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Lynn Crossing Cottage (No. 14) Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely CB7 4TZ

Flood Risk Assessment

Description

Lynn Crossing Cottage (No. 14) Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely CB7 4TZ (556381 / 281477 [easting & northing coordinates]) is a small detached domestic dwelling situated adjacent to railway lines. Whereupon, this Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been compiled in support of an outline planning application corresponding to the proposed demolition of the property

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The Application Site has been determined as being within Flood Zone 3

Although the site lies within a Flood Zone 3, which means that the area potentially has a high probability of flooding from rivers and the sea. According to the Environment Agency, the site is noted as *'low risk'* for long term flooding from rivers and the sea and from surface water

Low risk means that this area has a chance of flooding of between 0.1% and 1% each year

The proposed works involve demolishing the existing brick-built structure and making-good by means of removing spoil and consolidating the ground to existing levels. Surface water run-off aspects shall therefore remain unaltered, and accordingly, the proposed application shall present no increased risk of flooding and as-such, determines that no further mitigation is necessary or can be provided

Flood risk assessment data

Location of site: 556381 / 281477 (shown as easting and northing coordinates)

Surface water and other sources of flooding

- surface water
- ordinary watercourses
- reservoirs

About the models used

Model name: EAn_EasternRivers_Cutoff_MP1_2015
Scenario(s): Defended fluvial, defended climate change fluvial
Date: 1 November 2015

Model name: EAn_Fenland_Flood_Risk_Mapping_2015
Scenario(s): Defended fluvial, defended climate change fluvial
Date: 1 December 2015

Model name: River Lark Standards of Protection Study, June 2005
Scenario(s): Defended fluvial
Date: 1 June 2005

These models contain the most relevant data for your area of interest.

Terminology used

Annual exceedance probability (AEP)

This refers to the probability of a flood event occurring in any year. The probability is expressed as a percentage. For example, a large flood which is calculated to have a 1% chance of occuring in any one year, is described as 1% AEP.

Metres above ordnance datum (mAOD)

All flood levels are given in metres above ordnance datum which is defined as the mean sea level at Newlyn, Cornwall.

Flood map for planning (rivers and the sea)

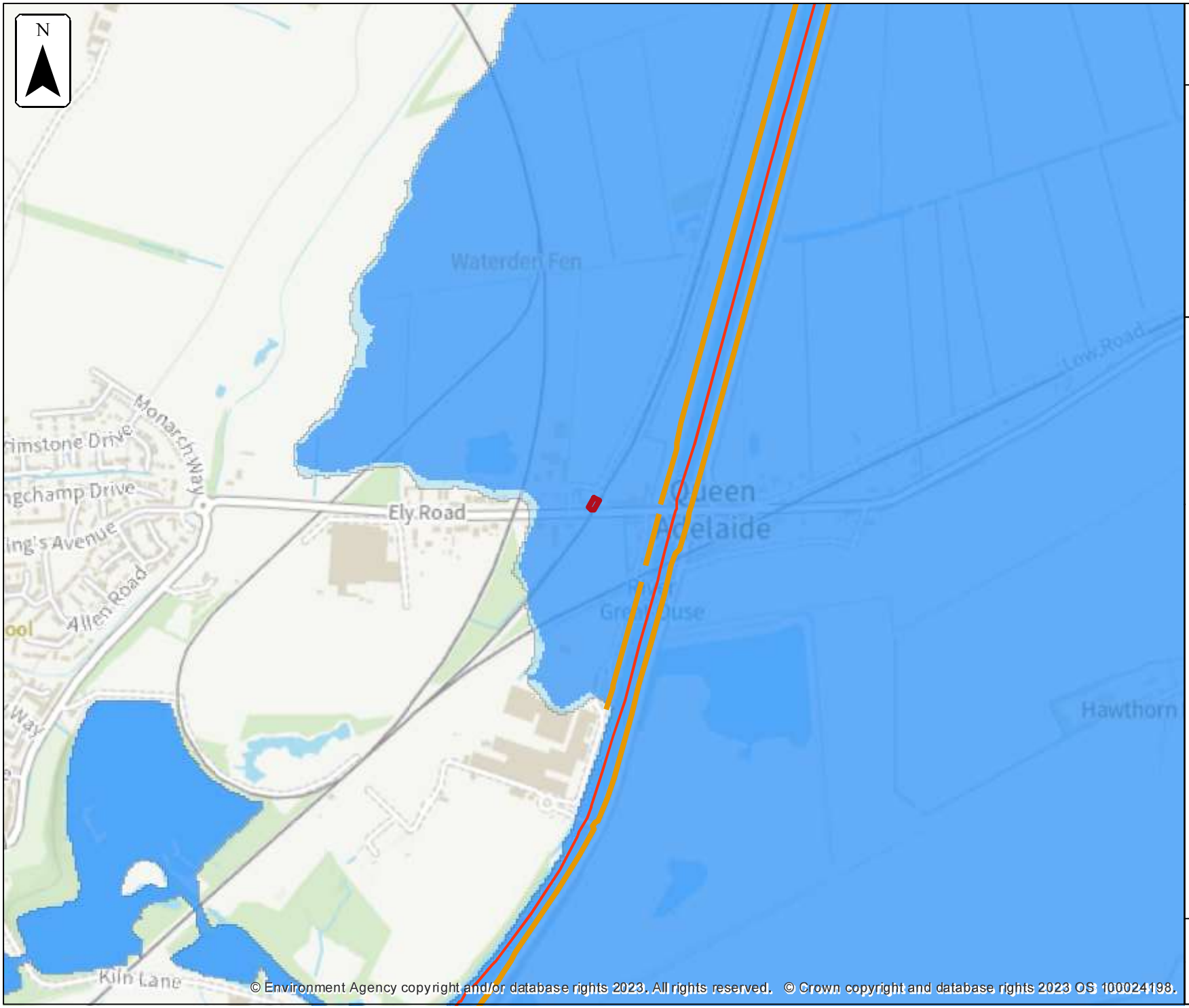
selected location is in flood zone 3.

Flood zone 3 shows the area at risk of flooding for an undefended flood event with a:

- 0.5% or greater probability of occurring in any year for flooding from the sea
- 1% or greater probability of occurring in any year for fluvial (river) flooding

Flood zone 2 shows the area at risk of flooding for an undefended flood event with:

- between a 0.1% and 0.5% probability of occurring in any year for flooding from the sea
- between a 0.1% and 1% probability of occurring in any year for fluvial (river) flooding



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Flood map for planning

Location (easting/northing)
556381/281477

Scale
1:10,000

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- Selected area
- Main river
- Flood defence
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2

0 100 200 300 400 500
metres

Flood defences and attributes

The flood defences map shows the location of the flood defences present.

The flood defences data table shows the type of defences, their condition and the standard of protection. It shows the height above sea level of the top of the flood defence (crest level). The height is in mAOD which is the metres above the mean sea level at Newlyn, Cornwall.

It's important to remember that flood defence data may not be updated on a regular basis. The information here is based on the best available data.

