
DUXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
DRAINAGE STRATEGY

For

Kier Construction - Eastern

Job Number: 10-9757

Date: February 2022

NOTICE

This document and its contents have been prepared and are intended solely for Kier Construction information and use in relation to the Drainage Strategy.

Peter Dann Limited assumes no responsibility to any other party in respect of or arising out of or in connection with this document and/or its contents.

Document history

Job number: 10-9757			Document No. CVC3-PDL-ZZ-XX-RP-S-003		
Revision	Purpose description	Originated	Checked	Reviewed	Date
A	Planning	SM	MD	JB	24/08/21
B	Planning	SM	MD	JB	23/02/22

CONTENTS

1	INTRODUCTION	1
2	EXISTING SITE	2
2.1	Site Location and Surrounding Drainage	2
2.2	Site Topography	2
2.3	Geology	2
2.4	Hydrology and Hydrogeology	2
2.5	Existing Drainage.....	2
3	PROPOSED SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE	3
3.1	Development Proposals	3
3.2	Surface Water Policy and Best Practice	3
3.3	Surface Water Discharge Strategy	3
3.4	Rainfall Simulation and Climate Change	4
3.5	Runoff Rate and Volume.....	4
3.6	Surface Water Treatment	4
3.7	Exceedance Events.....	5
4	SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE	6
5	CONCLUSION	8
	APPENDIX A – SITE LOCATION PLAN	9
	APPENDIX B – TOPOGRAPHICAL & UTILITIES SURVEY	10
	APPENDIX C – BRE 365 TESTING RESULTS	11
	APPENDIX D – ANGLIAN WATER ASSET PLAN.....	12
	APPENDIX E – IMPERMEABLE AREA PLANS	13
	APPENDIX F – DRAINAGE STRATEGY DRAWINGS & HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS	14

1 INTRODUCTION

Peter Dann Limited has been commissioned by Kier Construction to prepare a Drainage Strategy to support a planning application for the proposed new teaching facility at Duxford Primary School.

The purpose of this drainage strategy is to demonstrate how this increase in impermeable area can be satisfactorily drained without increasing flood risk onsite and elsewhere. The strategy has been developed in full accordance with Local and National standards as well as best practice design guidance.

Specifically, this surface water strategy demonstrates that the extension and refurbishment works proposed do not lead to an increase in;

- Peak runoff rate of storm water runoff leaving the site
- Volume of runoff leaving the site
- Pollution to receiving waters from storm water runoff
- Flood risk to nearby or neighbouring sites

2 EXISTING SITE

2.1 Site Location and Surrounding Drainage

Duxford Primary School is located on St. Johns Street in Duxford. The site is centred within a grid reference TL 47607 46069. The site is bound by a residential area and public park to the north, a residential area to the east, community centre and playing fields to the south and agricultural land to the west.

A site location plan showing the site and surrounding area is provided in **Appendix A**.

2.2 Site Topography

A topographical survey and utilities survey were undertaken by Survey Solutions in February 2021. A copy of the topographical survey (drawing no. 27841ea-01) and the utilities survey (drawing no. 27841UG-01) are included in **Appendix B**.

The topographical survey identifies the grounds to be fall from southwest to northeast, with levels falling from approximately 35.20 to 33.50 metres above Ordnance Datum.

2.3 Geology

The 1:50,000 online British Geological Survey (BGS) map suggests the site is underlain by the Holywell Nodular Chalk Formation.

Infiltration testing has been undertaken as part of the ground investigation by SWECO, dated July 2021, in full accordance with BRE 365 infiltration testing. Groundwater was recorded at a depth of 4.83m below ground level. The results of the testing are enclosed in **Appendix C**.

2.4 Hydrology and Hydrogeology

No watercourses are located within the site boundary of the primary school. The closest significant surface water feature is the River Cam, approximately 413m to the east of the site.

2.5 Existing Drainage

On review of the Survey Solutions Utilities and CCTV Drainage Survey dated March 2021 no definitive surface water system is proved for the current development. Surface water drainage from existing buildings is indicated to discharge via downpipes to above ground and run to areas of soft, or discharge directly into the ground and then possibly to local soakaways. External hard landscaped areas is indicated to drain to gullies or channel drainage and then possibly to local soakaways. The Anglian Water asset map does not indicate any public surface water sewers within the vicinity of the site, ref **Appendix D**. With no water courses within the vicinity of the site it is assumed that all surface water from building and external hard landscaping discharges via infiltration methods.

The Anglian Water asset plan indicates a foul water manhole ref 6104 located in St John's Street which runs adjacent to the northwest of the site. On review of the Survey Solutions Utilities and CCTV Drainage Survey dated March 2021 a gravity outfall to the for the foul water drainage is indicated to connect to the Anglian Water System in St John's Street.

