

## What's new

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Thank you for ordering your environmental report from Groundsure. Before you read your search results as normal we wanted to explain some recent improvements that have been made to your report. We want to let you know what **ClimateIndex™** is and what it is designed to do, so we've provided some explanation below as to why we have added climate data and the **ClimateIndex™** assessment into our reports.

## What have we updated in ClimateIndex™

£525 billion worth of property could be written off due to climate change in the long term\*.

The Bank of England/Prudential Regulation Authority has set out their detailed plan to address climate risks in a financial context and climate change is now a mainstream risk that all UK banks are implementing into their credit risk management policies and procedures.

In November 2022, Groundsure released a <u>microsite</u> to provide further help and information in addition to the detailed guidance you will find on **page 6**. The <u>new site</u> features Stephen Tromans' KC opinion on a firm's duty of care regarding climate change, as well as <u>commercial clauses</u> that can be inserted directly into your documentation to fulfil that duty of care.

The Law Society's Planning and Environment Committee is now in the final stages of reviewing the development of a climate risk practice note alongside existing environmental notes. The inclusion of **ClimateIndex™** in this report enables solicitors to become compliance-ready for these future changes now.

\* XD Analysis Report 2021

#### About ClimateIndex™

In this report we've added our new **ClimateIndex™** to the cover page (page 2), which includes two calculations:

- **1.** A rating of the future climate risk of the property, for 1 year, 5 years and 30 years.
- **2.** An explanation of the variance between these ratings, to show the change between time periods.

On the cover page, past and current perils are flagged on the left-hand side, and the forward view of **ClimateIndex™** can be found on the right.

On page 6 find a more detailed review of these calculations, including a breakdown of the different physical and transition risks and their relative impact on the property, and detailed guidance and next steps tailored to the property's rating. The physical and transition risks used in the calculation are flooding (undefended), natural ground instability and coastal erosion.

## Help and feedback

If you need to speak to one of our climate experts please contact **climate@groundsure.com**. We have a survey that you can fill out about the **ClimateIndex™** feature here.

We are currently recruiting for our Groundsure Customer Advisory Board. Members of the board get a unique opportunity to input into Groundsure's product direction, as well as exclusive insight into our product roadmap and work in progress.

If you'd like to take part, please let us know at **feedback@groundsure.com**.



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### **Professional opinion**

Addresses the Law Society practice notes on Contaminated Land and Flood risk.





**Contaminated Land Liability** 

**Passed** 



Flooding

High

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### **Next steps indicator**

Based on time, costs and complexity of proposed next steps relating to all sections of the report.



### **Further guidance**



### **Ground Stability**

Not identified



Radon

**Passed** 



## Energy

**Identified** 

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## **Transportation**

Not identified



#### **Planning Constraints**

Not identified



### **Planning Applications**

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Our ClimateIndex™ provides a climate score for your property, and projects changes in physical and transition risks from flooding (undefended), natural ground instability and coastal erosion. Please refer to page 6 for more detailed analysis and guidance.

1 year

5 years

30 years



No change



No change



No change



Minor to moderate risk



E Significant risk

Moderate risk



Severe or existential risk predicted



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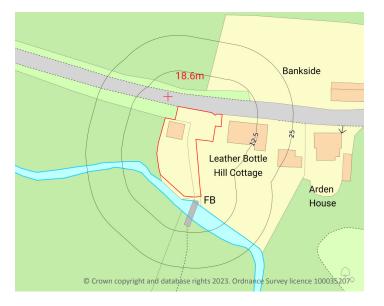
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### Site Plan



#### **Useful contacts**

Mid Suffolk District Council: http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/ customerservice@csduk.com 03001 234 000

**Environment Agency National Customer** Contact Centre (NCCC): enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk 03708 506 506

## **Action Alert**



## Overview of findings and recommendations

To save you time when assessing the report, we only provide maps and data tables of features within the search radius that we have identified to be of note. These relate to environmental risks that may have liability implications, affect insurance premiums, property values and/or a lender's willingness to lend.

You can view the fully comprehensive library of information we have searched on page 31.



#### **Flooding**

An elevated level of flood risk has been identified at the property.



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#### **Next steps for consideration:**

- check to see if the property is eligible for the Flood Re scheme, which enables many properties at risk of flooding to be insured at reasonable rates: <a href="http://www.floodre.co.uk/homeowner/about-us/">http://www.floodre.co.uk/homeowner/about-us/</a>
- investigate the insurance on offer for the property to ensure any implications on premiums are fully understood before completion
- a risk of groundwater flooding has been identified at the site. This will be more of an issue for
  properties with a basement or other section below ground. Further advice on groundwater flooding
  has been produced by the Environment Agency and the Local Government Association and can be
  found at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/2 97421/flho0911bugi-e-e.pdf

- the assessment in this report is based on the highest flood risk found within the site boundary. The
  detailed maps within the flood section clearly highlight which parts of the site are affected by flooding,
  allowing you to visualise whether flood risk affects the buildings or the associated land. If you would
  prefer an assessment that provides separate flood ratings for the main dwelling and the associated
  land, Groundsure can provide this for a fee of £35 plus VAT
- if the property has recently been constructed, the flood risk assessment contained within this report will not take into account any measures put in place by the developer to deal with flooding. You should seek further information from the developer on flood risk mitigation for the site
- investigate the various forms of flood resistance and resilience measures that will help protect your property in the event of a flood

#### Other considerations

These are next steps associated with non-environmental search returns on matters of energy and transport infrastructure, mobile masts, and planning constraints.



### Energy

#### Wind

Existing or proposed wind installations have been identified within 10km.

#### **Next steps for consideration:**

- use the details given in the report to find out more about the potential impacts on the property
- contact the operating company and the relevant Local Authority for further information
- visit the area in order to more accurately assess the impact this wind development would have on the property



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#### Solar

Existing or proposed solar installations have been identified within 5km of the property.

#### **Next steps for consideration:**

- use the details given in the report to find out more about the potential impacts on the property by contacting the operating company and/or Local Authority
- visit the area in order to more accurately assess the impact this solar farm would have on the property

#### **Projects**

One or more nationally significant energy infrastructure projects has been identified within 5km of the property.

#### **Next steps for consideration:**

 visit the National Infrastructure Planning website at https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/, where further details on nationally significant infrastructure projects, including environmental impact assessments, can be found



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### ClimateIndex™ physical and transition risks - Breakdown



Our ClimateIndex™ provides a climate score for your property, and projects changes in physical and transition risks from flooding (undefended), natural ground instability and coastal erosion. Climate change could have a significant medium to longer term impact on your property, which may be increasingly considered by your lender if you are arranging a mortgage. ClimateIndex™ provides ratings that indicate potential **physical risks** (loss and damage to property) and how these give rise to **transition risks** such as having a material impact on the ability to insure or mortgage the property in the medium to long term. In turn, this could affect the future resale value of the property.

You can see how these relate to the individual calculated risks in the breakdown below. The letter ratings should be used in conjunction with the change variance over the three time periods. Where an increase has been recorded we recommend following the additional advice below.

