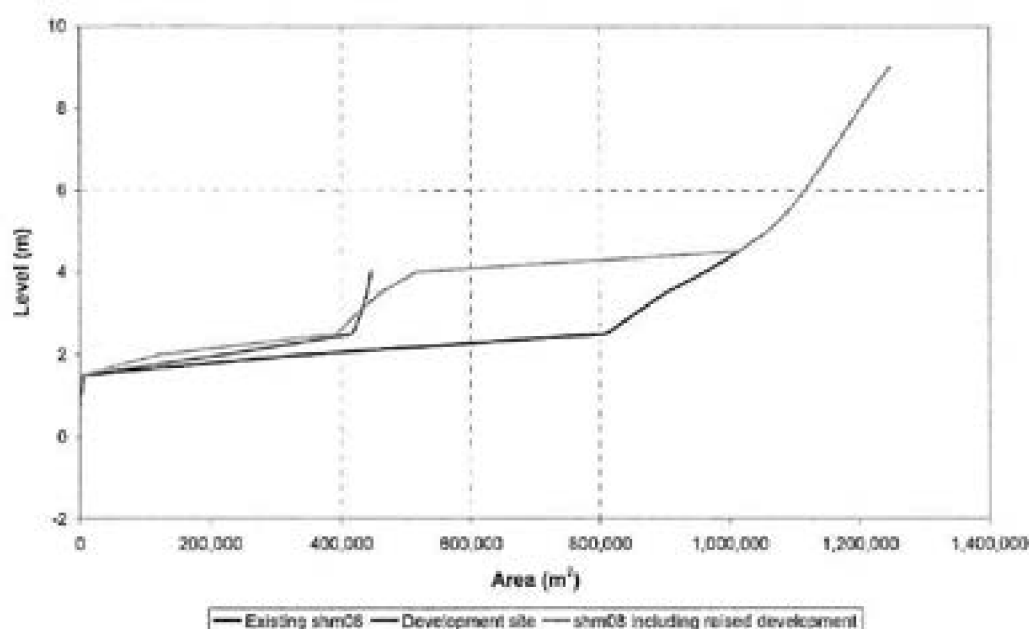


Figure 4 Relationship between storage area and level, including the impact of raised development

Table 3 Tabulation of the area lost due to development at different elevations

Elevation (m AOD)	Area (m2)
0.5	0
1.0	1300
1.5	3500
2.0	224032
2.5	417308
3.0	430392
3.5	440336
4.0	446460

The breaching of defence scenario has been run with this modified storage relationship to calculate the change in peak water level in the embayment. The results of this are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Water levels with and without raised development

Location	Water level difference (mm) following raised development
North of railway, west of breach	0
North of railway, Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	30
North of railway, east of Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	0
North of railway, east of Breach	0
South of railway, west of Breach	280
South of railway, south of Breach	310
South of railway, east of Breach	310

Flood levels are increased by 30mm in the immediate vicinity of the breach. This land is undeveloped marsh. The small change in water level is due to the large storage volume in the embayment. It should be noted that the peak increase in water level is approximately 300 mm in storage areas south of the railway. This occurs for a short duration, after which the increase in water levels are 100 mm.

4.2.1 *Proposed Mitigation*

To satisfy condition c) of the Exception Test within PPS 25, adequate mitigation to ensure flood risk is not increased elsewhere would need to be demonstrated. Due to the increase in water levels, mitigation measures would need to be provided. These could include:

- Construction of new defences around existing development that would be affected by the increase. These should not affect existing land drainage. Areas where defences are required may include:
 - Existing development at West Court;
 - The sewage works and adjacent development;

New defences will further raise water levels in the area, and will also require enhancement of the land drainage system to avoid increasing fluvial flood risk. If this increase in flood levels is limited to the marshes and away from developed areas then this may be acceptable to the Environment Agency.

- Improving flow paths across the marshes so that floodwater is diverted eastwards into the main marsh areas. This could of course worsen flooding elsewhere, and new local defences may be needed.

Any proposed mitigation measures would require detailed analysis to ensure that adequate mitigation could be provided and the environmental impacts of any such measures would also need to be considered. The location of any proposed mitigation measures would need to be a key consideration in the development design process and in determining the final layout of the development.

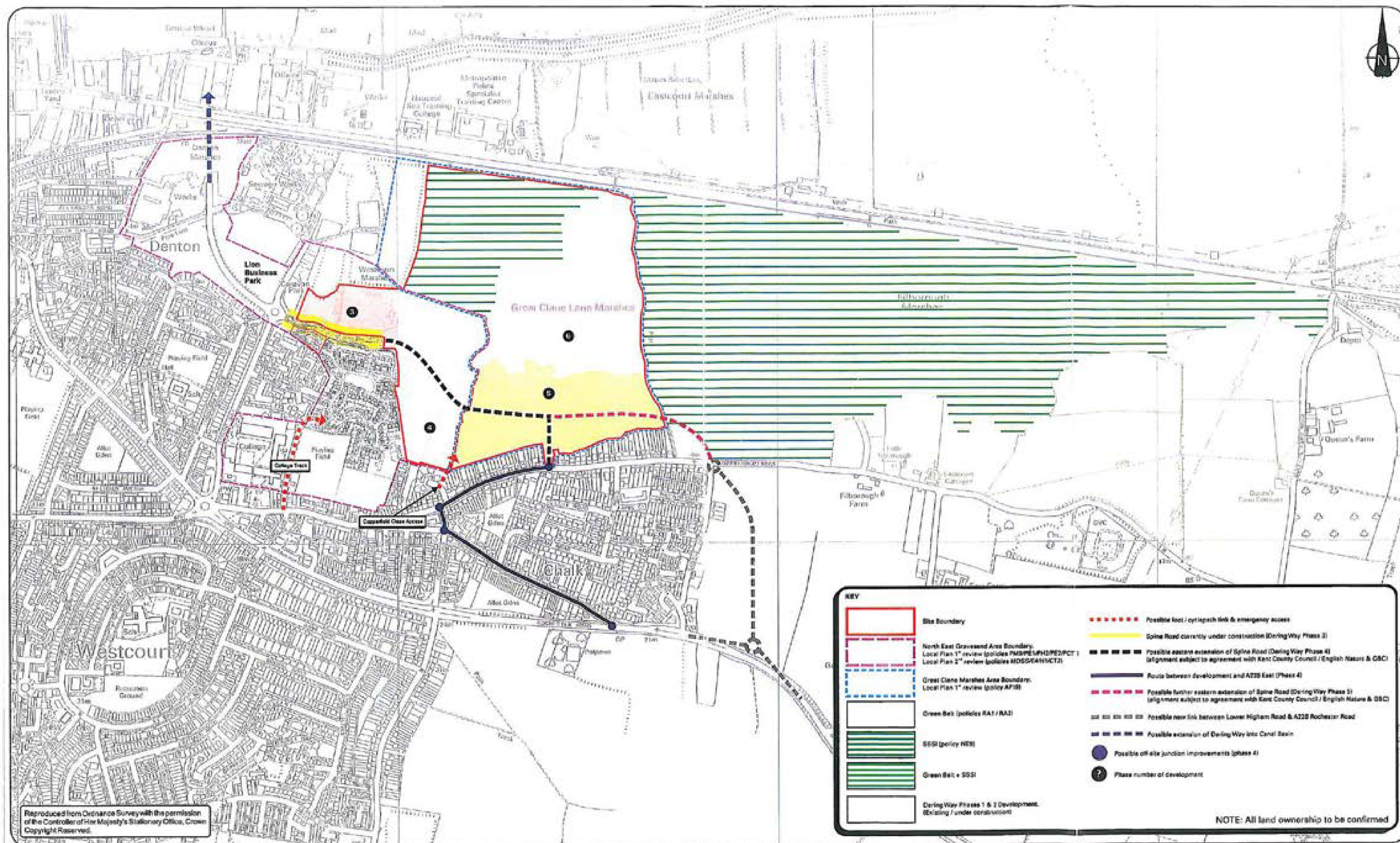
5. Conclusions

Following a review of the Kent Thameside SFRA, and consideration of the location of the proposed development sites, it is concluded that all the sites at North East Gravesend are well defended from inundation and that only the breaching of defences scenario identified in the SFRA would cause flooding at the site. However, the probability of this event is considered as remote and would be contingent upon a serious breach during a large (1 in 1,000 year return period) surge event. Further to this, it is highly probable that existing flood defences in this area will be maintained by the EA into the future, and therefore significant deterioration of these defences is unlikely.

However, the Local Planning Authority and the Environment Agency may still object on the basis of the policies defined in PPS25, and in particular the conditions relating to the Exception Test. If conditions a) and b) of the Exception Test can be satisfied on planning grounds then it is recommended that detailed investigation of potential mitigation measures for both the Small (*Site 3*) and Large applications is undertaken.

At this stage it is recommended that any further analysis or detailed modelling and investigation of mitigation measures awaits the resolution of the planning issues and confirmation that development of the sites is acceptable in principle by the local planning authority.

Appendix A



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Ardent Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Fort Knight Group Limited, Sunray Developments Limited and Kent County Council to prepare a modelling report detailing the flood risk from a breach of the River Thames for a flood embayment at Gravesend. The report has been prepared in support of a residential development proposal in the north-east Gravesend area.
- 1.2 It is proposed by the Client to develop land located to the north-east of Gravesend for residential purposes. The site lies within an area known as Westcourt which is situated to the north-east of Gravesend and occupies a portion of land allocated as PM9 within Gravesham Borough Council's Local Plan.
- 1.3 This report summarises the two-dimensional modelling of a breach of the flood defences on the River Thames, based upon data obtained from the Kent Thameside Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The modelling assesses the impact of land raising within the embayment on flood levels and also assesses the mitigation provided to reduce the impact of land raising.
- 1.4 The report is submitted to support the planning application and to obtain an approval in principle that the proposed land raising and compensatory land lowering is acceptable. The objective of the report is to outline the extent of land filling and cutting and outline the modelling methodology and results.

2 BACKGROUND

Site Setting

- 2.1 The proposed development scheme is situated in the north-east of Gravesend, Kent as shown on the site location plan of Figure 1, below). The site is centred on the Ordnance Survey grid reference of 567100mE, 173300mN.



Figure 1 – Site Location Plan

- 2.2 The area of land set aside for land raising (herein referred to as the development site) lies within an area known as Westcourt which is situated to the north-east of Gravesend and occupies a portion of land allocated as PM9 within Gravesham Borough Council's Local Plan. The existing landform of the larger area west of the marshes is generally at a level of between 3.0m – 8.0m AOD and comprises top soil above alluvium, underlain by clay and chalk material.
- 2.3 The larger strategic development area is located within the defended floodplain of the River Thames and is classified as Flood Zone 3 (greater than 1 in 100 year and 1 in 200 year chance of flooding

from fluvial and tidal sources respectively). This places the site within an area of "high" risk of flooding, although the area benefits from well-maintained flood defences on the River Thames.

- 2.4 The development site and the proposed industrial area lie within an area known as Westcourt, which is bound to the north by the railway embankment. Within the north-west portion of the land lies a damaged SSSI site (see **Drawing No. B142-04 Development Area**). Whilst the SSSI is low lying and flat, the proposed mitigation works would improve the quality of the damaged SSSI land. The results of discussions with Natural England suggest that lowering of the land in the damaged SSSI area would promote enhancement and aid restoration of the SSSI.
- 2.5 The total area of the development site is approximately 4.6 ha, ranging in ground level from 3m AOD in the north to approximately 8m AOD in the south. It is proposed that the development site is raised to a minimum level of 3.9m (where required) in order to allow for surface water drainage of the development and to reduce the level of flood risk to the site development.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

- 2.6 The Kent Thameside Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was completed in December 2005 by Entec (UK) Ltd to determine the flood risk at strategically allocated sites. It was updated in December 2009, in-line with PPS25.
- 2.7 The SFRA includes breach modelling of the River Thames within its study area, as the area forms part of the Thames Estuary floodplain. The Thames Estuary is protected by flood defences along the River Thames up to a design standard exceeding 1:1,000 year probability.

- 2.8 Of the breaches modelled in the SFRA, two are relevant to the Gravesend area: Gravesend Breach 7 (GR7) and Gravesend Breach 8 (GR8).
- 2.9 GR7 is located at the entrance of the canal basin at Gravesend and represents a failure of the gates to the canal basin. GR8 is located in the earth embankment defences protecting Eastcourt. This breach is significantly larger in size compared with GR7 at 50m wide and 1:2 side slopes, with the breach elevation set to normal ground level. The TufLOW modelling of the breach at GR8 showed widespread flooding across the Gravesend flood embayment for a breach based on 1 in 1,000 year tidal levels. Flooding from the breach at GR7 was significantly less than for that from the breach at GR8 and is shown in the SFRA not to reach the development location. Modelled breach extents for GR7 and GR8 derived from the SFRA are shown in **Appendix C**.

Other Previous Reporting

- 2.10 In 1996 a modelling report was produced by HR Wallingford detailing the level of tidal flood risk to the flood embayment at Gravesend. It stated that the River Thames flood defences are higher than the predicted 1 in 1,000 year tidal levels. It also concluded that any breach of the defences would be minor in flood volume with breached water likely to pond up behind the raised rail / canal embankment.
- 2.11 In 2007, HR Wallingford also prepared a technical note on the Applicant's behalf, reviewing the above-mentioned Kent Thameside SFRA, which was included as part of the Drainage Strategy and Flood Risk Assessment of "Land North of Dalefield Way, Westcourt, Gravesend" prepared by Ardent Consulting Engineers. The SFRA intended to consider flood risk and sequentially identify areas within the Kent Thameside area that are suitable for development whilst also considering a number of pre-determined development sites. The technical note assessed

that the statistical return period of a breach at GR8 together with a 1 in 1,000 year tidal event is likely to occur less than once every 100,000 years. Overtopping of the flood defences would also occur less than once every 10,000 years.

3 TUFLOW MODELLING METHODOLOGY

Model Geometry

3.1 A two-dimensional hydraulic model was built to simulate the flood embayment behind the flood defences using Tuflow version 2009-07-AF-iDP. The model has been built using an area of 35km² with 5m resolution Next Map digital terrain model (DTM). The area of the embayment is generally flat, so a resolution of 5m is sufficient for the modelling purposes. If the topography had been steeper or more undulating then a finer resolution would have been considered.

3.2 The Tuflow model was built using the following parameters:

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Grid spacing	10 metres
Origin	563724 mE, 172355 mN
Model Width	10,109 metres
Model Height	3,582 metres
Time Step	2 seconds
Simulation Time	7.5 hours

Table 3-1: Tuflow Model Parameters

3.3 The extents of the model are limited by the River Thames's flood defences in the north, and areas of relatively higher ground (i.e. above 5m AOD) in the east, west, and south. The extents of the model are represented by a 2d_code command.

3.4 A railway and canal run east to west across the embayment and are raised above the natural ground level. The railway

embankment acts as a secondary form of flood defence as it retains water in the northern section of the embayment before it is overtopped. As the resolution of the DTM is not particularly detailed at 5m and the grid spacing within the built model is large in comparison to the embankment width, a z line represents the embankment in the Tuflow model by forcing grid point elevations to include the embankment levels. The embankment levels are set to 4.0m AOD based on spot levels obtained from Ordnance Survey and the HR Wallingford report produced in 1996.

- 3.5 There are numerous small culverts conveying water under the railway embankment. Surcharging of the culverts would occur during the breach of the flood defences. The impact of these culverts on the modelling has been assumed to be negligible as the capacity of the (surcharged) culverts is only a fractional proportion of the breach flow rates. Therefore, these culverts are not included within the modelling.
- 3.6 The raw DTM obtained does not represent the actual land levels associated with the recent development at Heron's Field (planning reference GR/99/168), the recent industrial development at Lion Business Park, or the consented filling to site known as Phase 3a (see **Drawing B142-05 Model Schematic**). Z shape polygons have been used in the model to enforce the Tuflow grid to represent the actual ground levels from 3.5m AOD to 4.0m AOD within these areas.
- 3.7 A recent planning application has been submitted for approval for a proposed industrial estate to the north of the proposed development site (Ref: GR/2010/0436). This includes an access road between the two sites. The Tuflow model assumes that this planning application will be approved and thereby the Tuflow model includes a z shape polygon raising the industrial site to a level of 2.5m AOD and the access road to 3.5m AOD. The recent planning application also included the removal of 100mm of

material from the damaged SSSI for the use of compensatory flood storage volume and this is also accounted for in the TufLOW model.

- 3.8 The roughness of the floodplain terrain has been represented in the TufLOW model using a 2d_mat file and utilising the OS map of the area to determine land use type. Roughness coefficients used in the model to represent the Manning's number 'n' are summarised below:

Land Use Type	Manning's 'n'
Open Space / marshes (default)	0.060
Buildings	0.250
Ponds and other water	0.025
Railway	0.050

Table 3-2: Floodplain Roughness Coefficients

Hydrological Input

- 3.9 Following a request for information, the Environment Agency has supplied a single-tide cycle hydrograph for the breach at GR8. The hydrograph is for the 1 in 1,000 year event and was the hydrograph used for the latest update of the SFRA according to the EA. This hydrograph is essentially the output file from a River Thames ISIS model. As a footnote, further requests were made to the EA to update the information received to include TE2100 considerations, three-tide cycle events, and the 1:200 year hydrographs. However, the EA has indicated that this information was not available and that a single tide cycle for the 1 in 1,000 year event as used in the SFRA is suitable (**see Appendix B**). The EA has also indicated that the hydrograph provided in 2009 was the same as the hydrograph used in the 2009 SFRA update.
- 3.10 Tidal breach analyses on the River Thames are required for the 1:200 year level only so this analysis is considered to be

conservative (see EA report "Requirements for completing computer river modelling for Flood Risk Assessments" Chapter 2.7, 2009).

- 3.11 The hydrograph obtained from the SFRA model has been represented in the TufLOW model as a 2d_bc line at the identified location of the breach GR8. It has been modelled using a flow time relationship as provided by the Environment Agency. This hydrograph was the output file from the spill reservoir used in the ISIS model.

Pre-Development Scenario

- 3.12 The pre-development (existing) scenario was modelled using all the baseline characteristics mentioned above.

Land Raising Scenario

- 3.13 A z shape polygon has been used in the TufLOW model to represent the proposed land raising at the proposed development site. For this model, the polygon enforces grid points to a level of 3.9m AOD at the development site where the existing grid points are below this. Any grid points within the polygon above 3.9m AOD remain at their existing levels.

Compensatory Storage Scenario

- 3.14 To mitigate against the effects on flood water depths as a result of land raising, compensatory flood storage has been proposed. It is proposed to lower areas within the damaged SSSI in the north-west of the Westcourt and the Great Clane Lane Marshes (see **Drawing B142-05 Model Schematic**). The extent of land level lowering will be covered in Section 5 and this land level lowering is enforced in the TufLOW model by a z shape polygon.

