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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Noviniti is planning a proposed development on the site at QA Hospital MSCP Portsmouth, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 3LY.
- 1.1.2 Stripe Consulting has been instructed to produce a Flood Risk Assessment under National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to support the Planning Application.
- 1.1.3 This report aims to demonstrate whether the development is at risk of any form of flooding.
- 1.1.4 The general limitations of this assessment are that:
- Several data sources have been used in compiling this report. Whilst Stripe Consulting believe them to be trustworthy; it is unable to guarantee the accuracy of the information that has been provided by others.
 - This report is based on information available at the time of preparation. There is potential for further information to become available, which may create a need to modify conclusions drawn in this report.

2.0 Location of Site

- 2.1.1 The site is off Harvey Road in Portsmouth. A location plan is enclosed in **Appendix A**.
- 2.1.2 The Local Authority is Portsmouth City Council.

3.0 Site Description

3.1 Existing Site

- 3.1.1 The existing site is the car park serving Queen Alexandra Hospital. A topographical survey has been commissioned for the site and can be found in **Appendix B**.

3.2 Existing Geology

- 3.2.1 The geology of the site has been ascertained by reference to the 1:50,000 British Geological Survey website. The data provided on the website indicates the bedrock and superficial drift geology for the site.

- 3.2.2 The strata of the site (bedrock geology) comprises chalk formation, described as follows:

“Lewes Nodular Chalk Formation, Seaford Chalk Formation, Newhaven Chalk Formation, Culver Chalk Formation and Portsdown Chalk Formation (undifferentiated) - Chalk. Sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 72 to 94 million years ago in the Cretaceous Period. Local environment previously dominated by warm chalk seas. These sedimentary rocks are shallow-marine in origin. They are biogenic and detrital, generally comprising carbonate material (coccoliths), forming distinctive beds of chalk.”

- 3.2.3 The strata of the site (superficial drift) head, described as follows:

“Head - Clay, Silt, Sand and Gravel. Superficial Deposits formed up to 3 million years ago in the Quaternary Period. Local environment previously dominated by subaerial slopes (U). These sedimentary deposits are subaerial in origin. They are detrital, comprising coarse- to fine- grained materials, forming down-slope layers and fans of accumulated material.”

3.3 Hydrogeology Setting

- 3.3.1 The Environment Agency (EA) mapping service, as provided by Magic Map, indicates the aquifer designation for the bedrock and superficial drift geology and the groundwater vulnerability in the area. The mapping, as included at **Appendix C**, provide the following information for the site:

Geology Map	Site Description
Aquifer Designation (Bedrock)	Principal
Aquifer Designation (Superficial Drift)	Secondary (undifferentiated)
Groundwater Vulnerability	Medium / High
Groundwater Source Protection Zone	None

3.4 Hydrology

- 3.4.1 The nearest strategic watercourse is Portsmouth Harbour, located 1.5km to the south of the site.

4.0 Proposed Development

- 4.1.1 The proposal is for a new multi-storey car park (MSCP) on the site. A proposed site plan is included at **Appendix D**.

5.0 Flooding Information

- 5.1.1 As set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere. For these purposes:

- “areas at risk of flooding” means land within Flood Zones 2 and 3; or land within Flood Zone 1 which has critical drainage problems, and which has been notified to the local planning authority by the Environment Agency;
- “flood risk” means risk from all sources of flooding - including from rivers and the sea, directly from rainfall on the ground surface and rising groundwater, overwhelmed sewers and drainage systems, and from reservoirs, canals and lakes and other artificial sources.

- 5.1.2 Flooding information for Planning from the Environment Agency (EA) has indicated the site is located within Flood Zone 1, as found in the map at **Appendix E**.

- 5.1.3 As the site is within Flood Zone 1, no further data was required from the Environment Agency.

- 5.1.4 As part of the data capture, data and mapping from the Portsmouth Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was sought. This will be included and references in the relevant sections below.

6.0 Flood Risk

- 6.1.1 The data on the EA's website in their updated mapping, shows the site has a "very low" risk of flooding.
- 6.1.2 The EA confirmed that the proposed development site is located in Flood Zone 1 for Planning.
- 6.1.3 According to Table 2 of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the development, being a car park, is classed as 'less vulnerable'.
- 6.1.4 According to NPPF Table 3 'Flood Risk Vulnerability and Flood Zone Compatibility', the development should be permitted.

Table 3: Flood risk vulnerability and flood zone 'compatibility'

Flood risk vulnerability classification (see table 2)		Essential infrastructure	Water compatible	Highly vulnerable	More vulnerable	Less vulnerable
Flood zone (see table 1)	Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Zone 2	✓	✓	Exception Test required	✓	✓
	Zone 3a	Exception Test required	✓	*	Exception Test required	✓
	Zone 3b functional floodplain	Exception Test required	✓	*	*	*

Key: ✓ Development is appropriate.
* Development should not be permitted.