Modelled data

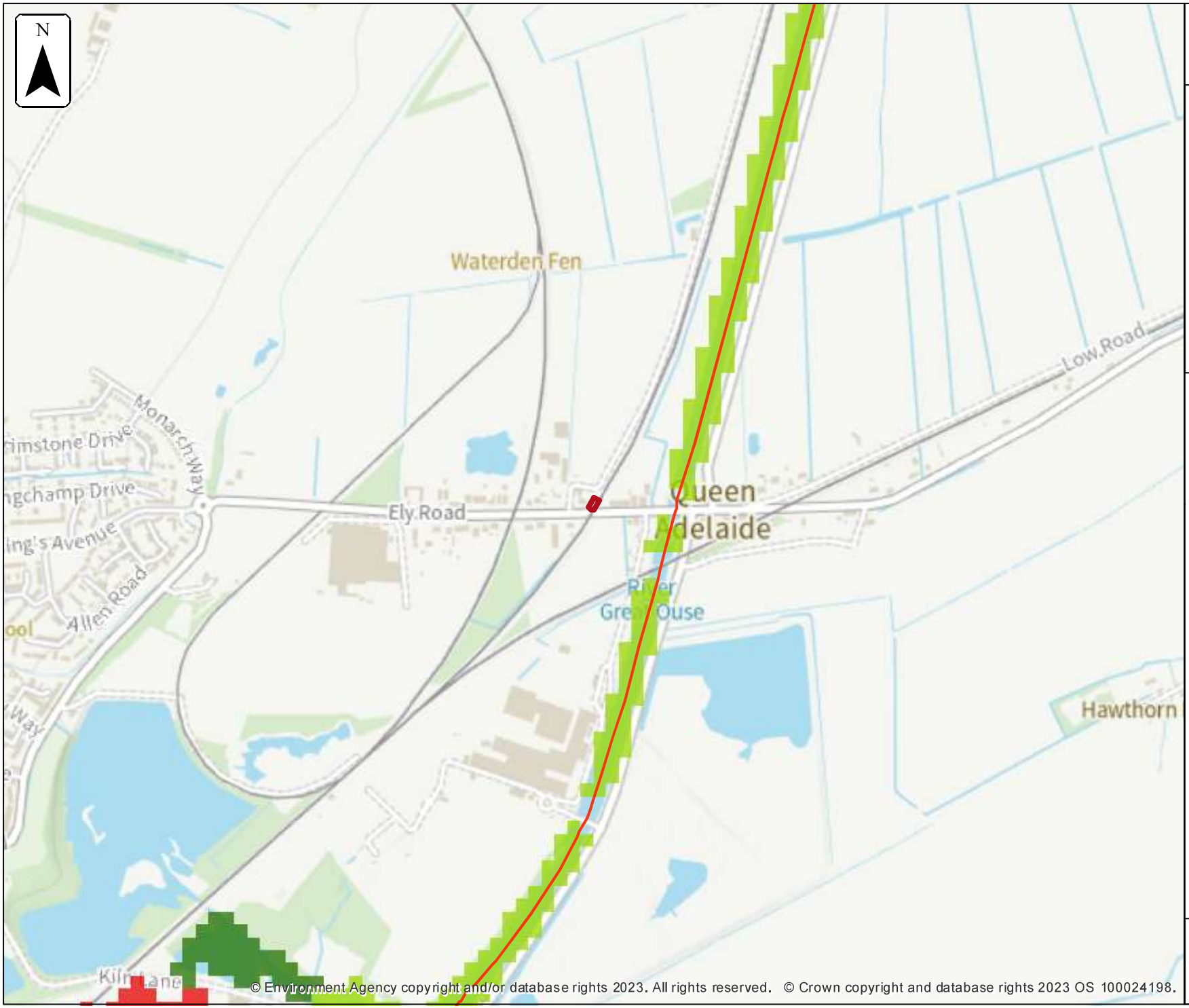
This section provides details of different scenarios we have modelled and includes the following (where available):

- outline maps showing the area at risk from flooding in different modelled scenarios
- modelled node point map(s) showing the points used to get the data to model the scenarios and table(s) providing details of the flood risk for different return periods
- map(s) showing the approximate water levels for the return period with the largest flood extent for a scenario and table(s) of sample points providing details of the flood risk for different return periods

Modelled scenarios

The following scenarios are included:

- Defended modelled fluvial: risk of flooding from rivers where there are flood defences
- Defended climate change modelled fluvial: risk of flooding from rivers where there are flood defences, including estimated impact of climate change



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Defended modelled fluvial extent

Location (easting/northing)
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Model name
EAn Fenland Flood Risk Mapping 2015

- Selected area
- Main river

Modelled flood extent

- 5% AEP
- 2% AEP
- 1.33% AEP
- 1% AEP
- 0.5% AEP
- 0.1% AEP

Flood extents may not be visible where they overlap other return periods

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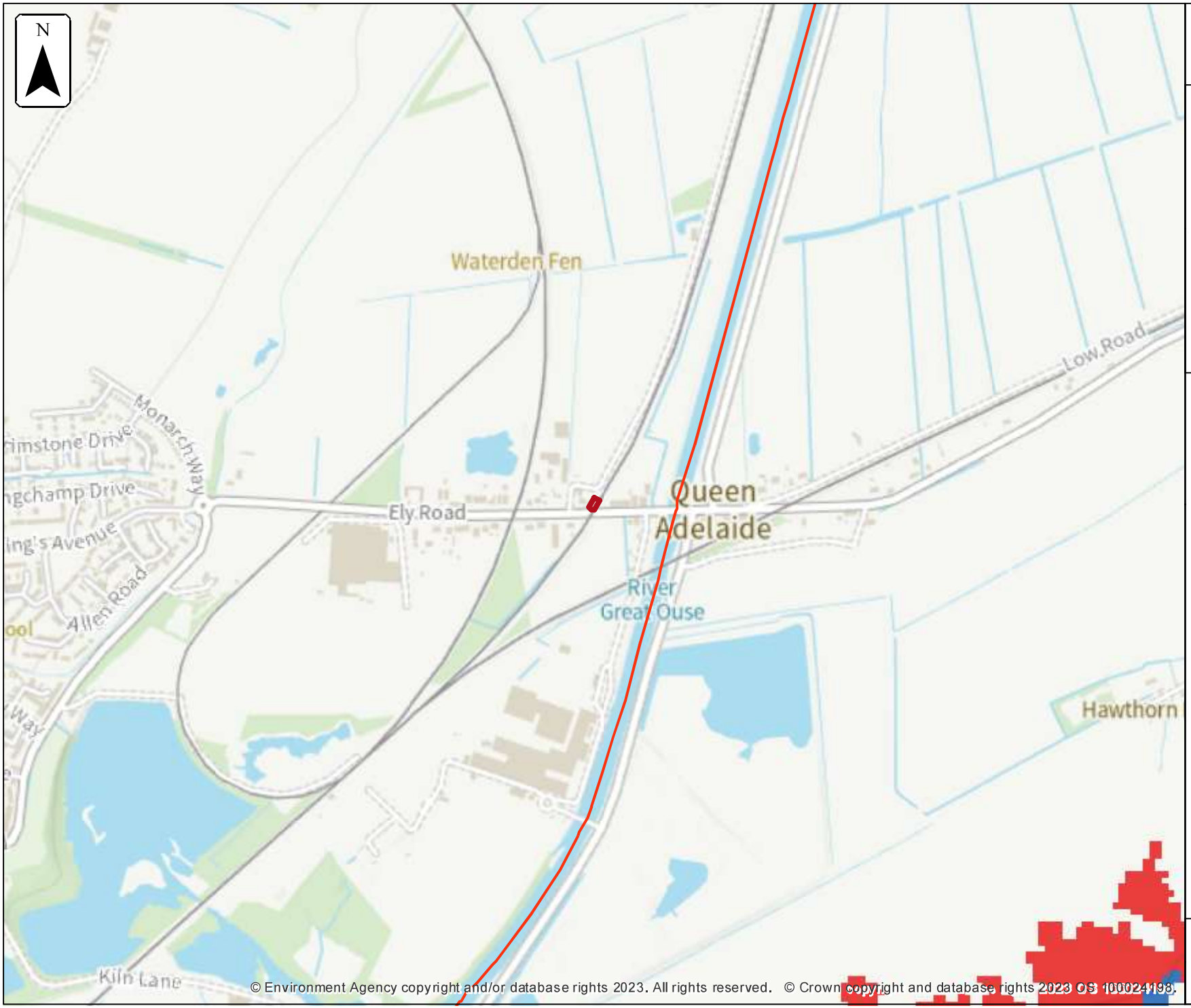
metres