3 PROPOSED SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

3.1 Development Proposals

The main elements of the development which require drainage include the following:

- Proposed Primary School Extension 780m² in footprint area.
- Proposed Pre-School 213m² in footprint area.

Due to the general redevelopment of much of the area, a portion of the existing impermeable area will be replaced with proposed impermeable areas.

Table 1 below compares the extent of impermeable area generated from the development proposals with the existing scenario;

	Existing Development	Proposed Development	Difference
Total Impermeable Area (ha)	0.702ha	0.733ha	+0.031ha

Table 1 – Comparison of impermeable area between existing and proposed developed site

Peter Dann drawing C-2010 enclosed in **Appendix E** shows the existing and proposed impermeable areas.

3.2 Surface Water Policy and Best Practice

The proposed Surface water drainage strategy has been primarily designed in accordance with the following best practice drainage documentation:

- Cambridgeshire County Council (Lead Local Flood Authority) Surface Water Guidance.
- South Cambridgeshire Local Plan policies CC/8 & CC/9.
- Department for Communities and Local Government National Planning Policy Framework, 2019.
- Department for Communities and Local Government National Planning Policy Framework, 2012.
- CIRIA 753, 2015: The SuDS Manual; This document provides current best practice National guidance on the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of SuDS to facilitate their effective implementation within developments.
- Environment Agency publications
- Building Regulations Part H (2010); Drainage and Water Disposal.

3.3 Surface Water Discharge Strategy

Part H of the Building Regulations (2010) recommends that surface water run-off shall discharge to one of the following, listed in order of priority:

- An adequate soakaway or some other adequate infiltration system, or where that is not reasonably practicable,
- A watercourse, or, where that is not reasonably practicable,
- A sewer.

Infiltration testing was undertaken in full accordance with BRE 365 by Sweco UK Limited on 2nd June 2021. Infiltration rates of 1.74×10^{-4} m/s, 1.53×10^{-4} and 1.32×10^{-4} m/s were measured proving the underlying ground conditions would be suitable for infiltration methods of surface water disposal.

An infiltration rate of 1.32×10^{-4} m/s has been used to design all infiltration structures.

It is proposed that all access, hardstanding, and pavement areas should be designed using permeable paving, which provides a filtration system removing pollutants from vehicular traffic etc, with sufficient storage provided in the base to accommodate the design rainfall event whilst water permeates into the ground.

It is proposed that discharge from building roof areas which is a clean discharge will be directly to separate below ground soakaways.

Hydraulic Calculations of proposed infiltration storage structures indicate that even during a 1 in 100 year plus 40% climate change event, half drain down times of structures is within 24 hours as of BRE 365 methodology.

Refer to **Appendix F** for drainage strategy drawings and associated Micro-Drainage calculations.

3.4 Rainfall Simulation and Climate Change

This drainage strategy uses both FSR and FEH rainfall data. FSR data has been used for simulating storm event durations between 0 and 60 minutes. FEH data has been used for simulating storm event durations greater than 60 minutes.

An allowance of +40% for climate change corresponding to the 'upper end' of current legislation on climate change published by the Environment Agency has been used.

All attenuation structures taking impermeable runoff have been sized based on the 1 in 100year critical storm event plus an additional 40% allowance for climate change.

3.5 Runoff Rate and Volume

Infiltration disposal of surface water within the planning boundary is proposed for the entirety of proposed development, no surface water will be released outside the site boundary. On this basis, the runoff rate and volume of surface water will not be greater than the existing scenario.

3.6 Surface Water Treatment

It is recognised that protection of groundwater is paramount when using infiltration mechanisms to dispose of surface water.

The SuDS Manual, 2015 identifies pollution hazard levels of new development based off their proposed land use. Based on the SUDS Manual pollution hazard level categorisations, the proposed Primary School extension, Pre-School and associated hardstanding development proposals are categorised as *very low* to *low* pollution risk with minimal total suspended solids, metals and hydrocarbons contained within runoff.

The SuDS Manual identifies that *very low* to *low* pollution hazard levels can be easily addressed and mitigated using permeable pavements. Indeed, the SuDS Manual identifies permeable pavements as suitable as a sole treatment stage for up to *medium* pollution risk. This is due to the multi layers of geotextile as well as multiple pavement layers (surface course, binder, sub-base) creating a filtrating and purifying effect on runoff as it permeates through the structure.

3.7 Exceedance Events

Whilst it is a requirement to fully attenuate the 1 in 100year critical storm event plus 40% climate change, it is also necessary to ensure that storms which exceed this severity do not cause flooding to building areas or exacerbate flooding elsewhere.