Output Locations for Result Files

- 3.15 Nine Plot Output (PO) points were placed within the model extents to record water levels (see **Drawing B142-05 Model Schematic**). These points were located in various locations across the model in order to assess the impact of land level raising.

4 MODEL OUTPUTS

- 4.1 For the model simulations, flooding is shown across the entire canal basin and large extents of the land to the south of the railway embankment (see **Drawings B142-06, B142-07, and B142-08**). The development site area is observed to lie partially within the modelled flood extents prior to land raising or compensation. The extents shown replicate the extents produced in the SFRA within the acceptable tolerances of the model.
- 4.2 Maximum output values at each of the PO locations at the site for the pre-development and post-development (with filling, but without compensation) simulations are summarised in the table below. For a map of the locations and general schematic of the Tuflow model refer to **Drawing B142-05**.

Location	Maximum Flood Elevation (m AOD)	
	Pre-development	Post-development
Denton	4.15	4.15
Westcourt	3.38	3.39
Great Clane Lane	3.38	3.39
Eastcourt	4.26	4.26
Filborough West	3.38	3.39
Filborough	3.38	3.39
"Danger Area"	3.95	3.95
Milton	4.15	4.15

Table 4-1: Tuflow Modelled Outputs

- 4.3 The raising of the land at the development site causes a slight increase in flood levels in the Gravesend embayment area in the vicinity of the development only. Specifically the increases are observed near the development site as noted by the locations "Westcourt", "Filborough", "Filborough West", and "Great Clane

Lane". No changes in flood levels are observed north of the railway.

4.4 A comparison between the flood levels over time is presented below in Chart 1.

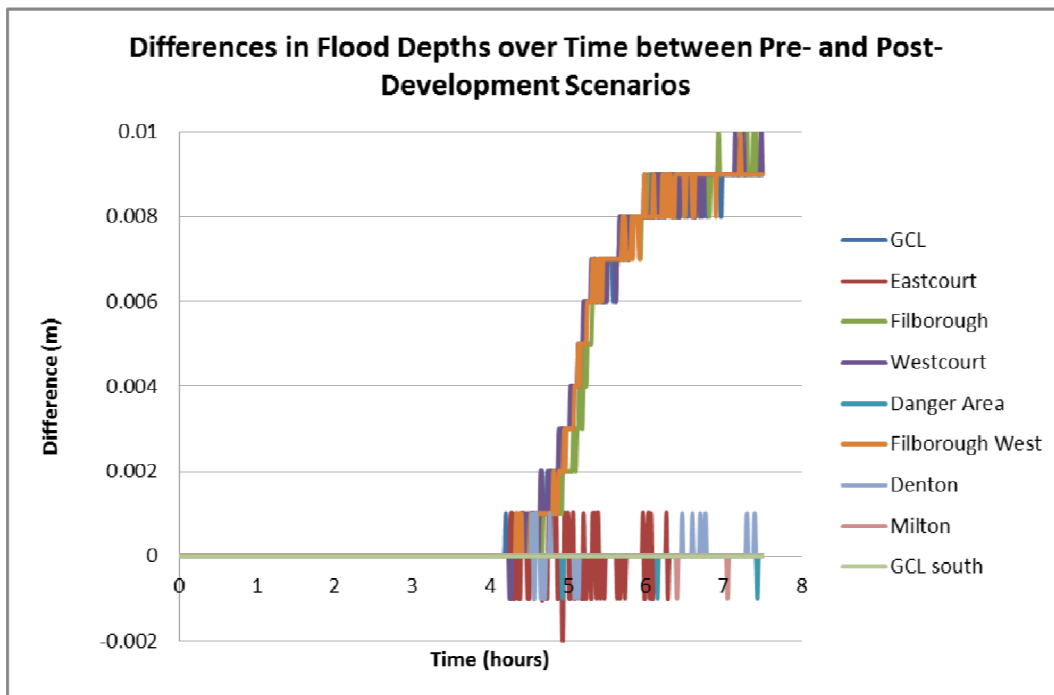


Chart 1: Difference in Post-development Flood Levels Compared With Pre-development Flood Levels

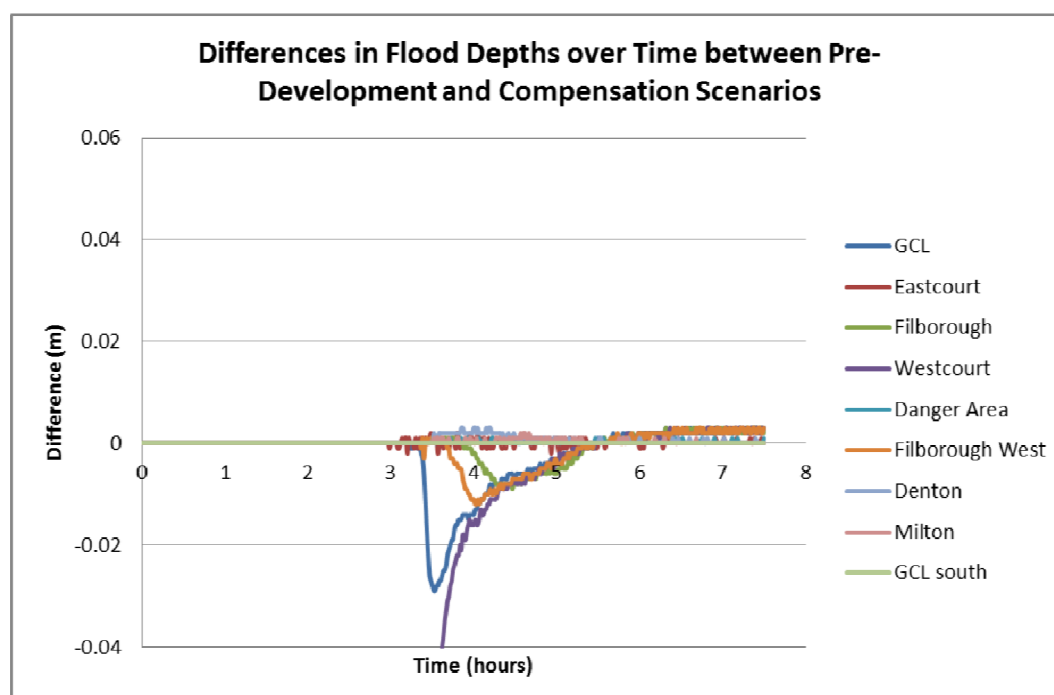
5 FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES

- 5.1 The flooding of an embayment due to a breach failure of defences creates a situation where a flood cell fills with flood water. Generally this means that the required compensation for an area will be largely, if not wholly, volumetric.
- 5.2 The volume of fill used to raise the development site has been calculated to be approximately 18,500m³. Land is available for compensatory land lowering within the damaged SSSI to the north-west of the site.
- 5.3 In order to provide verification that the level of compensation proposed is adequate, the model geometry was updated to include the land lowering. This was represented in the model by a z shape polygon. To maintain the characteristics as much as possible, it is proposed to lower the compensation areas by a generic height rather than lowering to a specific level and creating a flat surface.
- 5.4 For the purposes of this modelling exercise, land levels were reduced by 0.1m within the SSSI. Summary results are presented in Table 5-1 whilst Chart 2 presents a comparison between the flood levels over time.

Location	Maximum Flood Elevation (m AOD)	
	Pre-development	Compensation
Denton	4.15	4.15
Westcourt	3.38	3.38
Great Clane Lane	3.38	3.38
Eastcourt	4.26	4.26
Filborough West	3.38	3.38
Filborough	3.38	3.38
"Danger Area"	3.95	3.95
Milton	4.15	4.15

Table 5-1: Tuflow Modelled Outputs Including Compensation

5.5 As can be observed, the implementation of the land raising at the development site together with the land lowering compensation works results in a return to existing flood levels.

**Chart 2: Difference in Compensation Scenario Flood Levels Compared With Pre-development Flood Levels**

6 SENSITIVITY TESTING

- 6.1 To assess the accuracy of the Tuflow model, sensitivity testing to review the parameter assumptions was made. Variations to the input parameters have the potential to create a wider discrepancy between pre and post-development scenarios although this has largely been allowed for with the conservative approach outlined in Section 5.
- 6.2 Four additional simulations were made to test the sensitivity of the model to changes in the flow and roughness parameters. The four additional simulations were run using the 100 year event as the baseline event with a 20% increase and a 20% decrease to the Manning's number 'n' used and a 20% increase and 20% decrease to the breach hydrograph. A comparison of the flood level differences at the site locations are summarised in the tables below.

Location	Scenario Flood Level Difference (m)				
	Baseline	+20% flow	-20% flow	+20% 'n'	-20% 'n'
Denton	0	0	0	0	0
Westcourt	+0.01	+0.01	0	+0.02	0
Great Clane Lane	+0.01	+0.01	0	+0.02	0
Eastcourt	0	0	0	0	0
Filborough West	+0.01	+0.01	0	+0.02	0
Filborough	+0.01	0	0	+0.02	0
"Danger Area"	0	0	0	0	0
Milton	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6-1: Pre-development / Post-development Scenario Maximum Flood Level Differences

Location	Scenario Flood Level Difference (m)				
	Baseline	+20% flow	-20% flow	+20% 'n'	-20% 'n'
Denton	0	0	0	0	0
Westcourt	0	-0.01	-0.01	+0.01	-0.01
Great Clane Lane	0	-0.01	-0.01	+0.01	-0.01
Eastcourt	0	0	0	0	0
Filborough West	0	-0.01	-0.01	+0.01	-0.01
Filborough	0	-0.01	-0.01	+0.01	-0.01
"Danger Area"	0	0	0	0	0
Milton	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6-2: Pre-development / Compensation Scenario Maximum Flood Level Differences

- 6.3 As can be observed from the output results, there is only a minor difference between the output values and therefore it can be determined that the process of providing adequate floodplain compensation is largely unaffected by the roughness of the floodplain surface. Equally, the flood level differences with a reduction and increase in the flow also demonstrate that the mitigation measures provided are sufficient even if the flow hydrograph used in the simulations is inaccurate.

7 INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 Through TufLOW modelling, the raising of land levels at the development site is shown to increase the flood depths across the Gravesend embayment by a negligible amount during a single cycle 1 in 1,000 year breach of the flood defences at Eastcourt (breach GR8). To offset these flood level increases, mitigation is proposed by lowering land levels within the damaged SSSI area.
- 7.2 The compensatory flood storage proposed in this report is for a further reduction in land levels of 100mm within the SSSI land. This is in addition to the 100mm reduction incorporated for the employment area to the north of the proposed residential application. For the 1 in 1,000 year breach of the flood defences at Eastcourt, the modelling of the development proposals taken together with the mitigation measures, demonstrate that flood levels are practically identical to existing modelled levels.
- 7.3 The volume of compensatory floodplain storage is less than the volume of fill proposed at the development site. However, the results of the modelling conclude that the volume of compensation provided is sufficient to not cause an increased risk of flooding to the development area or other areas within the flood embayment under breach conditions.

DRAWINGS

APPENDIX A TUFLOW FILES

APPENDIX B
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

APPENDIX B

SFRA DETAILS

Appendix F

**Minutes of Meeting with Environment Agency
19th October 2009**

ARDENT CONSULTING ENGINEERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 19 October 2009

Subject: Gravesend Masterplanning

Ref: B330 ss7427

Those Present: Kerry Wilkinson (KW), Chris Baker-Pearce (CBP) (Ardent Consulting Engineers)

Bob Meek (BM) (Kember Loudon Williams)

Gary Horton (GH) (Landowner)

Nigel Pye (NP), Niall O'Connor (NO), Michael Wilkinson (MW) (Environment Agency)

Apologies: Richard Bray (Barratt Eastern Counties)

	ACTION
1. Opening intros, roles, etc.	
2. CBP outlined background to the site and recapped points raised from previous meeting minutes from June 4. Outlined proposal to raise land to the south of a proposed distributor road for residential development. The road would serve to unlock the canal basin area to the north of the railway/canal.	
3. KW outlined the Tuflow modelling that was undertaken. Model was created using Lidar and based upon information gleaned from the local SFRA. Breach location GR8 modelled as this was shown to be the largest threat in the SFRA. A dummy hydrograph was used to simulate the breach as tidal curves from the EA are still to be received. This hydrograph used a volume of 4million m ³ compared with the SFRA hydrograph of 3.1million m ³ . Modelling indicated a slight increase in flood levels across the site with the development of the land to the south of the distributor road. Further modelling indicated that floodplain compensation could be provided within the Great Clane Marsh (400mm depth) and the SSSI (200mm depth) which would reduce flood levels. MW wanted to see modelling recordings of flooding in the Denton area. Indicated that a 10mm difference in flood levels would be deemed to be negligible and thereby acceptable.	

	ACTION
4. NP: On a strategic scale development plans for a north-south flood defence are still works in progress with Gravesham. Gravesham will need to provide input for this to get going again.	
5. NP: Keen to see Natural England's reaction to land lowering, although he can't see too many reasons for possible objections. CBP echoed this by indicating that there was a desire to return the marshes to a more "wet" state and lowering the marshes would likely achieve this.	
6. CBP: Original objection was because of potential adverse increase in flood levels.	
7. NP: Can see some benefit in raising defences for some properties adjacent. Design of road to allow for tidal climate change increase as it would be acting as a tertiary form of flood defence.	
8. MW asked about land classification and whether it was greenfield or brownfield.	
9. BM explained that it is in part allocated in the adopted Local Plan for development as part of a regeneration area, and in part as a reserve area which could be brought forward for development if a clear "need to do so" could be shown. While the latter provision was omitted from a subsequent review of the adopted Local Plan, this review had not been adopted. The envisaged development of this area, and in particular the proposed relief road, would however support and allow the development potential of the Canal Basin area adjacent, to be realised through the Core Strategy process	
10. NP: Sequential Test to be covered.	
11. MW was unsure about Part B of the Exception Test and where land could be developed elsewhere.	
12. BM and NW suggested that the Core Strategy will clear up the allocation issues with the land.	
13. CBP: Part B of the Exception Test is for redevelopment of brownfield land for sustainability. Only way brownfield area north of the railway to be used is by the development of the site. Part C of the Exception Test will be fulfilled with the raising of the land to above the flood levels anticipated as a result of a breach in the flood defences.	
14. NP, MW: Generally happy with overall proposal provided Natural England is happy and that compensatory measures are demonstrated to be adequate.	
15. Meeting concluded with next action to be submission of the	

	ACTION
modelling report within a fortnight.	

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Appendix G

Correspondence with Environment Agency and English Nature/Natural England

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You Ref:

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DENTON MARSHES DEVELOPMENT AT DAMIGOES FIELD

Further to our telephone conversation of earlier today I can confirm that the proposed surface water drainage strategy, as detailed in your report dated March 1999, is acceptable to the Agency subject to the following comments:

1. The boundary of the application site is partially within the drainage district of the Commissioner of Sewers Gravesend (West), an Internal Drainage Board. All the drains within the site area are classified as ordinary watercourses and are not maintained by the Agency or by the Internal Drainage Board. In the absence of any express agreement to the contrary, maintenance is the responsibility of the riparian owners. Any culvert, diversion, weir, dam, or like obstruction to the flow of the watercourse requires the consent of the Agency under the Land Drainage Act 1991, either acting in its own right or acting as the Internal Drainage Board.
2. The infilling or diversion of any watercourse, therefore, requires Land Drainage Consent and will be subject to the Agency agreeing compensation, for example, a length of replacement open channel. It is likely that any Land Drainage Consent issued will carry a condition to the effect that continuity of drainage must be maintained at all times and that there is no net loss of open channel.
3. Furthermore, to safeguard conservation interests the Agency will request a condition of planning to ensure there is no net loss of open watercourse as a direct result of the development. For your information, the Agency does not consider roadside drainage as suitable compensatory habitat for loss of watercourse and for conservation reasons, the Agency seeks to avoid culverting and will not normally consent such works except for access.

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4. The Agency has no objection to the widening and deepening of existing channels for surface water attenuation. The storage provided must be useable and account must be taken of the groundwater level, which we believe may be as high as 1.9 metres AOD. Storage will only be of use above the maximum potential ground water levels. Nor has it any objection to the installation of control structures at the location of the culverts under the railway. Maintenance responsibility for this storage area and the control structures should be agreed prior to the commencement of the development. Land Drainage Consent is required for the works and the Agency awaits information on the detailed design of the storage facility with supporting calculations clearly showing the adopted discharge rate, the available storage volumes and the adopted return period.
5. At the site inspection attended by Agency staff on 18 September 1998 there appeared to be hydraulic continuity in the ditch system. If, however, it is found that this is not the case, further work will be required to assess the continuity of drainage, in particular between the storage ditch system and the main Denton / Westcourt Marsh outfall. In addition, the hydraulic continuity beneath the railway will need to be established.
6. To safeguard the drainage interests of the area, the Agency will request a condition of planning that no development shall be commenced until a scheme for the provision of surface water drainage has been approved and implemented to the reasonable satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

You should be aware that the Environment Agency will be responding to the Planning Authority directly concerning this application.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Chris

PM9 DENTON MARSHES, LAND AT DAMIGOES ROAD, GRAVESEND, KENT

Further to our telephone conversation of earlier today I am pleased to enclose two application forms for land drainage consent at the above site.

I can also confirm that the Agency will not oppose development to the remainder of the site providing it is line with the previously agreed development brief and drainage strategy. The design principles already used on the first land allocation are applicable to the site as a whole.

The retention of 'green-corridors' along the watercourses shall be included for in the proposed layout. Preferably any modifications to the watercourses should be undertaken for short lengths on alternate banks. I understand that this will involve the permission of third party owners. However, the Agency asks that the feasibility of this is investigated.

I look forward to receiving your completed application form(s), in the meantime, should you wish to discuss any of the above please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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6th July 2001

SAP

Dear Mr Baker-Pearce

Westcourt Marshes

Off site watercourse works

South Thames Estuary and Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest and Thames Estuary and Marshes Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention

Thank you for your letter of 2nd July and for the accompanying plans, U481/01A and 02A.