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Defended modelled fluvial extent

Location (easting/northing)
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Model name
EAn EasternRivers Cutoff MP1 2015

Selected area

Main river

Modelled flood extent

0.5% AEP

0.1% AEP

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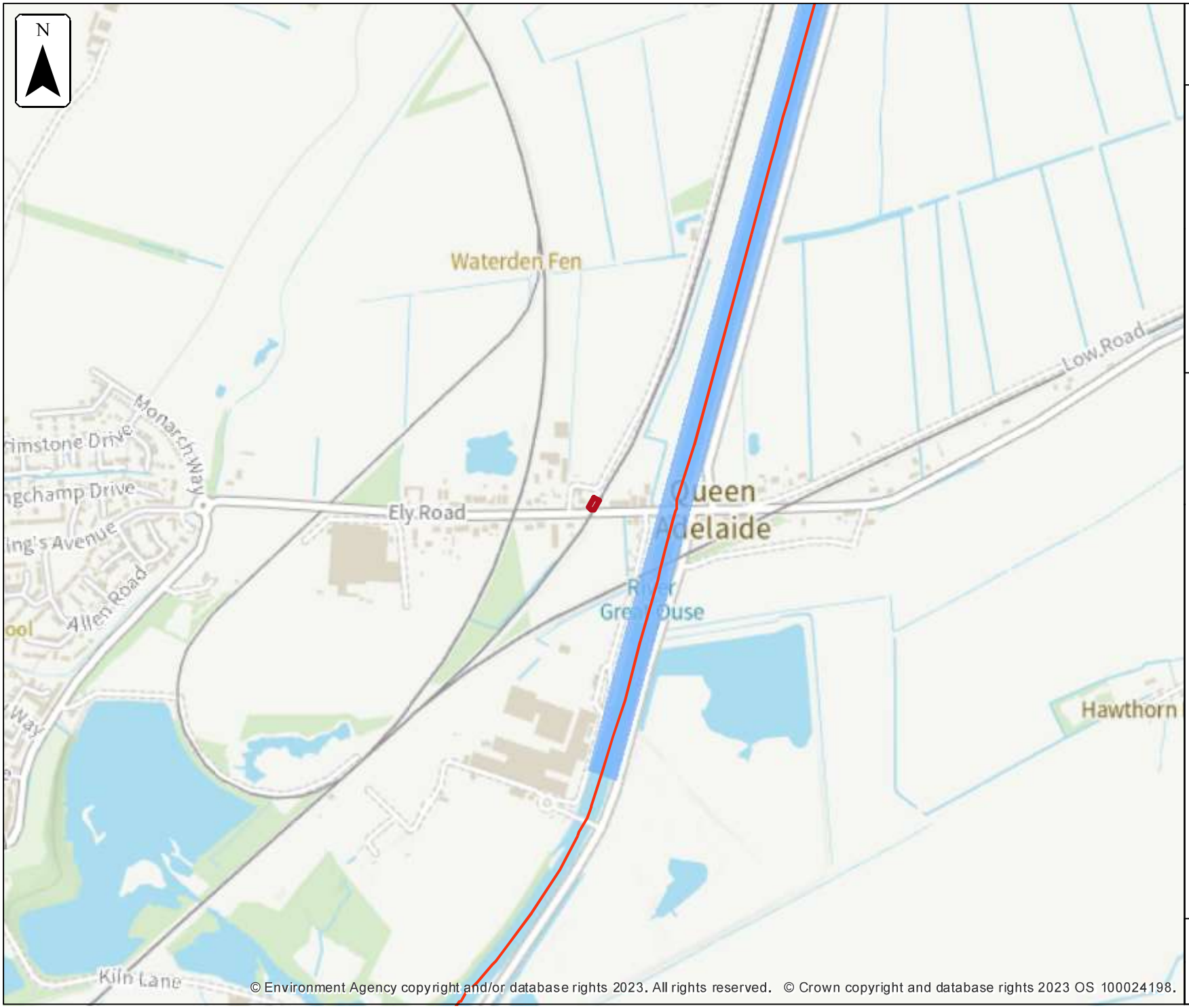
0 100 200 300 400 500
metres



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Defended modelled fluvial extent

Location (easting/northing)
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Model name
River Lark Standards of Protection Study,

Selected area

Main river

Modelled flood extent

1% AEP

Flood extents may not be visible where they overlap other return periods

0 100 200 300 400 500
metres

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Defended climate change modelled fluvial extent

Location (easting/northing)
556381/281477

Scale
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Model name
EAn Fenland Flood Risk Mapping 2015

