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#### **Search Details**

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Property:

Tangletrees, Main Street, Laneham, Retford, DN22 0NG

Local Authority: Groundsure Sovereign House, Church Street, Brighton, BN1 1UJ

Date Returned: 20/04/2023

Property type: Residential

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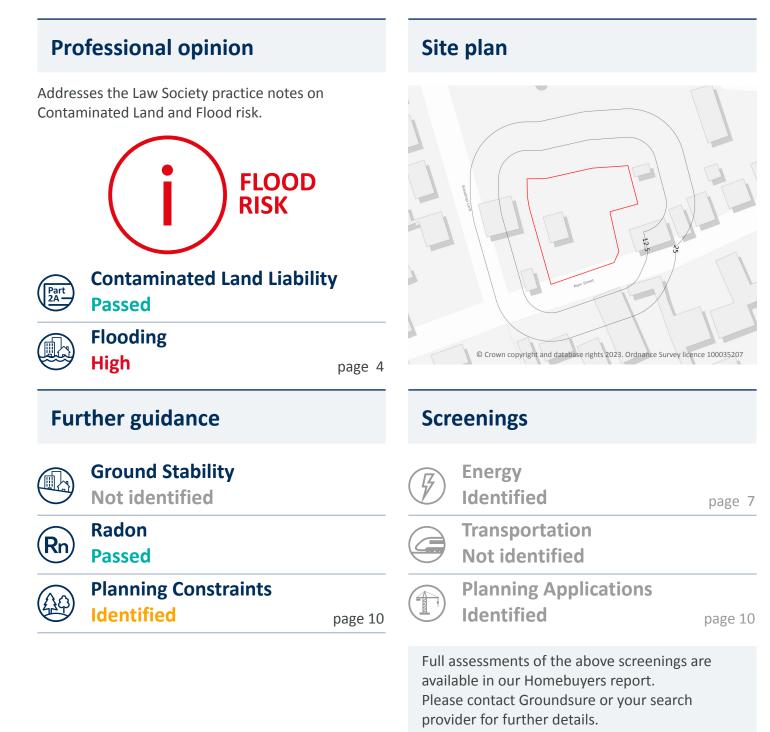


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#### Tangletrees, Main Street, Laneham, Retford, DN22 ONG





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### **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 15.

## Flooding

#### Flooding

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

#### 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: <u>http://www.floodre.co.uk/homeowner/about-us/</u>
- investigate the insurance on offer for the property to ensure any implications on premiums are fully understood before completion
- 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

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### **Other considerations**

No additional factors that Groundsure believe require further action have been identified in relation to the property.



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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 **page 2** for further advice.

Low



#### **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



#### 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 5** for details of the identified issues.

River and Coastal Flooding	Medium
Groundwater Flooding	Negligible
Surface Water Flooding	Negligible
Past Flooding	Identified
Flood Storage Areas	Not identified

FloodScore<sup>™</sup> insurance rating

The rating is compiled by Ambiental, a leading
flood risk analysis company. Please see page 15

## Ground stability

No significant concerns have been identified as a result of the ground stability searches. No action required. Natural Ground Stability Negligible-Very low Non-Natural Ground Stability Not identified

## Rn 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. Not in a radon affected area



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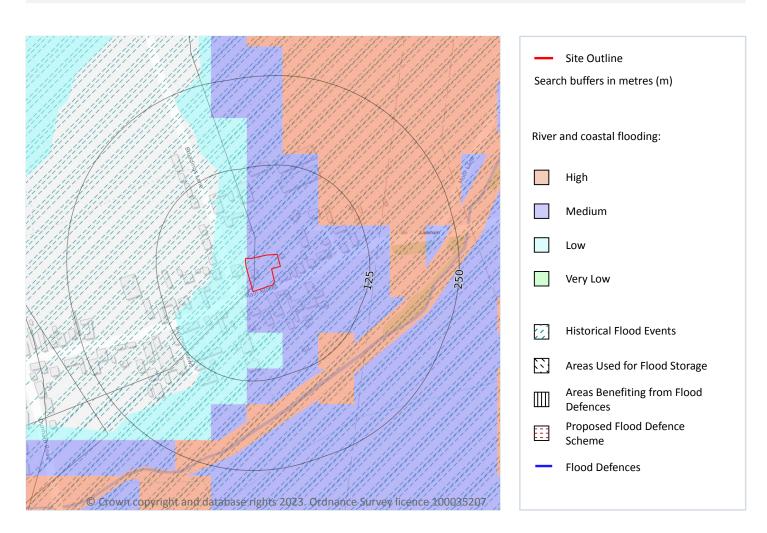




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### Flooding / Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea





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

The property has a Medium 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: <u>http://www.floodre.co.uk/</u>

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 15** for explanation of the levels of flood risk.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

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



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#### **Historical flood areas**

Large scale flooding has been recorded in the area where the property is located in the past.

A record of a flood in previous years does not mean that an area will flood again, especially as this information does not take account of flood management schemes and improved flood defences. Equally, absence of a historic flood event for an area does not mean that the area has never flooded, but only that it doesn't appear in Environment Agency national data. This information is collated from a database showing the individual footprint of every historic flood recorded by the Environment Agency. Please note this doesn't include records held by individual local offices.

As flood risks may or may not have changed, this requires further investigation.

