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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Clarkebond (UK) Ltd (CB) was commissioned in October 2014 by EP Barrus to produce a Flood Risk Assessment to support a proposed industrial/commercial development on land to the west of Chilgrove Drive, north of Camp Road and adjoining former RAF Upper Heyford, Upper Heyford incorporating former MOD gymnasium.

The site is situated within the urban boundary of Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire to the north west of the junction of Camp Road and Chilgrove Drive, with the approximate Ordnance Survey Grid Reference of SP5215725867 (WGS84 Geoid Lat/Long: 51.928885,-1.242885). The nearest post code is OX25 5LU.

This FRA report has been prepared in support of a hybrid planning application comprising:

- 1) Application for full planning permission for Phase One works comprising erection of 9,837 sq. m warehouse with associated service yard and access; and
- 2) Outline application for Phase Two works comprising office and training school and manufacturing, storage and distribution buildings with associated parking and landscaping.

It is intended to provide the Planning Authority and Environment Agency (EA) information on flooding in order to determine the planning application.

### 1.2 Proposed Development

Refer to proposed site layout plan in Figure 1 and **Appendix A**.

The following are the key activities envisaged during the proposed development:

- The construction of main services to the entire site; water, foul and storm sewers, power
- The construction of the access roads, car parking and landscaping;
- Phased construction of the warehousing, other structural units and supporting infrastructure.

The proposed land use is classified as 'Less Vulnerable' development, as described in Table 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Technical Guidance.

Table 3 of the NPPF Technical guidance, shows that 'Less Vulnerable' development is suitable in Flood Zones 1, 2 and 3a but not Flood Zone 3b.

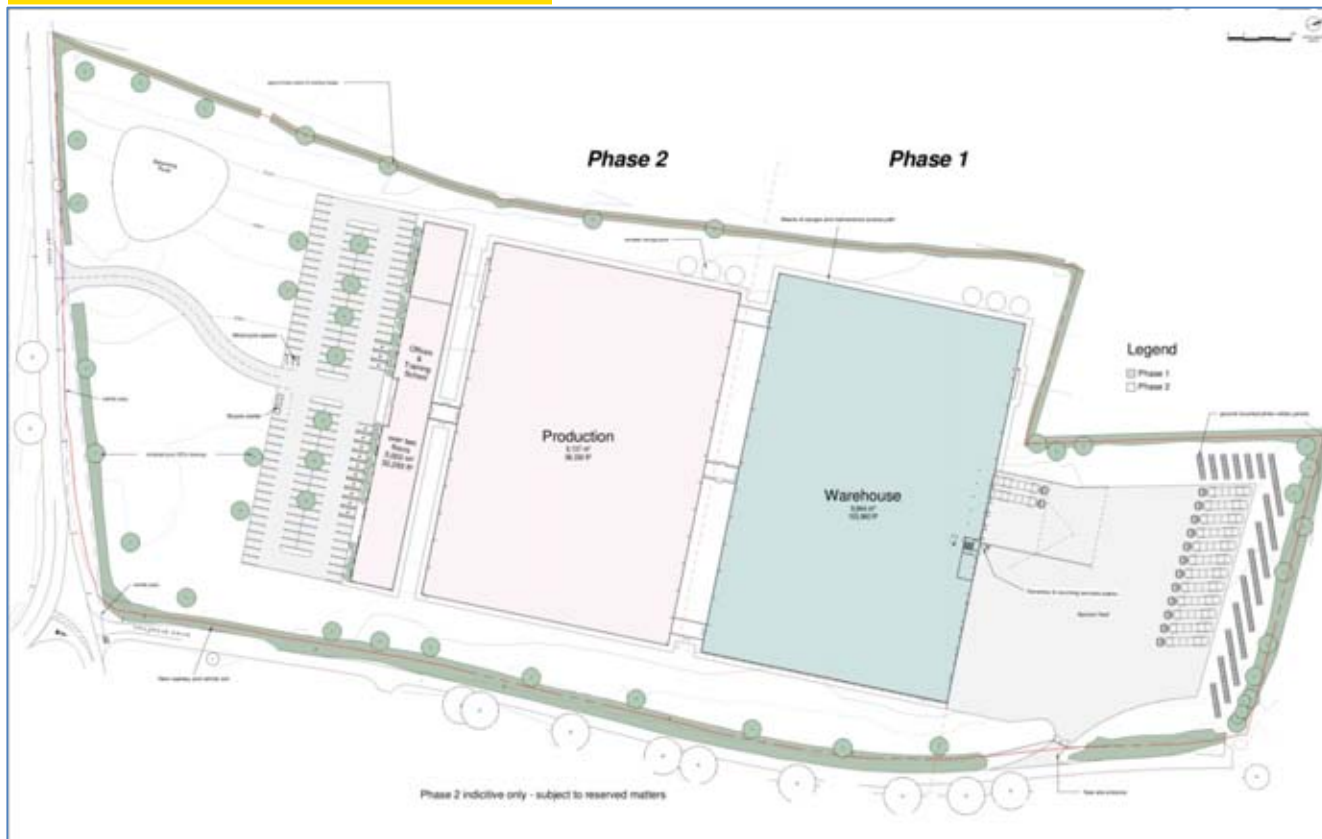


Figure 1: Proposed Site Plan (Phases 1 and 2)

### 1.3 Objectives

The main objectives of this FRA are to demonstrate that the national policy test in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraphs 103 and 104 are met and thus:

- To identify the probability or otherwise of flooding at the proposed development site.
- To assess the need to develop at this site in relation to the Sequential Test.
- To identify the consequence of flooding and any possible flood protection measures.
- To assess the overall impacts of the development on flood risk elsewhere.

### 1.4 Limitations

The information, views and conclusions drawn concerning the site are based, in part, on information supplied to Clarkebond by other parties. Clarkebond has proceeded in good faith on the assumption that this information is accurate. Clarkebond accepts no liability for any inaccurate conclusions, assumptions or actions taken resulting from any inaccurate information supplied to Clarkebond from others.