**Properties rated as C or D or a minor increase** - compared to today you should be aware there is an increase in risk due to climate change. We recommend taking this into account and discussing with your insurer if the property is likely to be insurable in the next 5 to 30 years. You may wish to raise this at the time of valuation. See **page 26** for further details.

Overall rating	1 year	5 years	30 years
Surface water flooding	No change	No change	No change
River flooding - undefended	No change	No change	No change
Coastal flooding - undefended	No change	No change	No change
Ground instability	No change	No change	No change
Coastal erosion - defended	No change	No change	No change
Coastal erosion - undefended	No change	No change	No change
Coastal erosion - complex cliffs	No change	No change	No change
A No risk predicted B Minor risk C Minor to moderate risk	D Moderate risk  E Significant risk  F Severe or exister	ntial risk predicted	



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### **Environmental summary**



Environmental searches are designed to ensure that significant hazards and risks associated with this property are identified and considered alongside the investment in or purchase of a property. Please see the Action Alert on **page 3** for further advice.



#### **Contaminated Land**

No significant concerns have been identified as a result of the contaminated land searches.

Contaminated Land Liability	Passed
Past Land Use	Passed
Waste and Landfill	Passed
<b>Current and Recent Industrial</b>	Passed
Current and Recent Industrial	Passed



### **Flooding**

The property and area within the site outline is at risk from one or more kinds of flooding. Property's overall risk assessment for past flooding and river, coastal, surface water and groundwater flooding is high. Please see **page 8** for details of the identified issues.

River and Coastal Flooding	High
Groundwater Flooding	Moderate
Surface Water Flooding	Significant
Past Flooding	Not identified
Flood Storage Areas	Not identified

FloodScore™ insurance rating

High

The rating is compiled by Ambiental, a leading flood risk analysis company. Please see **page 31** 



## **Ground stability**

No significant concerns have been identified as a result of the ground stability searches. No action required.

Natural Ground Stability Low
Non-Natural Ground Stability Not identified



#### Radon

Local levels of radon are considered normal. However, if an underground room makes up part of the accommodation, the property should be tested regardless of radon Affected Area status.

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Not in a radon affected area

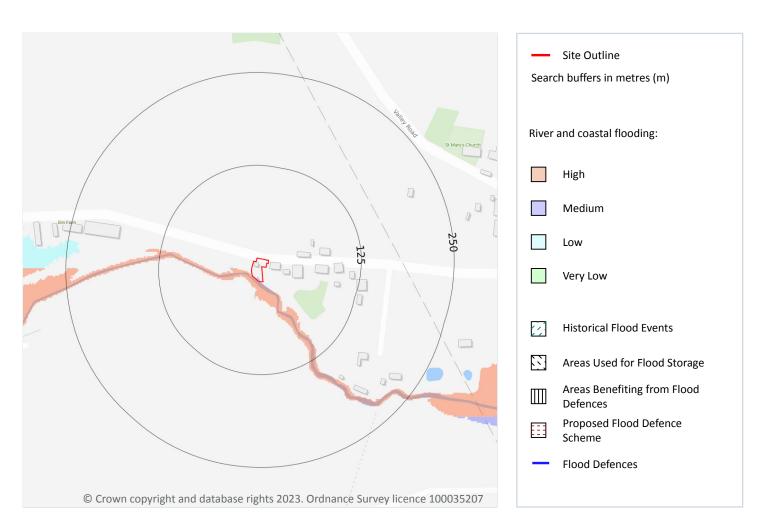


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### Flooding / Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea





#### Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea

The property has a High chance of flooding in any given year, according to Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea (RoFRaS)/Flood Risk Assessment Wales (FRAW) data. This could cause problems with insuring the property against flood risk. However, if built before 2009, it may be eligible for insurance assistance from the Flood Re scheme: <a href="http://www.floodre.co.uk/">http://www.floodre.co.uk/</a>

RoFRaS/FRAW assesses flood risk from rivers and the sea in England and Wales, using local data and expertise. It shows the chance of flooding from rivers or the sea, taking account of flood defences and the condition those defences are in. The model uses local water level and flood defence data to model flood risk. See page page 31 for explanation of the levels of flood risk.

Please see the Action Alert on page 3 for further advice.

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



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### Flooding / Surface water flood risk





#### Surface water flood risk

The property is likely to be prone to flooding following extreme rainfall, which may have an impact on insuring the property against flood risk. However, if built before 2009, it may be eligible for insurance assistance from the Flood Re scheme: <a href="http://www.floodre.co.uk/">http://www.floodre.co.uk/</a>

The area in which the property is located has been assessed to be at a Significant risk of surface water flooding. This area is considered to have a 1 in 30 probability of surface water flooding due to rainfall in a given year to a depth of between 0.3m and 1.0m. However, as is the case with probability statistics and predictions, this information should be used as a guideline only. The area may flood several years in a row, or not at all for many years. Modern urban drainage systems are typically built to cope with rainfall events between 1 in 20 and 1 in 30 years, though some older ones may flood in a 1 in 5 year rainfall event.

These risk calculations are based on Ambiental Risk Analytics maps.



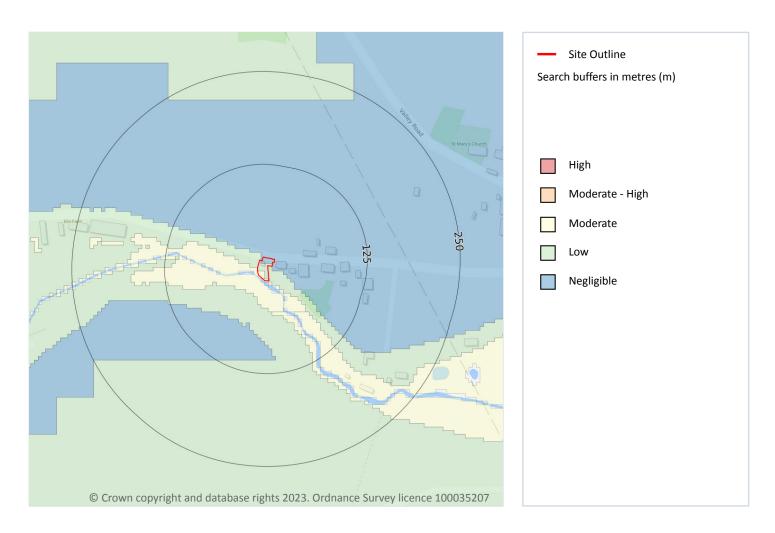
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### Flooding / Groundwater flooding





Ambiental data indicates that the property is in an area with a moderate risk of groundwater flooding. Should a 1 in 100-year groundwater flood event occur, groundwater levels may affect basement areas. Properties without basements are not considered to be at risk from this level of groundwater flooding.

Some of the responses contained in this report are based on data and information provided by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) or its component body British Geological Survey (BGS). Your use of any information contained in this report which is derived from or based upon such data and information is at your own risk. Neither NERC nor BGS gives any warranty, condition or representation as to the quality, accuracy or completeness of such information and all liability (including for negligence) arising from its use is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law. Your use of the data/report/assessment constitutes your agreement to bring no claim against NERC or BGS in connection with it.