6.2 Sequential Test

- 6.2.1 Local Planning Authorities (LPA) are encouraged to take a risk-based approach to proposals for development in or affecting flood risk areas through the application of the Sequential Test and the objectives of this test are to steer new development away from high risk areas towards those at lower risk of flooding.
- 6.2.2 However, in some areas where developable land is in short supply, there can be an overriding need to build in areas that are at risk of flooding. In such circumstances, the application of the Sequential Test is used to ensure that the lower risk sites are developed before the higher risk ones.
- 6.2.3 NPPF (PPG25) states that the Sequential Test should be applied at all stages of the planning process and the starting point is generally the Environment Agency's flood zone maps.
- 6.2.4 These maps and the associated information are intended for guidance and cannot provide details for individual properties. They do not consider other considerations such as existing flood defences, alternative flooding mechanisms and detailed site-based surveys. They do, however, provide high level information on the type and likelihood of flood risk in any area of the country.
- 6.2.5 The site is within Flood Zone 1 and so does not require a sequential test assessment.

6.3 Exception Test

- 6.3.1 The Exception Test is an additional test to be applied by decision-makers following application of the Sequential Test. The Exception Test has two elements as shown below, both of which must be satisfied for development in a flood risk area to be considered acceptable.
- 6.3.2 The Exception Test is only appropriate for use when there are large areas in Flood Zones 2 and 3, where the Sequential Test alone cannot deliver acceptable sites, but where some continuing development is needed for wider sustainable development reasons, considering the need to avoid social or economic blight and the need for essential civil infrastructure to remain operational during floods.
- 6.3.3 For the Exception Test to be passed:
- It must be demonstrated that the development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk, informed by a SFRA; and,
 - A site-specific FRA must demonstrate that the development will be safe for its lifetime, without increasing flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, reducing flood risk overall.
- 6.3.4 The site does not require an exception test in accordance with NPPF.

6.4 Fluvial Flooding Risk

6.4.1 The Environment Agency flood information indicates no risk from fluvial sources on the site.

6.5 Historic Flood Data

6.5.1 The Environment Agency have no information indicating that the site was flooded historically from fluvial sources.

6.5.2 The Portsmouth SFRA, via the PfSH Webmaps service, has no information indicating that the site was flooded historically from fluvial sources.

6.6 Groundwater

6.6.1 Groundwater flooding is caused by the emergence of water originating from sub-surface permeable strata. A ground water flood event results from a rise in ground water level, sufficient for the water table to intersect the ground surface and inundate low lying land. Groundwater floods may emerge from either a single point or diffuse locations.

6.6.2 The underlying strata throughout the area and investigations into the SFRA geology data suggest that there is a risk of groundwater emergence which is likely to relate to the geology of the area. However, groundwater flooding risks are often highly localised, and dependent upon geological interfaces between permeable and impermeable subsoils. Therefore, sustainable construction techniques for surfacing will minimise any potential groundwater risk.

6.6.3 The Portsmouth SFRA, via the PfSH Webmaps service, has no information indicating that the site is in an elevated area of groundwater emergence and indicates the site is within an area of high bedrock permeability.

6.7 Flooding from Sewers

6.7.1 Flooding from sewers can occur because of different reasons; if sewers are blocked during the heavy rainfalls, or if a sewer cannot provide adequate capacity, then flooding can cause a large amount of damage.

6.7.2 The Portsmouth SFRA, via the PfSH Webmaps service, has no information indicating that the site was flooded historically from artificial sources.

6.8 Flooding from Reservoirs

6.8.1 Reservoir flooding is extremely unlikely to happen. There has been no loss of life in the UK from reservoir flooding since 1925. All large reservoirs must be inspected and supervised by reservoir panel engineers. As the enforcement authority for the Reservoirs Act 1975 in England, the Environment Agency ensures that reservoirs are inspected regularly, and essential safety work is carried out.

6.8.2 However, in the unlikely event that a reservoir dam failed, a large volume of water would escape at once and flooding could happen with little or no warning. If the site is within a risk area, plans should be made for safe evacuation and escape. Residents may need to evacuate immediately, know the safest route to safety, and be ready to follow the advice of emergency services.

6.8.3 The EA data indicates that the site is at no risk from reservoir flooding.

6.9 Surface Water Flooding

6.9.1 Overland flow / surface water flooding typically arise because of intense rainfall, often of short duration, that is unable to soak into the ground or enter drainage systems. It can run quickly off land and result in localised flooding.

6.9.2 The Environment Agency has produced illustrative mapping (Flood Map for Surface Water) relating to flooding risks from surface water. They are classified as Flood Hazard Maps for the purpose of the Flood Risk Regulations 2009. These maps are the next generation on from the previous “Area Susceptible to Surface Water Flooding” maps, which are contained within the SFRA.

