



Flood Risk Assessment

Proposed Residential Development

Land South Of Birch Avenue, Bacton, Suffolk, IP14 4NT

Mid Suffolk planning Ref: DC/21/03292 Suffolk

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Amazi Consulting Ltd has been instructed by Bellway Homes Ltd Eastern Counties to prepare this Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) associated with the proposed residential development at land south of Birch Avenue, Bacton, Suffolk IP14 4NT. The Ordnance Survey (OS) grid reference for the centre of the site is approximately 605660 mE, 266960 mN.
- 1.2 This FRA has been prepared in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), July 2021, and its accompanying gov.uk Planning Practice Guidance (PPG): *Flood Risk and Coastal Change* (2016). It is expected that this report will be reviewed by the relevant flood risk authorities as part of a planning application. The development will be for full planning permission. This report focuses upon flood risks to the site. The site surface water drainage is being assessed separately by Infrastructure Design Ltd (Project ref: 1061).
- 1.3 The development previously received outline planning permission as part of application DC/18/05514. This previous application was accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment undertaken by EPS (UK18.401 3B May 2018), which did not identify any significant flood risks at the site.
- 1.4 This FRA report has been prepared for the sole use of Bellway Homes Ltd Eastern Counties and its contents cannot be copied or relied upon by others except as noted above, without the written authority of Amazi Consulting Ltd.

2 The Development

2.1 The location of this 4.78 hectare (ha) greenfield (arable) site is shown on Figure 2.1.



Figure 2.1 - Site location

2.2 The proposed development comprises 85 residential units, a new community centre and associated infrastructure. The proposed layout is shown on the attached drawing BW233EC_PL-03_A Detailed.

2.3 The existing site use is *less vulnerable* and the proposed is classified as *more vulnerable* and in accordance with Table 2 of the NPPF Planning Practice Guidance (Reference ID: 7-066-20140306).

2.4 The minimum proposed finished floor level is 57.75 mAOD – refer to design drawings by Infrastructure Design Ltd.

2.5 The attached survey (21536ea) relates to OS GPS datum and the site ground levels vary from 56.71 mAOD at the west boundary to 61.78 mAOD at the east boundary.