Selected area

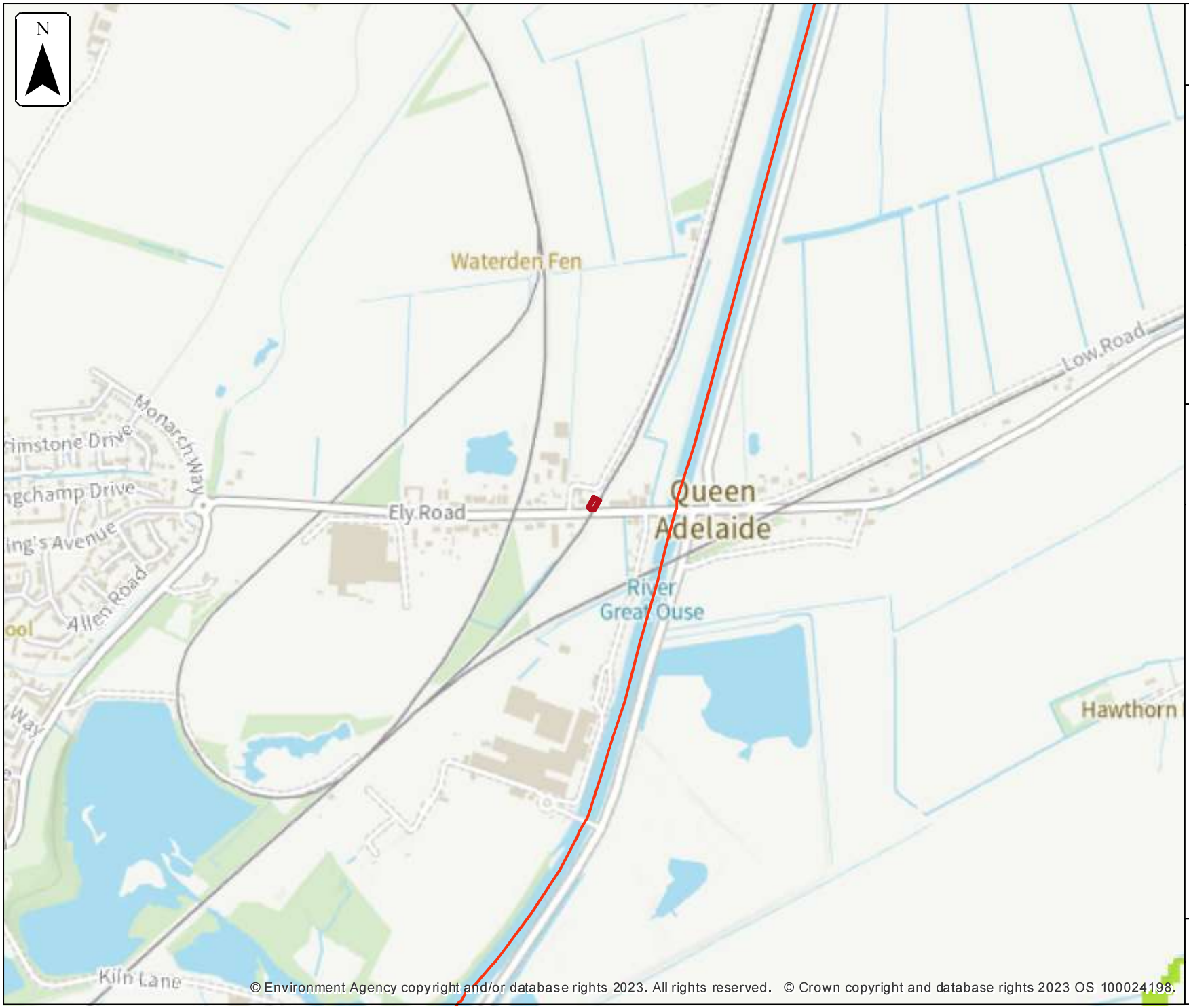
Main river

Modelled flood extent

1.0% AEP (+20%)

Flood extents may not be visible where they overlap other return periods

0 100 200 300 400 500
metres



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Defended climate change modelled fluvial extent

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Model name
EAn EasternRivers Cutoff MP1 2015

Selected area

Main river

Modelled flood extent

1.0% AEP (+20%)

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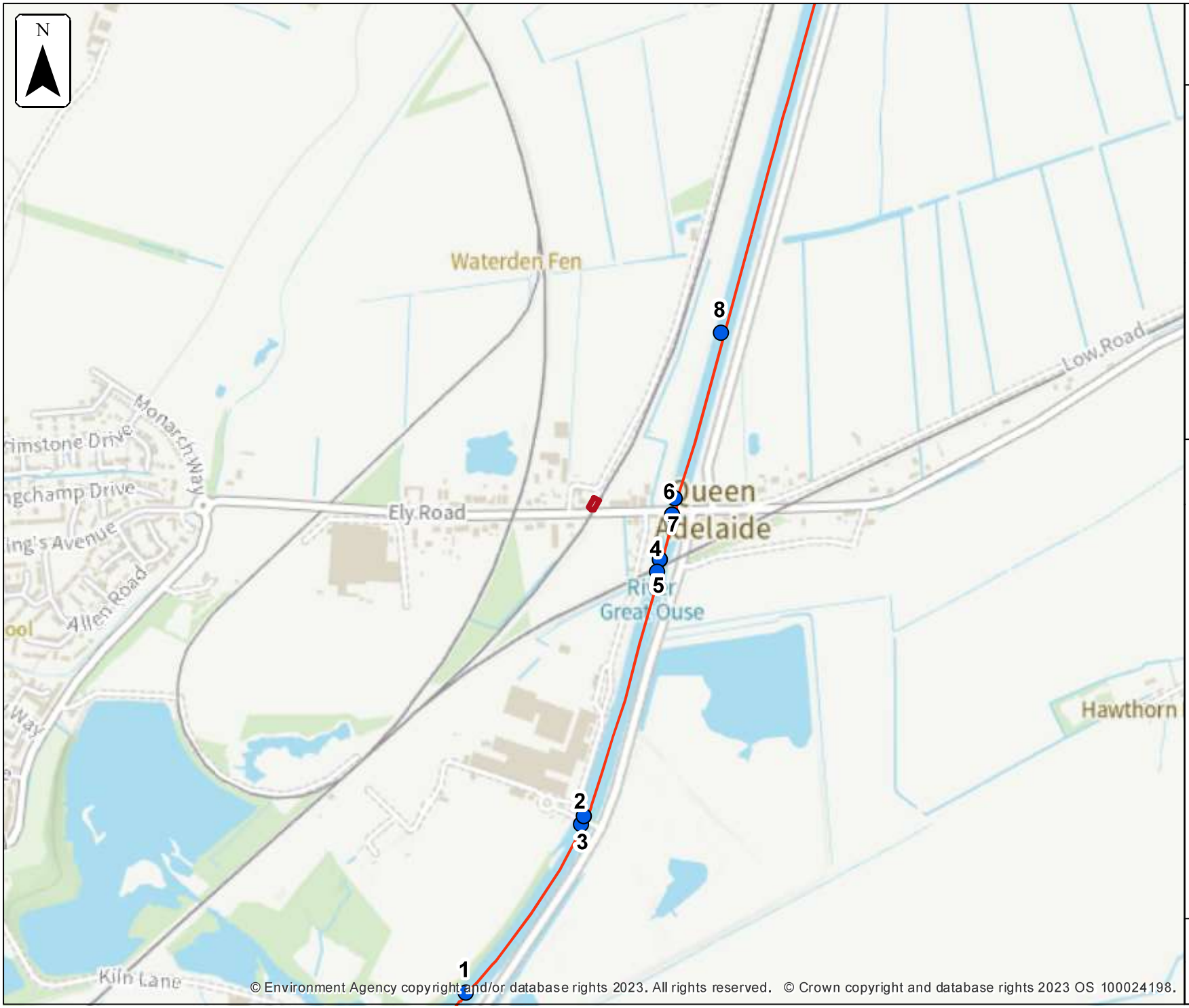
metres