## 2.0 THE STUDY AREA

### 2.1 Location

The proposed site is located approximately 3.2km northeast of Lower Heyford, approximately 3.5km south east of Somerton and approximately 600m north-northeast of Caulcott. The site, which has previously housed a gymnasium associated with the RAF and USAF operations at the former Upper Heyford airbase, has a total area of approximately 5.7ha and is bounded:

- To the north and north west by the former RAF Upper Heyford airbase;
- To the east by Chilgrove Drive and agricultural land;
- To the south by Camp Road, with a mobile home site 90m to the south west; and
- To the west by a field and residential properties some 150m from the site boundary

The site location is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Aerial Photograph Showing Site

### 2.2 Site Topography

Review of the survey information confirms that the site slopes moderately towards the south and south western boundary, with the highest site levels on the 122m AOD contour toward the north east of the site and lowest site levels on the 116m AOD contour toward the south west site boundary.

Refer to plan showing site topography and levels in **Appendix B**.

### 2.3 Geology

The geology of the site is shown on maps obtained from the Groundsure report which are extracted from the British Geological Survey (BGS) Digital Geological Map of Great Britain at 1:50,000 scale.

This indicates that the Great Oolite of Jurassic age, underlies the site. The BGS Lexicon describes the Great Oolite as 'Calcareous (rarely oolitic) and argillaceous formations.'

The maps do not show any superficial deposits.

Historical exploratory hole records available on the BGS website show that the closest recorded boreholes to the site are located on the east and south edges of the site. The borehole on the east of the site encountered Made Ground comprising brick, limestone and concrete rubble over firm brown sandy clay with brick fragments. This was underlain by a dark brown clayey, sandy silt with limestone fragments, and some coarse rubble. This was further underlain by buff yellow, moderately strong limestone.

The boreholes to the south of the site encountered topsoil to 0.60m, over interbedded limestone and blue clay to 20m depth, with water bearing clay strata at 18.60m.

## 2.4 Hydrology and Drainage

The main watercourse which provides natural drainage for the site is a minor headwater secondary tributary of the River Ray. This unnamed watercourse flows in a generally southern direction to join the Gallos Brook, which joins the River Ray near Islip. The River ray then flows westerly before joining with the River Cherwell.

The unnamed watercourse has a small catchment area of approximately 1.1km<sup>2</sup> at NGR SP 52050 25900 (near the site) and at its closest is approximately 32m from the western site boundary. Refer to Figures 3 and 4a & 4b which show the sub-catchment of the unnamed watercourse and the local hydrological setting respectively.

### The River Ray

The River Ray is a river in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, England. It rises at Quainton Hill and flows west through a flat countryside for around 25 km or 15 miles. It passes the village of Ambrosden and then flows through Otmoor. It is a major tributary to the Cherwell and joins the River Cherwell near Islip which then flows into the Thames.

In 1815 a new channel was cut between Charlton-on-Otmoor and Oddington, known as the New River Ray, to divert much of the water flow around the northern and southern edge of Otmoor.

### River Cherwell

This is a major tributary of the River Thames in central England. It rises near Hellidon in Northamptonshire and flows south through Oxfordshire for 40 miles (64 km) to meet the Thames at Oxford.

Its general course is flowing from north to south through the centre of Cherwell District Council area passing through Banbury, Upper Heyford, and Kidlington before flowing to Oxford where the Cherwell meets the River Thames. The river drains a total catchment area of 906 km<sup>2</sup> with a mean annual rainfall of 682 mm. (Acreman 2003).

Tributaries that flow to the River Cherwell include the Hanwell Brook, the Sor Brook, the Bloxham Brook and the River Swere all flowing from the West and the River Ray flowing from the East. The confluence of the River Cherwell with the River Thames is located about 5km beyond the Cherwell District southern boundary.

Land use across the river catchment is predominately rural (less than 2% of the catchment is classified as 'urban') and includes the two main urban centres of Banbury and Bicester.