6.9.3 The EA maps show high resolution image and indicative flow paths for pluvial events. The maps are based on coarse level data and indicate ridges, valleys and flat spots where water would collect. Typically, the flow paths follow valleys, rivers and watercourses.

6.9.4 The surface water maps and the associated information are intended for guidance only and cannot provide details for individual properties. They do, however, provide high level information and indicate areas in which surface water flooding issues should be investigated further. The risk categories are classified as follows:

- Very low probability of flooding – This zone is assessed as having less than a 1 in 1000 annual probability of surface water flooding.
- Low probability of flooding – This zone comprises land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of surface water flooding.
- Medium probability of flooding - This zone comprises land assessed as having between a 1 in 30 and 1 in 100 annual probability of surface water flooding.
- High probability of flooding – This zone is assessed as having greater than a 1 in 30 annual probability of surface water flooding.

6.9.5 A review of the EA mapping indicates there is no risk of surface water flooding to the site.

7.0 Route of Escape

7.1.1 In an extreme storm event, there is not likely to be flood water on site and safe escape can be achieved via the main access to site.

7.1.2 It is not envisaged that there would be any problem for access of emergency vehicles in an extreme storm event as there is no flood depth unless the extreme storm scenario occurs. Emergency vehicles may operate in depths of 0.5m with velocity of 5 metres per second (with some operating at depths of 1m).

7.1.3 The Planning Authority must be in consultation with the emergency services as to the appropriate access and safe routes for the site during an extreme storm event, in accordance with Section 13.S3.3 of the FRA Guidance for New Developments. Emergency Response Plans for the local area are available on the council website and would require updating for the proposed residence. It is not envisaged that there will be any additional burden on emergency services during a flood event.

7.1.4 General Evacuation Advice:

- Avoid walking or driving through flood water, as only 150mm of fast flowing flood water is able to knock a person over and 600mm is able to float a car. Flooding can cause manhole covers to come off, leaving hidden dangers.
- Do not walk on sea defences or riverbanks.
- Take care or avoid crossing bridges when water levels are high.
- Take care crossing culverts as they are dangerous when flooded.
- Look out for other hazards such as fallen power lines and trees.
- Keep Children away from flood water.
- Wash hands thoroughly if you come into contact with flood water as it may be contaminated with sewage.
- Always follow the advice provided at the time by the Emergency Services. The Emergency Services may direct you to a Local Authority Evacuation Centre, which has been specially prepared for people being evacuated from their homes. Free food and bedding is provided, however spare clothing should be taken, essential medication and any baby care products should an infant be involved in the evacuation.

8.0 Flood Compensation

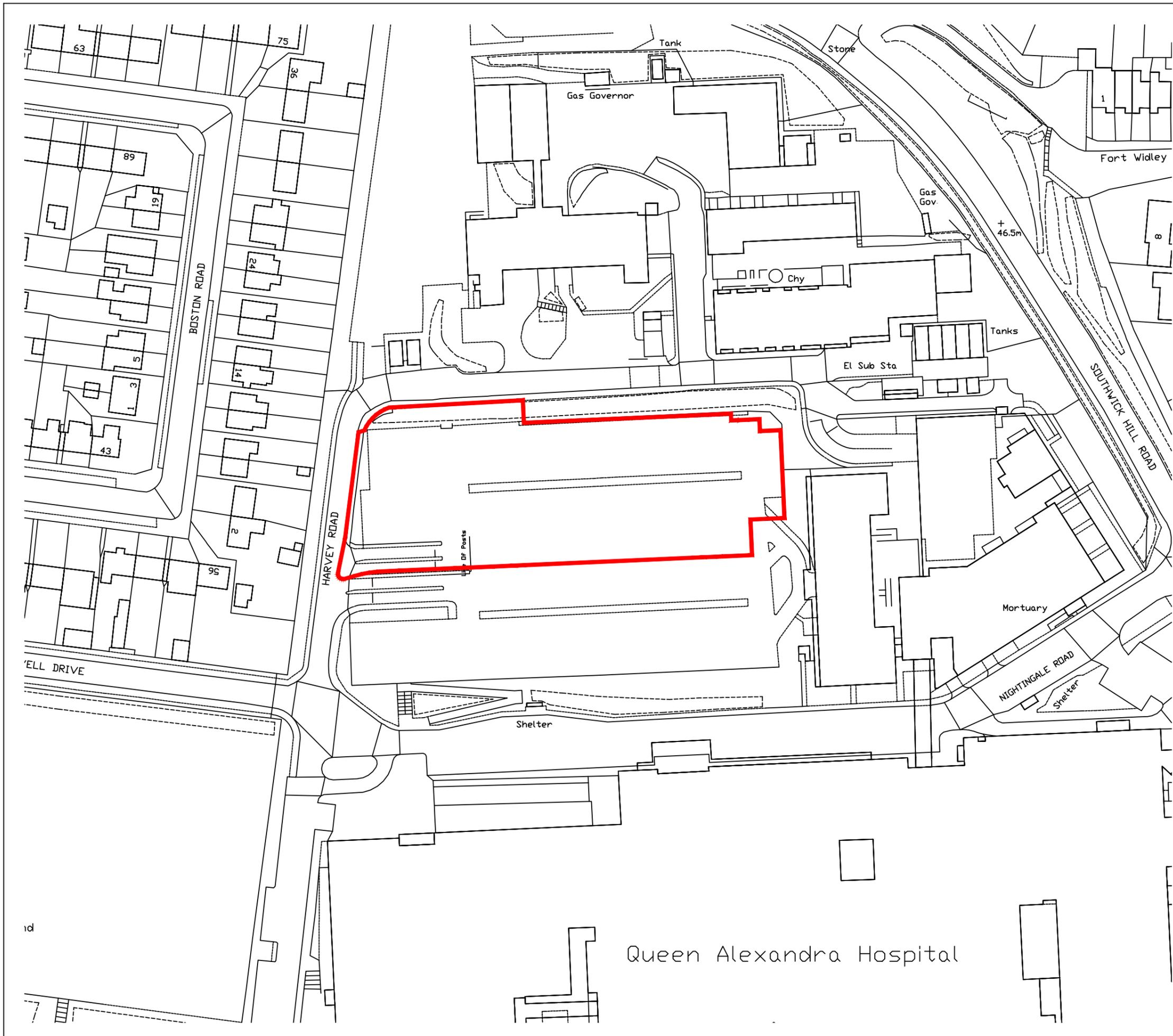
8.1.1 The site is not within a Flood Zone for planning so there is no statutory requirement to assess the requirement for flood compensation.