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### **Energy summary**





#### Oil and gas

No historical, active or planned wells or extraction areas have been identified near the property.

Oil and gas areas
Oil and gas wells

Not identified Not identified



### Wind and Solar

Our search of existing and planned renewable wind and solar infrastructure has identified results.

Please see the Action Alert on **page 3** for further advice. Additionally, see **page 12** for details of the identified issues.

Planned Multiple Wind Identified

Turbines
Planned Single Wind Turbines
Existing Wind Turbines
Proposed Solar Farms

Identified
Not identified
Identified

**Identified** 



### **Energy**

Our search of major energy transmission or generation infrastructure and nationally significant infrastructure projects has identified results.

Please see the Action Alert on **page 3** for further advice. Additionally, see **page 19** for details of the identified issues.

Power stations Energy Infrastructure Projects

**Existing Solar Farms** 

Not identified Identified Identified



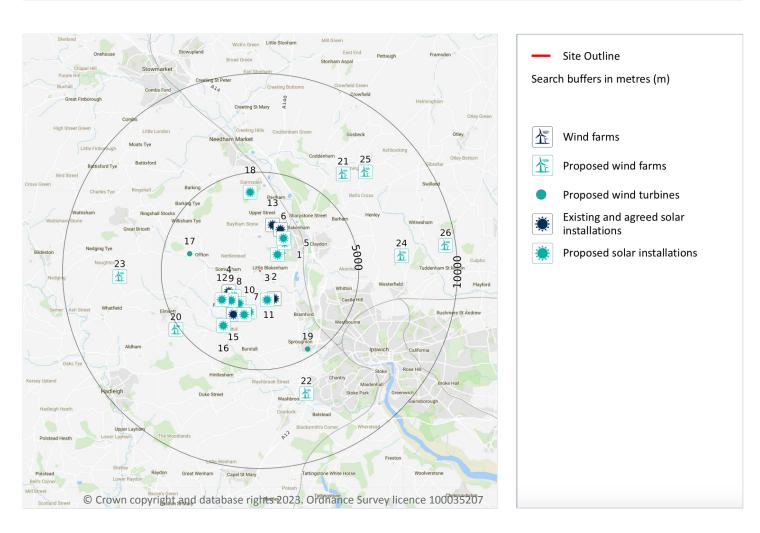
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## Energy / Wind and solar





#### **Proposed wind farms**

A wind farm or group of turbines or individual wind turbine has been proposed within 10,000m of the property. See below for details of the operating company, number of turbines, project and turbine capacity.

Please note some planning applications identified as having been refused, may have subsequently been granted on appeal without appearing as such within this report. Additionally, please be aware that as the identified records are taken from a planning record archive, the proposals identified may have already been undertaken.



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ID	Distance	Direction	Details	
20	5-6 km	SW	Site Name: Gate Farm, Elmsett, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6NU Planning Application Reference: B/12/01132 Type of Project: 3 Wind Turbines	Application Date: 2012-09-14 Planning Stage: Early Planning Detail Plans Refused Project Details: Scheme comprises installation of 3 micro scale wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades). Approximate Grid Reference: 605941, 245732
21	6-7 km	NE	Site Name: Church Farm Church Lane, Hemingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9RG Planning Application Reference: 1013/11 Type of Project: 2 Wind Generators	Application Date: 2011-03-22 Planning Stage: Early Planning Detailed Plans Submitted Project Details: Scheme comprises installation of 2 wind generators 14.97m to hub and 5.5m rotor diameter. Approximate Grid Reference: 614424, 253618
22	6-7 km	S	Site Name: Tesco Stores Ltd Copdock Interchange, Pinewood, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 3TS Planning Application Reference: B/08/01626 Type of Project: 2 Wind Turbines	Application Date: 2008-10-24 Planning Stage: Early Planning Detailed Plans Submitted Project Details: Scheme comprises construction of two 10.6m high micro wind turbines for a temporary period of 15 years. Approximate Grid Reference: 612562, 242483
23	7-8 km	W	Site Name: Ash Keys and Pigeon Hall Farm New Road, Naughton, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7BX Planning Application Reference: B/12/01181 Type of Project: 2 Wind Turbines	Application Date: 2012-09-27 Planning Stage: Early Planning Detail Plans Withdrawn Project Details: Scheme comprises construction of two 12.97m high micro scale wind turbines. Approximate Grid Reference: 603096, 248420
24	7-8 km	Е	Site Name: Ash Barn Cockfield Hall Lane, Witnesham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9JB Planning Application Reference: C/12/2496 Type of Project: 3 Wind Turbines	Application Date: 2012-12-06 Planning Stage: Plans Approved Detail Plans Granted Project Details: Scheme comprises installation of 3 micro scale wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades). Approximate Grid Reference: 617386, 249470
25	7-8 km	NE	Site Name: Primrose Hill Farm Main Road, Hemingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9RL Planning Application Reference: 0671/12 Type of Project: 2 Wind Turbines	Application Date: 2012-02-23 Planning Stage: Early Planning Detailed Plans Submitted Project Details: Scheme comprises installation of a two 4.9 kw wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades). Approximate Grid Reference: 615553, 253724



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ID	Distance	Direction	Details	
26	9-10 km	E	Site Name: Great Pinners Farm Clopton Road, Tuddenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9EG Planning Application Reference: C/12/0422 Type of Project: 3 Wind Turbines	Application Date: 2012-03-01 Planning Stage: Plans Approved Detail Plans Granted Project Details: Scheme comprises installation of a three wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades) Approximate Grid Reference: 619620, 249997

This information is derived from planning data supplied by Glenigan, in some cases with further accuracy applied by Groundsure's experts. This search includes planning applications for wind farms with multiple turbines within 10,000m of the property. This data is updated on a quarterly basis. If the existence of a planning application, passed or refused may have a material impact with regard to the decision to purchase the property, Groundsure recommends independent, thorough enquiries are made with the Local Authority. If any applications have been identified within this report, Groundsure have included the planning reference to enable further enquiries to be made.

#### **Proposed wind turbines**

Planning applications for individual wind turbines have been proposed within 5,000m of the property. See below for details of the operating company, number of turbines, project and turbine capacity.

Please note some planning applications identified as having been refused may have subsequently been granted on appeal without appearing as such within this report. Additionally, please be aware that as the identified records are taken from a planning record archive, the proposals identified may have already been undertaken.

ID	Distance	Direction	Details	
17	3-4 km	W	Site Name: Glebe House, Castle Road, Offton, Ipswich, IP8 4RP Planning Application Reference: DC/22/05785 Type of Project: Micro Wind Turbine	Application Date: 2022-11-24 Planning Stage: Detail Plans Withdrawn Project Details: Scheme comprises householder application - installation of photovoltaic panels, micro wind turbine and internal staircase demolition and lift installation. Approximate Grid Reference: 606639, 249568
19	4-5 km	SE	Site Name: Church Lane, Sproughton, Babergh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 3BB Planning Application Reference: B/06/00761 Type of Project: Wind Turbine	Application Date: 2006-05-02 Planning Stage: Early Planning Detail Plans Withdrawn Project Details: Scheme comprises application under regulation 3 of the town and country planning general regulations 1992 - construction of an iskra manufactured 12m 5kw wind turbine. Approximate Grid Reference: 612621, 244746



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This information is derived from planning data supplied by Glenigan, in some cases with further accuracy applied by Groundsure's experts. This search includes planning applications for single wind turbines only, within 5,000m of the property. This data is updated on a quarterly basis.