It is proposed a number of measures will be implemented to mitigate to allow for exceedance storm events as follows;

- Final site levels will be designed to initially provide attenuation storage provision and then conveyance routes taking storm flows away from building areas and towards proposed green landscaping / grassed sports pitch areas. Green landscaped areas will be contoured to ensure exceedance runoff is accommodated fully within the site boundary. Refer to **Appendix F** for exceedance flow routes.

4 SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

For any surface water drainage system to operate as originally designed, it is necessary to ensure that it is adequately maintained to ensure its continued performance throughout its lifetime.

It is proposed SuDS features used within this development will be maintained and managed by a private management company.

Tables 3 and 4 below identify the proposed operation and maintenance requirements of the SuDS features used for this development.

Table 3: Operation and Maintenance Requirements for Infiltration Soakaway

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Regular Maintenance	Inspect for sediment in pre-treatment components and floor of inspection tube or chamber and inside of concrete manhole rings	Annually
	Trimming ant roots which may cause blockage	Annually
Occasional maintenance	Remove sediment and debris from pre-treatment components and floor of inspection chamber and inside of concrete ring manhole	As required
Remedial actions	Reconstruct soakaway and or replace or clean void fill, if performance deteriorates or failure occurs	As required
	Replacement of clogged geotextile	As required
Monitoring	Inspect silt traps and note rate of sediment accumulation	Monthly in first year then annually
	Check soakaway to ensure emptying is occurring	Annually

Table 4: Operation and Maintenance Requirements for Pervious Pavements

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Regular Maintenance	Brushing and vacuuming (standard cosmetic sweep over whole surface)	Once a year, after autumn leaf fall, or reduced frequency as required, based on site-specific observations of clogging or manufacturer's recommendations – pay particular attention to areas where water runs onto pervious surface from adjacent impermeable areas as this area is most likely to collect the most sediment
Occasional Maintenance	Stabilise and mow contributing and adjacent areas	As required
	Removal of weeds or management using glyphosphate applied directly into the weeds by an applicator rather than spraying	As required – once per year on less frequently used pavements
Remedial Actions	Remediate any landscaping which, through vegetation maintenance or soil slip, has been raised to within 50mm of the level of the paving	As required
	Remedial work to any depressions, rutting and cracked or broken blocks considered detrimental to the structural performance or a hazard to users, and replace lost jointing material	As required
	Rehabilitation of surface and upper substructure by remedial sweeping	Every 10 to 15 years or as required (if infiltration performance is reduced due to significant clogging)
Monitoring	Initial inspection	Monthly for three months after installation
	Inspect for evidence of poor operation and/or weed growth – if required, take remedial action	Three-monthly, 48 hours after large storms in first six months
	Inspect silt accumulation rates and establish appropriate brushing frequencies	Annually
	Monitor inspection chambers	Annually

5 CONCLUSION

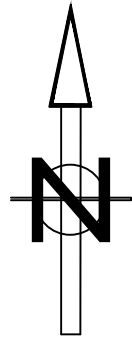
This report has been written to demonstrate how a drainage strategy for the proposed new teaching facility at Duxford Primary School and associated infrastructure, which generate an additional 0.031ha of impermeable area, can satisfactorily manage and mitigate flood risk.

The drainage strategy proposed is in full accordance with Local and National best practice drainage guidance.