9.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 9.1.1 Noviniti is planning a proposed development on the site at QA Hospital MSCP Portsmouth, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 3LY.
- 9.1.2 Stripe Consulting has been instructed to produce a Flood Risk Assessment under National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to support the Planning Application.
- 9.1.3 The Environment Agency mapping indicates that the site is within Flood Zone 1 and has a very low risk of fluvial flooding.
- 9.1.4 All other sources of flooding for the site have been investigated and shown to be of minimal or no risk.
- 9.1.5 The proposed development is appropriate and sustainable in the terms as set out in NPPF.

Appendix A

Location Plan



Notes:

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- Principal
- Secondary A
- Secondary B
- Secondary (undifferentiated)
- Unproductive

Aquifer Designation Map (Superficial Drift) (England)

Groundwater Vulnerability Map (England)

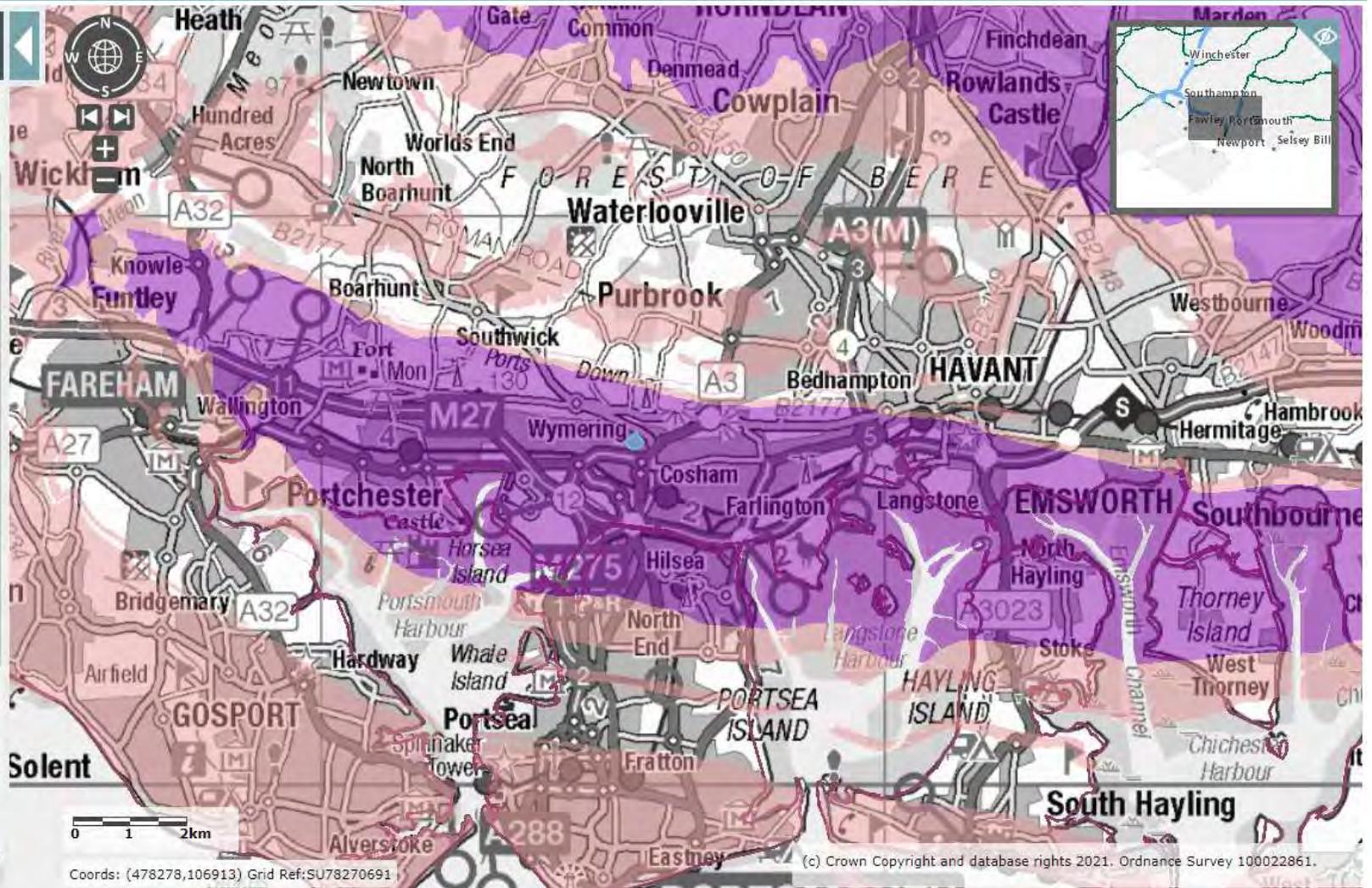
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Geological Descriptions (England)