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Defended modelled fluvial node locations

Location (easting/northing)
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Model name
EAn Fenland Flood Risk Mapping 2015

Selected area
Modelled location
Main river

0 100 200 300 400 500
metres

Modelled node locations data

Defended

Label	Modelled location ID	Easting	Northing	5% AEP		2% AEP		1.33% AEP		1% AEP		0.5% AEP		0.1% AEP	
				Level	Flow	Level	Flow	Level	Flow	Level	Flow	Level	Flow	Level	Flow
1	1385441	556131	280523	2.21	56.77	2.44	64.73	2.51	68.02	2.56	69.81	2.70	73.24	2.97	83.87
2	1385391	556357	280850	2.20	56.95	2.43	64.94	2.50	68.25	2.55	70.07	2.69	73.55	2.96	84.02
3	1385617	556363	280868	2.20	57.25	2.43	64.96	2.50	68.26	2.55	70.08	2.69	73.56	2.96	84.45
4	1385419	556505	281345	2.19	57.46	2.42	65.22	2.49	68.53	2.54	70.38	2.68	73.88	2.96	84.59
5	1385536	556510	281367	2.19	57.46	2.42	65.22	2.49	68.53	2.54	70.38	2.68	73.89	2.96	84.60
6	1385373	556533	281455	2.18	57.51	2.41	65.29	2.48	68.60	2.54	70.45	2.67	73.96	2.96	84.64
7	1385628	556541	281486	2.18	57.51	2.41	65.29	2.48	68.60	2.53	70.45	2.67	73.96	2.96	84.64
8	1385406	556630	281809	2.18	57.66	2.40	65.49	2.47	68.82	2.52	70.65	2.66	74.18	2.95	84.78

Data in this table comes from the EAn Fenland Flood Risk Mapping 2015 model.
Level values are shown in mAOD, and flow values are shown in cubic metres per second.
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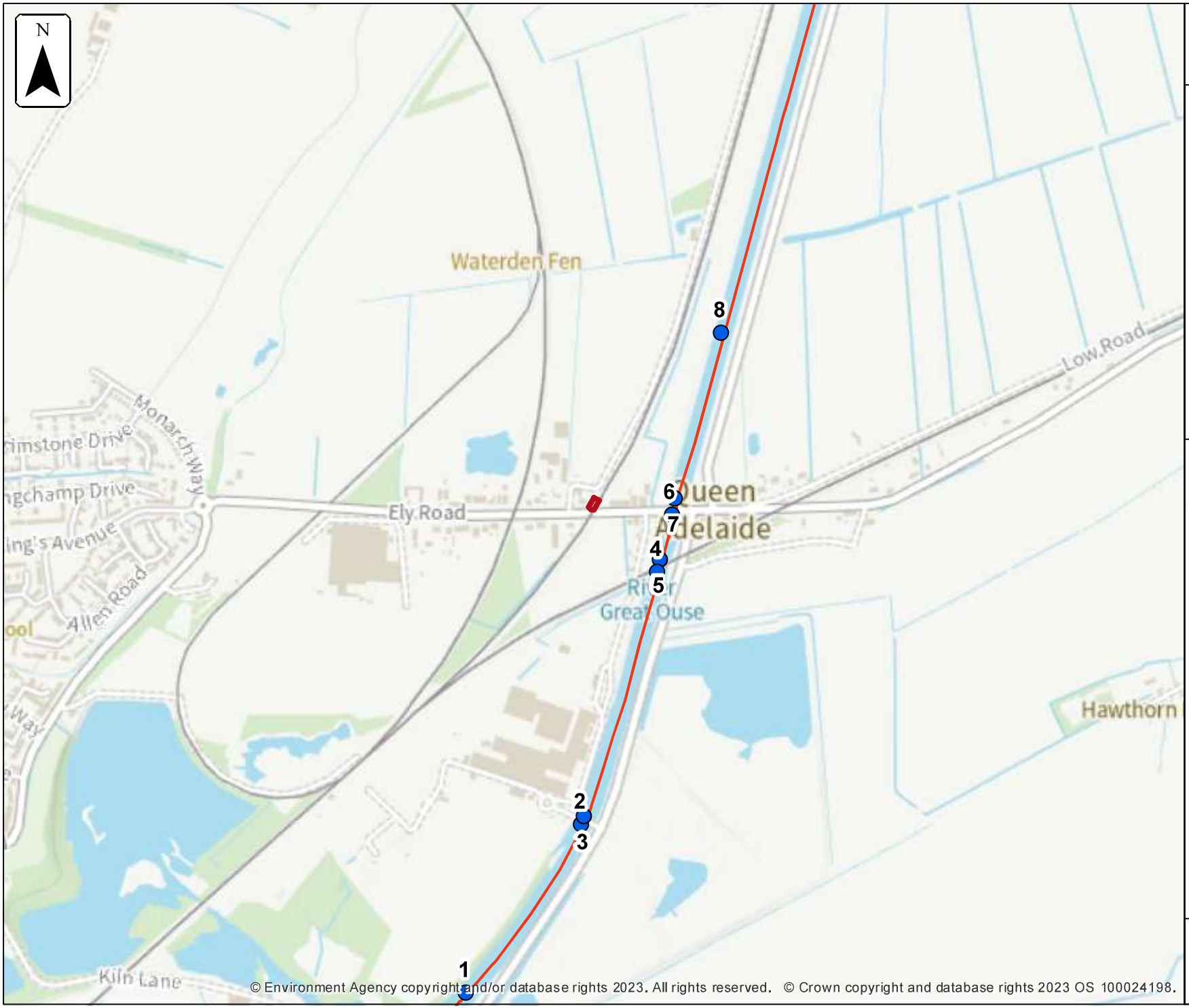

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Defended climate change modelled fluvial node locations

Location (easting/northing)
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Model name
EAn Fenland Flood Risk Mapping 2015

- Selected area
- Modelled location
- Main river

0 100 200 300 400 500
metres

Modelled node locations data

Defended climate change

Label	Modelled location ID	Easting	Northing	1.0% AEP (+20%)	
				Level	Flow
1	1385441	556131	280523	2.70	86.33
2	1385391	556357	280850	2.69	86.82
3	1385617	556363	280868	2.69	86.83
4	1385419	556505	281345	2.67	87.36
5	1385536	556510	281367	2.67	87.36
6	1385373	556533	281455	2.66	87.48
7	1385628	556541	281486	2.66	87.48
8	1385406	556630	281809	2.65	87.92

Data in this table comes from the EAn Fenland Flood Risk Mapping 2015 model.
Level values are shown in mAOD, and flow values are shown in cubic metres per second.
Any blank cells show where a particular scenario has not been modelled for this location.