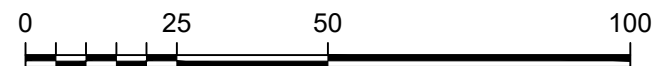
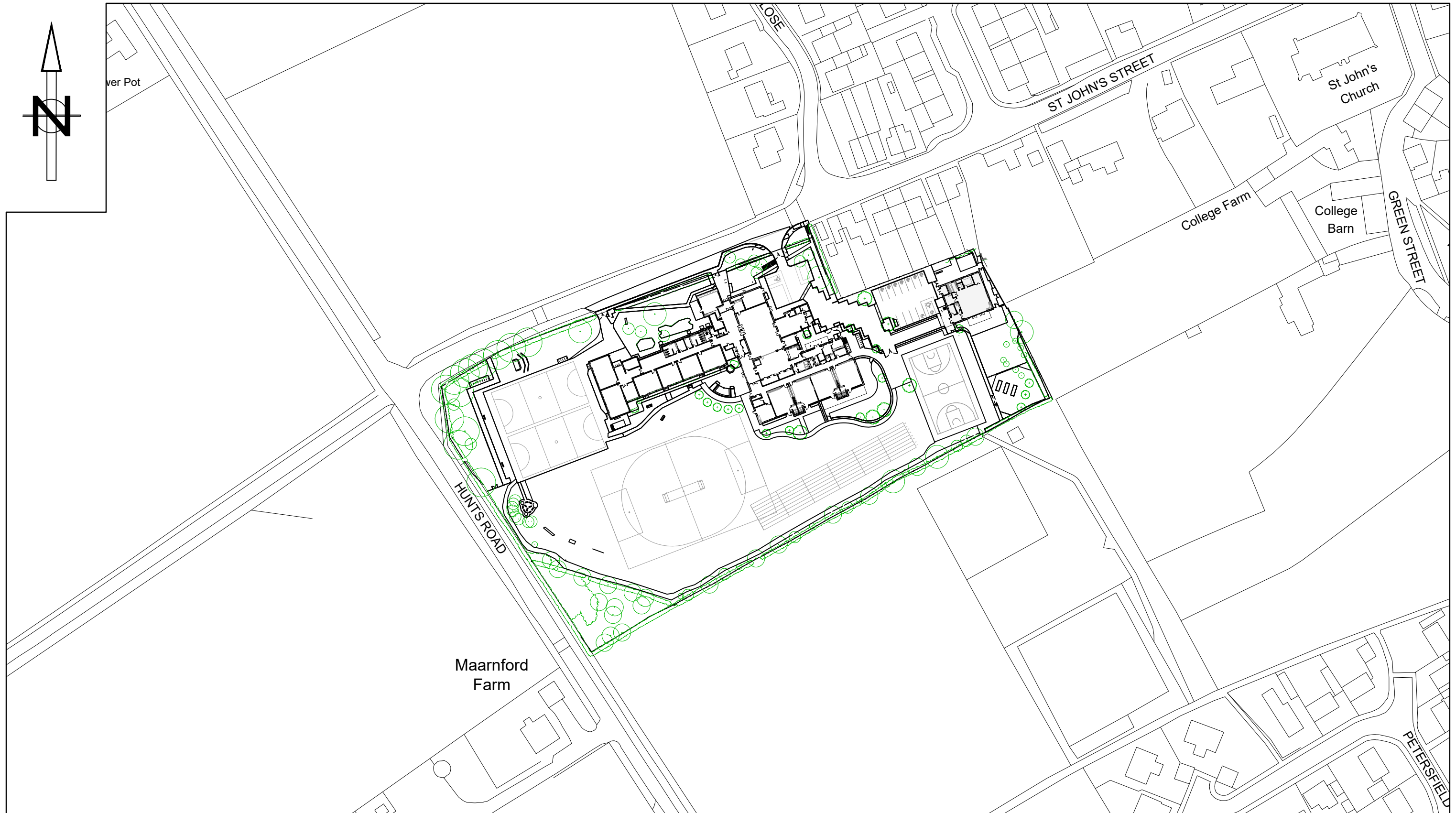
The drainage strategy proposed fully utilises infiltration to dispose of surface water via the use of permeable paving, underground geo-cellular storage crates and therefore does not increase runoff rate or volume. It demonstrates that surface water can be attenuated up to the 1 in 100 year critical storm event including for a 40% allowance for climate change and then released into groundwater without producing increased pollution hazard.

It demonstrates that if storm events greater than the 1 in 100 year were to materialise, how exceedance flows could be directed away from building areas and towards open green space allocated within development proposals.

APPENDIX A – SITE LOCATION PLAN



ver Pot



SCALE 1 : 1250

P01	16.08.21	SM	JB	Initial Preliminary Issue.
REV	DATE	DWN	CHK	DESCRIPTION

AMENDMENTS

NOTES.

1. This drawing is to be read in conjunction with all Peter Dann Consulting Engineers, Architects, MEP Engineers and Specialists drawings along with all relevant specifications.
2. All gridlines, building lines, etc. are to be set out in accordance with the relevant Architects drawings. Any discrepancies between the information given by the Engineer and that provided by others must be referred to the Architect before work proceeds.
3. Dimensions are NOT to be scaled from this drawing. If in doubt ask. Dimensions marked * are subject to confirmation by site measurement before construction commences.
4. All proprietary fixings shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
5. The Contractor shall comply with the health and safety requirements as set out by the CDM Regulations, THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE.
6. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with the Building Regulations and latest relevant British Standards.
7. All construction products are to be CE marked in accordance with the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011.



peter dann
consulting engineers

peter dann limited | newton house
cambridge road | barton | cambridge | CB23 7WJ
t: 01223 264688 www.peterdann.com info@peterdann.com
© Peter Dann Ltd. All rights reserved.

**Duxford Primary School
Site Location Plan**

DRAWN SM CHECKED JB
DATE Aug '21
SCALE 1:1250 @A3

DRAWING STATUS **PRELIMINARY** STATUS CODE S1
KIER REF-ORIGINATOR-VOLUME-LEVEL-TYPE-ROLE-NUM REV
DPS-PDL-XX-ZZ-DR-C-1800 P01

APPENDIX B – TOPOGRAPHICAL & UTILITIES SURVEY

APPENDIX C – BRE 365 TESTING RESULTS