To ensure that the works are neutral or positive for the nature conservation interest of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) the important points are:

- The new shelf in the ditch bank should be covered by water constantly for at least the latter part of the winter, not just when there has been storm flow. The maximum level of water in the ditch is presumably dictated by the level at which the subsurface field drains discharge from the east bank of the ditch. Thus below this maximum level, the channel needs to be broad and deep enough to provide storm storage capacity and a further volume of water for constant cover of the shelf.
- The structure controlling discharge from the ditch should be set so that water cannot drain off below a level which provides a constant cover of water over the new shelf for most of the winter. This additional depth of water could be shown as another band of colour underneath the yellow band (extent of 250mm deep storage area) in the cross sections. It should be of sufficient depth for surface water to remain over the shelf until early to mid summer, but shallow enough for it to dry out in later summer (July or August). Before we accept the proposed works, we will need to agree on the minimum winter water level and a means of ensuring that this requirement is observed.
- The arisings from the excavation should either be moved from the SSSI or spread very thinly (less than 10cm) on the adjacent ground.

If any of these points are unclear, please do not hesitate to contact Lionel Solly or me. Lionel will await your call to arrange a site meeting.

Yours sincerely



Robert Cameron
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FAO Mr B Brewster

Dear Mr Brewster

Land Off Deering Way, Gravesend

Thank you for your letter of 2 July. We have been in negotiations with Buchanans concerning the drainage strategy for this development and it has been agreed that there will be free discharges from the development to the local watercourse but this will be widened and controlled beyond the development site so that downstream landowners will not be adversely affected by the increase in flows.

You have indicated in your letter the size of pipes to be installed together with the 1 in 2 year discharge flows. The storage to be provided in the downstream watercourse beyond the development will be sufficient to contain the 1 in 100 year storm and you will need to demonstrate to us that your pipe sizes are sufficient to pass this storm flow without causing flooding within the development. You will also need to check that the receiving watercourse within the development has capacity to receive the unattenuated discharge and it is quite possible some improvements will be required to contain the 1 in 100 year storm flows.

There is no water quality requirement for the discharges to be consented since the water is of a domestic nature. In addition the outfall structures do not require to be consented under land drainage legislation as long as they are constructed so that the structures and outfall pipes do not extend in to the natural flow of the stream. However the downstream storage provisions have not been finally agreed in detail with Buchanans as there are some conservation issues still to be resolved between ourselves and English Nature. The Consultants are also suggesting the downstream control structures will need to be increased in capacity as they believe the contributing area is larger than originally determined. These issues could result in amendments to the storage profile and we are anticipating meeting with Buchanans in the next few weeks to finalise these matters.

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Letter to AJH



No connections to the stream shall be made until the flood storage compensating works have been agreed and carried out as the developer would be liable for any flooding which ensued if a connection was made prior to these works being completed.

I hope this has explained the current situation concerning this site as far as the Agency is concerned but if you have any queries I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely

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Anita Soloman
Development Control

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WESTCOURT MARSHES, GRAVESEND, KENT

Thank you for your letter of consultation regarding the above dated 10th July. I note the observations of English Nature.

I believe it should be possible to address the nature conservation concerns raised whilst not compromising the land drainage requirements of the Agency.

I await confirmation of the forthcoming site inspection.

Yours sincerely



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24 August 2001

Dear Dr Solley

**Westcourt Marshes, Gravesend
Off Site Drainage Works**

I refer to our most helpful meeting on Wednesday with you and your colleague Ms Smally.

By way of record, we note the following:-

1. The recent channel maintenance undertaken does not detract from the ecological value of the watercourse.
2. The Hawthorn and other vegetation which extends into the SSSI on the Western Bank can be fully cleared to facilitate excavation of the storage shelf.
3. It is acceptable during construction to reprofile/dredge the invert and remove foreign objects from the watercourse.
4. The hydraulic modelling undertaken by Buchanans to be approved by the Environment Agency should demonstrate that the requirements identified in your letter of 6 July 2001, can indeed be met.

Thank you once again for your assistance, I look forward to speaking to you as matters progress.

Yours sincerely



Chris Baker-Pearce

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13th September 2001

Dear Sir

**Westcourt Marshes, Gravesend
Off-Site Drainage Works**

Thank you for your prompt issue of land drainage consent in respect of the above.

As discussed at our site meeting of 22nd August, there were a number of issues which required further investigation to conclude and I am pleased to advise you of our progress in these matters as follows :

1. Existing Surface Water Piped Outfall

Barratts have cleared the area near the Bailey Bridge and exposed two 600 mmØ pipes. Their record of the investigation is appended for your information and we have recalculated the flow to be 0.578 m³/s on the basis of their findings. We have also made enquiries of Southern Water, who, in the absence of the requisite data have suggested applying full bore flow conditions at the outfall.

I have discussed this issue with Anita and I believe she is happy to accept this basis for the design of the flow control at point Z.

2. Railtrack Culverts

Mike Manley has confirmed the presence of the main outfall (control structure X) but suggested, contrary to Gravesham Borough Council and the Agencies advice, that structures Y and Z are surplus to requirements (a point which we have contested). In addition, he has stated that the culvert is silted and requires jetting and requested that our Client should meet the cost of clearing. We have written under separate cover to Mr. Manley (copied to yourself) suggesting this is Railtracks responsibility under land drainage law and we trust this will be enforced if our Clients right of discharge is frustrated in any way.

3. Removal of Dumped Waste

I have discussed with our Client the disposal of the household appliances etc, which have been removed from the watercourse. Barratts are inclined, as a gesture of good will, to remove the material and I hope to receive formal confirmation of this shortly.

4. Modelling Simulations

We have undertaken the final sensitivity tests as discussed, which demonstrate that even with the weir structure completely drowned out, the works are capable of accommodating the 1:100 yr post development flows. An explanation of the modelling methodology, results and amended drawings are appended for your information and I consider that the works, subject to your approval, can now be built.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter, I look forward to receiving confirmation of your approval to the enclosed at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully



Chris Baker-Pearce

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Dear Mr Baker-Pearce

Westcourt Marshes, Gravesend

Off-site watercourse works

**South Thames Estuary and Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
and Thames Estuary and Marshes Wetland of International Importance
under the Ramsar Convention (Ramsar site)**

Thank you for sending me a copy of the revised plans for the off-site drainage scheme, and for telephoning to explain the amendments to the proposed works.

From the revised plans; and our discussion; I understand that the concerns raised in our letter of 6 July 2001 have been addressed. On this understanding I am therefore satisfied that the works will be neutral or positive for the nature conservation interest of the Site of Special Scientific Interest and Ramsar site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are other matters that you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Dr Lionel Solly
Conservation Officer



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Dear Mr Foreman

WESTCOURT DEVELOPMENT, GRAVESEND

Thank you for your letter of 6th July.

The Agency can confirm that previously agreed principles for the development at Westcourt Marshes are still acceptable.

The HR Wallingford report concluded that the railway acts as a secondary defence and therefore this accounts for the agreed slab levels (sleeping accommodation at 6.3 and groundfloor levels at 3.8m aODN). The stormwater drainage strategy principles are also acceptable, however, the Agency's engineer concludes that the drainage from this part of the site should be directed to the eastern drain. Therefore, should the scheme adhere to the original principles it is assumed that there should be no problems.

The Agency welcomes continued communications regarding the progress of the site and appreciates consultation on any revised plans.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE STRATEGY
LAND NORTH OF DERING WAY, GRAVESEND**

Thank you for your letter dated 28th July 2005. Please accept our apologies for the delayed response.

The Environment Agency would like to offer the following advice.

GROUNDWATER AND CONTAMINATED LAND

From the information provided, it would appear that the site is affected by contamination.

There must be no discharge into land impacted by contamination or land previously identified as being contaminated. There must be no direct discharge to groundwater, a controlled water. There should be no discharge to made ground.

It is also apparent that Southern Testing produced a site investigation report in 2004. The Groundwater and Contaminated Land would request that a copy of the report be submitted to us. Further more, we would also request the following condition is imposed on any permission granted:

Condition:

No development approved by this planning permission shall be commenced until:

- a) A desktop study has been carried out which shall include the identification of previous site uses, potential contaminants that might reasonably be expected given those uses and other relevant information. And using this information a diagrammatical representation (Conceptual Model) for the site of all potential contaminant sources, pathways and receptors has been produced.
- b) A site investigation has been designed for the site using the information obtained from the

desktop study and any diagrammatical representations (Conceptual Model). This should be submitted to, and approved in writing by the LPA prior to that investigation being carried out on the site. The investigation must be comprehensive enough to enable:

- a risk assessment to be undertaken relating to groundwater and surface waters associated on and off the site that may be affected, and
- refinement of the Conceptual Model, and
- the development of a Method Statement detailing the remediation requirements.

c) The site investigation has been undertaken in accordance with details approved by the LPA and a risk assessment has been undertaken.

d) A Method Statement detailing the remediation requirements, including measures to minimise the impact on ground and surface waters, using the information obtained from the Site Investigation has been submitted to the LPA. This should be approved in writing by the LPA prior to that remediation being carried out on the site.

Reason:

To ensure that the proposed site investigations and remediation will not cause pollution of Controlled Waters.

For information

According to current records there is a historic landfill site (GR1) within 20 metres of this property, at grid ref. TQ 669 738. It should be noted that records for pre-1974 sites are from District and Archive records and some of these are incomplete. The site fill is thought to have included mainly inert with some putrescible material.

WATER QUALITY

Site Drainage

Construction Phase

It has been identified that groundwater at this location may be contaminated by previous land use at this site. This may also have implications for surface watercourses at this location.

During the construction phase appropriate measures must be in place to protect surface watercourses from contamination. All risks of contamination of surface watercourses must be assessed and a statement of the methodology for contamination removal/mitigation produced. This must be submitted to the Agency for consultation/approval prior to the commencement of the development.

Please refer to the Agency's Pollution Prevention Guidance (PPG) notes for 'Construction Sites' PPG6 and 'Oil Storage/Disposal' PPG8 for general pollution prevention advice for the construction phase of this development. These guidance notes are available from this office or from the Agency's website www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

Permanent Development

The Agency is unlikely to object to the discharge of uncontaminated site drainage from any permanent development at this site where it is proposed to be discharged to a surface watercourse. This should still pass through pollution prevention measures, i.e. trapped gullies before being discharged.

Any parts of the permanent development where site drainage is likely to become contaminated from the activities occurring on it should be directed to the mains foul sewer or to a sealed unit for off site disposal by a licensed contractor. The activities likely to cause contamination include: HGV parking/maintenance bays, loading/unloading bays and vehicle washdown facilities. In some instances (site specific) discharges from HGV bays can be discharged to surface watercourses, via appropriately sized oil interceptors. Any such discharge to controlled waters shall require the discharger to obtain the prior written Consent to Discharge, issued by the Agency, under the Water Resources Act 1991, Schedule 10 (as amended by the Environment Act 1995). Please be aware Consent may not be granted.

Full details of the proposed site drainage arrangements for the permanent development must be submitted to the Agency for their approval before construction commences.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

The Agency's records indicate that part of the site could be subject to tidal flooding should the defences be breached or overtopped or more severely under the '200 year' tidal condition, the estimated level of which is 6.08 metres above Ordnance Datum Newlyn for a design horizon of 2060. Therefore, any land on site below this level is considered to be at risk to tidal flooding under the above condition. Please find attached a map indicating the extent of the area considered to be at risk.

The site is offered protection by the presence of the Thames Tidal Defences. These defences offer a standard of protection in excess of the '200 year' standard up until the year 2060.

You may also wish to enquire of the Local Authority who may have further information on localised flooding and flooding from other sources, such as highway drainage.

Any watercourse within the boundary of the site would be classified as an ordinary watercourse and would not be maintained by the Agency or by an Internal Drainage Board. In the absence of any express agreement to the contrary, maintenance is the responsibility of the riparian owners. Any culvert, diversion, weir, dam, or like obstruction to the flow of the watercourse requires the consent of the Agency and/or Internal Drainage Board, under the Land Drainage Act 1991. For nature conservation reasons, the Agency seeks to avoid culverting and will not normally consent such works except for access.

The Agency would recommend that a minimum 4 metre buffer strip is left between the top of the watercourse banks and any built development. This margin would allow for an access strip for maintenance works and provide a wildlife corridor.

The principle of discharging surface water to a watercourse may be acceptable providing it can be demonstrated that the receiving watercourse has sufficient capacity and forms part of a continuous drainage system. Any outfall structure should not protrude into the channel or obstruct flows in any way and suitable toe and bank protection should be incorporated if necessary. As such, attenuation may be required but this would need to be investigated further if any development at this site progressed. The Agency would encourage the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage systems where the site circumstances allowed.

In terms of any proposals for future development, unfortunately, the Agency would be unable to comment on requirements for minimum slab levels for the development site, without first

receiving further detail indicating the nature and scale of the development. The site does benefit from an appropriate standard of defence but the Agency is likely to recommend raising floor levels to a degree to offer an additional level of protection to any buildings on site. We would be pleased to comment further on any proposals as they were developed.

BIODIVERSITY

Water voles are present at locations throughout the Denton Marsh area. Water vole habitat is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981 - as amended). As such, when works are proposed in the area, mitigation measures may be required in order to comply with the requirements of the legislation. The Agency would request that the following condition of planning is placed on any permission granted.

Condition:

Temporary protective fencing must be erected to clearly define the 3m buffer strip adjacent to the drainage ditch. Following the erection of protective fencing no material or plant must be stored within the 3m buffer strip.

Reason:

To protect the aquatic communities within the drainage ditch and reduce the risk of potentially damaging water vole habitat or disturbing water voles while they are using such habitat.

WASTE

It is unclear where the material to be used to raise ground levels has come from, and if this is flytipped material it will need to be tested and shown to be suitable before the Agency will authorise its use.

It is possible that the use of inert waste to form a level hardstanding may benefit from exemption from the need for a waste management licence. The applicant should seek to register an exemption prior to any use of waste.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT.
LAND NORTH OF DALEFIELD WAY, GRAVESEND.**

Thank you for your consultation, which was recorded as complete on 3rd October 2006. The Agency would like to make the following comments.

Flood Risk

The Agency's records indicate that the site lies within a Zone 3 tidal flood risk area as depicted by the Agency's flood risk mapping, this is a High Risk area with a statistical 0.5% or greater chance of flooding occurring in any one year.

The ground levels are very low in this area, between 2.0m – 2.5mAOD and the predicted '1000 year' flood level for this area, based upon the most recently available information, is given as 6.0mAOD for a design horizon of 2060. If inundation were to occur in this area, the potential depth of flooding experienced could be significant and therefore the consequences on any development and its occupants could be serious.

The Agency is aware of the previous planning history in this area and that planning decisions have been made for adjacent areas. However, since permission was granted for the last phase of development in this area, a significant amount of new and updated information has been published. This new data must be considered in detail, especially regarding the impacts and consequences for development in this area. The Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) states that the site is defended by the presence of the Thames Tidal Defences, and these defences do offer a high standard of defence for the general area. However, the upkeep of these defences is reliant on continuing long term funding and it should not be assumed that this money will always be forthcoming. The Agency's flood risk maps are produced as if there



were no flood defences in place in order to determine the areas at risk should a breach or overtopping of the defences occur so that the residual risks can be fully accounted for. In summary, even though defences are in place there should not be a presumption that this makes a site suitable for development.

Putting this site into context it must be considered as being a greenfield site and by applying the sequential test under the guidance in PPG 25, the question should be raised as to whether this site would pass the criteria laid out within this test for allocating land for development. PPG 25 aims to guide development away from areas at risk to flooding by ensuring that sites within lower flood risk areas are developed first. PPG 25 places this land within a Zone 3 flood risk area which is clearly not a low risk flood zone. The recently published Kent Thameside Strategic Flood Risk Assessment contains further details of the nature and severity of the flood risk at this site.

The SFRA denotes this site as lying within a 'High Risk' residual flood risk area as well as confirming the land lies within a Zone 3 flood risk area. The SFRA states that within those high residual risk areas, that as a 'general principle there would be a presumption against development of those sites' and goes further to state 'detailed modelling work would be needed to decide whether the proposed sites are within the rapid inundation zone or in low lying areas and also to check whether, if development took place, flood risk to adjacent areas would be increased'. The following from the SFRA should also be noted 'In general a precautionary approach should be adopted to proposed development in Zone 3.' Reference is also made to the function of the sequential test and in the SFRA the Local Authorities recognise that as part of any Local Development Framework (LDF), consideration should be given to re-allocating sites outside the boundary of Zone 3. This is in line with the guidance given in PPG 25, and draft PPS 25, in steering development away from high flood risk areas.

The FRA introduces the principle of landraising in order to achieve a development platform to achieve suitable finished floor levels. The ground levels are low in relation to the predicted flood level and therefore a relatively significant volume of landraising would need to be undertaken to ensure the safety of any dwellings. The Agency does appreciate the guidance given up to now and the solution for existing development in the area, but it is vital to consider the implications of any new data and act on the best available information at a given time. In Section 8.4.2, the SFRA discusses the issue of landraising on the Marshes in light of the new modelling which has been undertaken. This states 'The use of landraising as mitigation measure must be considered on its merits depending on the local conditions of each embayment. As a general principle, partial land raising within an embayment is *not* a desirable option'.

Considering the Gravesend embayment as outlined in the SFRA in more detail, this study looked to determine the nature of the flood risk in more detail for this specific area. The conclusions and future recommendations were based on a breach analysis scenario tied in with LiDAR data. An important conclusion reached for a flood mitigating option is summarised as follows 'Land raising would not be suitable for any redevelopment in this area since it would reduce the local flood storage volume and increase the local extent and depth of flooding. It is therefore desirable to ensure that any flooding of the Marshes is contained within them, and that flooding elsewhere in the embayment is conveyed to the marshes as quickly as possible' This demonstrates the importance of the Marshes as a flood storage area and again raises the question regarding their suitability for development. The Agency does

appreciate that modelling work was undertaken in 1999 by HR Wallingford within this area and reference is made to this within the FRA for the site. However, further information regarding the nature of the flood risk in the area has become available since this time and the modelling carried out for the 1999 study is no longer consistent with the latest guidance provided by the Agency on this type of modelling exercise.

We note the references made within the FRA to the surface water drainage strategy for the area, which falls in line with the approach taken to development in adjacent areas. The FRA demonstrates that the site area is linked to the surrounding watercourse and that any works and resultant effects on one part of the drainage system will be demonstrated in other areas due to hydraulic connectivity. However, the SFRA states 'Land raising could also be considered in areas that are hydraulically independent from the rest of the embayment'. The FRA clearly demonstrates that this is not the case.

The Agency is looking towards the imminent release of updated guidance on Development and Flood Risk in the form of PPS 25. The draft guidance considers residential housing as a 'more vulnerable' use within Table D2. As the site lies within a Zone 3 flood risk area, Table D1 in draft PPS 25 considers these 'more vulnerable' uses should only be permitted if the Exception Test is passed. The Agency would question whether this application should address those criteria as laid out within the Exception Test. It should also be noted that the Agency has received guidance from DEFRA based on the FCDPAG3 Economic Appraisal which updates the existing Climate change Policy for Flood and Coastal Management. This places greater emphasis on the precautionary approach and offers further guidance on design horizons when planning for climate change, and it has been concluded that development should look towards the year 2115 when considering the climate change implications. This places a greater emphasis on making sustainable decisions at the planning stage as the evidence base for climate change improves and allows for greater certainty in forward thinking.