2.6 Figure 2.2 shows topography in the local area. Figure 2.3 shows topography nearer the site.

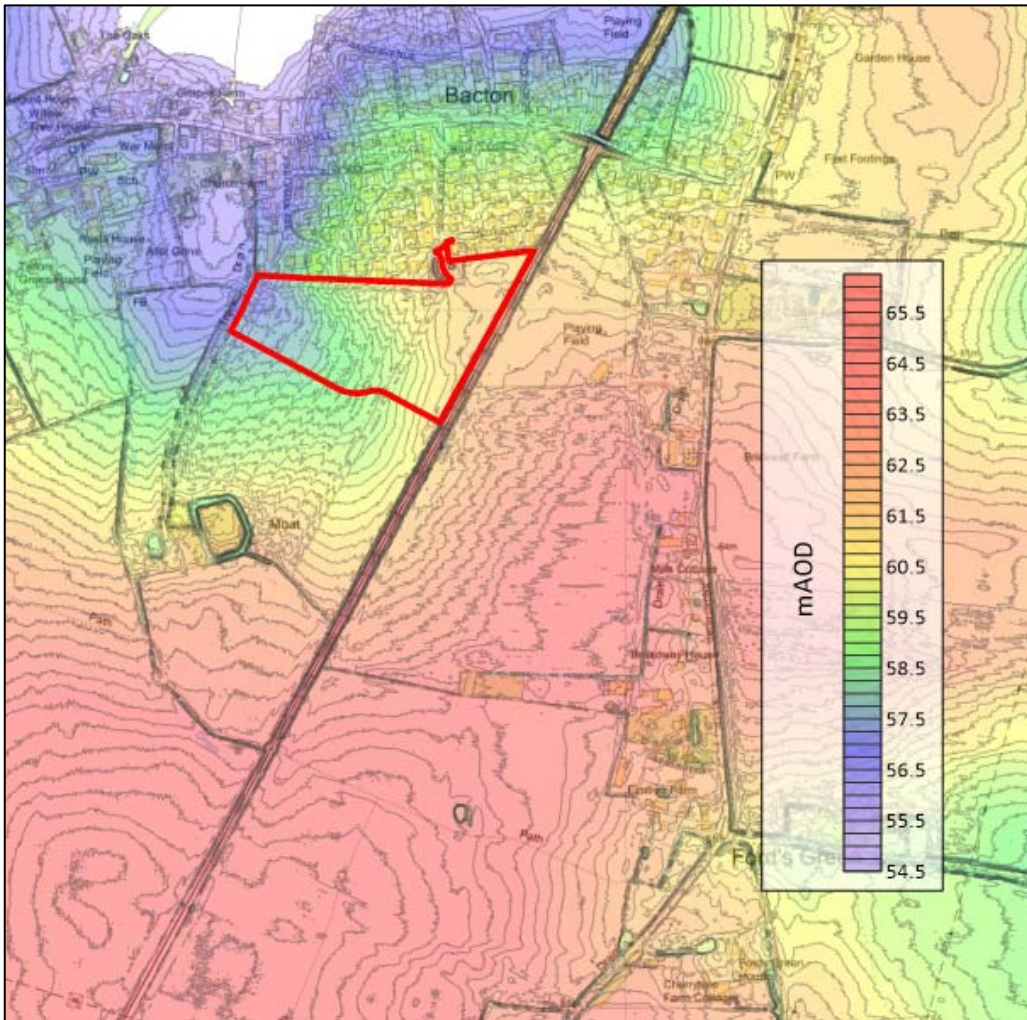


Figure 2.2 - Local contours

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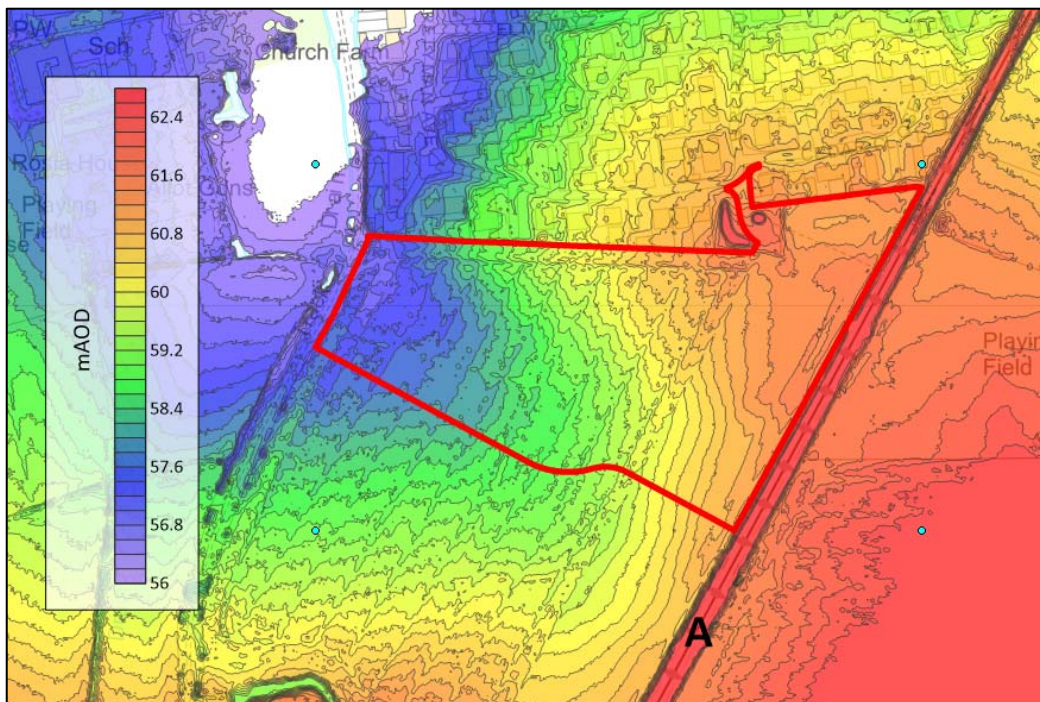


Figure 2.3 -Contours near site

(Source: lidar TM06ne_DTM_1m.tif, downloaded 09 August 2021)

3 Flood Zones

3.1 As indicated in Figure 3.1, the site is located fully within flood zone 1*, the area at low risk of flooding from significant watercourses. Residential development at this site is therefore considered 'appropriate' in accordance Table 3 of the NPPF Planning Practice Guidance (Reference ID: 7-067-20140306).

* Refer to attached NPPF Table

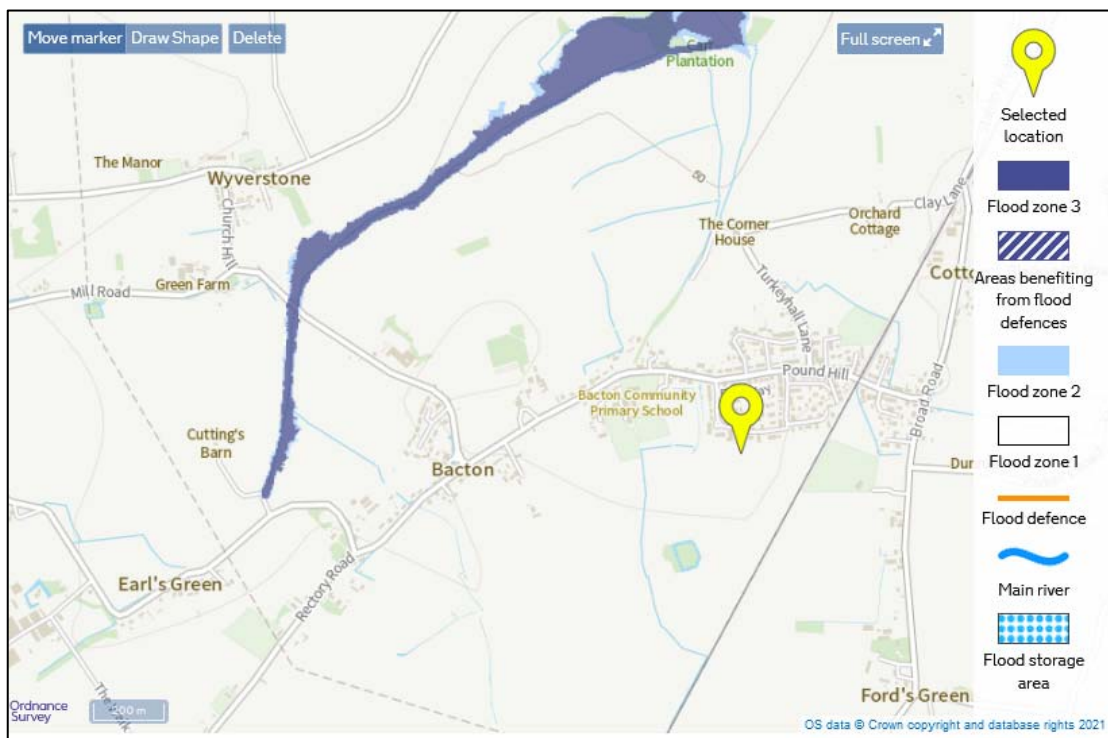


Figure 3.1 - Flood zones for planning

(Source: <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/confirm-location?eastings=605770&northing=267171&placeOrPostcode=IP14%204NT>, 10 August 2021)

4 Surface Water Flooding

4.1 The Government's *risk of flooding from surface water* mapping is shown in Figure 4.1. This does not indicate any high or medium risk of flooding on site. There is an area of low flood risk in the west part of the site.