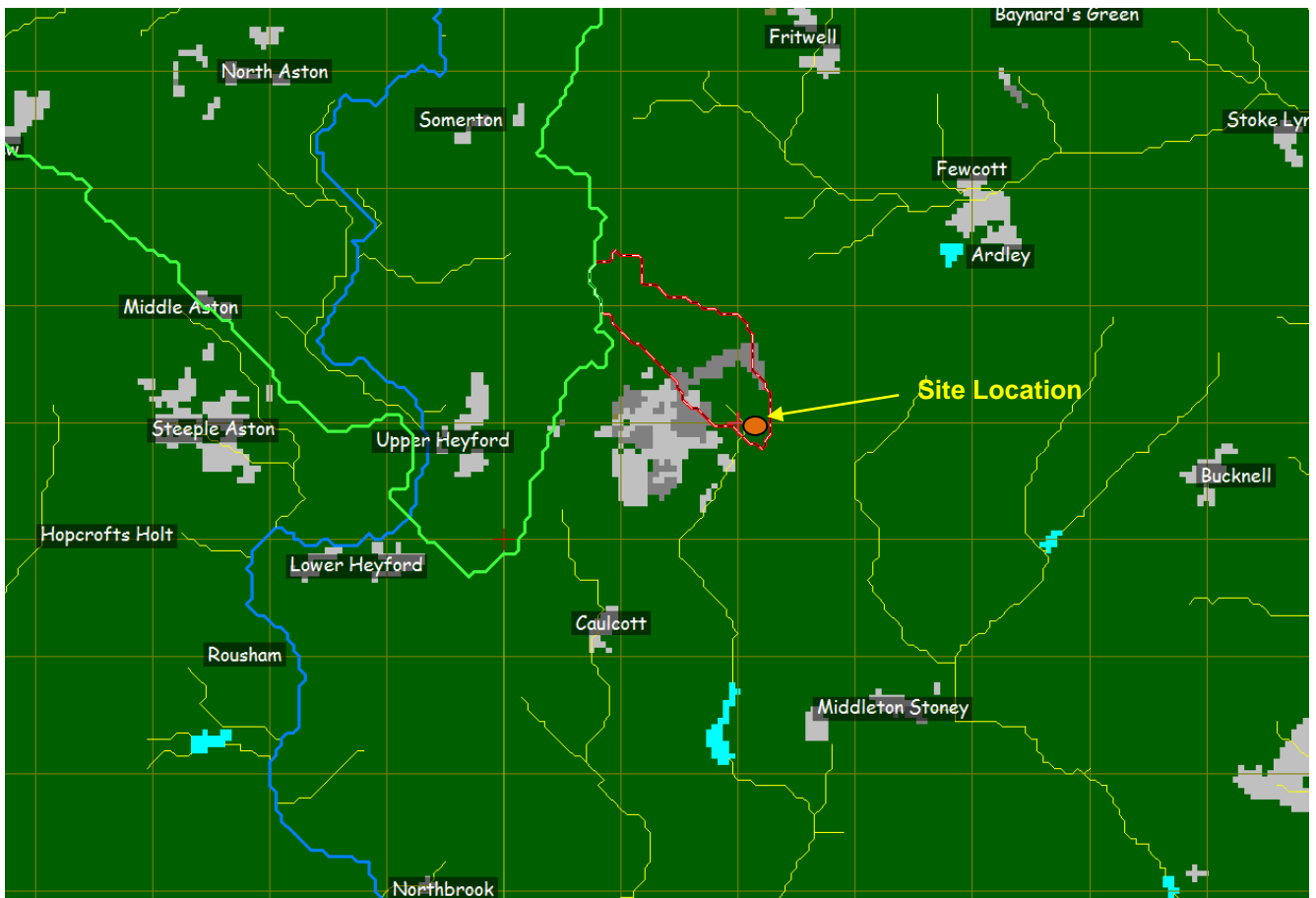


Figure 3: Local Catchment & Hydrological Setting (FEH CdROM)