River Defence Data						
Unique ID (Label)	Defence Type	Standard of Protection (Return Period)	Overall Condition Grade	Statutory Defence Level	Upstream Crest Level	Downstream Crest Level
332412 River Great Ouse						
117068	Embankment	1 in 100 (1%)	4	Not Known	4.09	4.03
84255	Embankment	1 in 100 (1%)	3	Not Known	4.17	4.17
132118	Embankment	1 in 100 (1%)	3	Not Known	4.17	4.1
132117	Embankment	1 in 100 (1%)	2	Not Known	4.1	4.21
117491	Embankment	1 in 100 (1%)	3	Not Known	2.68	2.8
119049	Embankment	1 in 100 (1%)	3	Not Known	5.29	2.68

332412 Defence Map

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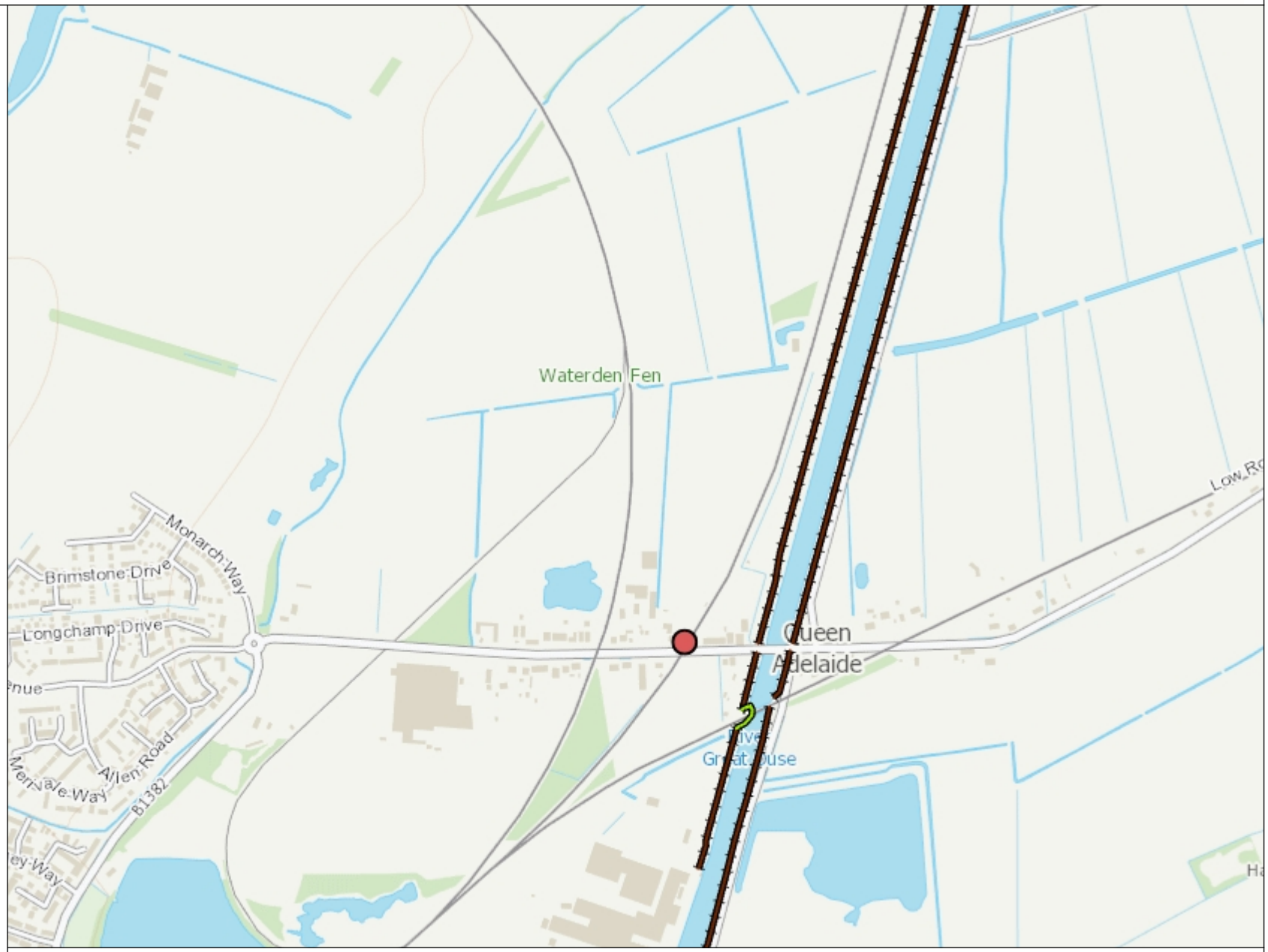
Legend

Defences (EA maintained)

- Embankment
- Wall
- Flood Gate
- Demountable Defence
- Bridge Abutment
- Engineered High Ground
- Natural High Ground
- Cliff
- Promenade
- Quay
- Beach
- Barrier Beach
- Dunes
- Spillway

Hostile sites



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Metres

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Flood risk assessments: Climate change allowances

Application of the allowances and local considerations

East Anglia; Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire

1) The climate change allowances

The National Planning Practice Guidance refers planners, developers and advisors to the Environment Agency guidance on considering climate change in Flood Risk Assessments (FRAs). This guidance was updated in October 2021 and is available on Gov.uk. The guidance can be used for planning applications, local plans, neighbourhood plans and other projects. It provides climate change allowances for peak river flow, peak rainfall, sea level rise, wind speed and wave height. The guidance provides a range of allowances to assess fluvial flooding, rather than a single national allowance. It advises on what allowances to use for assessment based on vulnerability classification, flood zone and development lifetime.

2) Assessment of climate change impacts on fluvial flooding

Where existing EA flood risk datasets and models do not provide the required climate change allowances, it is up to developers to undertake any work needed to appropriately assess the impacts of climate change on flood risk. They can do this by using the approaches in **Table A** below:

Table A below indicates the level of technical assessment of climate change impacts on fluvial flooding appropriate for new developments depending on their scale and location. This should be used as **a guide only**. Ultimately, the agreed approach should be based on expert local knowledge of flood risk conditions, local sensitivities and other influences. **For these reasons, we recommend that applicants and / or their consultants should contact the Environment Agency at the pre-planning application stage to confirm the assessment approach, on a case by case basis**. The email addresses for our Sustainable Places teams at our respective offices can be found in Section 8 below.

Table A defines three possible approaches to account for flood risk impacts due to climate change, in new development proposals:

- **Basic:** Developer can add an allowance to the 'design flood' (i.e. 1% annual probability) peak levels to account for potential climate change impacts. The allowance should be derived and agreed locally by Environment Agency teams.
- **Intermediate:** Developer can use existing modelled flood and flow data to construct a stage-discharge rating curve, which can be used to interpolate a flood level based on the required peak flow allowance being applied to the 'design flood' flow.
- **Detailed:** Perform detailed hydraulic modelling, either through re-running Environment Agency hydraulic models (if available) or construction of a new model by the developer.