4.2 The flood extents on Figure 4.1 may be approximate only since the modelling that derived this mapping would not have included the beneficial conveyance function provided by small watercourses. The Risk of Flooding from Surface Water mapping is accompanied by the statement that it:

'should not be taken as definitive mapping of flood risk from these as the conveyance effect of ordinary watercourses or drainage channels is not explicitly modelled. Also, structures (such as bridges, culverts and weirs) and flood risk management infrastructure (such as defences) are not represented.'

4.3 As indicated on Figure 4.2 and the site topographical survey, there is a watercourse along the site's west boundary which is not shown on the OS mapping. It is assumed this continues north of the site and connects to the watercourse system on the OS mapping.

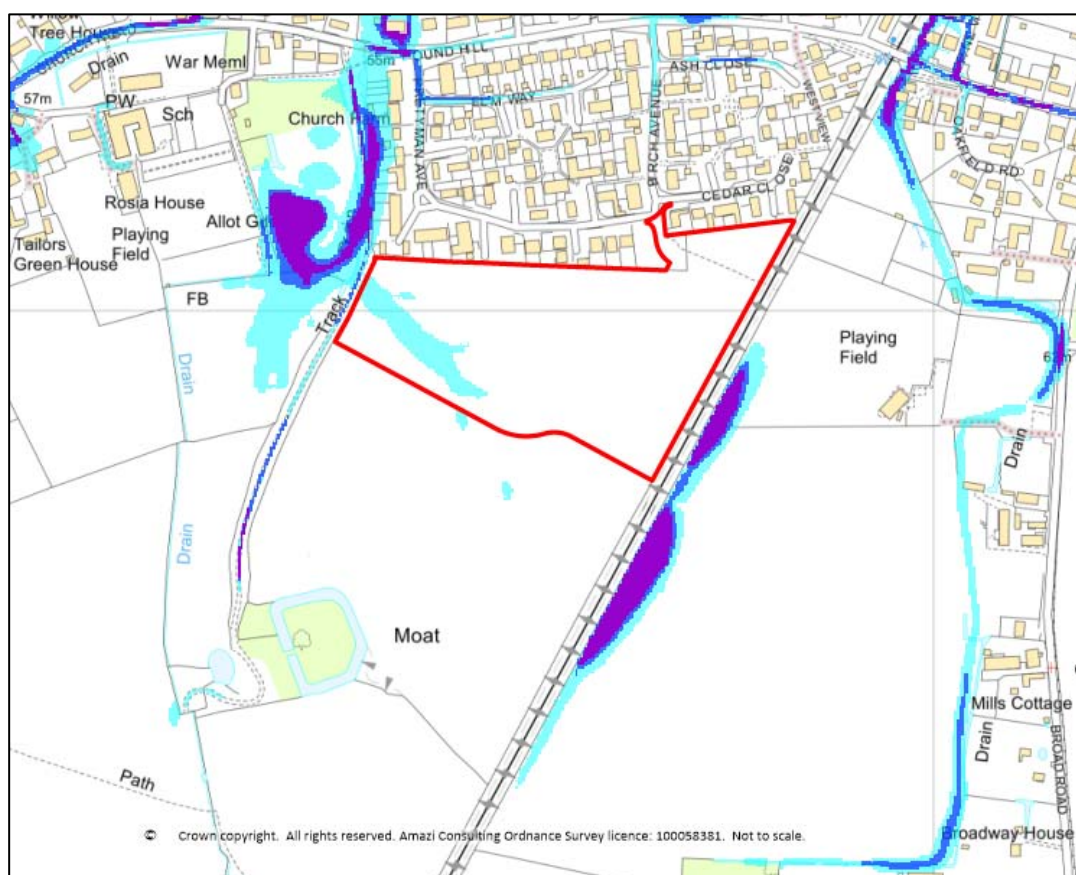


Figure 4.1 – Risk of flooding from surface water

(Source: RoFW_TM06_Extent_1in1000.shp, RoFW_TM06_Extent_1in100.shp, RoFW_TM06_Extent_1in30.shp, downloaded 09 August 2021)

High ⇒ 1:30 year return period, **Medium** ⇒ 1:100 year return period, **Low** ⇒ 1:1,000 year return period

4.4 Figure 4.3 shows the likely extent of the surface water catchments near to the site. The outline of topographical sub-catchments are in orange, and theoretical flow paths* are blue lines. This indicates that the flow path for the land east of the railway is northwards and not towards the site. Figure 2.3 confirms that the railway line is upon a raised embankment. At location A the railway is raised by approximately 2.3 m above the low point at the toe of the east of the embankment, and approximately 3.3 m above the toe of the west slope.

*These are theoretical only and do not include the effects of drainage systems or localised topographical features (kerbs, buildings, drainage systems etc.) The width of the flow path will vary.