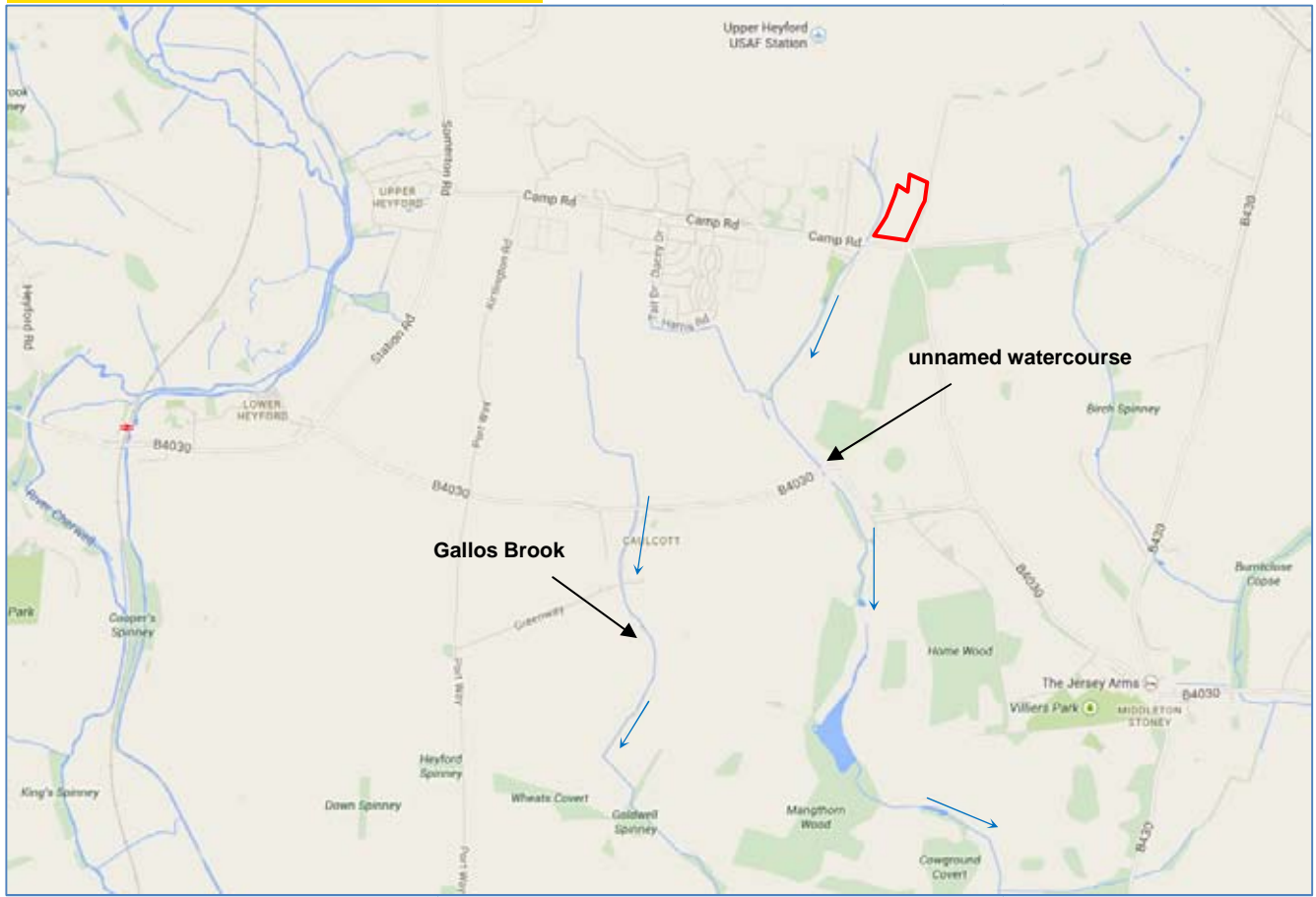


Figure 4a: Showing the Local Hydrological Setting



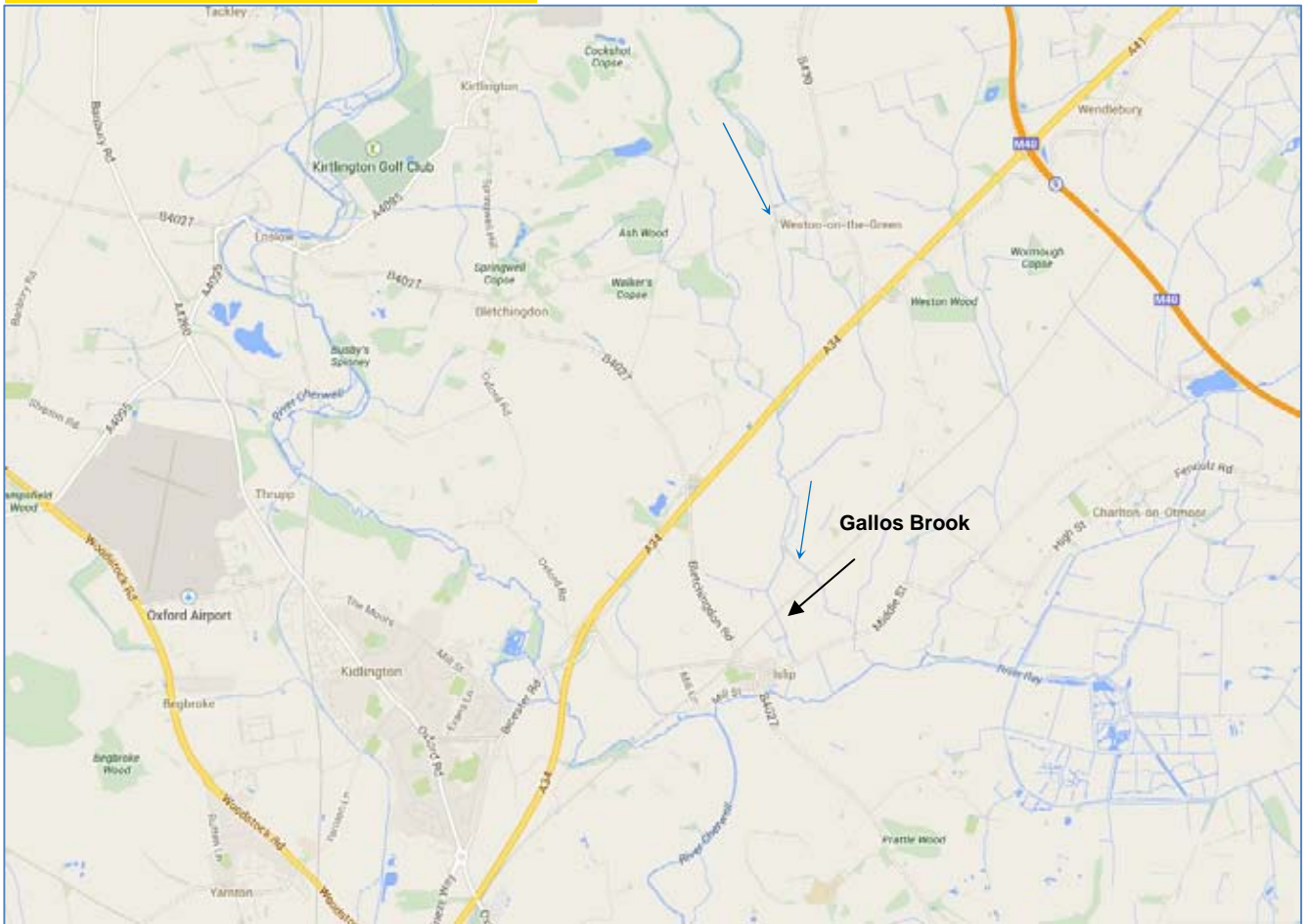


Figure 4b: Showing the Local Hydrological Setting

## 2.5 Site Drainage

There are no formal drains or ditches evident within the boundary of the proposed site. Natural infiltration to the soil and surface runoff to the minor watercourse (west of the site boundary) are the most likely mechanisms for the existing surface water drainage.

Thames Water is the statutory sewerage undertaker for the public sewer network, including foul, surface and combined sewers. In addition, private individuals may also be responsible for drainage systems that discharge to watercourses or the public sewer.

### 3.0 FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

#### 3.1 Sources of Flood Hazards identified

The main source of flood risk identified for the proposed site is flooding from pluvial sources. The Cherwell and West Oxfordshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) also concluded that the primary source of flood risk to this part of the SFRA area is not from fluvial or tidal flooding but from overland flow flooding from intense rainfall.

#### 3.2 Predicted Flood Extents

Fluvial flood risks at the site were assessed using results from the Environment Agency (EA) Flood maps.

The EA flood map provides a broad scale assessment of flood risk for that geographical area. It evaluates risk as the product of the probability and the consequence of particular events. Probability is defined as the frequency and magnitude of floods that are generated by fluvial or tidal flows and intense rainfall activity. The consequence is defined as the impact of floodwater on receptors (people, property, land, etc).

The Environment Agency Indicative Flood Zone Maps indicate that the site lies within Flood Zone (FZ) 1, comprising land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1000 annual probability of river flooding in any year (less than 0.1%). The flood zones of the watercourses relative to the site are shown on the Environment Agency Flood Map included as Figures 5a and 5b.

It is possible that the unnamed minor watercourse and other minor headwater tributaries of the River Ray were not specifically modelled in the broad scale assessment undertaken by the EA. The EA does not have any data on flood depth and velocity for the site. There was no information available on flooding history at the specific site.

NPPF allows the scale of site specific flood risk assessments to reflect the scale of development and the flood Zone it is located within.

The area of the site where the planned development will occur is outside of the 1 in 100 year (1%) and the 1 in 1000 (0.1%) fluvial events therefore the consequence of flooding from rivers is limited.

Flood risk from fluvial sources is therefore considered low.