Soilscape (England)

Landscape Classifications

Marine



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 - Principal
 - Secondary A
 - Secondary B
 - Secondary (undifferentiated)
 - Unknown (lakes+landslip)
 - Unproductive
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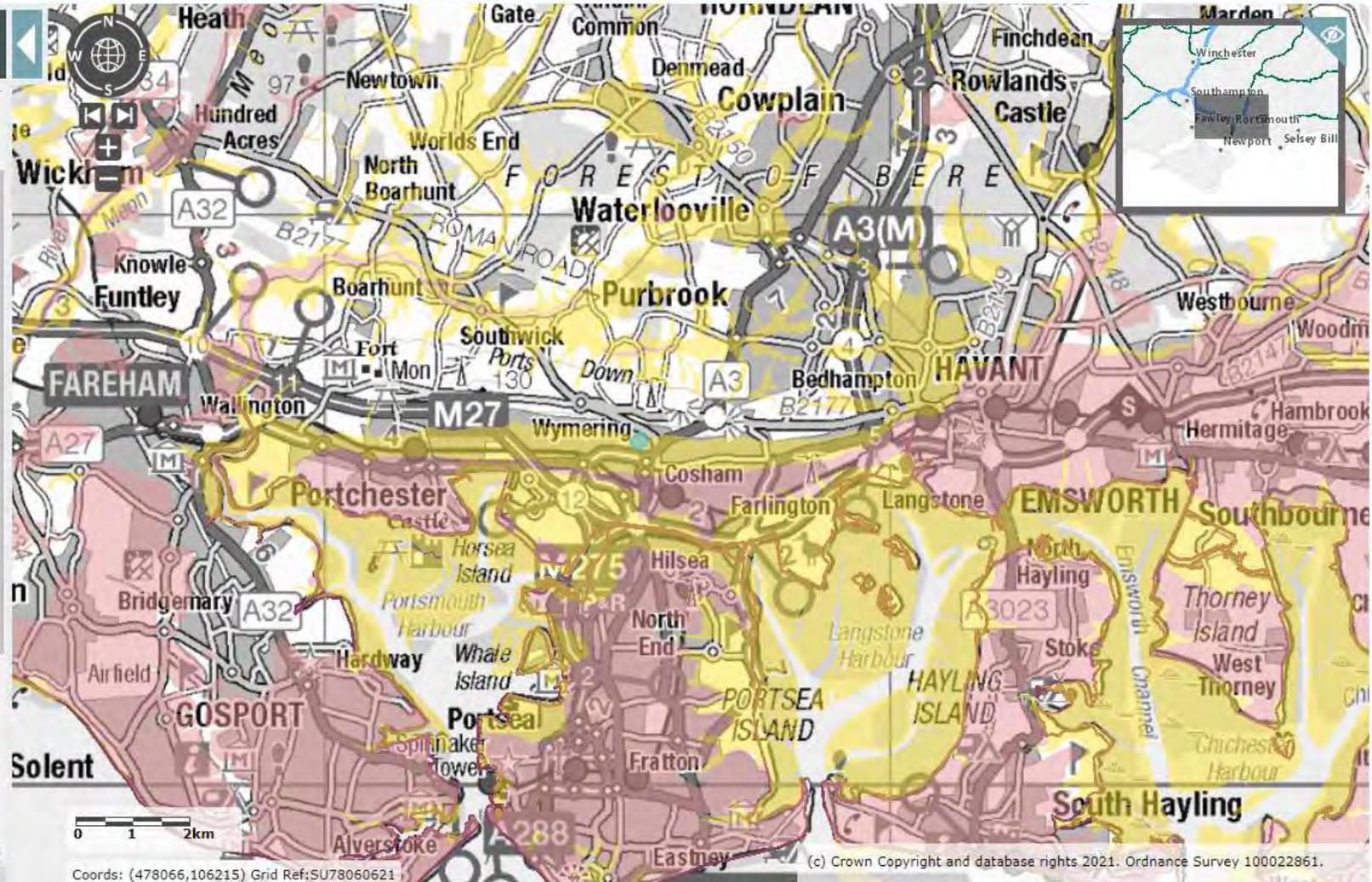