If the existence of a planning application, passed or refused, may have a material impact with regard to the decision to purchase the property, Groundsure recommends independent, thorough enquiries are made with the Local Authority. If any applications have been identified within this report, Groundsure have included the planning reference to enable further enquiries to be made.

#### **Existing and agreed solar installations**

There is an operational or planned solar photovoltaic farm or smaller installation located near the property. Please note this will not include small domestic solar installations. See below for details on installed capacity, operating company and the status of the project on a given date.

ID	Distance	Direction	Address	Details	
2	1-2 km	SE	Tye Lane - Solar Farm, N/O Tye Lane, Bramford, Ipswich, IP8	Contractor: EDF Energy Renewables LPA Name: Mid Suffolk District Council Capacity (MW): 49.9	Application Date: 02/09/2021 Pre Consent Status: Planning Application Submitted Post Consent Status: Application Submitted Date Commenced: -
4	1-2 km	SW	Bramford Solar Farm, Land South Of Church Farm, Land East Of The Channel, Somersham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4	Contractor: Bramford Green LPA Name: Mid Suffolk District Council Capacity (MW): 49.9	Application Date: 05/01/2021 Pre Consent Status: Planning Application Submitted Post Consent Status: Application Submitted Date Commenced: -
13	2-3 km	N	Land at Hill Farm, Baylham, Suffolk	Contractor: Hive Energy LPA Name: Mid Suffolk District Council Capacity (MW): 10	Application Date: 19/02/2013 Pre Consent Status: Planning Application Withdrawn Post Consent Status: Application Withdrawn Date Commenced: -
14	2-3 km	N	Hill Farm (Baylham), Land at Hill Farm, Upper Street, Baylham (in the Parish of Great Blakenham)	Contractor: Hive Energy LPA Name: Mid Suffolk District Council Capacity (MW): 10	Application Date: 20/01/2014 Pre Consent Status: Planning Application Withdrawn Post Consent Status: Application Withdrawn Date Commenced: -
15	2-3 km	SW	Bramford - Solar array/Battery storage, S/O Tye Lane Bramford Part In The Parishes Of Flowton And Burstall, IP8 4LB	Contractor: Statkraft AS LPA Name: Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils Capacity (MW): 33	Application Date: 21/03/2022 Pre Consent Status: Planning Application Submitted Post Consent Status: Application Submitted Date Commenced: -





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The solar installation data is supplied by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and is updated on a monthly basis.

#### **Proposed solar installations**

There is a planning permission application relating to a solar farm or smaller installation near to the property.

Please note this will not include small domestic solar installations and that one site may have multiple applications for different aspects of their design and operation. Also note that the presence of an application for planning permission is not an indication of permission having been granted. Please be aware that as the identified records are taken from a planning record archive, the proposals identified may have already been undertaken. See below for details of the proposals.

ID	Distance	Direction	Address	Details	
1	1-2 km	NE	Cottage Farm House, Somersham Road, Little Blakenham, IP8 4LZ	Applicant name: Mr John Latham Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 20/12/2021 Application Number: DC/21/06827	Planning Application. Installation of 100kWp Solar PV Ground Array.
3	1-2 km	SE	Land North Of Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk, IP8 4LB	Applicant name: Darren Cuming Application Status: Full Planning Application Application Date: 02/09/2021 Application Number: DC/21/04711	Planning Application - Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic ('PV') development with a capacity of up to 49.9MW with associated grid connection cable route, infrastructure and planting (accompanied by an EIA Statement).
5	1-2 km	NE	Masons Landfill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, IP6 OJX	Applicant name: Valencia Waster Management Ltd Application Status: Application Validated Application Date: 11/07/2022 Application Number: SCC/0073/22/MS/SCOPE	EIA Scoping request for a proposed solar farm on a restored landfill.
6	1-2 km	NE	Masons Landfill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, IP6 OJX	Applicant name: Valenica Waste Management Ltd Application Status: Application Validated Application Date: 02/09/2022 Application Number: SCC/0083/22MS	Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm including ancillary equipment.



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ID	Distance	Direction	Address	Details	
7	1-2 km	SW	Land North, South And East Of Flowton, Ipswich, IP8 4PN	Applicant name: Bramley Solar Ltd Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 10/08/2020 Application Number: DC/20/03320	Screening Opinion - Proposed solar farm and battery storage facility
8	1-2 km	SW	Land North, South And East Of Flowton, Suffolk, IP8 4LF	Applicant name: Bramley Solar Ltd Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 10/08/2020 Application Number: DC/20/03574	Request for formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion. Proposed solar farm and battery storage facility.
9	2-3 km	SW	Land To The East Of The Channel, Burstal Hill, IP8 4LE	Applicant name: Mr Simon Wheeler Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 12/01/2021 Application Number: DC/21/00060	Full Planning Application - Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas
10	2-3 km	S	Land South Of Tye Lane, Bramford, (Part In The Parishes Of Flowton And Burstall)	Applicant name: Mr Gareth Hawkins Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 21/03/2022 Application Number: DC/22/01243	Full Planning Application - Cross Boundary Application. Creation of a Solar Energy Farm with a solar array together with supporting infrastructure which includes a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated grid infrastructure and access tracks. (EIA Development)



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ID	Distance	Direction	Address	Details	
11	2-3 km	S	Land South Of Tye Lane, Bramford, (Part In The Parishes Of Flowton And Burstall)	Applicant name: Mr Gareth Hawkins Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 21/03/2022 Application Number: DC/22/00683	Full Planning Application- Cross Boundary Application. Creation of a Solar Energy Farm with a solar array together with supporting infrastructure which includes a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated grid infrastructure and access tracks. (EIA Development)
12	2-3 km	SW	Land To The South Of Church Farm, Somersham, IP8 4PN And Land To The East Of The Channel, Burstall, IP8 4JL In Suffolk	Applicant name: Mr Simon Wheeler Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 12/01/2021 Application Number: DC/20/05895	Full Planning Application - Installation of renewable energy generating station, comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas.
16	2-3 km	SW	Land South of Church Farm Somersham, IP8 4PN And Land East of The Channel, IP8 4JL	Applicant name: Bramley Solar Ltd Application Status: Awaiting decision Application Date: 18/09/2020 Application Number: DC/20/04125	Request for formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion. Proposed solar farm and battery storage facility.
18	4-5 km	N	Roebuck Farm, Darmsden Hall Lane, Barking, Ipswich, IP6 8RA	Applicant name: Ms E Temple Application Status: Screening Opinion (EIA) Application Date: - Application Number: 0594/13	Screening Opnion - Proposed Solar Farm.

The data is sourced from public registers of planning information and is updated every two weeks.