Distance	Direction	Date of Flood	Flood Source	Flood Cause	Type of Flood
0	on site	1932-01-01 1932-01-01	Main river	Channel capacity exceeded (no raised defences)	Fluvial
0	on site	1947-03-01 1947-03-01	Unknown	Channel capacity exceeded (no raised defences)	Fluvial
0	on site	1947-03-01 1947-03-31	Main river	Channel capacity exceeded (no raised defences)	Tidal
0	on site	1947-03-01 1947-03-31	Main river	Channel capacity exceeded (no raised defences)	Tidal



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### **Energy summary**



The property has been identified to lie within 5km of one or more solar energy features or within 10km of one or more wind energy features.

If required, full details on these energy features including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Energy and Transportation Report via your preferred searches provider.



Oil and gas

Historical, active or planned wells or extraction areas	Oil and gas areas	Not identified
have been identified near the property.	Oil and gas wells	Identified



#### Wind and Solar

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

Planned Multiple Wind Turbines	Identified
Planned Single Wind Turbines	Identified
Existing Wind Turbines	Identified
Proposed Solar Farms	Identified
Existing Solar Farms	Identified



#### **Energy Infrastructure**

Our search of major energy transmission or generation	Power stations	Identified
infrastructure and nationally significant infrastructure	Energy Infrastructure	Identified
projects has identified results.	Projects	Identified



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### **Electricity transmission lines**



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

The nearest overhead transmission lines and/or pylon is located 132m 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 <u>http://www.emfs.info</u>. 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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### **Transportation summary**



The property has not been identified to lie within the specified distance of one or more of the transportation features detailed below.

If required, full details on these transportation features including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Energy and Transportation Report via your preferred searches provider.



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.

HS2 Route	Not identified
HS2 Safeguarding	Not identified
HS2 Stations	Not identified
HS2 Depots	Not identified
HS2 Noise	Not assessed
HS2 Visual impact	Not assessed



### Crossrail

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

Crossrail 1 Route
Crossrail 1 Stations
Crossrail 2 Route
Crossrail 2 Stations
Crossrail 2 Worksites
Crossrail 2 Safeguarding
Crossrail 2 Headhouse

Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified

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#### **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.

#### 21 Total applications

This total includes large developments within 750 m, small developments within 500 m and house extensions within 250 m. If required, full details on these applications including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Planning Report via your preferred searches provider.

## Planning constraints

Protected areas have been identified within 50 metres of the property.

Please see **page 11** for details of the identified issues.



### Telecoms

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

**Visual and Cultural Protected** 

**Environmental Protected Areas Not identified** 

Mobile phone masts

Areas

Not identified

Identified



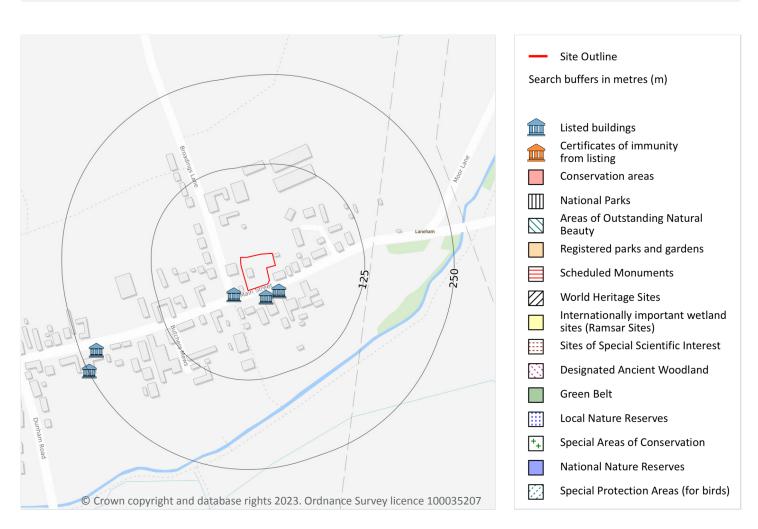
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### **Planning constraints**





#### **Listed Buildings**

The presence of listed buildings means there will be extra control over what changes can be made to that building's interior and exterior. If the property itself is a listed building, owners will need to apply for Listed Building Consent for most types of work that affect the 'special architectural or historic interest' of the property and the work approved may increase costs.

Distance	Direction	Name	Grade	Listed building reference number	Listed date
17 m	S	Willow Tree Cottage and Attached Out-Building, Laneham, Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, DN22	II	1233548	12/07/1985
18 m	SE	Willow Tree Farmhouse, Laneham, Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, DN22	II	1233549	12/07/1985







۵	Distance	Direction	Name	Grade	Listed building reference number	Listed date
2	21 m	SW	Laneham War Memorial and Enclosing Wall and Railings, Laneham, Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, DN22	II	1421786	08/12/2014

This data is sourced from Historic England. For more information please see <u>https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/</u>



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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	Identified
Areas benefiting from flood defences	Not identified
Flood defences	Not identified
Proposed flood defences	Not identified
Surface water flood risk	Not identified
Groundwater flooding	Not identified
Natural ground subsidence	
Natural ground subsidence	Not identified
Natural geological cavities	Not identified
Non-natural ground subsidence	
Coal mining	Not identified
Non-coal mining	Not identified
Mining cavities	Not identified
Infilled land	Not identified
Radon	
Dadan	Not identified

Radon

Not identified



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#### Energy

Electricity transmission lines and pylons	Identified
Planning constraints	
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Not identified
Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites)	Not identified
Special Areas of Conservation	Not identified
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	Identified
Certificates of Immunity from Listing	Not identified
Scheduled Monuments	Not identified
Registered Parks and Gardens	Not identified
Planning	
Mobile phone masts	Not identified

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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.

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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<sup>™</sup> insurance rating

The property has been rated as **Low** risk.

Ambiental's FloodScore<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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.

### **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.

### 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



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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



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- liaise, at your request, with anyone acting formally on your behalf

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