With all the above in mind, the Agency would question the suitability of this proposal in the light of the new data and information available. The longer term management of the flood risk within the Gravesend area must be considered as part of this proposal and the issue of long term sustainability needs to be addressed, these considerations are beginning to be introduced with the Exception Test as part of PPS 25.

The Agency is therefore obliged to raise an objection to this proposal. If you intend to approve the application contrary to our objection, paragraph 65 of PPG25 advises that you should re-consult the Agency in order to explain why and to give us the opportunity to make further representations.

Biodiversity

Water vole habitat is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and was given further protection by the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000. This means it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy or obstruct access to any structure or place which water voles use for shelter or protection, or disturb water voles while using such a place.

Disturbance is defined as any activity which affects the survival chances, the breeding success or the reproductive ability of one or more individuals or which leads to a reduction in the quality of occupied habitat. If the flood defence

work/drainage plan adversely affect the water levels on the surrounding marsh, or the proposed plans reduce the continuity of the ditch systems, this can be classed as disturbance to water voles.

As water voles have been found to occupy the ditches on and around the site appropriate mitigation will need to be devised and agreed with the Agency before any work starts. If the council is minded to approve this application, we would therefore request the following conditions;

CONDITION: Prior to any works commencing a detailed water vole mitigation strategy must be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Authority in conjunction with the Environment Agency.

REASON: To protect water voles.

From the habitat description of the ditches on site it would indicate that they are ideal habitats for aquatic invertebrates. Many invertebrate species require different habitats at different stages in their lifecycles. The possibility of a brackish influence into the ditch would increase the diversity of the invertebrate species that could be present. We would like to see a full invertebrate survey of the ditches conducted. The methodology of this will need to be checked by the Agency before the survey is conducted.

In regards to the proposed hedge planting to create a buffer zone to the surrounding ditch networks we would like to see the hedge planted at least 5 metres from the water courses edge for 'ordinary water courses' and at least 8 metres from drains classed as 'Main River'. We would like to see the species used within this hedgerow to be in keeping with species that would be present in a marsh system. The proposed native wildflower meadow should also be planted with species that are suitable to the marshy environment of the current site.

CONDITION: A scheme for the provision of local native flora (that is in keeping with the marsh environment) within the planting scheme for the proposed development shall be submitted to and approved by in writing by the Local Authority prior to the commencement of works on site.

REASON: In order to ensure that: the visual quality and ecological diversity of the area is maintained, and to ensure that no species are introduced that will cause adverse impacts on the ecology of the nearby watercourse and the locality.

The Agency are extremely concerned that there is no proposed mitigation or compensation for the loss of marsh habitat and Natural England should be contacted for further information regarding this issue.

Potential Contamination

According to current records there is a landfill site within 100metres of this proposal site. The site closed pre-1976 and the fill included inert and putrescible materials. The site has not been extensively monitored, but we are unaware of any off-site problems being discovered at any significant distance around the site. However it is recommended, in line with good practise, that any building works are constructed to at least the minimum requirements of Approved Document C of the Building Regulations and the BRE Guidance document "New Building on Gas Contaminated Land".

DECISION NOTICE: Please forward a copy of the full decision notice to this office, quoting our reference number. A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant/agent.

Yours faithfully

MISS MICHAELA KENNARD
Senior Planning Liaison Officer

cc BARTON WILLMORE

Study into the Options for Foul Water Drainage Provision at Dering Way, Gravesend-Phase III

The impact of additional flows on system performance was identified and compared to internal performance standards to determine whether the target level of performance was breached by the additional flows. Two scenarios have been considered in the assessment of this development:

Scenario 1. Investigate the development in isolation and determine improvements necessary to accommodate the proposed development.

Scenario 2. Assess all the Phased developments and determine improvements necessary to accommodate the proposed development.

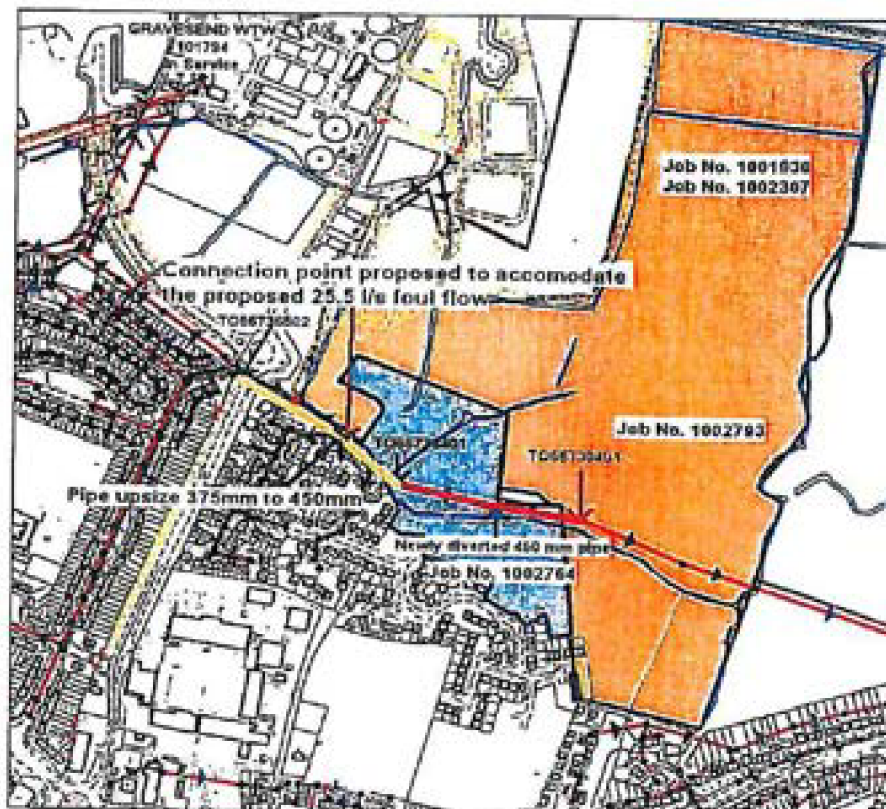
4. Results

Scenario 1:

This scenario considers discharging 25.5 l/s foul flow into manholes reference TQ66737501. The InfoWorks model result indicates that the sewerage system upstream the proposed connection point is surcharged and flooding is predicted at manhole reference TQ67733205 and manhole reference TQ67733206.

The improvements necessary to accommodate the proposed foul flow are shown in Figure 1. The proposal is to increase the existing 375mm sewer between TQ67738401 and TQ67736502 to 450 mm (Total length of 203 metres at approximately 2.75 metres average depth).

Figure 1 Proposed Improvements.



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Scenario 2

This scenario considers flow from all phased developments added to the sewerage system as identified in the previous enquiries with exception of Job No 1002307.

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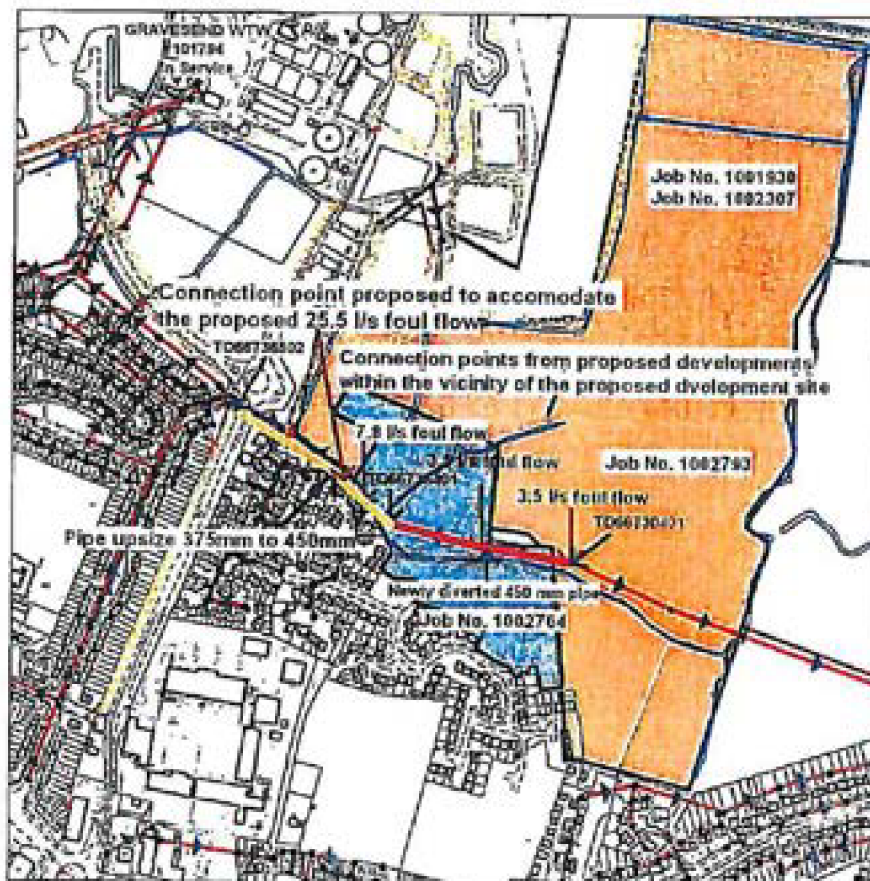
Job No 1002764. Discharge 7.9 l/s into manhole TQ66737405.

Current Job No 1002973. Discharge 25.5 l/s into manhole TQ66737501.

The InfoWorks model result indicates that the sewerage system upstream the proposed connection point is surcharged and flooding is predicted upstream at manhole reference TQ67733205 and TQ67733206.

The improvements necessary to accommodate all the phased development foul flows are shown in Figure 2. The proposal is to increase the existing 375mm sewer between TQ67738401 and TQ67736502 to 450 mm (Total length of 203 metres at approximately 2.75m average depth).

Figure 2. Proposed Improvements.



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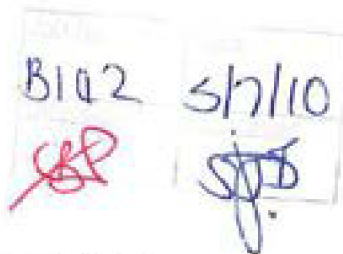
Conclusion

There is no available capacity in the foul sewerage system at manhole TQ66737501 to accommodate the 25.5 l/s foul flow. It is therefore necessary to increase the size of the existing 375-mm sewer between manhole TQ67738401 and TQ67736502 to 450 mm in diameter. The proposed improvements will also accommodate the proposed flow and flow from the other phased developments as shown in Figure 2.

Alternatively, connect to the proposed foul flow at manhole reference TQ66735801 located by the Wastewater Treatment Works located approximately 500 metres north west of the proposed development site.

Appendix H

Southern Water's Foul Water Capacity Assessment Letter Report



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Dear Mr. Burton,

Site: Land off Dalefield Way, North-East Gravesend, Kent.

We have completed the capacity check for the above development site and the results are as follows:-

Foul capacity check:

There is currently inadequate capacity within the local foul sewerage network to accommodate a foul flow of 10 l/s at manhole reference TQ66739303. The proposed development would increase flows to the public sewerage system and existing properties and land may be subject to a greater risk of flooding as a result. Additional off-site sewers, or improvements to existing sewers, will be required to provide sufficient capacity to service the development.

The nearest point where capacity is currently available is at manhole reference TQ66736502 located approximately 428m west of the proposed development site.

Section 98 of the Water Industry Act 1991 provides a legal mechanism through which the appropriate infrastructure can be requested (by the developer) and provided to drain a specific location. Alternatively, carry out off site reinforcement works in order to provide capacity for the proposed foul flow to be accommodated within the local sewerage system. The extent of the works required to provide capacity for the development site could be obtained via a level 2 Capacity Assessment (Application forms enclosed).

Unfortunately, it may be several years before adequate infrastructure is provided via a prioritised capital expenditure programme. Therefore, this proposed development would be considered premature until such time adequate sewerage infrastructure could be provided.

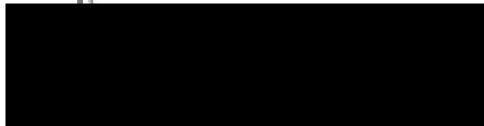
Before any connections are made, an application form needs to be completed and approved by Southern Water Services.

Surface water capacity check:

As surface water capacity check has not been requested it is assumed that surface water will be disposed off by alternative means such as soakaways or any local drainage watercourses, subject to all interested parties approval.

Should you require any further information, please contact us at the above mentioned phone number or address.

Yours faithfully



Network Development

Please note: -

The information provided above does not grant approval for any designs/drawings submitted for the capacity analysis. The results quoted above are only valid for 12 months from the date of issue of this letter.

Appendix I

**HR Wallingford's Report:
Hydraulic Assessment of the Existing Drainage Channels
13th September 2001**

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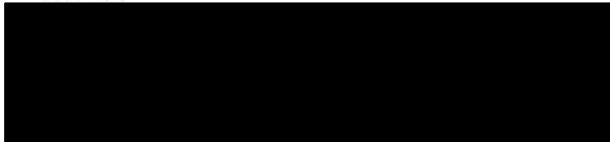
Subject: WESTCOURT MARSHES - REPORT

Dear Chris,

Further to our discussion on Friday 7 September 2001, please find attached a copy of the report describing our findings regarding water levels in the drainage channels to the north of the development at Gravesend.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this fax in greater detail.

Yours sincerely


Rob Cheetham
River and Urban Catchments Group

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DEVELOPMENT AT WESTCOURT MARSHES REPORT ON THE HYDRAULIC MODELLING

1. Introduction and modelling assumptions

Buchanan Consulting Engineers (BCE), commissioned HR Wallingford to construct an iSIS model of a network of drainage channels to determine the efficacy of channel compensation works on containing additional runoff from a new development in Gravesend.

An on-site surface water drainage strategy has been developed in accordance with design principles agreed with the Environment Agency (the Agency) and English Nature for 165 dwellings. The strategy is outlined in a report by Buchanan Consulting Engineers; 'Proposed Development PM9 Gravesend (M591)'.

The development site lies in low lying marsh, comprising of a network of inter-connected drainage channels and is part of developable land which is bordered by North Kent railway and Medway canal. For hydraulic modelling purposes, natural runoff from the marsh was agreed with the Agency at 7 litres/hectare for the 100 year event.

The northern limit of the developable land is the North Kent railway and the drainage ditches discharge beneath the railway via three outfalls. The Agency wishes to limit the discharge under the railway to the natural runoff rates. The limit of discharge for each outfall was calculated based on the 7 litres/hectares natural runoff.

The site of the new development is located to the south of the developable land and the runoff from the 165 houses was calculated by BCE using a HydroWorks urban drainage model. The critical 100 year storm duration for the development was calculated to be 4 hours and the peak runoff was $0.34\text{m}^3/\text{s}$.

To comply with Agency requirements, the additional runoff from the new development will be contained within the drainage channels to the south of the railway line. BCE designed a berm for the drainage channel running to the east and north of the development to contain the runoff and the location and dimensions of this berm are given in drawings U481/001&002.

2. Modelling methodology

The hydraulic modelling for the investigation was carried out using the iSIS suite of software. Two hydraulic models were constructed: a pre-development and a post development model. The model included all the drainage channels and the three outfalls beneath the railway. In addition, the runoff from the developable land and the land to the east was represented using standard flow boundaries in iSIS.

The aim of the modelling was to determine whether the runoff from the development could be contained within the berm. In order to assess the impact of the development runoff on water levels in the drainage channels, simulations for both the pre and post development were carried out. The pre development model was constructed using cross section data as shown in Randall Surveys drawing 6759/A/SP/1&2. The post development model was constructed using cross section data shown in drawings U481-001&002. The berm extends from cross section 6 to the control structure X. Manning's n for the drainage channels for the initial simulation (baseline scenario) were 0.045.

A total of 9 inflows were included in the pre-development model. BCE Figure M591-07 shows the locations and rates of the 7 inflows for the contributing areas within the developable land and the runoff rates range between 7.91 l/s to 43.05 l/s. The 43.05 l/s inflow represents the natural runoff from the area where the development will be located. The two remaining inflows are from the surface water sewer that drains to the west of the development (690 l/s) and the contributing area to the east of the site (134.95 l/s). These 9 inflows were included in the hydraulic model at the appropriate locations and were kept constant throughout the unsteady model simulations.

The downstream model boundaries were modelled using abstraction units, which allowed the discharge at the outfalls to be fixed at the agreed limits of discharge, which were:

Control Structure X – 144 l/s

Control Structure Y – 150 l/s

Control Structure Z – 717 l/s.

The limit of discharge for Control Structure Z also includes the 690 l/s contribution from a surface water sewer draining parts of Gravesend.

For the post development simulations, the 43.05 l/s inflow was replaced by the 4 hour post development hydrograph, from the BCE HydroWorks modelling. The peak flow from the development was 0.34 m³/s and occurred 2.08 hours after the start of the rainfall.

For the pre development simulations, the natural runoff entering the drainage channels equalled the amount abstracted at the downstream boundaries. Under these steady conditions, the initial conditions in the channel are critical as they will also be the final water levels. In view of this, a separate simulation was carried out to determine the initial conditions using a model with weirs at the downstream boundaries (the weir model), the dimensions of which were based on the structure shown in drawing U481-001.

The crest levels of all the weirs were set at 1.35 mAD, 100 mm above the bed level at control structure X. Control structure X had a weir width of 0.25 m and initial simulations were carried out to determine the widths of the other outfalls, ensuring each structure allowed only the maximum agreed discharge through. The result was weir crest widths of 0.26 and 1.20 m for control structures Y and Z respectively. The bed levels at control structures Y and Z were lower than at X and to simplify the modelling methodology, the crest levels of each control structure were set at 1.35 mAD.

On definition of the initial conditions, the pre and post development simulations were carried out using the models with abstraction units at the downstream boundaries. The following scenarios were carried out:

- Baseline scenario;
- Manning's n sensitivity test; and
- Drowned outfall sensitivity test.

For each scenario, initial conditions were generated using the weir model. For the Manning's n sensitivity test, Manning's n was increased from 0.045 to 0.055. For the drowned outfall scenario, the water downstream of the structure was set at 1.9 mAD, a level sufficient to cause drowning of the weir.

The following section presents the results of the simulations.

3. Results

The following tables show the results of the hydraulic modelling simulations. Table 1 gives the pre and post development water levels for the baseline case, Table 2 shows the results of the Manning's n sensitivity test and Table 3 gives the results of the drowned outfall sensitivity test.