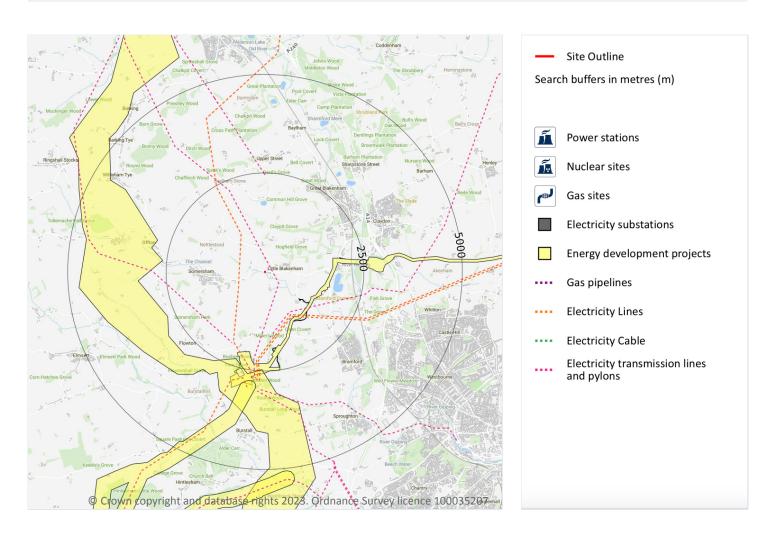
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### **Energy** / Energy infrastructure





#### **Electricity transmission lines and pylons**

The nearest overhead transmission lines and/or pylon is located 157m from the property.

Overhead power transmission lines are known to emit electromagnetic fields (EMF). For further information on issues associated with transmission lines you may wish to contact the EMF Unit Public Information Line on 0845 7023270 or visit http://www.emfs.info. Guidance on electromagnetic fields resulting from transmission and distribution lines can also be found on the Public Health England (PHE) website.

This data is sourced from the National Grid. Groundsure provide the data for information only and do not make any judgment on the risks or otherwise of EMFs. However, if the existence of overhead power transmission may have a material impact with regard to the decision to purchase the property, Groundsure recommends contacting these organisations.

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#### **Large Energy Projects**

Large scale energy generation or transmission infrastructure has been proposed on or near to the property. Plans have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (formerly known as the Infrastructure Planning Commission). See below for details of what is proposed.

Distance	Direction	Details	Summary
1-2 km	SE	Operator: East Anglia THREE Limited Site Name: East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Stage: Granted	Development of an offshore windfarm with an approximate capacity of 1200MW off the coast of East Anglia, within the area known as Zone 5, under the Round 3 Offshore Wind Licensing Arrangements.
2-3 km	S	Operator: National Grid Site Name: East Anglia Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project Stage: Pre application	Proposal to reinforce the 400kV high voltage power network in East Anglia to include a new 400kV connection substation in the Tendring district
2-3 km	S	Operator: National Grid Electricity Transmission Site Name: Bramford to Twinstead Stage: Pre application	Electricity Line which will enable grid connection to Sizewell C.

The information for this search is taken from a range of publicly available datasets. If the existence of a large scale infrastructure project may have a material impact with regard to the decision to purchase the property, Groundsure recommends making independent, thorough enquiries, starting with the National Infrastructure Planning website - <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/</a>.



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## **Transportation summary**





### HS2

No results for Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the HS2 project (including the 2016 amendments) have been identified within 5km of the property. However, HS2 routes are still under consultation and exact alignments may change in the future.

Visual assessments are only provided by Groundsure if the property is within 2km of Phase 1 and 2a. Other assessments may be available from HS2.

<b>HS2 Route</b>	Not identified
HS2 Safeguarding	Not identified
<b>HS2 Stations</b>	Not identified
<b>HS2 Depots</b>	Not identified
HS2 Noise	Not assessed
<b>HS2</b> Visual impact	Not assessed



### Crossrail

The property is not within 250 metres of either the Crossrail 1 or Crossrail 2 project.

Crossrail 1 Route	Not identified
Crossrail 1 Stations	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Route	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Stations	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Worksites	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Safeguarding	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Headhouse	Not identified



### **Other Railways**

The property is not within 250 metres of any active or former railways, subway lines, DLR lines, subway stations or railway stations.

Active Railways and Tunnels	Not identified
Historical Railways and	Not identified
Tunnels	
Railway and Tube Stations	Not identified
Underground	Not identified



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### **Planning summary**





### **Planning Applications**

Using Local Authority planning information supplied and processed by Glenigan dating back 10 years, this information is designed to help you understand possible changes to the area around the property. Please note that even successful applications may not have been constructed and new applications for a site can be made if a previous one has failed. We advise that you use this information in conjunction with a visit to the property and seek further expert advice if you are concerned or considering development yourself.

Large Developments 0 searched to 750m

Small Developments 8 searched to 500m

Please see page 23 for details of the proposed developments.

House extensions or new builds 5 searched to 250m

Please see page 24 for details of the proposed developments.

Please note the links for planning records were extracted at the time the application was submitted therefore some links may no longer work. In these cases, the application details can be found by entering the application reference manually into the Authority's planning website.

In order to understand this planning data better together with its limitations you should read the full detailed limitations on page 33.



### Planning constraints

No protected areas have been identified within 50 metres of the property. Protected areas include nature reserves and other conservation areas.

**Environmental Protected Areas** Not identified Visual and Cultural Protected Not identified **Areas** 



### Telecoms

There are no mobile masts, mobile phone base stations or planning applications for mobile masts identified within 250 metres of the property.

Mobile phone masts

Not identified



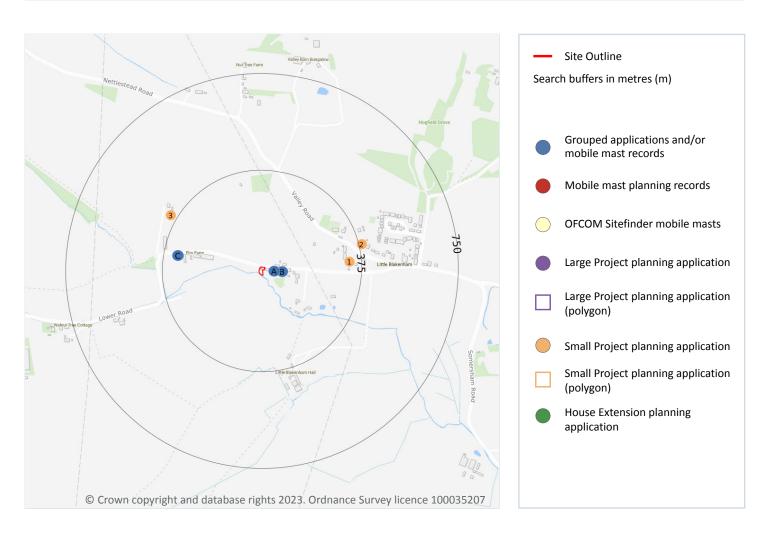
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## **Planning Applications**





## Small projects searched to 500m

8 small developments within 500m from the property have been submitted for planning permission during the last ten years. Small developments are considered to be residential builds of 3-9 houses or other developments with a project value of less than £250,000. Please see below for details of the proposed developments.