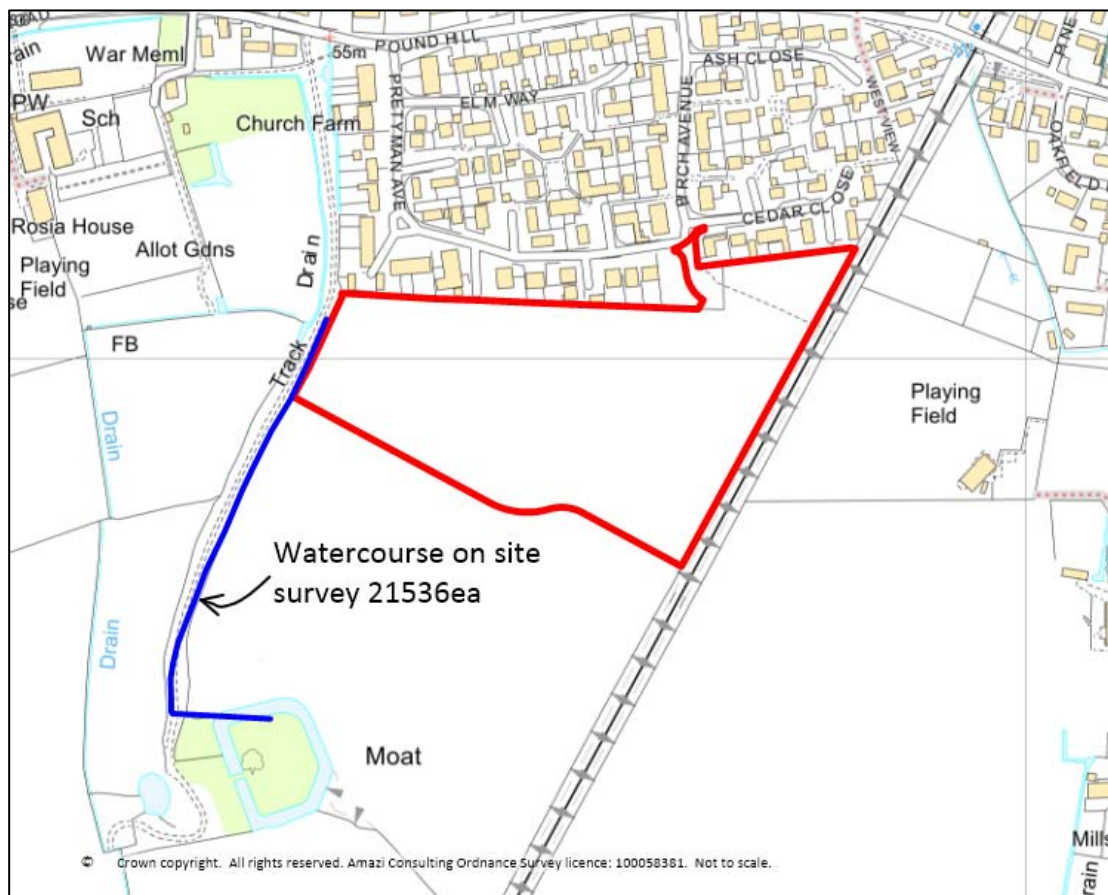


Figure 4.2 - Watercourses

4.5 The topographical survey and OS mapping do not indicate a watercourse/flow route under the railway embankment from east to west. This does not mean that one does not exist though, or there may be a toe drain to the railway embankment. There is a possibility that there is a piped system which conveys flow past, or through the site. There is no open watercourse east to west through the site. Figure 4.5 illustrates the likely contours east of the railway line compared to the flood map outlines. This confirms an overland flow route northwards, with the railway well above the area at risk of flooding. The flood depths in Figure 4.6 are significantly below the height of the railway embankment.

4.6 The mapping in Figure 4.4 has not been attributed to a specific return period, but indicates how the only flood risk at the site is very shallow flooding within the plough lines. We have not included a flow route from east of the railway line, so the catchment comprises just the site itself and some of the field to the south.

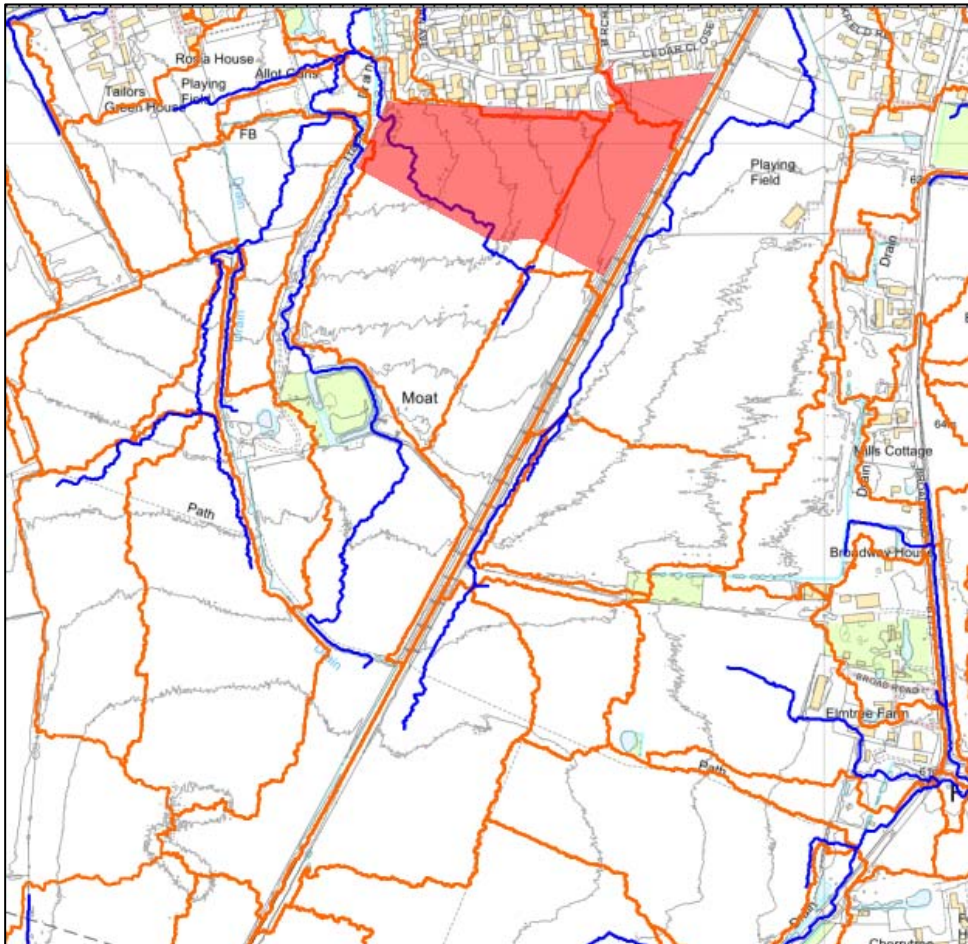


Figure 4.3 - Watersheds

(Source: lidar TM26sw_DTM_1m.tif, downloaded 30 July 2021)