It can be seen from Tables 1-3 that post development water levels in the reach from cross section 1 to cross section 5 increase by up to 0.25m. This is because the channel improvement works commence at cross section 6 and the additional runoff from the development is not compensated for throughout this reach. Water levels in the reaches upstream of the outfall structures (including the reach containing the berm) are predicted to increase by up to 0.08m with the inclusion of the development runoff.

It can be seen by comparing the results presented in Tables 1 and 2 that changes in Manning's n have little impact on water levels in the drainage channels. This indicates water levels are predominantly controlled by the outfall structures. However, in the reach from cross section 1 to 6, the post development water levels are predicted to increase slightly.

For the drowned outfall conditions, the post development water levels increase by approximately 0.06m in the reach containing the berm.

Table 1 Baseline conditions

Section Label	Pre development water levels (mAOD)	Post development water levels (mAOD)	Difference (m)
CS1	1.99	2.22	0.23
CS2	1.99	2.22	0.22
CS3	1.99	2.22	0.22
CS4	1.97	2.14	0.17
CS5	1.96	2.03	0.06
CS6	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS7	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS8	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS9	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS10	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS11	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS12	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS13	1.96	1.98	0.02
CS14	1.94	1.98	0.04
CS15	1.93	1.98	0.06
CS16	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS17	1.91	1.98	0.07
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CS21	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS22	1.90	1.98	0.08
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CS24	1.90	1.98	0.08
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CS26	1.90	1.98	0.08
CS27	1.90	1.98	0.08
CS28	1.90	1.98	0.08
CS29	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS30	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS31	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS32	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS33	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS34	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS35	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS36	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS37	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS38	1.94	1.99	0.05
CS39	1.99	2.00	0.01

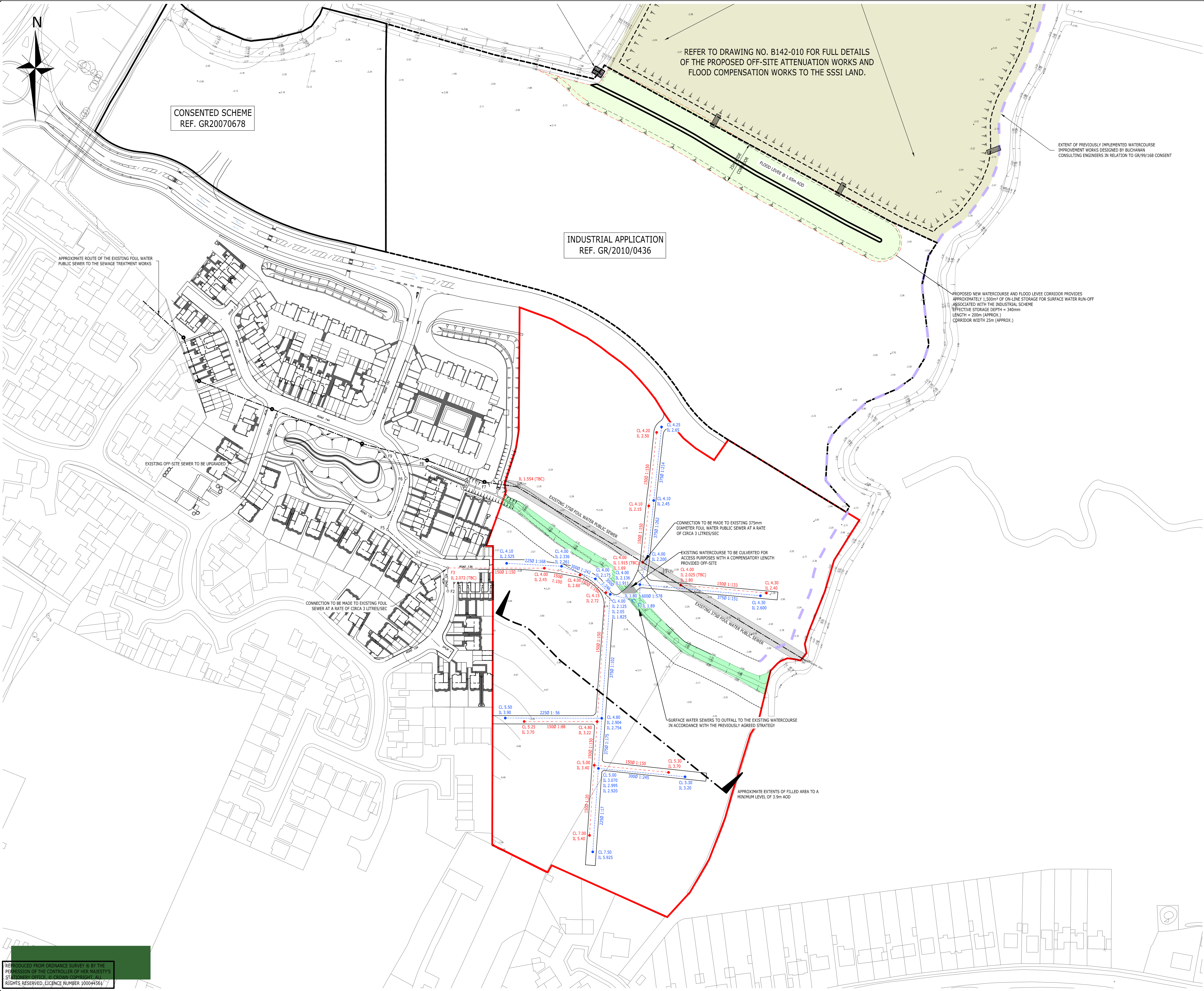
Table 2 Manning's n sensitivity test

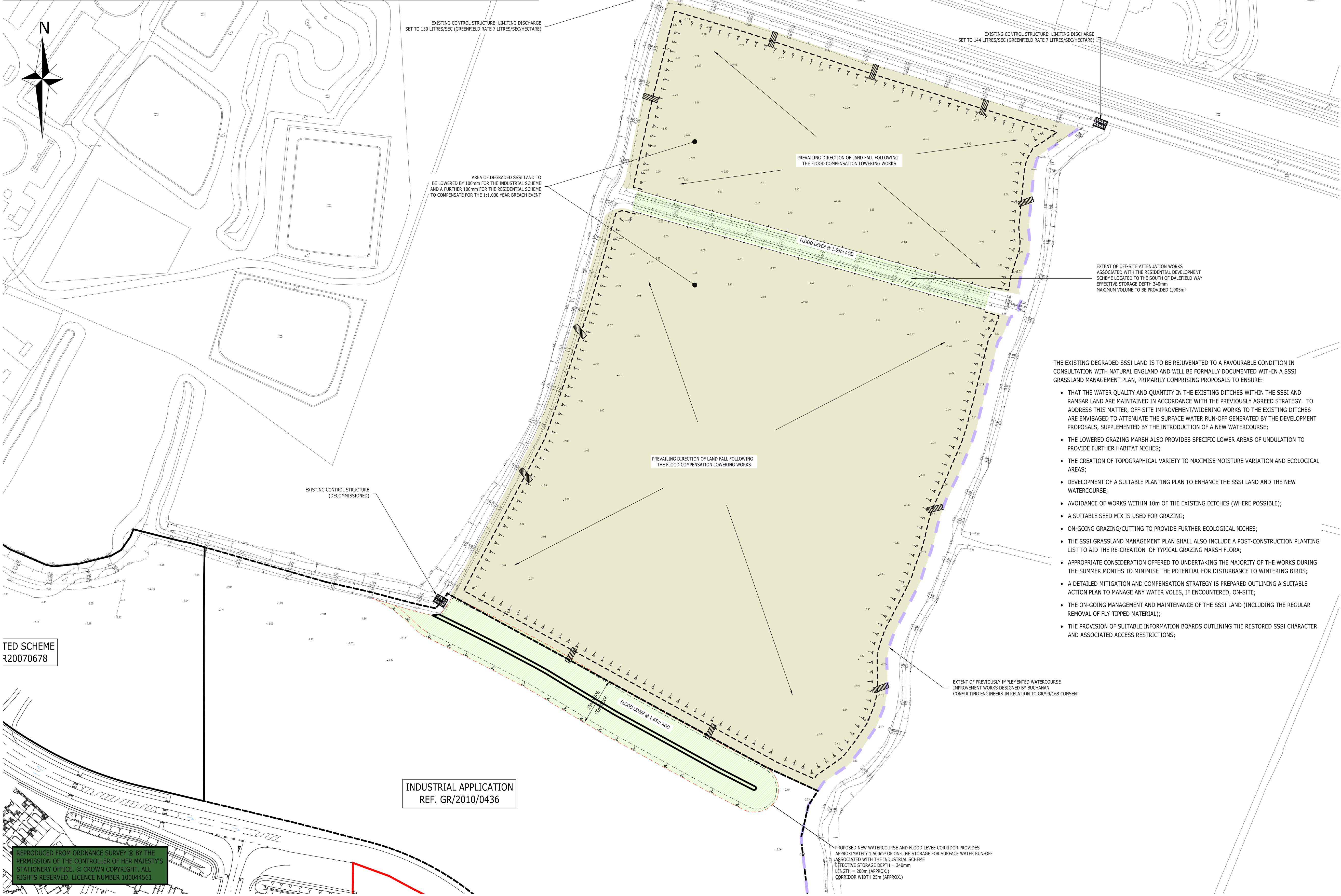
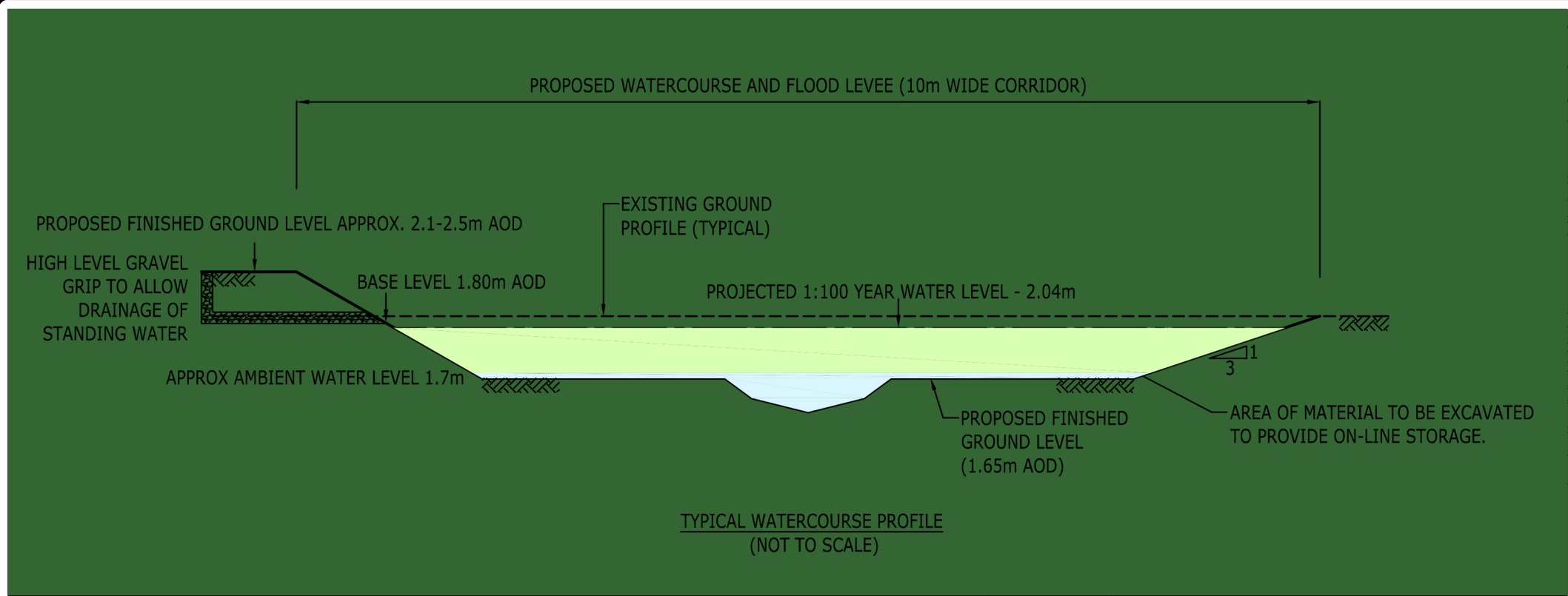
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CS3	1.99	2.24	0.25
CS4	1.98	2.16	0.19
CS5	1.97	2.04	0.08
CS6	1.96	1.99	0.03
CS7	1.96	1.99	0.03
CS8	1.96	1.99	0.03
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CS15	1.94	1.99	0.04
CS16	1.93	1.98	0.06
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CS36	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS37	1.91	1.98	0.07
CS38	1.92	1.99	0.07
CS39	1.94	2.02	0.08

Table 3 Drowned outfall sensitivity test

Section Label	Pre development water levels (mAOD)	Post development water levels (mAOD)	Difference (m)
CS1	2.04	2.22	0.18
CS2	2.04	2.22	0.18
CS3	2.04	2.22	0.18
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CS35	1.99	2.04	0.05
CS36	1.99	2.04	0.05
CS37	1.99	2.04	0.05
CS38	2.01	2.05	0.04
CS39	2.04	2.06	0.02

Drawings





NOTES:

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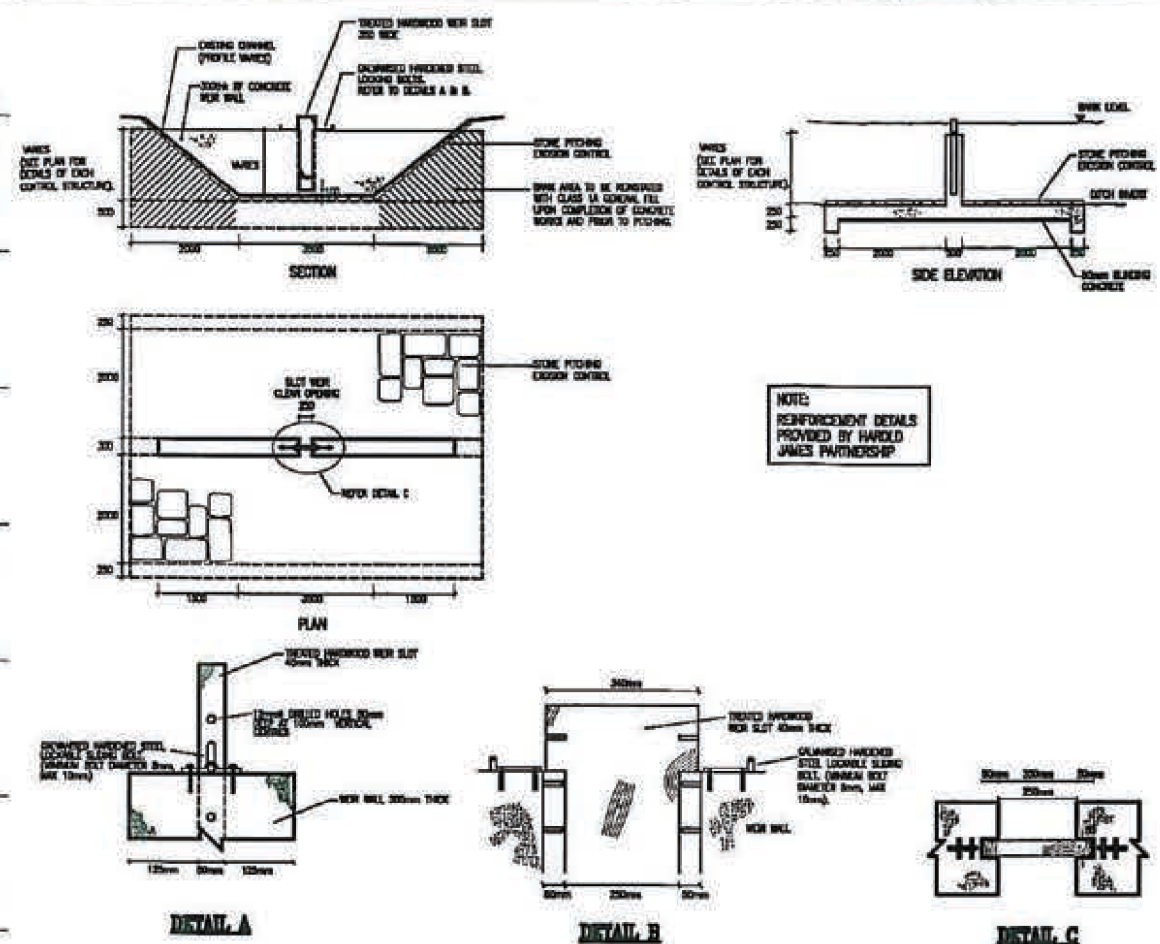
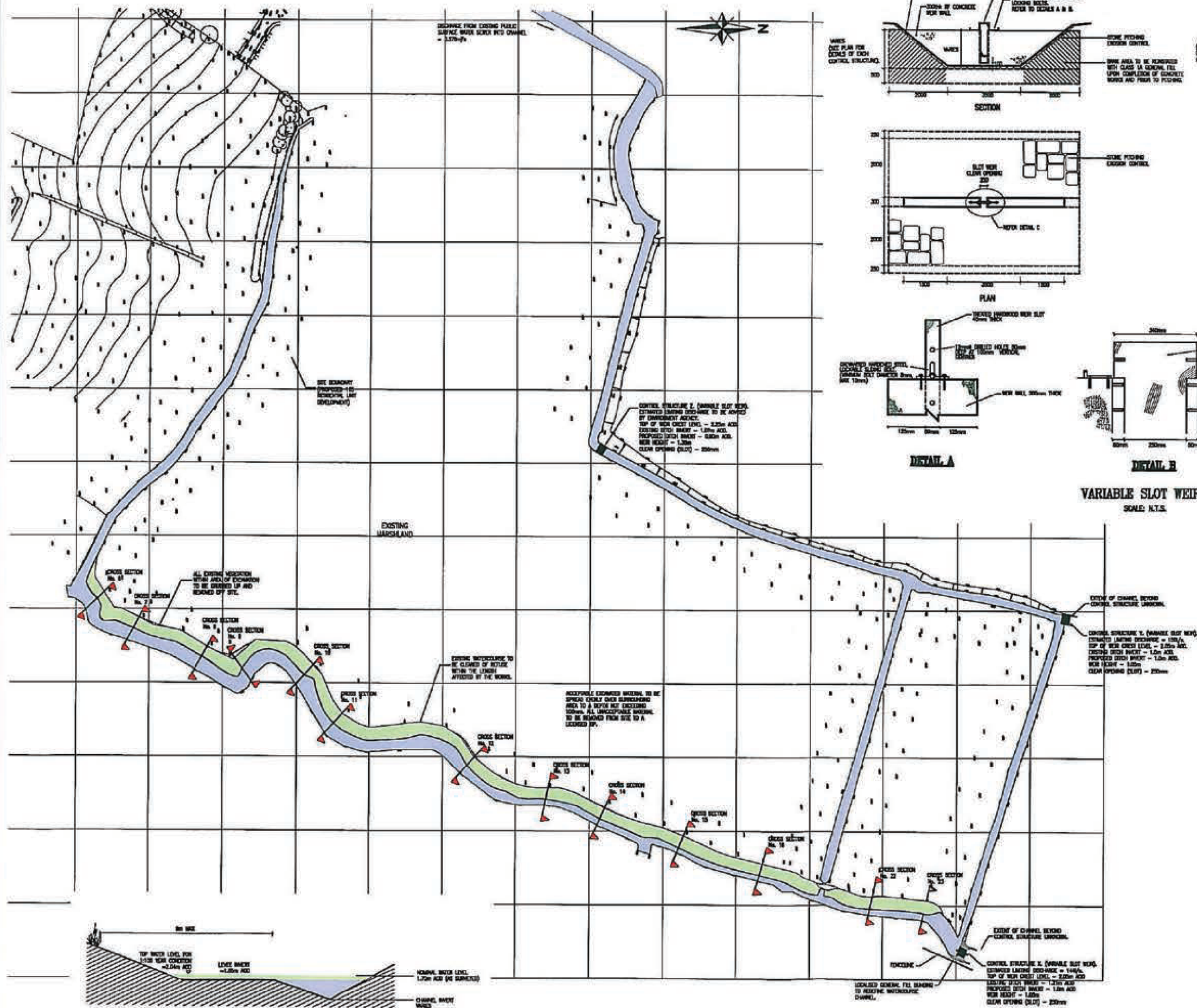
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19. SURVEY PROVIDED BY HAROLD JAMES PARTNERSHIP, APRIL 2001.