Table A – Indicative guide to assessment approach

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION	FLOOD ZONE	DEVELOPMENT TYPE		
		NON-MAJOR	SMALL-MAJOR	LARGE-MAJOR
ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE	Zone 2	Detailed		
	Zone 3a	Detailed		
	Zone 3b	Detailed		
HIGHLY VULNERABLE	Zone 2	Intermediate/ Basic	Intermediate/ Basic	Detailed
	Zone 3a	Not appropriate development		
	Zone 3b	Not appropriate development		
MORE VULNERABLE	Zone 2	Basic	Basic	Intermediate/ Basic
	Zone 3a	Intermediate/ Basic	Detailed	Detailed
	Zone 3b	Not appropriate development		
LESS VULNERABLE	Zone 2	Basic	Basic	Intermediate/ Basic
	Zone 3a	Basic	Basic	Detailed
	Zone 3b	Not appropriate development		
WATER COMPATIBLE	Zone 2	None		
	Zone 3a	Intermediate/ Basic		
	Zone 3b	Detailed		

Note: Where the table states 'not appropriate development', this is in line with national planning policy. If in exceptional circumstances such development types are proposed in these locations, we would expect a detailed modelling approach to be used.

NOTES:

- Non-Major: 1-9 dwellings/ less than 0.5 ha | Office / light industrial under 1ha | General industrial under 1 ha | Retail under 1 ha | Gypsy/traveller site between 0 and 9 pitches
- Small-Major: 10 to 30 dwellings | Office / light industrial 1ha to 5ha | General industrial 1ha to 5ha | Retail over 1ha to 5ha | Gypsy/traveller site over 10 to 30 pitches
- Large-Major: 30+ dwellings | Office / light industrial 5ha+ | General industrial 5ha+ | Retail 5ha+ | Gypsy/traveler site over 30+ pitches | any other development that creates a non-residential building or development over 1000 sq m.

The assessment approach should be agreed with the Environment Agency as part of pre-planning application discussions to avoid abortive work.

3) Specific local considerations

Where the Environment Agency and the applicant and / or their consultant has agreed that a '**basic**´ level of assessment is appropriate, the figures in Table B below can be used as a precautionary allowance for potential climate change impacts on peak 'design' (i.e. 1% annual probability) fluvial flood level rather than undertaking detailed modelling.

Table B – Local precautionary allowances for potential climate change impacts

Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk

Hydraulic Model (Watercourse)	Precautionary allowance (basic approach)
Blackwater & Brain - Blackwater between TL7520925623 and TL7820324314 Brain between TL7373323312 and TL7683821321	500mm
Other main rivers, tributaries and ordinary watercourses	For other main rivers, tributaries and ordinary watercourses that are not stated above, basic allowances have not been calculated. In this instance you can either: • If flow data is available you can request this data from us and can conduct an intermediate assessment yourself • Or alternatively, you can choose to undertake a Detailed Assessment and "perform detailed hydraulic modelling, through either re-running our hydraulic models (if available) or constructing a new model

Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire

Watercourse / Model	Precautionary allowance (basic approach)
Alconbury Brook	600mm
River Kym	
Lower Ouse (Model Extent)	700mm
Mid Ouse (Cold Brayfield to Bromham – between SP9156852223 and TL0132950919)	700mm
Mid Ouse (East of Bedford to Roxton – between TL0791848903 and TL1618854543)	700mm
River Hiz and River Purwell	400mm
River Ivel	500mm
Pix Brook	450mm
Potton Brook	500mm
River Cam and tributaries (excluding the Cam Lodes and the Slade System)	450mm
Great Barford (ordinary watercourses)	500mm
Bromham (ordinary watercourse)	550mm

NOTES:

Urban areas excluded from the 'basic' approach: St Ives, Holywell, Godmanchester, Swavesey, Over, Bedford, Newport Pagnell, Buckingham and Leighton Buzzard. More detailed assessment of climate change allowances will need to be undertaken in these locations.

Use of these allowances will only be accepted after discussion with the Environment Agency.

4) Fluvial flood risk mitigation

For planning consultations where we are a statutory consultee and our Flood risk standing advice **does not** apply we use the following benchmarks to inform flood risk mitigation for different vulnerability classifications. **These are a guide only**. **We strongly recommend you contact us at the pre-planning application stage to confirm this on a case by case basis.** For planning consultations where we are not a statutory consultee or our Flood risk Standing advice applies, we recommend that local planning authorities and developers use these benchmarks but we do not expect to be consulted.

- For development classed as '**essential infrastructure**' our benchmark for flood risk mitigation is for it to be designed to the '**higher central**' climate change allowance for the epoch that most closely represents the lifetime of the development, including decommissioning. Please note that nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) may also need to assess a **credible maximum climate change scenario** by applying the '**upper end**' allowance for peak river flow as a sensitivity test. This will help to determine how sensitive the development is to changes in the climate and to ensure that it can be adapted to large-scale climate change over its lifetime.

- For **highly vulnerable**, **more vulnerable, less vulnerable and water compatible** developments in flood zones 2 and 3a, the '**central**' climate change allowance is our minimum benchmark for flood risk mitigation. For large urban settlement extensions or developments that form new communities, the credible maximum climate change scenario must be assessed; in these circumstances, you should use the '**upper end'** allowance.

- For **water compatible** development in flood zone 3b, the '**central**' climate change allowance for the epoch that most closely represents the lifetime of the development is our minimum benchmark for flood risk mitigation.

For peak river flow allowances and a visual representation of the above, please see Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1 peak river flow allowances by Management Catchment (use 1961 to 1990 baseline)

Management Catchment	Allowance category	Total potential change anticipated for '2020s' (2015 to 39)	Total potential change anticipated for '2050s' (2040 to 2069)	Total potential change anticipated for '2080s' (2070 to 2125)
Upper and Bedford Ouse	**Upper end**	24%	30%	58%
	Higher central	10%	11%	30%
	Central	5%	4%	19%
Cam and Ely Ouse	**Upper End**	21%	22%	45%
	Higher Central	7%	5%	19%
	Central	2%	-2%	9%
Old Bedford and Middle Level	**Upper End**	23%	22%	39%
	Higher central	9%	4%	15%
	Central	3%	-3%	6%
North West Norfolk	**Upper End**	30%	34%	57%
	Higher central	18%	18%	33%
	Central	13%	11%	23%
North Norfolk Rivers	**Upper End**	26%	27%	48%
	Higher central	13%	11%	24%
	Central	7%	4%	14%
Broadland Rivers	**Upper End**	27%	27%	44%
	Higher central	14%	10%	20%
	Central	8%	3%	11%
East Suffolk	**Upper End**	25%	29%	54%
	Higher central	13%	13%	29%
	Central	8%	7%	19%
Combined Essex	**Upper End**	27%	37%	72%
	Higher central	13%	16%	38%
	Central	7%	8%	25%

South Essex	**Upper End**	22%	27%	48%
	Higher central	11%	11%	26%
	Central	6%	5%	17%

If you are not sure which management catchment your site falls within, please use the guidance and link to the peak river flow map, which can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climate-change-allowances#peak-river-flow-allowances

Table 2: Using peak river flow allowances for flood risk assessments

Flood Zone	Essential Infrastructure	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable	Water Compatible
2	higher central[1]	central[2]	central[2]	central	central
3a	higher central[1]	**X**	central[2]	central	central
3b	higher central[1]	**X**	**X**	**X**	central

X – Development should not be permitted
If (exceptionally) development is considered appropriate when not in accordance with flood zone vulnerability categories, then it would be appropriate to use the higher central allowance.