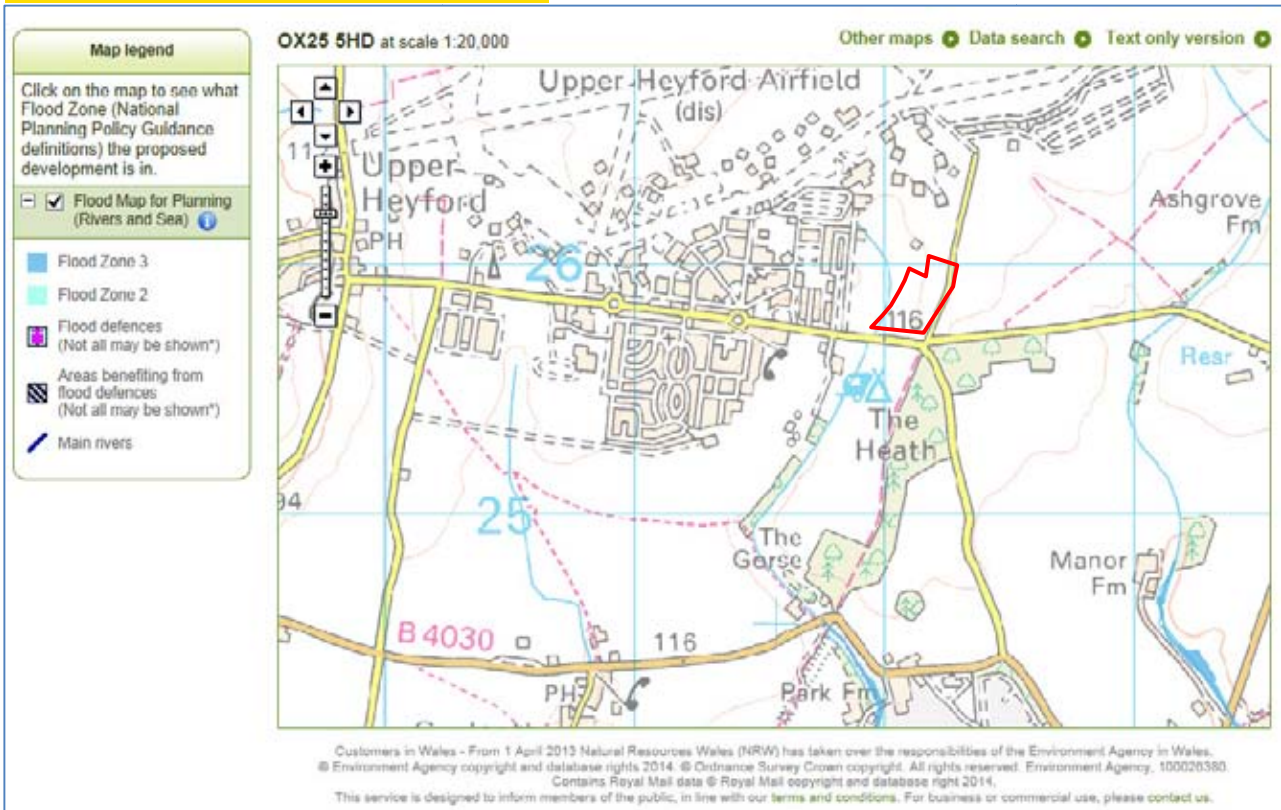


Figure 5a: EA Indicative Flood Map of Study Area (source EA website)

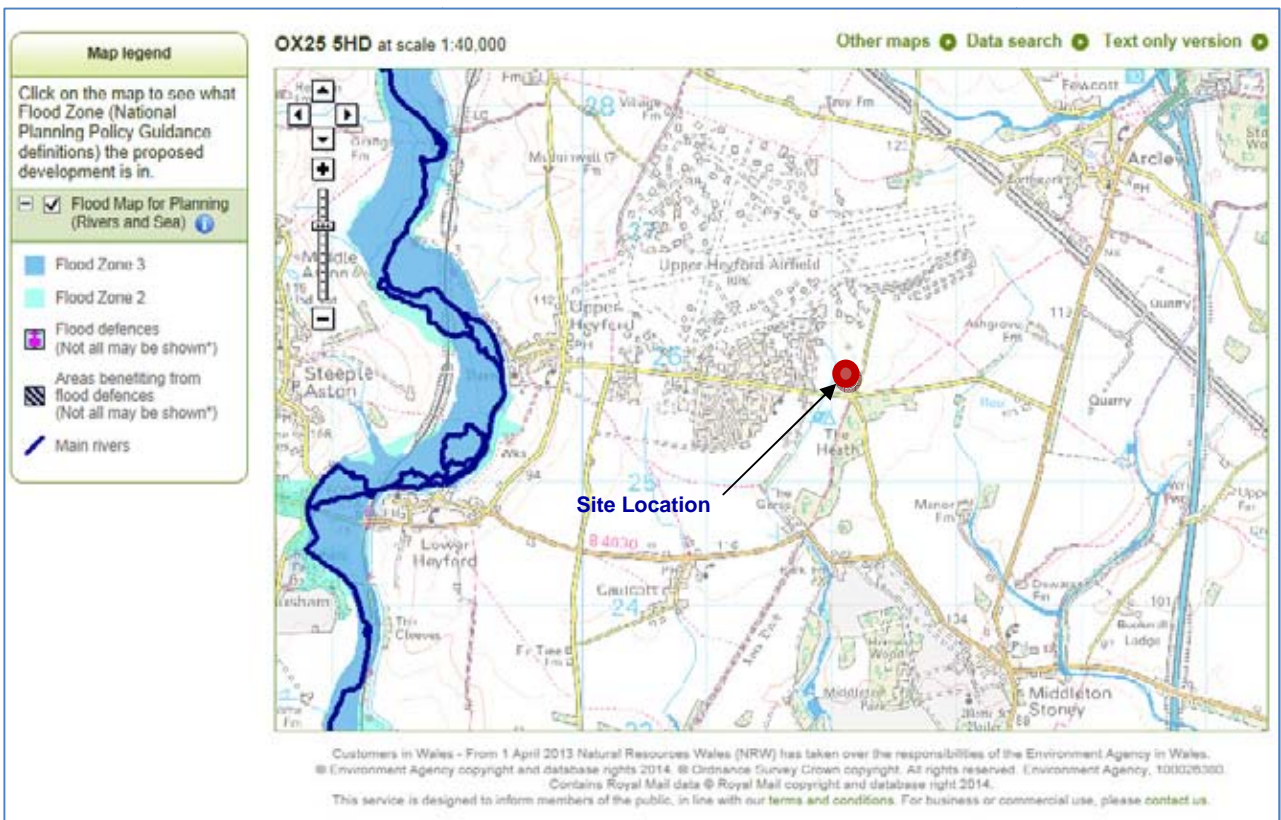


Figure 5b: EA Indicative Flood Map of Study Area (source EA website)



Surface Water Flood Risk

The EA flood map showing the risk of flooding from surface water (refer to Figure 6) shows the risk of flooding from surface water at the proposed development site to be very low. Very low means that each year, this area has a chance of flooding of less than 1 in 1000 (0.1%).