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- EXISTING WATERCOURSE
- EXTENT OF CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT

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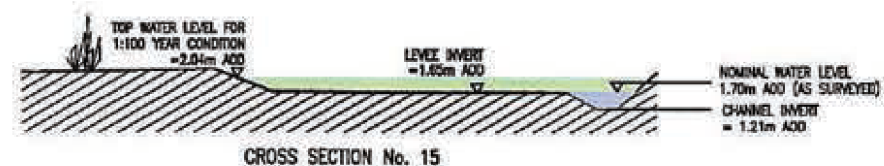
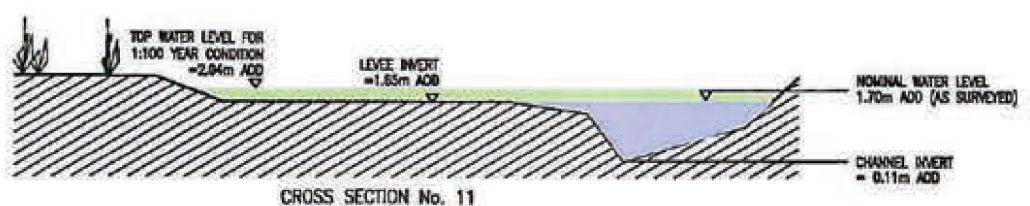
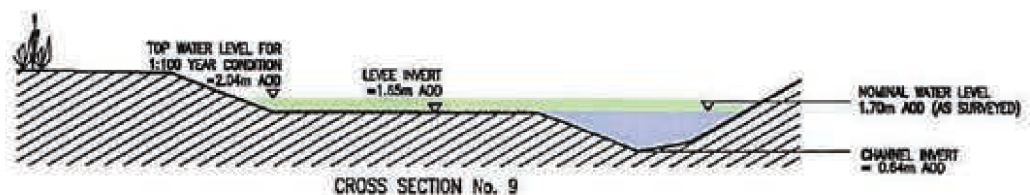
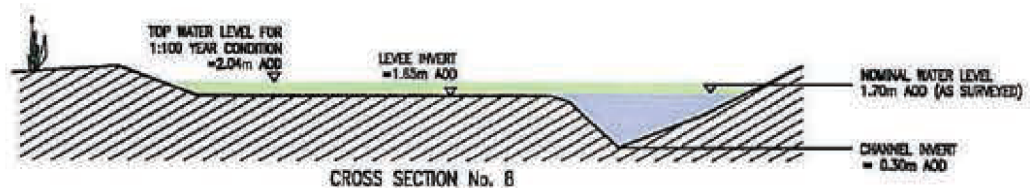
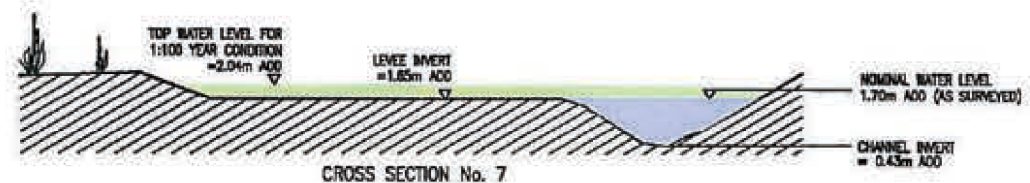
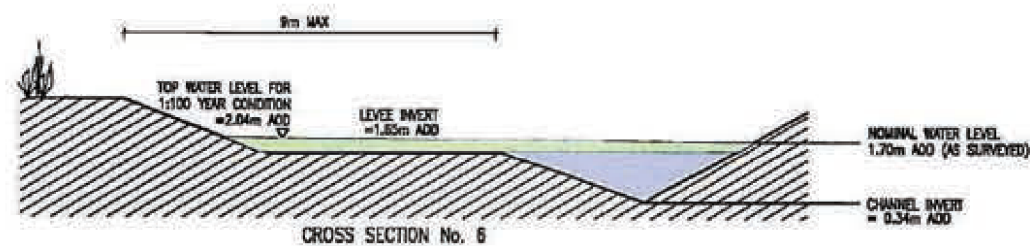
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NOTES FOR WATERCOURSE CONSTRUCTION

1. OBTAIN CONSERVATION ADVICE RELATING TO THE SITE.
2. KEEP ALL EXCAVATION TO A MINIMUM.
3. LEAVE BANKS UNTOUCHED WHEREVER POSSIBLE, SAVING BANKSIDE VEGETATION UNLESS IMPOVERISHED BY PREVIOUS WORKS.
4. COMPLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FISHERY/BIOLOGY/HABITAT SURVEYS WHERE POSSIBLE.
5. LEAVE THE CHANNEL AS WIDES AS POSSIBLE.
6. WORK FROM ONE BANK TO MINIMISE OVERALL DISTURBANCE AND RETAIN AREAS TO ACT AS A BASIS FOR RECOLONISATION.
7. ENSURE CAREFUL SPOIL DISPOSAL AVOIDING TRANSPORT AND DEPOSITION ON SENSITIVE AREAS.
8. AVOID DREDGING THROUGH GRAVEL SEAMS. THIS MAY DRAIN NEARBY WETLANDS.
9. WORK FROM DOWNSTREAM UP SO THAT PLANTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOLONISE.
10. USE SUITABLE MACHINERY TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE WATERCOURSE CORRIDOR.

KEY:

- STORAGE AREA (TOP WATER LEVEL RELATED TO DROWNED OUTFALL CONDITION)
- EXCAVATED AREA FOR REGULAR WETTING CONDITION
- AMBIENT BASE FLOW WETTING CONDITION

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16. FOR GENERAL ARRANGEMENT REFER TO DRG No. U481-001.
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18. ALL WORKS SUBJECT TO DETAILED HYDRAULIC, STRUCTURAL AND GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN.
19. SURVEY PRODUCED BY RAYDALL SURVEYS LTD. APRIL 2001.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Addendum to the Flood Risk Assessment has been written following the receipt of new data from the Environment Agency on the existing flood defence crest heights. The information was provided on the 12th October.
- 1.2 During the determination of planning applications 2010/0436 (Industrial) and 2010/0197 (residential) Gravesham Borough Council (BC) identified that portions of the tidal flood defences around Gravesend may be at a lower level than that stated in the HR Wallingford Technical Note MCM57553/01 published in 2007. This note had been used to support the Planning Applications and the Hydraulic Modelling, with the latter having been previously approved by the Environment Agency. At that time the proposals were confirmed as being safe.
- 1.3 On receipt of the information from Gravesham BC a joint meeting was held with senior representatives of the Council, the Environment Agency and Ardent Consulting Engineers. The meeting was held at the Environment Agency's offices on the 12 October 2011. During this meeting the impact of the lowered defence levels was discussed and it was agreed that:
- Gravesham Borough Council, would benefit from further evidence to support the Sequential Test for the Site from the Applicant; and,
 - The impact of the lowered defences needs to be agreed with the Environment Agency.
- 1.4 The Sequential Test evidence is to be provided under a separate cover. The impact of the lowered defences is the subject of this Addendum.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Environment Agency has provided copies of the Halcrow Survey undertaken in 2005. This survey data was inspected and interrogated using AutoCad and MapInfo. Regrettably, it was confirmed that portions of the defences were lower than that identified in the HR Wallingford Technical Note. HR Wallingford is in the process of verifying if the Halcrow 2005 survey data supersedes that used in its assessment. The data provided in the HR Wallingford report has been used in the development of the Environment Agency's TE2100 project, but is not considered, by HR Wallingford, to be significant.

2.2 During discussions with the Environment Agency and research into the potential failure mode of the defences it has been concluded that the worst case realistic failure mode would be as a result of overtopping of the defences triggering a progressive collapse of the defences.

2.3 During the research the following sources were consulted / reviewed:

- F.A. Buijs, H.A.J.M. van Gelder and J.W. Hall, Application of reliability-based flood defence design in the UK;
- Joint Defra / EA R&D; Performance and Reliability of Flood and Coastal Defences, FD2318/ TR2 & TR1, October 2005;
- Joint DEFRA / EA R&D, FD2411/TR1, Management of Flood Embankments, A good practice review;
- FLOODsite, Failure Mechanisms for Flood Defence Structures, T04-06-01, February 2007;
- Jonathan Simm, HR Wallingford, Fragility Curves and their Use in UK Flood Risk Management; and,
- Tony L Wahl, Uncertainty of Predictions of Embankment Dam Breach Parameters, JOURNAL OF HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING © ASCE / MAY 2004 / 389;

2.6 From research regarding the failure mode of earth embankments due to overtopping, including a review of various fragility curves it was concluded that a 200mm depth of overtopping would have a significantly high probability of failure. However, research into the rate and extent of a progressive collapse of earth embankments has failed to produce a relationship between overtopping and rate of collapse which is suitable for the modelling being undertaken.

2.5 In order to quantify the potential impact of the lower defence levels a review of the Environment Agency approved hydraulic model (TUFLOW) has been undertaken. The methodology for assessing the impact of the lower defence levels has been discussed with HR Wallingford and agreed with the Environment Agency. A summary of the methodology agreed with the Environment Agency (21 October 2011) is as follows:

- A 200mm level of water above the crest of the embankment is 85% likely to trigger a structural failure. Consequently this depth of water should be used for the trigger depth at the agreed breach locations;
- Four breach locations have been assumed to occur simultaneously, two are assumed to collapse to ground level (100%) and two to 50% of their height; and,
- The breach locations have been agreed with the Environment Agency; through detailed consultation.

2.6 As well as providing the Halcrow survey information the Environment Agency have also provided an updated hydrograph to be considered in the breach and overtopping analysis.

3.0 AMENDED MODEL PARAMETERS

- 3.1 The baseline geometry, manning's values and model set up follows the same methodology as that in the previously approved January 2011 modelling report (Arden, B142-01).
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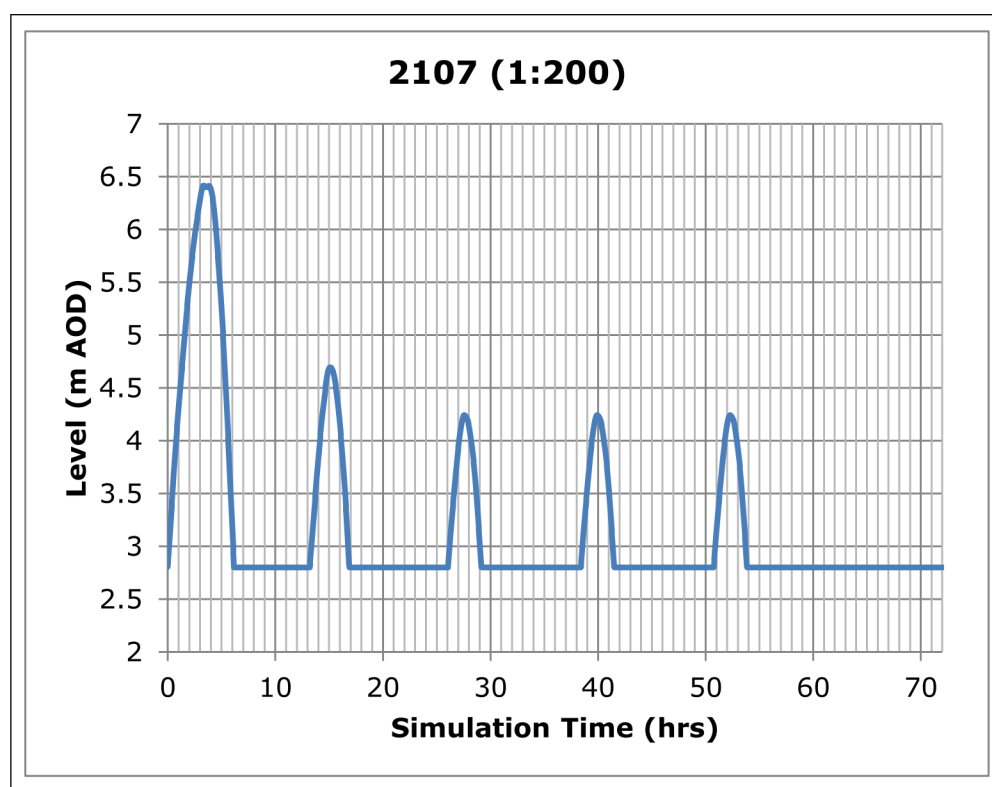


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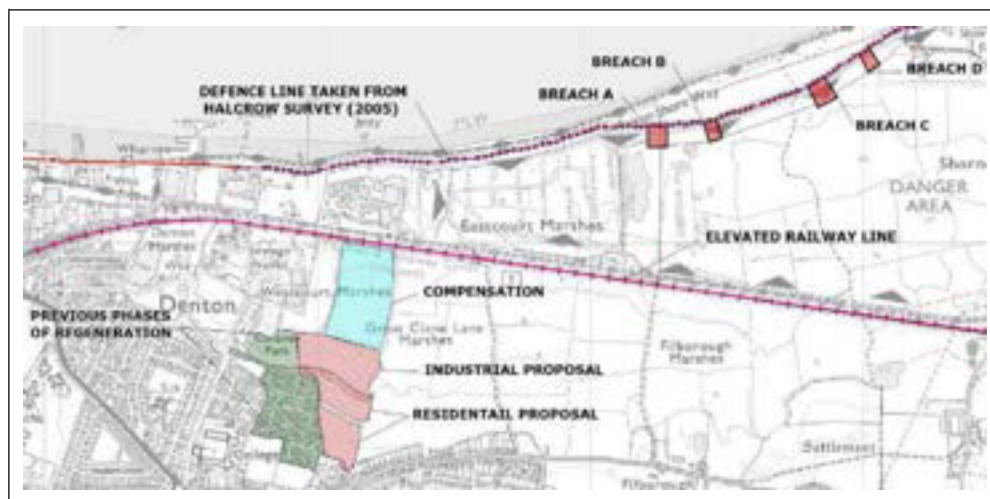


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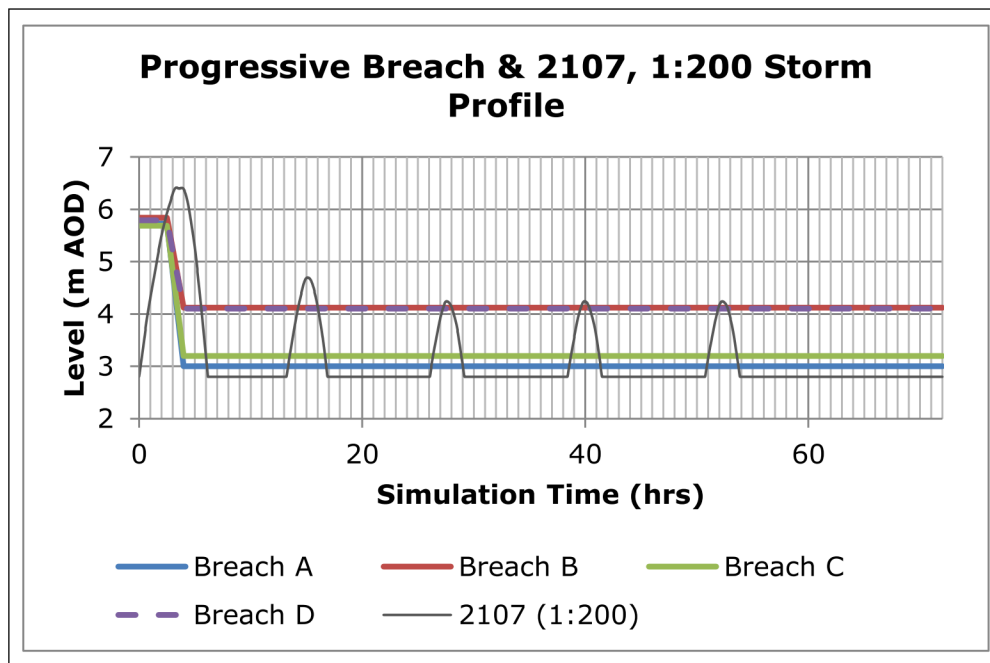