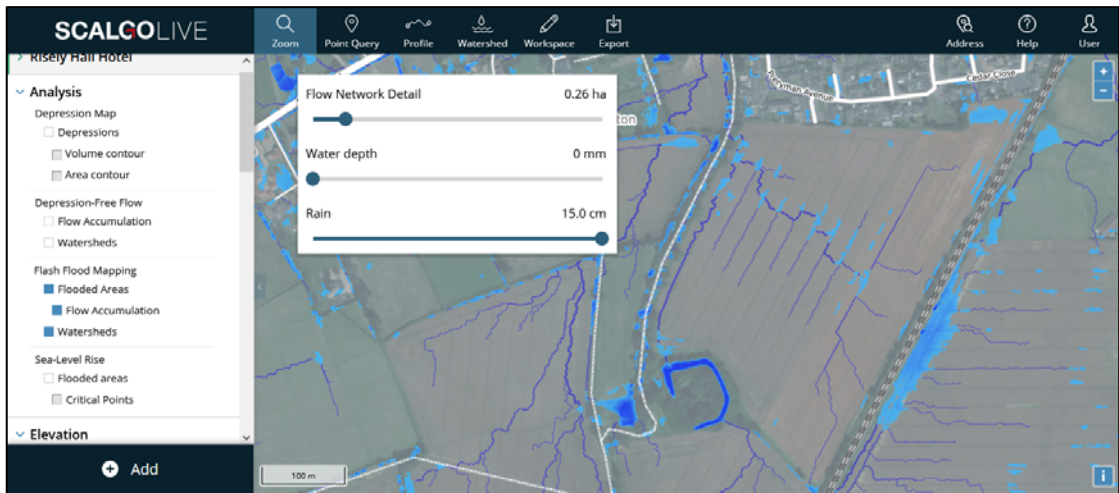


Figure 4.4 - Scalco mapping

(Source: <https://scalgo.com/live>, July 2021)

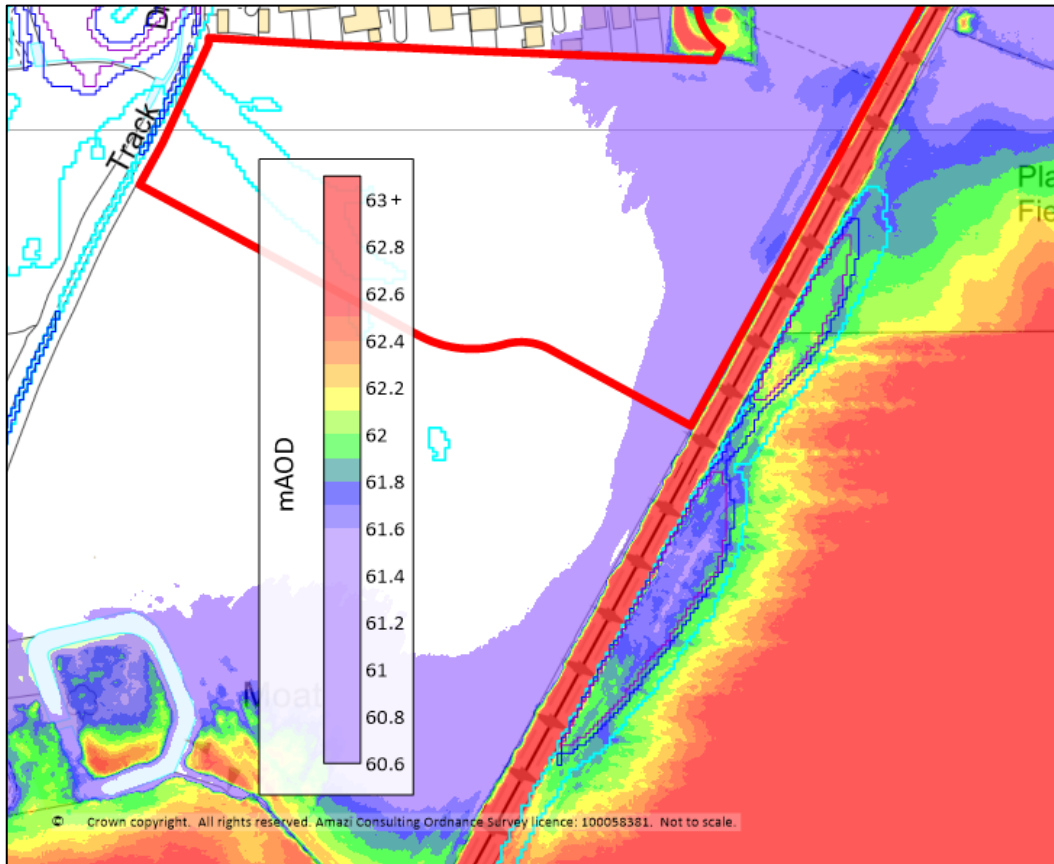


Figure 4.5 - Ground contours east of railway line

(Source: lidar TM06ne_DTM_1m.tif, downloaded 09 August 2021)