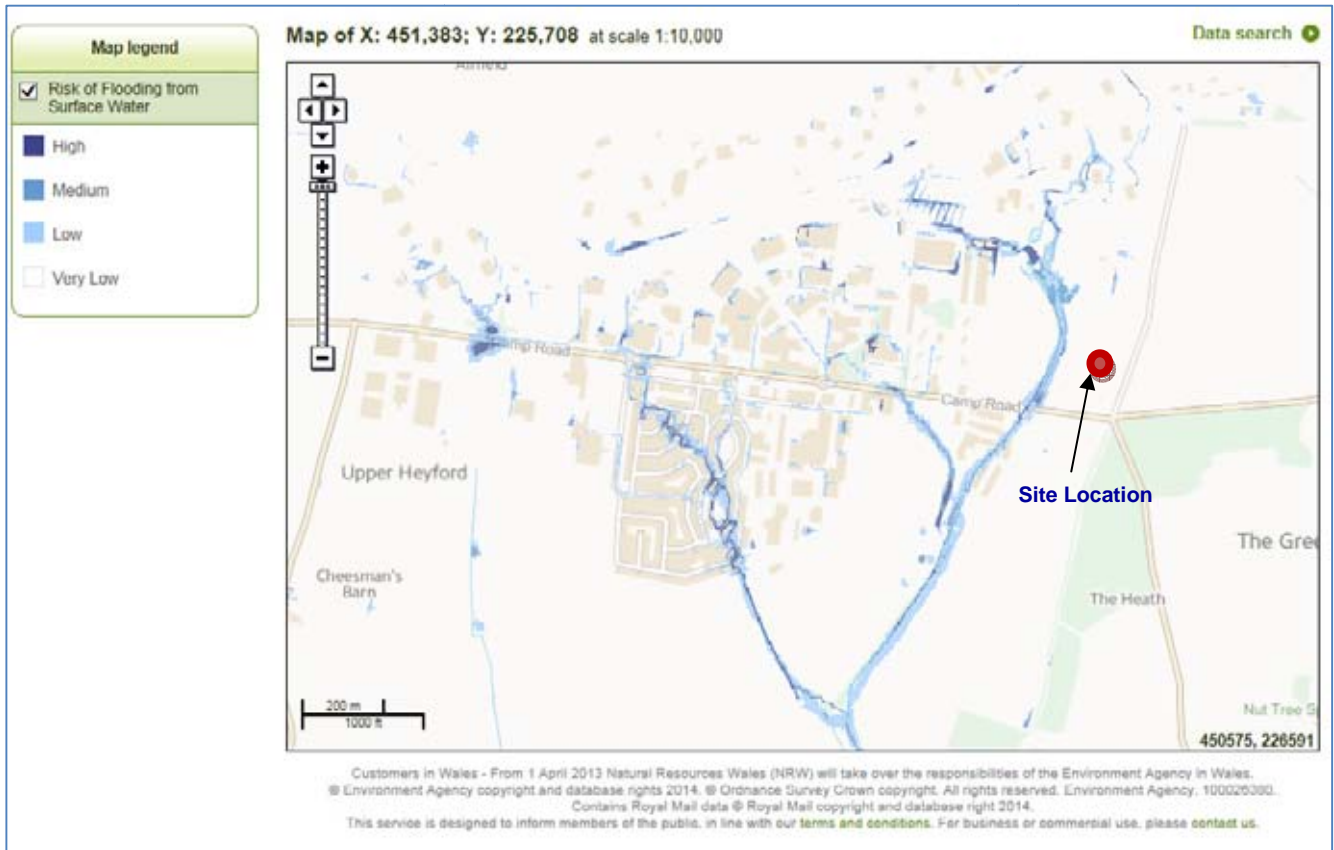


Figure 6: EA Flood Map Showing Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (source EA website)

3.3 Findings from the Strategic Flood risk Assessment (SFRA)

Review of the Level 1 SFRA has been undertaken to support the proposed development of the proposed site in Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire.

The SFRA indicates that the proposed site is flood-free for the 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 fluvial events for all the relevant watercourses.

Historical Flooding

There have been numerous historical flood events in the Cherwell SFRA study area. According to the SFRA, the most severe flood event recorded in Cherwell District, in terms of danger to life and property occurred in April 1998 when flood levels reached what were at the time considered to have a return period of greater than 1 in 100 years. However, other events approaching the same level have occurred on several occasions over the last 25 years indicating that severe flooding (in terms of danger to life and property) could be becoming more frequent.

A gauging station at Banbury was installed in December 1966 and the largest flood event on record was in 1998 with a level of 2.75m (91.45m AOD). Records from July 2007 show that the maximum water level occurred on

the 21st July and was 2.39m (91.09m AOD). Therefore the April 1998 remains the largest flood on record at Banbury.

It is difficult to make an assessment of the magnitudes of these floods especially when the Cherwell Valley would historically have been far less developed making it likely that historical flood levels were lower than for the same rainfall event today.

However, the proposed site was not specifically identified by the SFRA to have been flooded in the past.

#### Flooding from Land (Pluvial/Surface Water Flooding and Overland Flow)

During periods of prolonged rainfall events and sudden intense downpours, overland flow from adjacent higher ground may 'pond' in low-lying areas of land without draining into watercourses, surface water drainage systems or the ground. According to the SFRA, the settlements of Kidlington, Launton, Ambrosden, Arncott, Blackthorn, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Fencott, Mercott, Wendlebury, Westonon- the-Green, Caulcot, Noke and Oddington are all located on low lying impervious ground where there may be limited surface water drainage and therefore may be at increased risk of flooding from overland flow.

Known areas of surface water flooding, caused mainly by local drainage problems have been identified within the SFRA.

Review of the SFRA maps does not identify any flooding incidents either within the proposed site boundary or within close vicinity of the proposed development. It is noted however that the information provided within the SFRA is based on historical data and is not exhaustive.