[1] For NSIPs, the 'upper end' allowance should be used to assess a credible maximum climate change scenario.

[2] For large urban settlement extensions or developments that form new communities, the credible maximum climate change scenario must be assessed. In these circumstances, you should use the 'upper end' allowance.

There may be circumstances where local evidence supports the use of other data or allowances. Where you think this is the case we may want to check this data and how you propose to use it.

Assessing off-site impacts and calculating floodplain compensation

The appropriate allowance to assess off-site impacts and calculation floodplain compensation requirements depends on the land uses in affected areas.

The '**central'** allowance should be used in most cases. However, the '**higher central'** allowance should be used when the affected area contains essential infrastructure.

5) Development in tidal flood risk areas

For flood risk assessments and strategic flood risk assessments, assess both the **higher central** and **upper end** allowances for all development vulnerability classes (see table 3 below).

For NSIPs and large urban settlement extensions or developments that form new communities, the **credible maximum climate change scenario** should be assessed (sea level rise and sensitivity test allowances for offshore wind speed and extreme wave height and storm surge uplift). To assess the flood risk from a high impact climate change scenario, you should use the H^{++} allowance of 1.9m for the total sea level rise to 2100.

Table 3: sea level allowances for each epoch in mm for each year (based on a 1981 to 2000 baseline) – the total sea level risk for each epoch is in brackets

Area of England	Allowance	2000 to 2035 (mm)	2036 to 2065 (mm)	2066 to 2095 (mm)	2096 to 2125 (mm)	Cumulative rise 2000 to 2125 (metres)
Anglian	Higher central	5.8 (203)	8.7 (261)	11.6 (348)	13 (390)	1.20
Anglian	Upper end	7 (245)	11.3 (339)	15.8 (474)	18.1 (543)	1.60
South east	Higher central	5.7 (200)	8.7 (261)	11.6 (348)	13.1 (393)	1.20
South east	Upper end	6.9 (242)	11.3 (339)	15.8 (474)	18.2 (546)	1.60

6) Tidal flood risk mitigation

For planning consultations where we are a statutory consultee and our flood risk standing advice does not apply, we use the following benchmarks to inform flood risk mitigation for different vulnerability classifications. **These are a guide only. We strongly recommend you contact us at the pre-planning application stage to confirm this on a case by case basis. Please note you may be charged for this advice.** For planning consultations where we are not a statutory consultee or our flood risk standing advice applies, we recommend that local planning authorities and developers use these benchmarks but we do not expect to be consulted.

- For development classed as essential Infrastructure, highly vulnerable development and more vulnerable development, our minimum benchmark for flood risk mitigation is the **'upper end'** climate change allowance for the development lifetime (including decommissioning where relevant).

- For water compatible or less vulnerable development (e.g. commercial), our minimum benchmark for flood risk mitigation is the **'higher central'** climate change allowance for the development lifetime. In sensitive locations it may be necessary to use the **'upper end'** allowance to inform built in resilience.

If you are using our 2018 Coastal Flood Modelling Data outputs:
The **upper end** allowance become progressively higher each year than the climate change flood level outputs used in our current 2018 coastal flood model. So as an approximation we recommend that the following uplift values are added on to the on-site climate change flood levels provided in the Product 4:

- For development lifetimes extending to 2122, add 0.34m
- For development lifetimes extending to 2123, add 0.36m
- For development lifetimes extending to 2124, add 0.38m
- For development lifetimes extending to 2125, add 0.40m

If the proposed development is greater than 30 houses and the flood zone is in an open-coast location, we recommend that a more accurate impact of the increased upper end flood levels on the overtopping on-site flood levels is modelled by rerunning our coastal overtopping model with the new flood levels; you can obtain the model from us with a Product 6 and 7 request. If the site is located within a small or constrained tidal or coastal floodplain then regardless of the size of the development, you may also need to undertake remodelling of the flood levels to obtain an accurate assessment of the impacts of climate change; please contact us for advice (contact details in Section 8 below).

If you are using our Broads 2008 Flood Modelling Data outputs:
For the **upper end** allowance, please add the following uplift values onto the climate change flood levels provided in the Product 4:

- For development lifetimes extending to 2122, add 0.34m
- For development lifetimes extending to 2123, add 0.36m
- For development lifetimes extending to 2124, add 0.38m
- For development lifetimes extending to 2125, add 0.40m

If you are using our 2008 Thames Flood Modelling Data outputs:
Please add the appropriate climate change allowances for the South East River Basin District onto the present day flood levels obtained in the Product 4, starting from a base year of 2005. The allowances should be applied to the year appropriate to the respective development lifetime for residential or commercial developments.
***** note**:*** *We anticipate that there will be updated flood modelling outputs available for the Thames Estuary in mid-2022. Developers preparing Flood Risk Assessments for developments in this area should check for availability of new data with the East Anglia (East) PSO team (contact details in Section 8 below).*

There may be circumstances where local evidence supports the use of other data or allowances. Where you think this is the case, we may want to check this data and how you propose to use it.

7) Assessment of climate change impacts for Surface Water Management

Please see the latest advice on the use of Peak Rainfall Intensity climate change allowances, which can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climate-change-allowances

The Environment Agency is not a statutory consultee to the land use planning system for the consideration of surface water flood risk and management. We therefore recommend that you contact the relevant Lead Local Flood Authority (contact details listed below) to discuss Flood Risk Assessment requirements to support your development's surface water management proposals.

Cambridgeshire County Council - fr.planning@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Central Bedfordshire Council – floodrisk@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
Bedford Borough Council – floodrisk@bedford.gov.uk
Milton Keynes Council – llfa@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Buckinghamshire County Council - floodmanagement@buckscc.gov.uk
Herts County Council - floodandwatermanagement@hertscc.gov.uk
Northamptonshire County Council - floodandwater@northamptonshire.gov.uk
Norfolk County Council – llfa@norfolk.gov.uk
Suffolk County Council – floods@suffolk.gov.uk
Essex County Council – suds@essex.gov.uk
Thurrock Council – TransportDevelopment@thurrock.gov.uk
Southend-on-Sea Council – llfa@southend.gov.uk

8) Our Service

Non-chargeable service

We will give a free opinion on:

- What climate change allowance to apply to a particular development type
- Which technical approach is suitable in the FRA

Chargeable service:

- Review of climate change impacts using intermediate and detailed technical approaches (i.e. modelling review)
- Assessment and review of proposals for managed adaptation.

Contact Details

For East Anglia (Great Ouse Catchment): planning.brampton@environment-agency.gov.uk

For East Anglia (East): planning.ipswich@environment-agency.gov.uk

Appendix 1 – Further information on the Intermediate approach.

1) The methodology the chart is based on does not produce an accurate stage-discharge rating and is a simplified methodology for producing flood levels that can be applied in low risk small-scale development situations.
2) The method should not be applied where there is existing detailed modelled climate change outputs that use the new allowances. In such circumstances, the 'with climate change' modelled scenarios should be applied.

An example stage-discharge relationship is shown below.