- 4.7 Figure 4.6 shows that even in the extreme, 1:1,000 year event, the maximum flood depth on site may only reach up to 0.15 m. The site is a large contributor to this flow and once developed will benefit from a surface water drainage system and specifically designed exceedance routes. The site layout does not include units in the lowest area at the west of the site. Also, the proposed properties will have footings/floor levels raised at least 150 mm above surrounding land and ground levels should not slope towards properties, especially where there are level thresholds.
- 4.8 We have no knowledge of any past flooding at the site.
- 4.9 Other advice and information on preparing for flooding is available from the following websites:
 National Flood Forum booklet:
<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-flooding/preparing/checklist-action-plan/>
 Suffolk County Council: <https://www.suffolkresilience.com/>
 and <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/>
 (Surface water flooding)
- 4.10 There is a risk of flooding on the footpath north west of the site. It is not safe to walk, cycle or drive through flood water. It may be fast flowing, contain debris, be contaminated or hide unseen dangers.

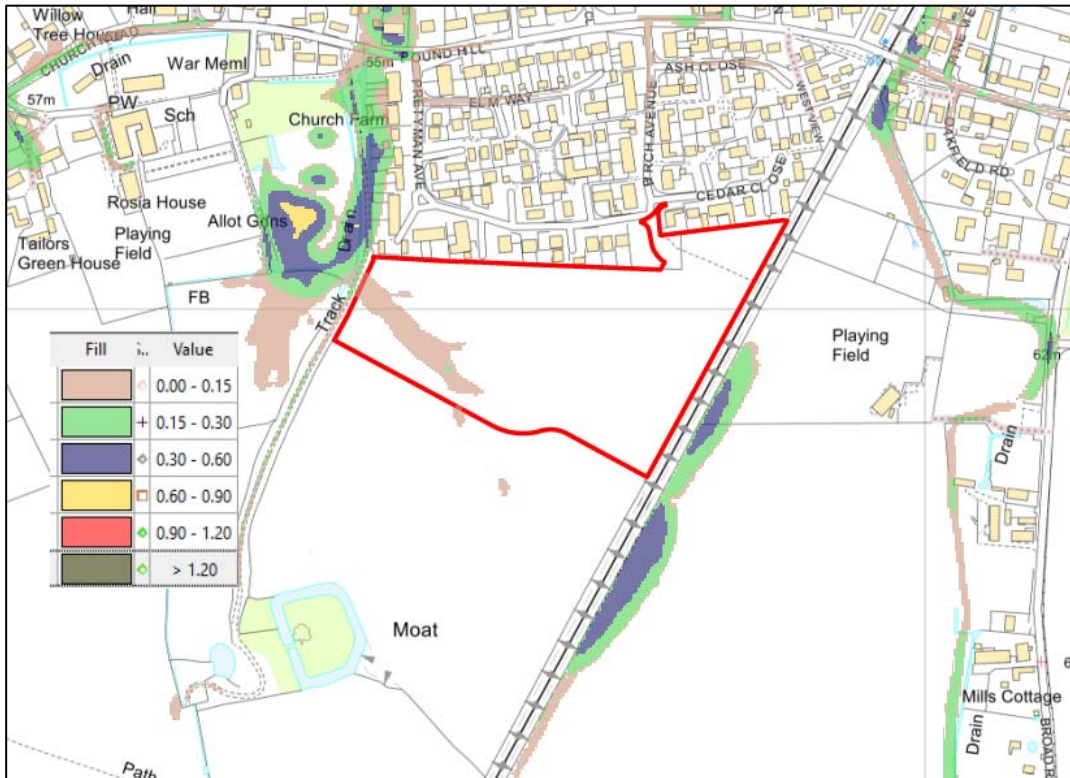


Figure 4.6 – Risk of flooding from surface water – 1:1,000 - max depth

(Source: RoFW_TM06_Depth_1in1,000.shp, downloaded 09 August 2021)

4.11 This report has been undertaken as a desk study and relies upon nationally produced Government flood data. This flood data is currently the best available for assessing flood risks at the site. There is always the risk, however small, that flooding could be different to that assessed.

5 Groundwater

- 5.1 Figure 5.1 identifies the risk of groundwater flooding across the development. The site and its surroundings are all at **NEGLIGIBLE RISK**: *There is a negligible risk of groundwater flooding in this area and any groundwater flooding incidence has a chance of less than 1% annual probability of occurrence.*

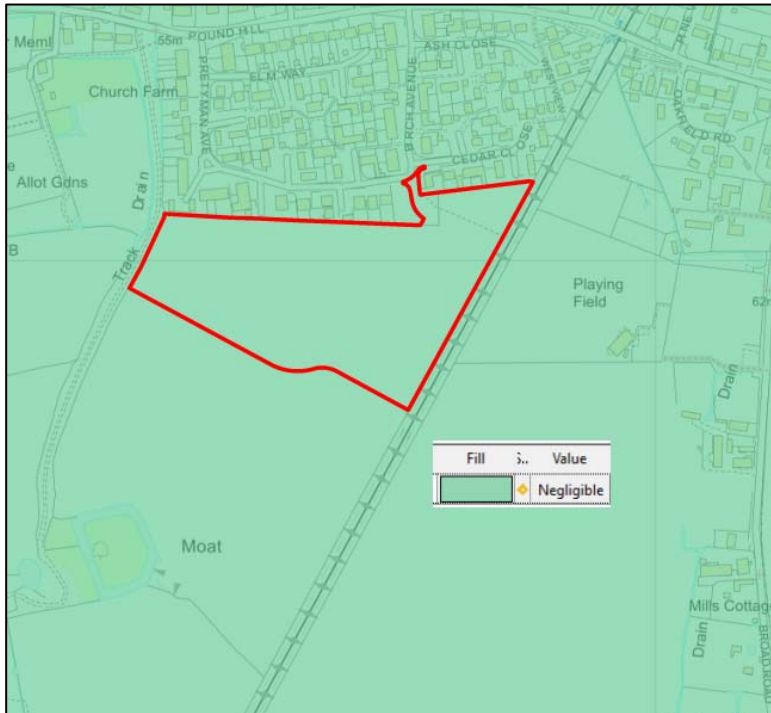


Figure 5.1 - Groundwater flood risk

(Source: Geosmart GW5 (v2.1), 11 June 2020)