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Local Information

Soluble Rock Risk

High

Medium - High

Medium

Medium - Low

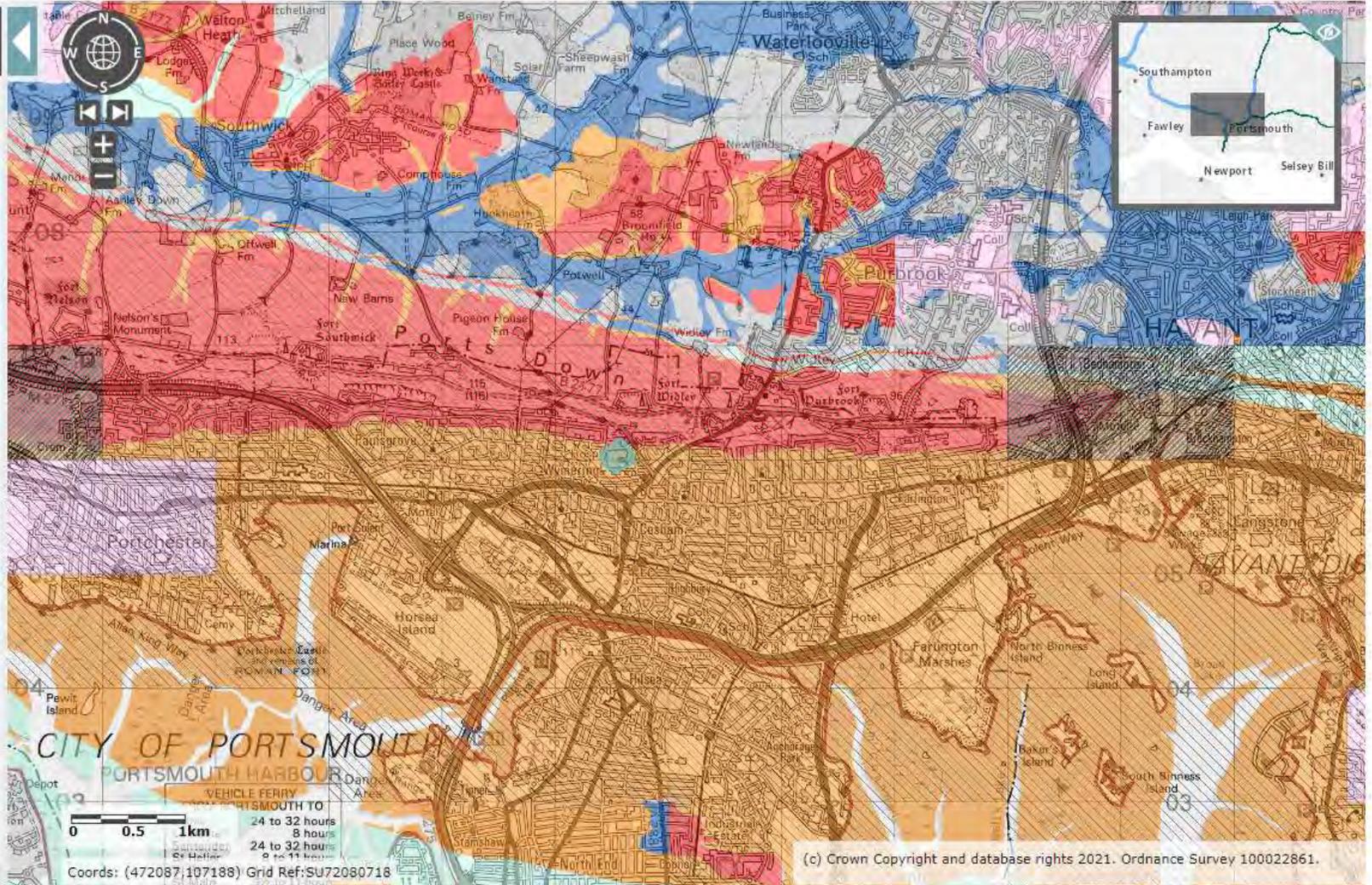
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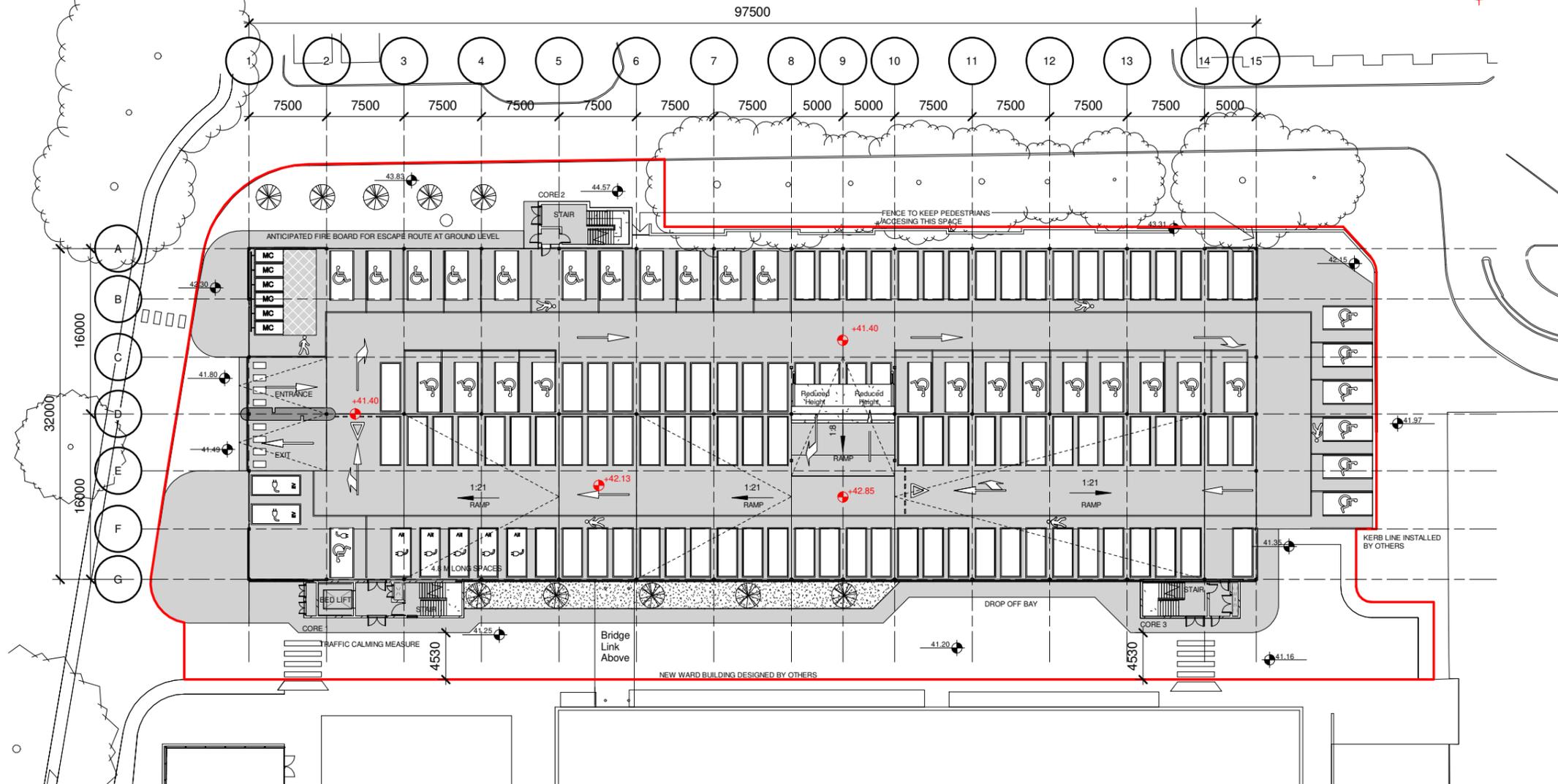
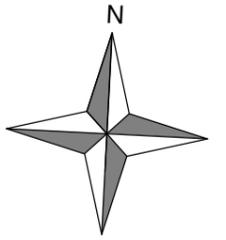
Proposed Site Plan

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Legend

-  Existing levels
-  Proposed levels



GA - Ground Floor Plan

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PARKING BAY SCHEDULE						
Level	Standard	Disabled	Disabled EV	EV	Motorcycle	TOTAL
Ground Floor	91	30	1	7	6	129
LEVEL 01	135	-	-	-	-	135
LEVEL 02	137	-	-	-	-	137
LEVEL 03	140	-	-	-	-	140
TOTAL	503	30	1	7	6	541