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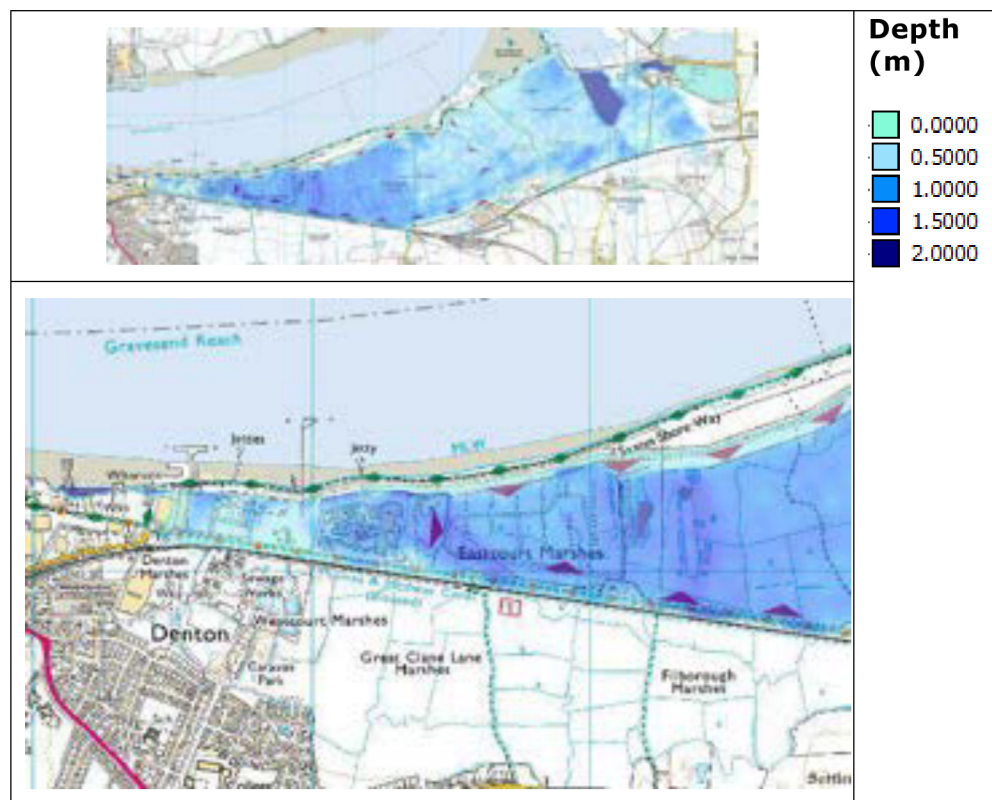


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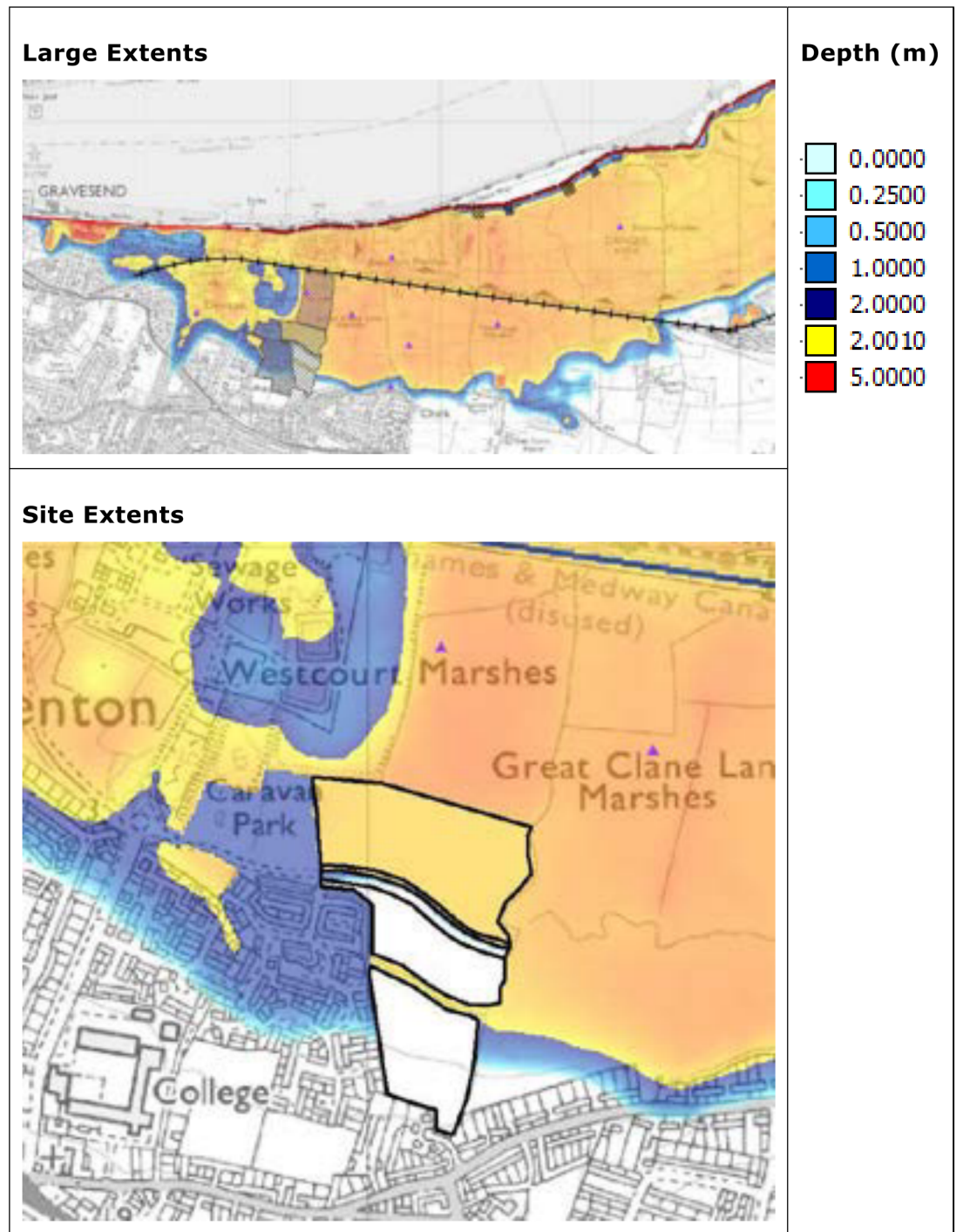


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Appendix C - Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – May 2016

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FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM

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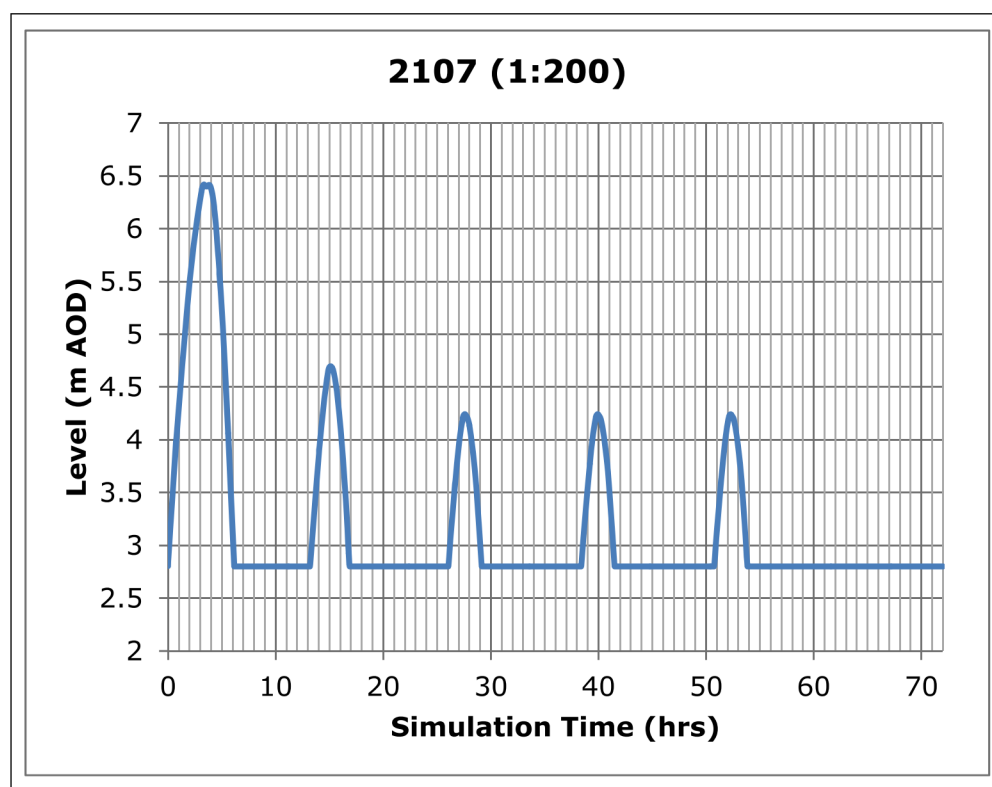


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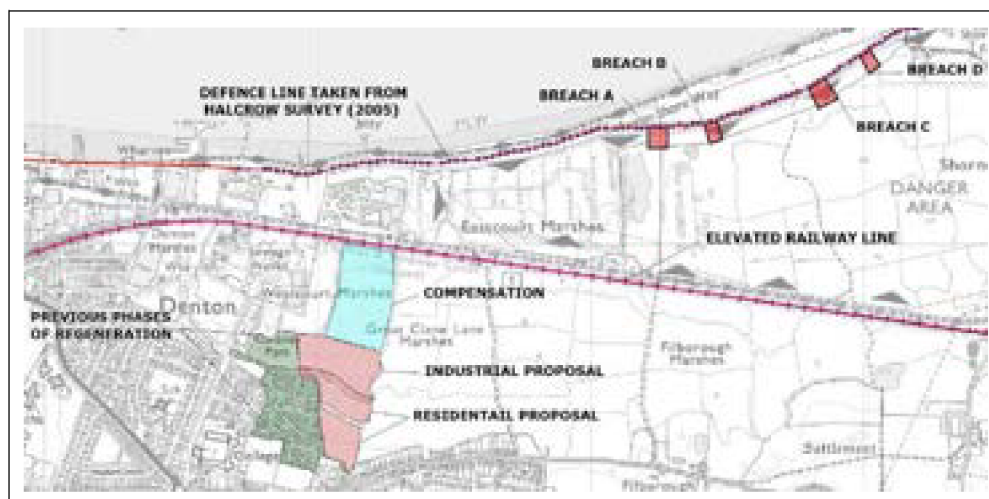


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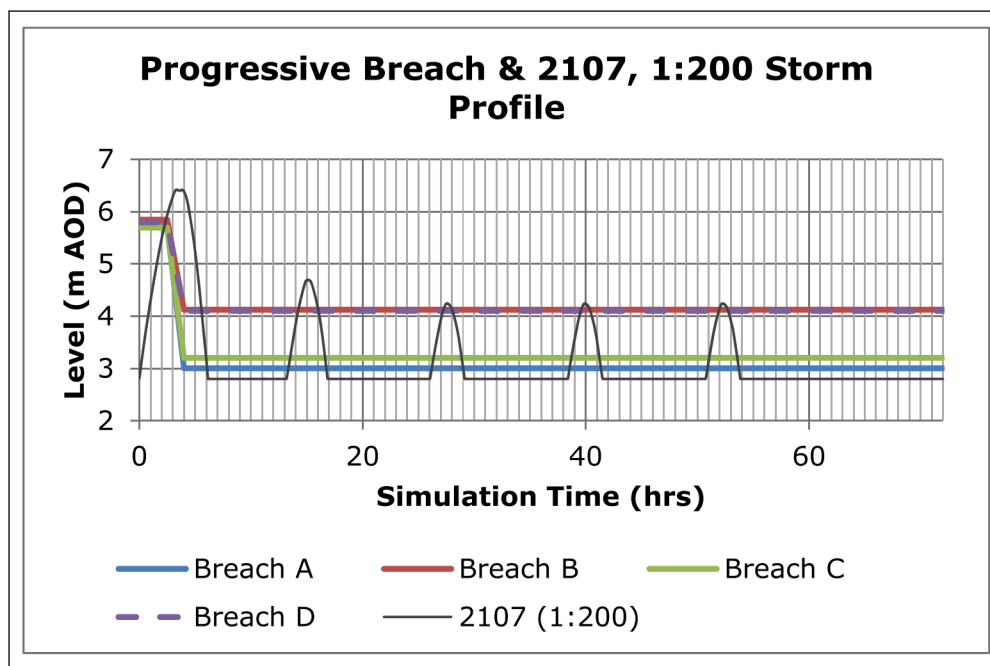


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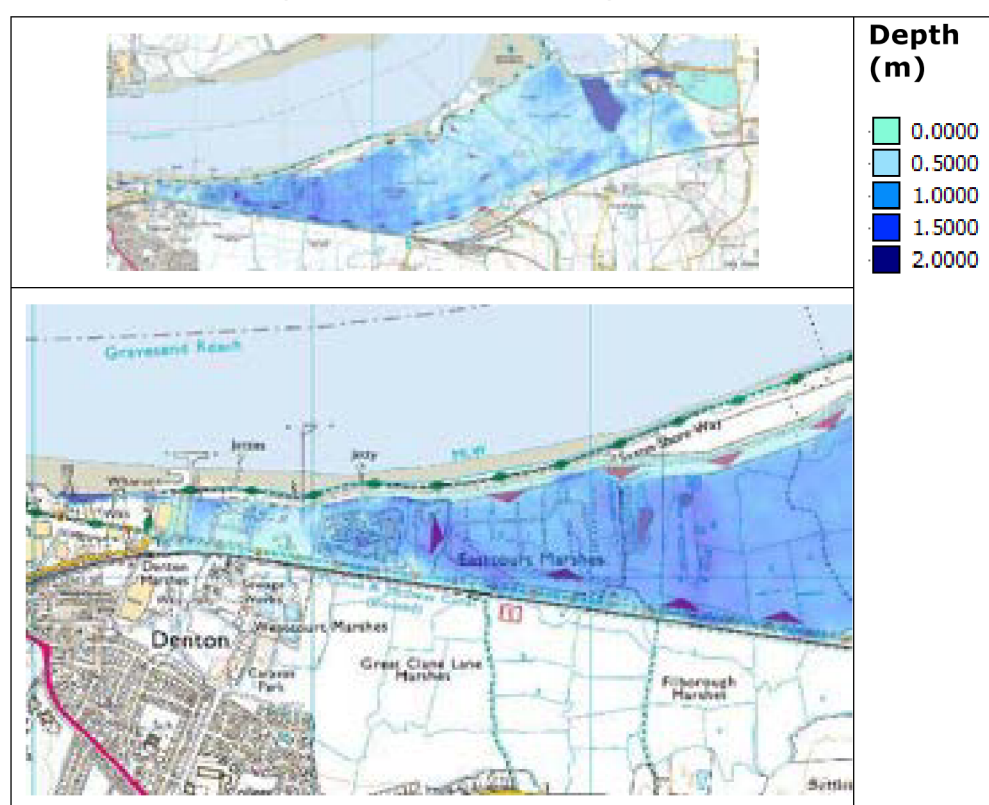


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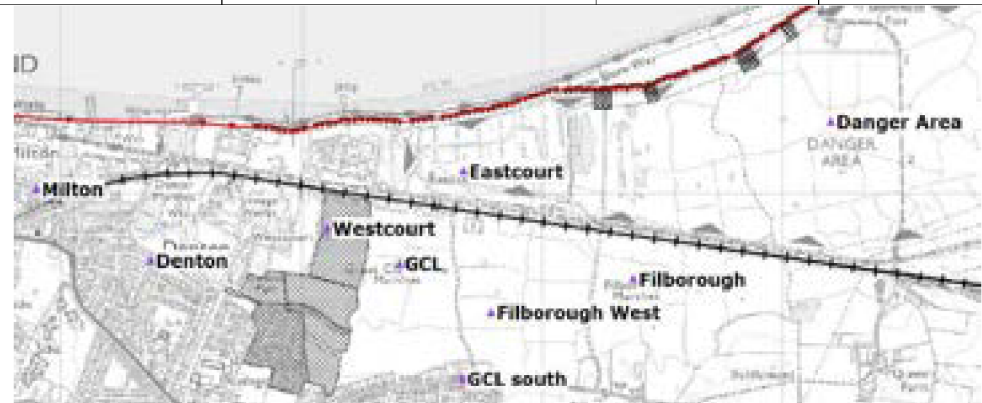


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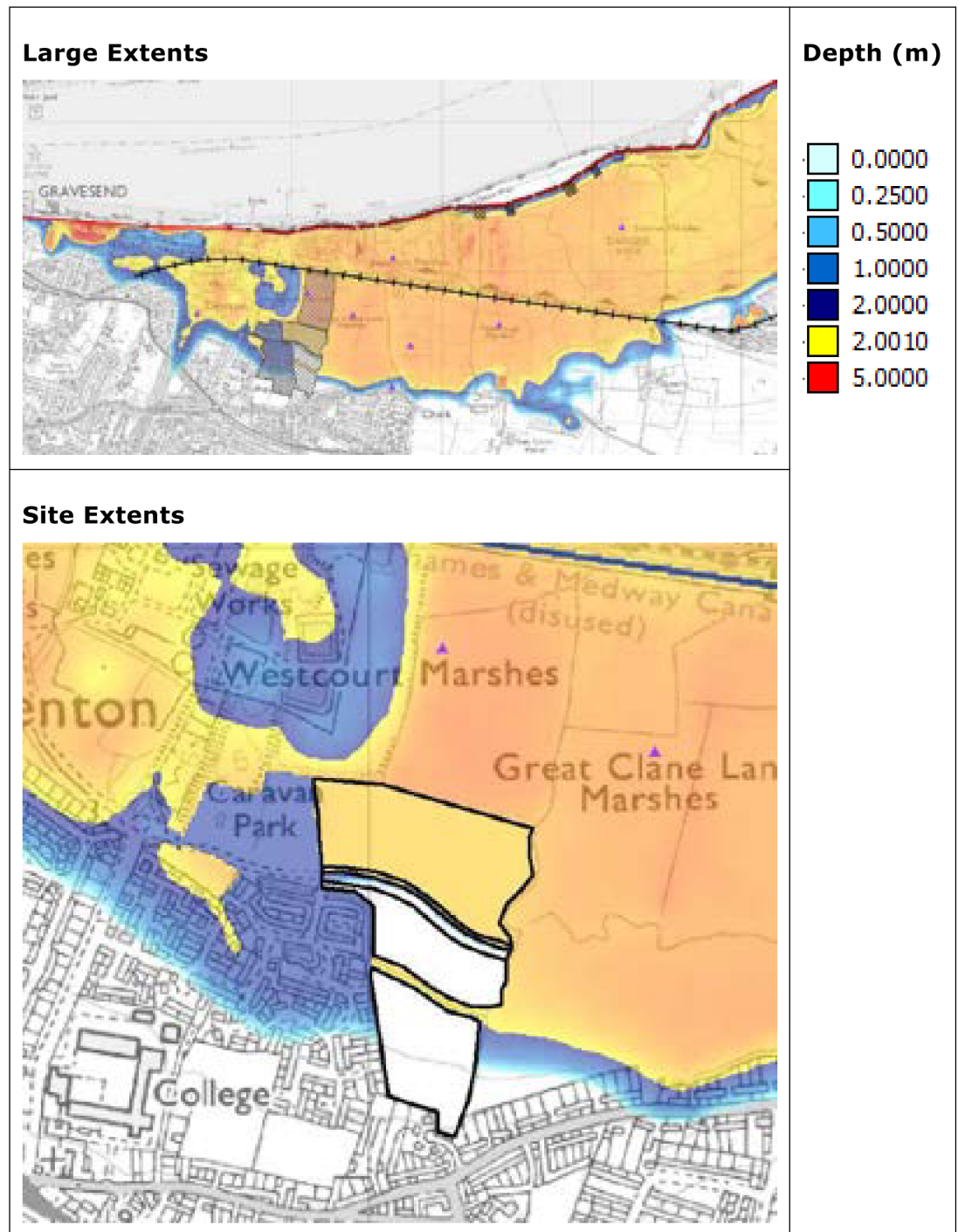