ID	Details	Description	Online record
ID: B Distance: 67 m Direction: E	Application reference: DC/18/05227 Application date: 05/12/2018 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Leather Bottle Cottage, Leather Bottle Hill, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4NG Project: Holiday Let (Conversion) Last known status: The application for detail approval has been refused.	<u>Link</u>

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ID	Details	Description	Online record
ID: C Distance: 320 m Direction: W	Application reference: DC/22/01800 Application date: 06/04/2022 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Elm Farm, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4NF Project: 5 Houses (Conversion) Last known status: Planning approval is not required.	<u>Link</u>
ID: C Distance: 320 m Direction: W	Application reference: DC/21/06654 Application date: 07/12/2021 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Elm Farm, Somersham Road, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4NF Project: 5 Houses (Conversion) Last known status: Planning approval is not required.	<u>Link</u>
ID: C Distance: 321 m Direction: W	Application reference: DC/23/00639 Application date: 13/02/2023 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Elm Farm, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4NF Project: 5 Bungalows Chalets Last known status: An application has been submitted for detailed approval.	<u>Link</u>
ID: C Distance: 321 m Direction: W	Application reference: 1870/13 Application date: 29/06/2013 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Elm Farm, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4NF Project: Agricultural Building (Extension) Last known status: Detailed plans have been granted.	<u>Link</u>
ID: 1 Distance: 327 m Direction: E	Application reference: 1695/17 Application date: 02/05/2017 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Pitstop Farm, Valley Road, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4LT Project: Agricultural Building Last known status: Detailed plans have been granted.	<u>Link</u>
ID: 2 Distance: 384 m Direction: E	Application reference: DC/18/00846 Application date: 14/05/2018 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: Lukes Meadow, Valley Road, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4LS Project: Menage (New/Conversion) Last known status: Detailed plans have been granted.	<u>Link</u>
ID: 3 Distance: 402 m Direction: NW	Application reference: DC/17/04336 Application date: 23/08/2017 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Proximity	Address: The Elms, Somersham Road, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4NF Project: Tennis Court (Conversion) Last known status: Detailed plans have been granted.	<u>Link</u>

#### House extensions and small new builds searched to 250m

5 house extensions and small new builds within 250m from the property have been submitted for planning permission during the last ten years.

ID	Details	Description	Online record
ID: A Distance: 37 m Direction: E	Application reference: DC/20/03719 Application date: 03/09/2020 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Exact	Address: Arden House, Leather Bottle Hill, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, East of England, IP8 4NG Project: House Last known status: Approval has been granted for reserved matters.	<u>Link</u>





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ID	Details	Description	Online record
ID: A Distance: 37 m Direction: E	Application reference: 0086/17 Application date: 23/01/2017 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Exact	Address: Land adjacent to Arden House, Leather Bottle Hill, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, East of England, IP8 4NG Project: House (Outline) Last known status: Outline approval has been refused.	<u>Link</u>
ID: B Distance: 68 m Direction: E	Application reference: DC/19/00478 Application date: 01/02/2019 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Exact	Address: Leather Bottle Cottage, Leather Bottle Hill, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, East of England, IP8 4NG Project: Flats (Conversion) Last known status: Detailed plans have been granted.	<u>Link</u>
ID: B Distance: 68 m Direction: E	Application reference: DC/18/01097 Application date: 14/03/2018 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Exact	Address: Land Adjacent To Arden House, Leather Bottle Hill, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, East of England, IP8 4NG Project: House (Outline) Last known status: Outline approval has been refused.	Link
ID: B Distance: 68 m Direction: E	Application reference: 2724/16 Application date: 17/06/2016 Council: Mid Suffolk Accuracy: Exact	Address: Leather Bottle Cottage, Leather Bottle Hill, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, East of England, IP8 4NG Project: Garage Last known status: Detailed plans have been granted.	<u>Link</u>



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### Climate change / Flood risk (1, 5 and 30 Years)

Ambiental's FloodScore™ Climate data provides flood risk information from river, tidal and surface water flooding for a range of future time periods and emissions scenarios (Low emissions - RCP 2.6, medium and most likely emissions - RCP 4.5, and high emission - RCP 8.5). The temperature increases shown for each scenario are predicted increases by 2081-2100. The models are based on the UK Climate Projections 2018 (UKCP18). It is plausible that climate change will increase the severity and frequency of flood events in the future. FloodScore™ Climate has been designed to provide banks, building societies and insurers with future flood risk information for their long-term assets. The data within this report is based on the highest risk found within a buffer zone around the buildings. The 'Year' in the table represents the median of the date range used for each modelled timeframe.

Temp increase range	Year	Combined flood risk	River flooding	Coastal flooding	Surface water flooding
RCP 2.6 0.9-2.3°C	2023	No change	No change	No change	No change
RCP 2.6 0.9-2.3°C	2027	No change	No change	No change	No change
RCP 2.6 0.9-2.3°C	2055	No change	No change	No change	No change
Temp increase range	Year	Combined flood risk	River flooding	Coastal flooding	Surface water flooding
RCP 4.5 1.7-3.2°C	2023	No change	No change	No change	No change
RCP 4.5 1.7-3.2°C	2027	No change	No change	No change	No change
RCP 4.5 1.7-3.2°C	2055	No change	No change	No change	No change
Temp increase range	Year	Combined flood risk	River flooding	Coastal flooding	Surface water flooding
RCP 8.5 3.2-5.4°C	2023	No change	No change	No change	No change
RCP 8.5 3.2-5.4°C	2027	No change	No change	No change	No change
RCP 8.5 3.2-5.4°C	2055	No change	No change	No change	No change

This data is sourced from Ambiental Risk Analytics.

## Climate change / Natural ground instability (1, 5 and 30 Years)

This data shows the increase in shrink swell subsidence hazards as a result of climate change. When certain soils take in water they can swell, causing heave. Conversely, when these soils dry out they can shrink and cause subsidence. Climate change will result in higher temperature and therefore likely cause periods of drought and an increase in shrink swell subsidence. This data has been produced using the Met Office local projections to accurately model predicted rainfall, it is only available for RCP8.5 (the 'worst case' climate scenario).