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Appendix E

Environment Agency Flood Map

Flood map for planning

Your reference
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Location (easting/northing)
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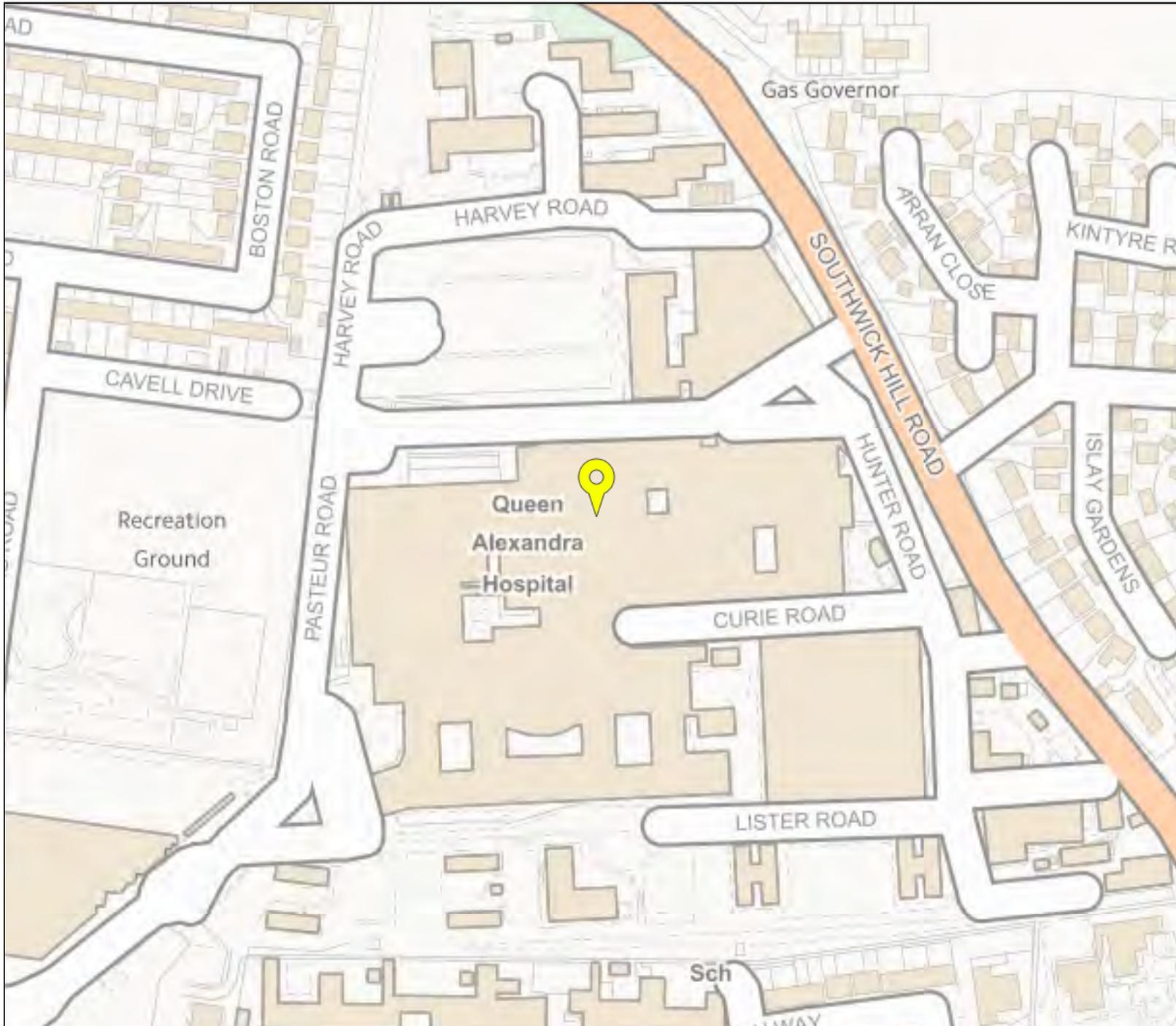
- you don't need to do a flood risk assessment if your development is smaller than 1 hectare and not affected by other sources of flooding
- you may need to do a flood risk assessment if your development is larger than 1 hectare or affected by other sources of flooding or in an area with critical drainage problems

Notes

The flood map for planning shows river and sea flooding data only. It doesn't include other sources of flooding. It is for use in development planning and flood risk assessments.

This information relates to the selected location and is not specific to any property within it. The map is updated regularly and is correct at the time of printing.

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Flood map for planning

Your reference
A20312

Location (easting/northing)
465570/106054

Scale
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-  Selected point
-  Flood zone 3
-  Flood zone 3: areas benefiting from flood defences
-  Flood zone 2
-  Flood zone 1
-  Flood defence
-  Main river
-  Flood storage area