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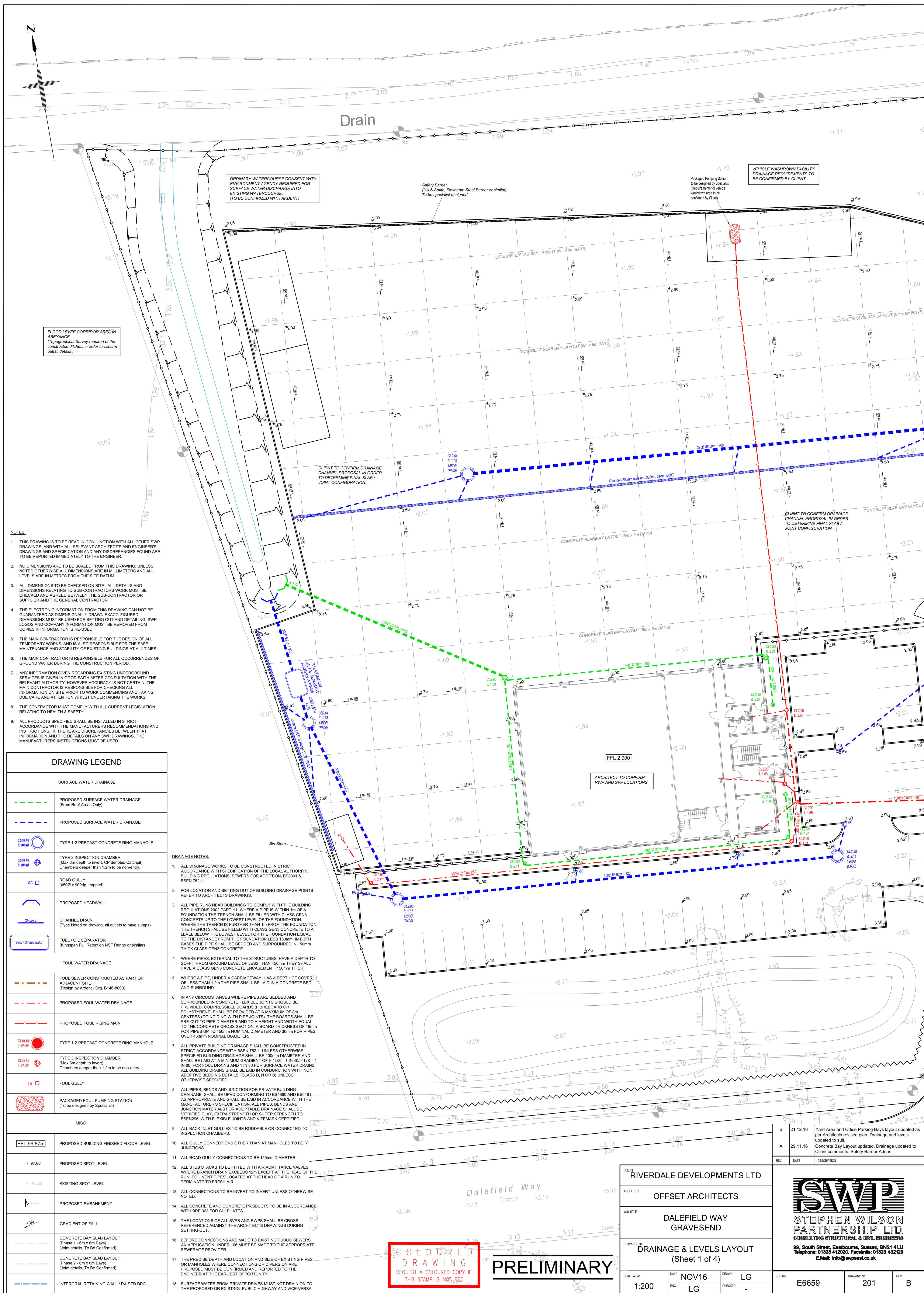
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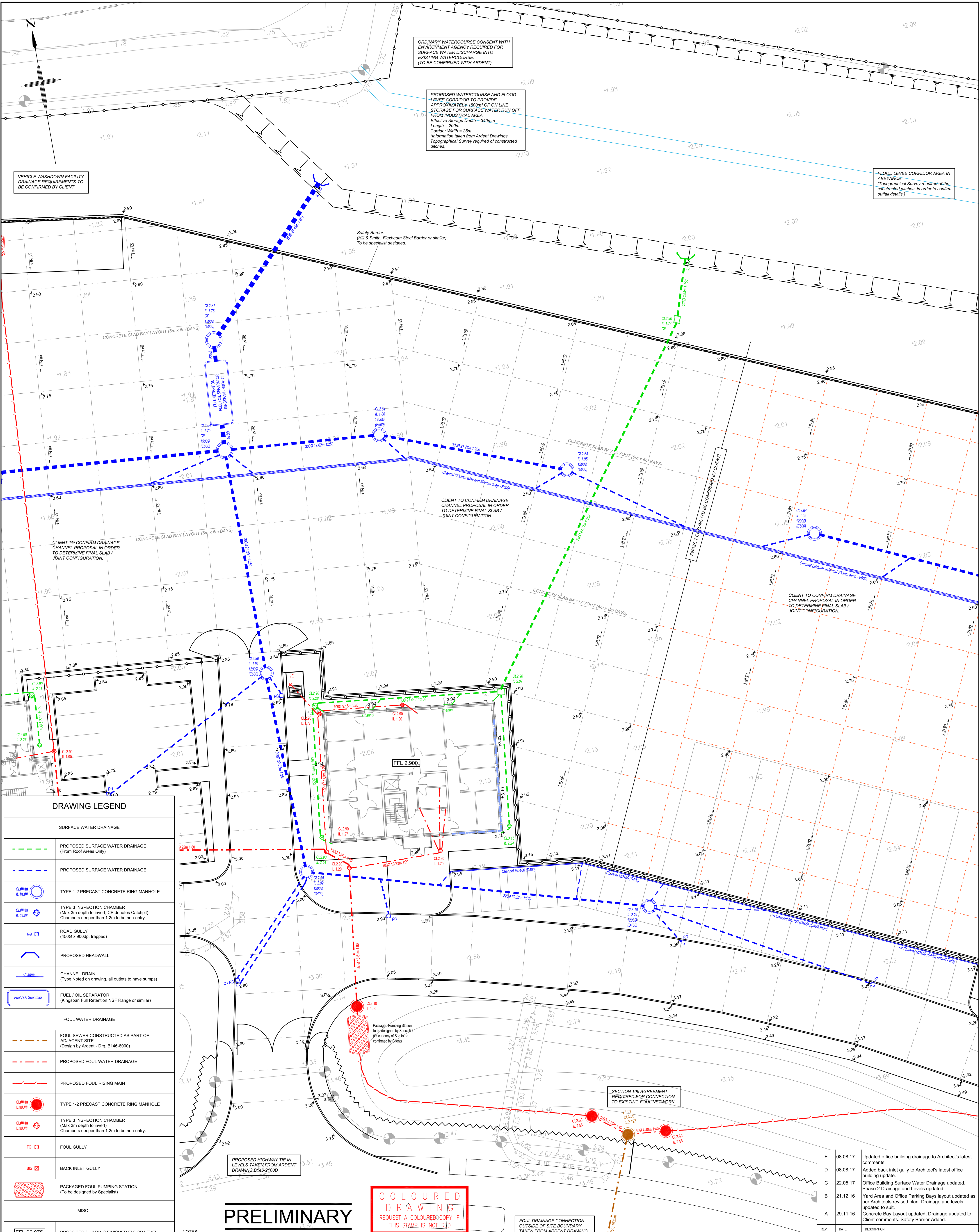
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FOUL WATER DRAINAGE	
	FOUL SEWER CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF ADJACENT SITE (Design by Ardent - Orig. B146-8000)
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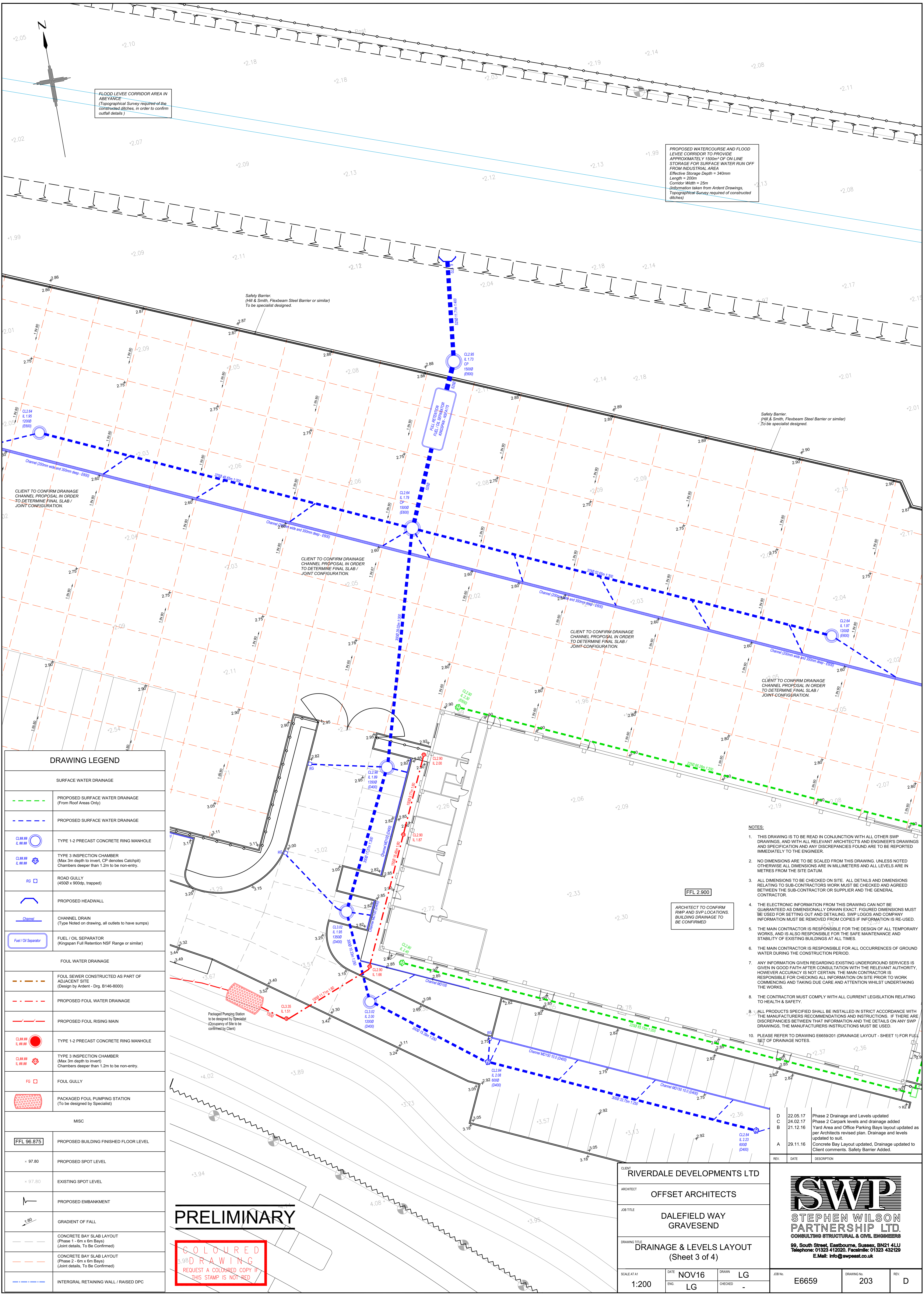
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D	08.08.17	Added back inlet gully to Architect's latest office building update.
C	22.05.17	Office Building Surface Water Drainage updated. Phase 2 Drainage and Levels updated.
B	21.12.16	Yard Area and Office Parking Bays layout updated as per Architects revised plan. Drainage and levels updated to suit.
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FLOOD LEVEE CORRIDOR AREA IN ABEYANCE
(Topographical Survey required of the constructed ditches, in order to confirm outfall details)

PROPOSED WATERCOURSE AND FLOOD LEVEE CORRIDOR TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 1500m³ OF ON LINE STORAGE FOR SURFACE WATER RUN OFF FROM INDUSTRIAL AREA
Effective Storage Depth = 340mm
Length = 200m
Corridor Width = 25m
(Information taken from Ardent Drawings. Topographical Survey required of constructed ditches)

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DRAWING LEGEND

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

- PROPOSED SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE (From Roof Areas Only)
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- TYPE 1-2 PRECAST CONCRETE RING MANHOLE
- TYPE 3 INSPECTION CHAMBER (Max 3m depth to invert, CP denotes Catchpit) Chambers deeper than 1.2m to be non-entry.
- ROAD GULLY (4500 x 900dp, trapped)
- PROPOSED HEADWALL
- CHANNEL DRAIN (Type Noted on drawing, all outlets to have sumps)
- FUEL / OIL SEPARATOR (Kingspan Full Retention NSF Range or similar)

FOUL WATER DRAINAGE

- FOUL SEWER CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF ADJACENT SITE (Design by Ardent - Drg. B146-8000)
- PROPOSED FOUL WATER DRAINAGE
- PROPOSED FOUL RISING MAIN
- TYPE 1-2 PRECAST CONCRETE RING MANHOLE
- TYPE 3 INSPECTION CHAMBER (Max 3m depth to invert) Chambers deeper than 1.2m to be non-entry.
- FOUL GULLY
- PACKAGED FOUL PUMPING STATION (To be designed by Specialist)

MISC

- PROPOSED BUILDING FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL
- PROPOSED SPOT LEVEL
- EXISTING SPOT LEVEL
- PROPOSED EMBANKMENT
- GRADIENT OF FALL
- CONCRETE BAY SLAB LAYOUT (Phase 1 - 6m x 6m Bays) (Joint details, To Be Confirmed)
- CONCRETE BAY SLAB LAYOUT (Phase 2 - 6m x 6m Bays) (Joint details, To Be Confirmed)
- INTERGRAL RETAINING WALL / RAISED DPC

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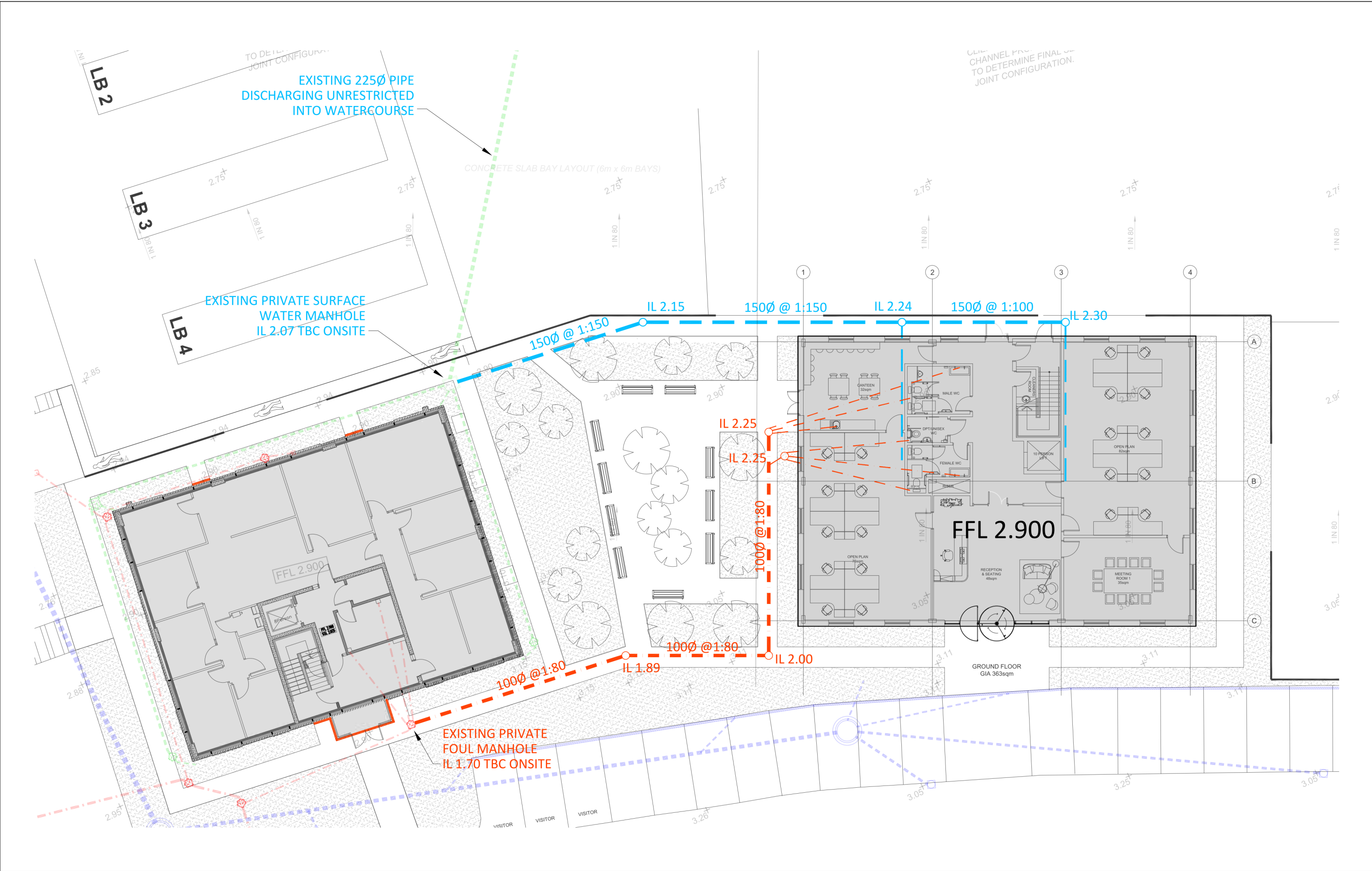
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C	24.02.17	Phase 2 Carpark levels and drainage added
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