The EA flood map showing the risk of flooding from surface water (refer to Figure 6) shows the risk of flooding from surface water at proposed development site to be very low.

#### Flooding from Groundwater

The underlying superficial geology of the SFRA area is predominantly Clay, particularly in the north. This results in flashy runoff and rapid responses of fluvial systems to rainfall events. In the locality of Bicester there are outcrops of shale which are more permeable. There are locations within the Cherwell District that are affected by high water tables and are susceptible to seasonal spring fed activity such as Mollington. This may result in standing water on low lying ground that is unable to reach a ditch or watercourse and is unable to percolate through the ground due to seasonally high water perched groundwater levels.

Settlements at most risk of groundwater flooding are those that lie at the base of steep sided valleys such as Bodicote, Hook Norton and Steeple Aston where the potential for receiving and passing on ground water likely to cause flooding is the greatest.

The SFRA does not specifically identify groundwater flooding as a significant flood source at the proposed site.

#### Flooding from Sewers

It should be noted that much of the sewer network dates back to Victorian times, some of which is of unknown capacity and condition. More recent sewers are likely to have been designed to the guidelines in 'Sewers for Adoption' (WRC, 2006). These sewers tend to have a design standard of up to the 1 in 30 year storm event (equating to approximately a 1 in 5 year flood flow), although in many cases, it is thought that this design standard is not achieved, especially in privately owned systems.

It is therefore likely that parts of the sewer system will surcharge during large, high intensity rainstorm events resulting in frequent flooding, particularly if the systems are combined and if climate change forecasts are correct. Due to the limited capacities and design standards, the level of risk posed by and probability of sewer flooding is therefore greater than that of fluvial flooding, where the SFRA examines the 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 year return periods.

Developments within Cherwell have historically been piped to watercourses due to the local geology. Discharges from older (generally preceding 1970) development are often unattenuated exacerbating the flashy responsiveness of the Districts fluvial systems to rainfall.

The SFRA has not specifically identified the proposed site or adjacent areas to be at risk to sewer flooding. Therefore taking this information into account with the site topography, flooding from sewer sources at this site is assessed to be low.

#### Flooding from Reservoirs, Canals and Other Artificial Sources

Artificial sources include reservoirs, canals and lakes where water is retained above natural ground level.

##### Oxford Canal

The Oxford Canal runs parallel to the River Cherwell and merges with it at two points within the District, sharing the same channel for 1.5km within the middle reach. A series of locks control water levels along the Oxford Canal with a series of overflow weirs ensuring any excess flows in the canals are diverted to the River Cherwell. During flood conditions the River Cherwell and the Oxford Canal are largely co-joined and therefore comments regarding the surcharging of the canal and the scope for flood protection and compensation are as for main rivers.

British Waterways have provided locations of points along the Oxford Canal where breaching occurred during the Summer 2007 flood event. Should any proposed development be located near the canal or one of the breach points, a detailed site specific FRA should be undertaken to determine residual risks from breaching or overtopping. If the development proposals are of a significant scale, then a Level 2 SFRA should be considered for the area that will also address the residual risks of breaching or overtopping.

##### Redundant Industrial Processes

Operational and redundant industrial processes such as mining, quarrying and sand and gravel extraction can pose a flood risk when pumping ceases and groundwater returns to its natural level.

##### Reservoirs

Cherwell District has two main reservoirs being Clattercote reservoir (which used to feed the Oxford Canal) and Grimsbury Reservoir. There is currently no flood risk data available for the reservoirs. However, the residual risks of overtopping or failure of the reservoirs needs to be taken into account when specifying development downstream.

##### Infrastructure Failure

Flooding may result from the failure of engineering installations such as flood defence, land drainage pumps, sluice gates and floodgates. Hard defences may fail through the slow deterioration of structural components such as the rusting of sheet piling, erosion of concrete reinforcement and toe protection or the failure of ground



anchors. Such deterioration is often difficult to detect, so that failure, when it occurs, is often sudden and unexpected. Failure is more likely when the structure is under maximum stress, such as extreme fluvial events when pressures on the structure are at its most extreme.

In Cherwell District, the EA have major flood defence assets at Grimsbury (in Banbury) and Kidlington. The council presume as a principal that they are maintained effectively but will consider for each of them the effect of a catastrophic structural failure resulting in rapid inundation of protected areas. It is considered that overtopping of such structures during conditions more severe than for which they have been designed would not itself lead to rapid inundation.

The Environment Agency Flood Risk maps do not show any flood risk extents as a result of reservoir flooding in the vicinity of the site. Therefore a detailed breach and overtopping assessment does not need to be undertaken as the proposed development is not considered to be immediately downstream or within the direct flow path or floodplain of any watercourses which are downstream of EA defined reservoir catchment areas.

The proposed development is not considered to be immediately downstream or within the direct flow path or floodplain of these artificial influences and hydrological features.

On the basis of the above information the potential risk of flooding from artificial sources at this site is assessed to be low.

### 3.4 Existing Flood Defences in the Study Area

The National Flood and Coastal Defence Database (NFCDD) identifies a significant number of flood defences throughout the study area, which are classified as fluvial defences. These include major defence assets at Grimsbury in Banbury, which is built to a 1:200 year protection and Kidlington, which is built to a 1:100 year protection.

According to the SFRA, the defences in the Cherwell District use a range of methods of protection including embankments, walls, culverts and gabions with the standard of protection of these defences varying from 2 to 200 years. Many of the fluvial defences have a design standard less than 5 years (excluding some major defences) therefore a flood event of a larger magnitude would be expected to result in flooding despite the presence of a flood defence.

With this in mind the efficient operation of channels and culverts is paramount if the existing standard of flood defence is to be maintained for the SFCA Study Area. This requires maintenance by the defence owners which include Local Authorities and private owners or by the responsible drainage authority where appropriate remedial action does not take place.

There are no formal flood defences owned or maintained by the Environment Agency within the proposed development area. The site does not appear to currently benefit directly from formal flood defences.