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Temp increase range	Year	Wet scenario	Average rainfail	Dry scenario
RCP 8.5 3.2-5.4°C	2023s	No change	No change	No change
RCP 8.5 3.2-5.4°C	2030s	Highly unlikely	Highly unlikely	Highly unlikely
RCP 8.5 3.2-5.4°C	2050s	Highly unlikely	Highly unlikely	Highly unlikely

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#### **Datasets searched**

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

Contaminated Land	
Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale)	Not identified
Former tanks	Not identified
Former energy features	Not identified
Former petrol stations	Not identified
Former garages	Not identified
Former military land	Not identified
Former landfill (from Local Authority and historical mapping records)	Not identified
Waste site no longer in use	Not identified
Active or recent landfill	Not identified
Former landfill (from Environment Agency Records)	Not identified
Active or recent licensed waste sites	Not identified
Recent industrial land uses	Not identified
Current or recent petrol stations	Not identified
Hazardous substance storage/usage	Not identified
Sites designated as Contaminated Land	Not identified
Historical licensed industrial activities	Not identified
Current or recent licensed industrial activities	Not identified
Local Authority licensed pollutant release	Not identified
Pollutant release to surface waters	Not identified
Pollutant release to public sewer	Not identified
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 1)	Not identified

Contaminated Land	
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 2)	Not identified
Pollution incidents	Not identified
Flooding	
Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea	Identified
Flood storage areas: part of floodplain	Not identified
Historical flood areas	Not identified
Areas benefiting from flood defences	Not identified
Flood defences	Not identified
Proposed flood defences	Not identified
Surface water flood risk	Identified
Groundwater flooding	Identified
Groundwater flooding  Natural ground subsidence	Identified
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Natural ground subsidence	
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Oil and gas		Transportation
Oil or gas drilling well	Not identified	Crossrail 1 route
Proposed oil or gas drilling well	Not identified	Crossrail 1 station
Licensed blocks	Not identified	Crossrail 2 route
Potential future exploration areas	Not identified	Crossrail 2 station
Wind and solar		Crossrail 2 worksi
Wind farms	Not identified	Crossrail 2 headh
		- Crossrail 2 safegu
Proposed wind farms	Identified	Active railways
Proposed wind turbines	Identified	Railway tunnels
Existing and agreed solar installations	Identified	Active railway sta
Proposed solar installations	Identified	Historical railway
Energy		Abandoned railwa
Electricity transmission lines and pylons	Identified	London Undergro
National Grid energy infrastructure	Not identified	London Undergro
Power stations	Not identified	Underground
Nuclear installations	Not identified	Underground stat
Large Energy Projects	Identified	Planning
Transportation		Large projects sea
HS2 route: nearest centre point of track	Not identified	Small projects sea
HS2 route: nearest overground section	Not identified	House extensions
HS2 surface safeguarding	Not identified	searched to 250n
HS2 subsurface safeguarding	Not identified	Mobile phone ma
	Not identified	Mobile phone ma
HS2 Homeowner Payment Zone	-	
HS2 Extended Homeowner Protection	Not identified	Planning constr
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Transportation	
Crossrail 1 route	Not identified
Crossrail 1 stations	Not identified
Crossrail 2 route	Not identified
Crossrail 2 stations	Not identified
Crossrail 2 worksites	Not identified
Crossrail 2 headhouses	Not identified
Crossrail 2 safeguarding area	Not identified
Active railways	Not identified
Railway tunnels	Not identified
Active railway stations	Not identified
Historical railway infrastructure	Not identified
Abandoned railways	Not identified
London Underground and DLR lines	Not identified
London Underground and DLR stations	Not identified
Underground	Not identified
Underground stations	Not identified
Planning	
Large projects searched to 750m	Not identified
Small projects searched to 500m	Identified
House extensions and small new builds searched to 250m	Identified
Mobile phone masts	Not identified
Mobile phone masts planning records	Not identified
Planning constraints	
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Not identified
Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites)	Not identified
Special Areas of Conservation	Not identified





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Planning constraints				
Special Protection Areas (for birds)	Not identified			
National Nature Reserves	Not identified			
Local Nature Reserves	Not identified			
Designated Ancient Woodland	Not identified			
Green Belt	Not identified			
World Heritage Sites	Not identified			
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Not identified			
National Parks	Not identified			
Conservation Areas	Not identified			
Listed Buildings	Not identified			
Certificates of Immunity from Listing	Not identified			
Scheduled Monuments	Not identified			
Registered Parks and Gardens	Not identified			
Climate change				
Flood risk (1, 5 and 30 Years)	Identified			
Natural ground instability (1, 5 and 30 Identified Years)				
Coastal Erosion				
Complex cliffs	Not identified			
Projections with intervention measures in place	Not identified			
Projections with no active intervention	Not identified			





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## Contaminated land liability assessment methodology

As part of this report Groundsure provide a professional assessment of the risks posed by key environmental information which could lead to the property being designated as 'Contaminated Land' as defined under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This assessment is based on the following data:

- historical land use (compiled from 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 maps)
- petrol stations, garages, energy features and tanks (compiled from 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 maps) for selected areas.
- historic military / ordnance sites
- landfill and waste transfer/treatment or disposal sites (including scrap yards)
- current and recent industrial uses (as defined by PointX data)
- Catalist petrol station
- Part A(1), Part A(2) and Part B Authorisations
- sites determined as Contaminated Land under Part 2A EPA 1990
- Planning Hazardous Substance Consents
- Environment Agency Recorded Pollution Incidents
- Dangerous Substances Inventory Releases (DSI)
- Red List Discharge Consent

The level of risk associated with the property is either Passed or Action Required. If the report result is Action Required it does not necessarily mean that the site is unsuitable for purchase, but only that further assessment of the risk associated with the site is required.

#### **Method Statement**

In assessing specific site risk, Groundsure follows principles used extensively throughout the environmental consultancy sector. Our system looks at the potential for specific industries to have generated residual contamination and for this contamination to remain at a site, or to have migrated to neighbouring sites. Sites are scored based on this system and if a site scores highly it indicates a high level of risk.

#### **Limitations of the Study**

This report has been prepared with the assumption that the site is in residential use and that no significant (re)development is planned. The screening process reviews historical mapping and a range of current databases. The historical land use database reviewed for this study does NOT include 1:2,500 or 1:1,250 scale maps except for Groundsure's additional information database of selected features namely tanks, energy features, petrol filling stations and garages. This additional information database covers the majority of the UK, but not all. Where 1:2500 or 1:1250 scale maps are utilised all relevant and available map epochs to Groundsure are used. Additionally, this review does NOT include specific enquiries to the Local Authority who may hold additional information and it does NOT include a site visit/inspection. Your attention is drawn to the Terms and Conditions of Groundsure Limited under which this service is provided.

#### Flood information

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





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#### Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRAW (sea):

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

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

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

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

#### Historic flood events

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

#### Surface water flooding

Ambiental Risk Analytics surface water flood map identifies areas likely to flood following extreme rainfall events, i.e. land naturally vulnerable to surface water or "pluvial" flooding. This data set was produced by simulating 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year, 1 in 250 year and 1 in 1000 year rainfall events. The flood risks for these rainfall events are reported where the depth would be greater than the threshold for a standard property to modern building standards. Modern urban drainage systems are typically built to cope with rainfall events between 1 in 20 and 1 in 30 years, though older ones may even flood in a 1 in 5 year rainstorm event.

#### **Proposed flood defences**

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

#### Flood storage areas

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

#### **Groundwater flooding**



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

#### Ambiental FloodScore™ insurance rating

The property has been rated as High risk. Please see the Action Alert on page 3 for further advice.

Ambiental's FloodScore™ risk rating gives an indicative assessment of the potential insurance risk classification from flooding, which can provide an indication of how likely it is that a property's policy will be ceded to Flood Re. The assessment is based on Ambiental's river, tidal and surface water flood data and other factors which some insurers may use in their assessment are not included.