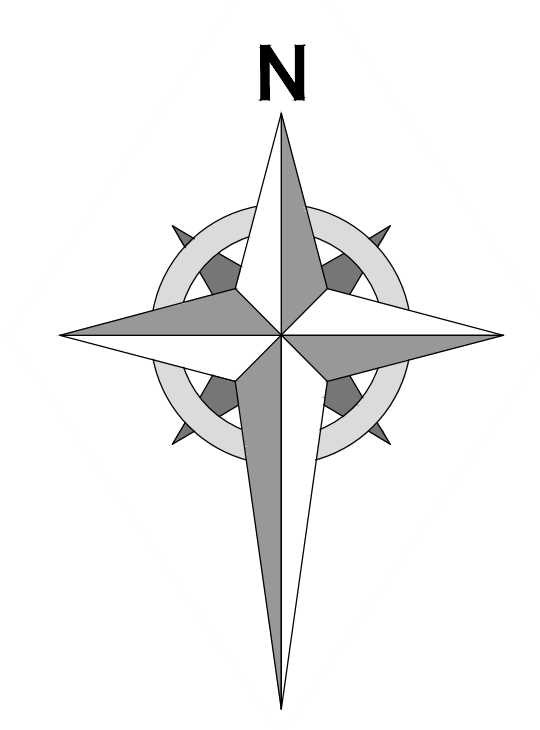
6 Summary

- 6.1 The proposed development comprises 85 residential units, a new community centre and associated infrastructure on the existing 4.78 ha greenfield site.
- 6.2 The development site is fully within flood zone 1, the area at low risk of river flooding.
- 6.3 The site is not at high or medium risk of surface water flooding. There is a low risk of surface water flooding on parts of the west of the site, but it seems this may include possibly flows from east of the railway line for which there appears to be no open conveyance system (meaning there is no apparent mechanism for water east of the railway to transfer onto the site).
- 6.4 The site is at negligible risk of groundwater flooding.

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Attachments

- BW233EC_PL-03_A Detailed Development Layout
- Topographical survey 21506, March 2018
- NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) PPG (Planning Practice Guidance) flood risk and coastal change, Table 1



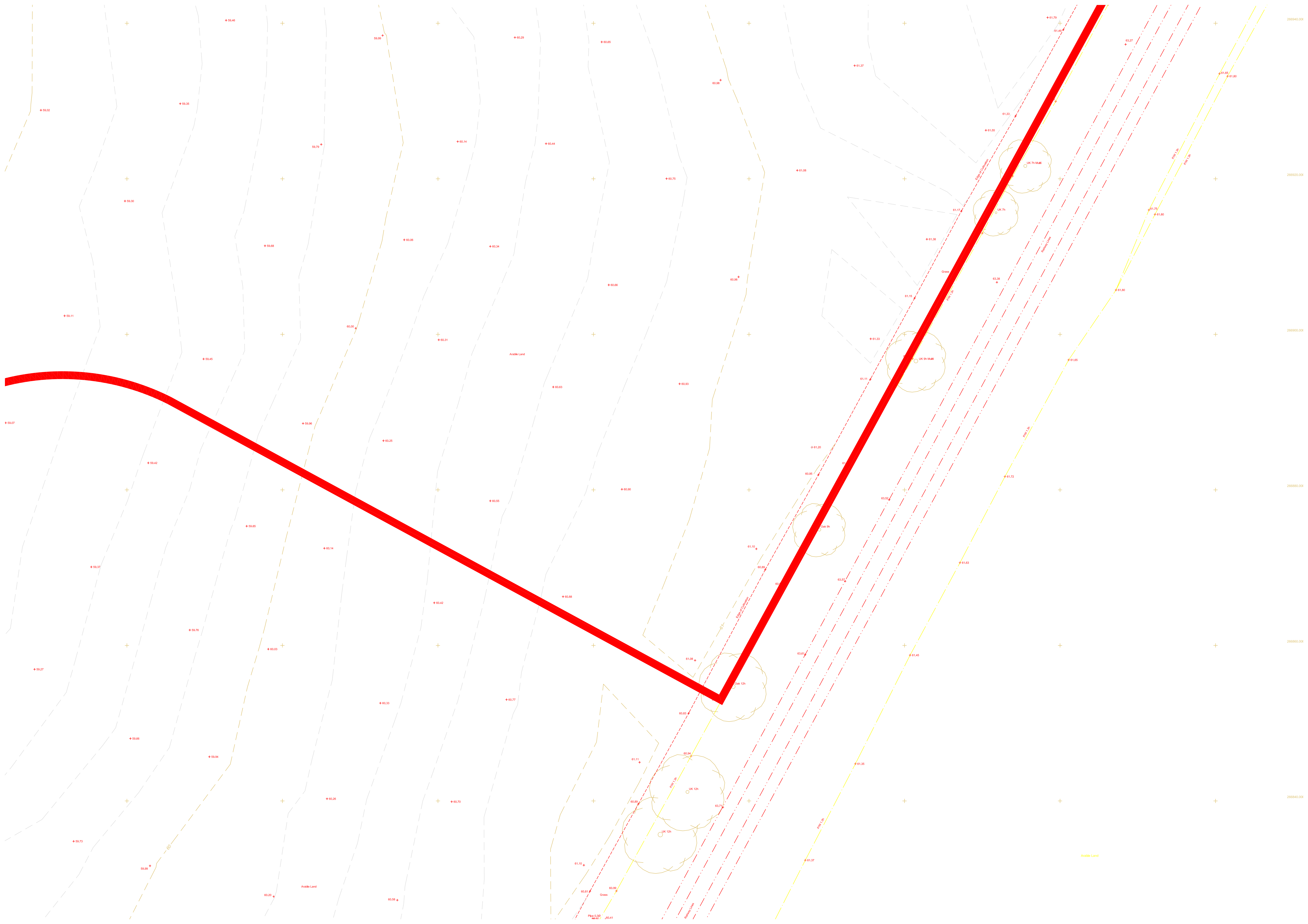
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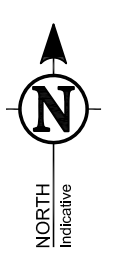
- 26 Private Plot Number
- 26 Affordable Plot Number
- Affordable Housing
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- Vp Visitor Parking
- 6 Allocated parking space
- 3.5m Acoustic Fencing
- 1.8m high brick wall
- 1.8m high close board fence
- 1.8m high larch lap fence
- 1.0m high Estate railings
- 1.2m high Timber post & rail fence
- 1.8m high close board gate
- Public Footpath
- CPM890 - CLAIMS