Flood Re is a re-insurance scheme that makes flood cover more widely available and affordable as part of your residential property home insurance. Properties at higher risk of flooding may have the flood part of their policy ceded to Flood Re by their insurer. It is important to understand that Flood Re does not apply to all situations. Exclusions from Flood Re includes properties constructed after 1 January 2009; properties not within domestic Council Tax bands A to H (or equivalent); commercial properties, certain buy to let scenarios and buildings comprising four or more residential units. A full list of the exemptions can be found on the Flood Re website (https://www.floodre.co.uk/can-flood-re-help-me/eligibility-criteria/).

The Ambiental FloodScore™ insurance rating is classified into six different bandings:

**Very High** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a very high possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, particularly if the property has flooded in the past.

**High** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a high possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, particularly if the property has flooded in the past.

**Moderate-High** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a moderate possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, particularly if the property has flooded in the past.

**Moderate** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a low possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, unless the property has flooded in the past.

**Low** indicates a level of risk that is likely to mean standard cover and premiums are available for flood cover. There is a low possibility the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, unless the property has flooded in the past.

Very Low indicates a level of flood risk that should not have any impact on the provision of flood cover for the property.

## **Planning data limitations**

The planning applications section of this report contains data provided under licence from Glenigan, who are widely recognised in the industry as the market leaders in the collection and distribution of planning information in the UK. Glenigan collects on average 4,000 planning applications per day. As such, neither Groundsure or Glenigan are able to check the accuracy of the information that has been submitted by the applicant. All application information is based on the information submitted at the time of application and due to the volumes and the automated processes involved it is not possible to undertake additional checks to confirm its accuracy. As with any dataset of this size and complexity there are limitations, which are highlighted below.

The planning section in our report is fully automated and Groundsure does not undertake visits to the Local Authority or manually search for planning records against other sources as this would be cost-prohibitive to most clients. With each report, Glenigan provides Groundsure with the location detail for each planning application, which is then published within our report. The method for deriving the location detail depends on the type of planning application.

The location of applications are represented in this report as single points for house extensions and small new builds, small developments and points or polygons for large developments. If an application associated with a small development is shown on the map as a polygon it is because it was once classified as a large development and has since been downgraded. The location of





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applications is derived from either the grid references provided by the applicant on the planning application form or by address finding software using the site address. If the application is represented by a point, it may not represent the nearest border of the development and may fall outside of the development boundary. If the application is represented by a polygon, we only map the outer extents of proposed developments. Some developments are comprised of multiple areas and in these cases we will show all polygons on the map but only label the one closest to the property. The information contained within this report should be used in conjunction with a visit to the relevant local authority's website to determine the exact location of the development, determine any possible distinctions within the development area, and how this may impact the subject property.

Groundsure has incorporated a dynamic search radius to ensure the most relevant data is presented. This variable search distance is based on House of Commons Library data which categorises areas according to the size of the settlement. Groundsure has distilled these into three core categories. These categories are mega urban, urban and rural and the following search distances apply:

- Mega urban: 250m for large developments, 75m for small developments and 50m for house extensions and small new builds
- Urban: 500m for large developments, 125m for small developments and 50m for house extensions and small new builds
- Rural: 750m for large development, 500m for small development and 250m for house extensions and small new builds

Please note, the search radius assigned to this property is detailed within the planning section of the report.

Due to differing methodologies adopted by Local Authorities, some planning applications identified as having been refused may have subsequently been granted on appeal without appearing as such within this report. As such, if any refused applications are identified within this report, or should the existence or absence of a planning application, consent or similar have a material impact with regard to the decision to purchase a property, the client or beneficiary should make independent thorough enquiries of the Local Authority. Groundsure has excluded certain records of the publicly available data from this report which may have created duplications of reference to the same application. This includes, but is not limited to, data relating to applications such as amendments or variations of planning applications, discharge of conditions, or other associated applications. The report does not contain information on Lawful Development Certificates, Permitted Developments, Prior Approvals, Tree Preservation Orders, and other applications that are considered minor in terms of the level of construction. Additionally, an area of land may be identified for development within the local authority development plan, but for which no formal planning application exists. As such these are not included within the search.

Groundsure provides a web link to individual planning records in this report, but over time Local Authorities may have altered their website structure or record storage and so not all links may still be active. In the case of broken links, customers can use the planning application reference to search the Local Authority planning website manually. Due to data collection methods and processing time, there may be a period of up to 10 days between the application being published on the local authority website and appearing within the Groundsure report.

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#### **Conservation Area data limitations**

Please note the Conservation Area data is provided by Historic England and individual Local Authorities. Due to different methodologies used by different Local Authorities the data may be incomplete. We recommend reviewing your local search for confirmation.





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## **Underground data limitations**

This database was created by Groundsure using publicly available open data and data from OpenStreetMap. The data is not provided by or endorsed by Transport for London (TfL) and minor differences between TfL's official data and Groundsure's data may occur in relation to the London Underground. Please note that the London Underground, Merseyrail, and Tyne and Wear Metro operate both underground and above ground.

#### **Subsidence data limitations**

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

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

### ClimateIndex™ data and limitations

Groundsure's ClimateIndex™ is an assessment of the physical risk to the property from hazards which may be exacerbated by climate change. It considers the following hazards only:

- River flooding
- Flooding from the sea and tidal waters
- Surface water flooding
- Shrink swell subsidence
- Coastal erosion

These hazards are assessed using a weighted sum model, which allows for the consistent comparison of hazards between different time periods, emissions scenarios and the relative severity of predicted impacts. All flood and subsidence impacts have been produced using the latest UKCP18 climate prediction models. Assessments are provided for the near -present day (c.1 year), short term (c.5 years) and medium term (c.30 years) only. A range of Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) have been used depending on the source dataset and its derivation. For example, flood data has been provided for RCP2.6, 4.5 and 8.5, whereas subsidence data has been derived using local projections only available for RCP8.5. Each RCP variance has been assigned an appropriate weighting in the calculator to reflect the relative likelihood of that scenario and where a full range of RCP scenarios is not available Groundsure have extrapolated to give equivalent values.

The banding applied to a property reflects its current and future risk from the hazards identified above. If a property's banding does not change from the present day to the medium term, the property's risk profile is not considered likely to be affected by climate change, though risks may still be present. Any increase in the banding of a property indicates that the property has the potential to be affected by climate change.





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Band	Description	1 year	Short term (c.5 year)	Medium term (c.30 year)
А	No risks of concern predicted	86%	76%	75%
В	Minor risks e.g. low level surface water flooding	6%	15%	15%
С	Minor to moderate risks e.g. river flood event above property threshold	5%	4%	4%
D	Moderate risks e.g. above threshold flood events and significant increase in subsidence potential	1%	2%	2%
E	Significant risks e.g. multiple flood risks above property threshold	1%	2%	2%
F	Severe or existential risks to property e.g. coastal erosion risk	1%	1%	2%

Approximate percentage of properties falling into each band. The figures have been calculated based on an assessment of residential properties only.



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