0 25 50 metre







TOPOGRAPHICAL & MEASURED BUILDING SURVEYS

ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS

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DRAWING NOTE

Topographical Surveys

These are drawn to scale showing the average canopy spread. Descriptions and heights should be used as a guide only.

All building names, descriptions, number of stories, construction type including roof the details are indicative only and taken externally from ground level.

All below ground details including drainage, walls and services have been identified from above ground and therefore all details relating to these features including sizes, depth, description etc. will be approximate only. All critical dimensions and connections should be checked and verified prior to starting work.

Detail, services and features may not have been surveyed if obstructed or not reasonably visible at the time of the survey.

Measured Building Surveys

Measurements to internal walls are taken to the wall finishes at approx. 1m above the floor level and the wall assumed to be vertical.

All heights are measured as floor to the ceiling and head heights are measured from 0.8 to the top of the ceiling.

General

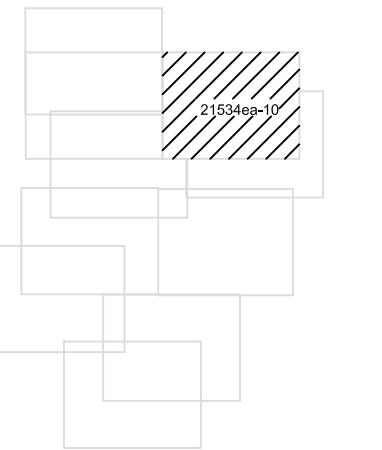
The contractor must check and verify all site and building dimensions, levels, utilities and drainage details and connections prior to commencing work. Any errors or discrepancies must be notified to Survey Solutions immediately.

The accuracy of the digital data is the same as the plotting scale implies. All dimensions are in metres unless otherwise stated.

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CONTROL CO-ORDINATES

STATION	Easting	Northing	Level	DESCRIPTION
GC21	605698.029	206977.467	58.501	Peg & Nail
ST01	605701.251	207123.007	60.476	PK Nail
ST02	605752.893	207066.981	61.246	PK Nail
ST03	605753.264	207047.887	63.209	Peg & Nail
ST04	605697.596	206966.364	58.507	Peg & Nail
ST05	605645.127	206951.415	58.412	Peg & Nail
ST06	605670.784	207116.359	58.360	PK Nail
ST07	605538.737	207211.343	55.614	PK Nail
ST08	605602.708	207225.589	55.103	PK Nail

SURVEY GRID AND LEVEL DATUM

The coordinate system established for this survey is related to Ordnance Survey (OS) national grid at a single point using Smartnet, then orientated to grid north with a scale factor of 1.000.

The level datum established for this survey is related to Ordnance Survey (OS) using GPS Smartnet.

To avoid discrepancies any coordinated data used in conjunction with this survey must be derived directly from this control data.

A	Additional Survey Information	DNF	JA	04/2018
REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APP'D	DATE

SURVEY SOLUTIONS

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LAND SURVEYING BUILDING SURVEYING UNDERGROUND SURVEYING

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DATE	23/03/2018	ISSUE DATE	23/03/2018
DRAWING NUMBER	21536ea-10	REVISION	A

Table 1: Flood Zones

These Flood Zones refer to the probability of river and sea flooding, ignoring the presence of defences. They are shown on the Environment Agency's [Flood Map for Planning \(Rivers and Sea\)](#), available on the Environment Agency's web site, as indicated in the table below.

Flood Zone	Definition
Zone 1 Low Probability	Land having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding. (Shown as 'clear' on the Flood Map – all land outside Zones 2 and 3)
Zone 2 Medium Probability	Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding; or land having between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of sea flooding. (Land shown in light blue on the Flood Map)
Zone 3a High Probability	Land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding; or Land having a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of sea flooding.(Land shown in dark blue on the Flood Map)
Zone 3b The Functional Floodplain	This zone comprises land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood. Local planning authorities should identify in their Strategic Flood Risk Assessments areas of functional floodplain and its boundaries accordingly, in agreement with the Environment Agency. (Not separately distinguished from Zone 3a on the Flood Map)

Note: The Flood Zones shown on the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea) do not take account of the possible impacts of climate change and consequent changes in the future probability of flooding. Reference should therefore also be made to the [Strategic Flood Risk Assessment](#) when considering location and potential future flood risks to developments and land uses.

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