### 3.5 Focussed Settlement Assessments

The Non-Statutory Cherwell Local Plan (NSCLP) 2011 seeks to focus the majority of development in the urban areas of Banbury and Bicester, together with a proposed new settlement at the former RAF Upper Heyford. With the exception of Green Belt Villages, rural settlements are divided into three categories classified according to their size, location and range of services and facilities:

- Category 1 Villages (12 villages) where the most significant development is likely to be permitted in a rural setting;
- Category 2 Villages (51 villages) where limited development comprising infilling and conversion is likely to be acceptable;
- Category 3 Villages where there is little potential for development other than conversions or dwellings essential for agriculture.

Villages have been provisionally divided into three broad categories;

- Type A Villages (high level of sustainability),
- Type B Villages (medium level of sustainability),
- Type C Villages (low level of sustainability).

The proposed site (Upper Heyford) is categorised as a Category 2 Type C area.

### 3.6 Impact of Climate Change

Flood risk management measures to improve the resilience of existing assets should take climate change into account over the anticipated lifetime of the asset. These measures to take account of climate change can follow two generic approaches;

1. precautionary approach; incorporating mitigation measures for potential climate change now.
2. managed adaptive approach; making provision for mitigation measures to be undertaken at a future date when it is likely that there will be greater certainty on the effects of climate change on parameters such as river flow and rainfall.

In the UK precautionary allowances for net sea level rise and other parameters such as wind speed, wave height, river flow and rainfall intensity are provided by the UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP, 2009). The EA recommends that unless a site is particularly vulnerable, simple uplift ratios (defined by Defra within Flood and Coastal Defence Appraisal Guidance FCDPAG3 and given in Table 1 below) can be used to make a baseline assessment of the potential impact of climate change on an asset. UKCP09 predictions can be used for sites with particular vulnerability and the EA are currently working with Defra to translate these more recent figures for FRA use and application.

Where sites are at risk of flooding from fluvial, surface water or other modelled flood data as identified by the Environment Agency a site specific FRA will assess the impact of climate change notably increased sea level, rainfall intensity and peak river flow in more detail to determine potential impacts during the design life of assets identified as being vulnerable to flood risk.

*Table 1: Predicted climate change variables*

	1990-2025	2025-2055	2055-2085	2085-2115
Net sea level rise (mm/yr)	4.0	8.5	12	15
Peak rainfall intensity	+5%	+10%	+20%	+30%
Peak river flow	+10%	+20%	+20%	+20%
Offshore wind speed	+5%	+5%	+10%	+10%
Extreme wave height	+5%	+5%	+10%	+10%

In addition to this, NPPF requires that the effects of climate change should be taken into account to ensure sustainable development now and in the future.

As the site is within Flood Zone 1, assessment does not need to be made for peak river flows. However allowances have been made for a potential increase in peak rainfall intensity in the development of the outline drainage strategy for this site. Refer to Section 5.

## 4.0 FLOOD MITIGATION & WATERCOURSE MANAGEMENT

### 4.1 Sequential Test

'More Vulnerable' developments should, according to the Sequential Test, only be permitted in Flood Zone 3a if the Exception Test is passed (see Table 3-1, NPPF). The Exception Test should only be applied once the Sequential Test has been applied to the site and passed. To pass the Exception Test, the development must fulfil the following requirements:

- a) It must be demonstrated that the development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk, informed by a SFRA where one has been prepared. If the DPD has reached the 'submission' stage – see Figure 4 of PPS12: Local Development Frameworks – the benefits of the development should contribute to the Core Strategy's Sustainability Appraisal;
- b) The development should be on developable, previously-developed land or, if it is not on previously developed land, that there are no reasonable alternative sites on developable previously-developed land; and
- c) A FRA must demonstrate that the development will be safe, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, and, where possible, will reduce flood risk overall.

The Exception Test should only be applied in partnership with the Local Planning Authority. For successful application it is important that the argument presented for justification through the Exception Test is in line with policies set out in Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks and supported by reference to other national policies such as the development of Brownfield (previously developed) sites.

More vulnerable developments are compatible with Flood Zones 2 and 1 and less vulnerable developments are compatible with Flood Zones 1, 2, and 3a but not Flood Zone 3b. See Table 3- 1.

The Sequential and Exception Tests should be carried out by the Local Planning Authority, in line with NPPF. This Flood Risk Assessment supports part c of the Exception Test.

**Table 3-1 Copy of Table 3, Technical Guidance to the NPPF: Flood Risk Vulnerability 'compatibility'**

Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification (see Table D2 of NPPF)		Essential Infrastructure	Water Compatible	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable
Flood Zone (see Table 1 NPPF)	Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Zone 2	✓	✓	Exception Test required	✓	✓
	Zone 3a	Exception Test required	✓	X	Exception Test required	✓
	Zone 3b 'Functional Floodplain'	Exception Test required	✓	X	X	X

Where ✓ means the development is appropriate and X means the development should not be permitted

### Outcome for the Proposed Development

The site previously housed a gymnasium as part of the RAF and USAF operations at the adjacent air base. The site specific Flood Risk Assessment has confirmed that the site is located within Flood Zone 1, being land assessed as having less than a 1 in 1000 year average annual probability of flooding (<0.1%). In accordance with NPPF the proposed development is classified as being 'less vulnerable' which is appropriate in Flood Zone 1.

In accordance with the requirements of the NPPF Technical Guidance the site passes the Sequential Test and is appropriate for development.

#### 4.2 Site Access and Egress

A review of the flood zone maps confirms that the site will have safe, dry access / egress from Camp Road.

#### 4.3 Predicted Flood Impacts Elsewhere

##### Loss of Floodplain Storage

The proposed development site is located in Flood Zone 1 – outside of the flood plain of the 1 in 100year (1%) and 1 in 1000year (0.1%) flood events. Consequently there will be no loss of storage and/or attenuating capacity of the functional floodplain as a result of the changes from the proposed development.

##### Afflux

Afflux is considered to be the rise in water level (above normal) on the upstream of a particular structure due to obstruction caused when the effective flow area at the obstruction is less than the natural width of the stream immediately upstream of the obstruction.

All construction works including temporary works will be undertaken in accordance with method statements agreed with the Local Authority/Environment Agency.

It is therefore envisaged that the risk that construction debris and materials from the proposal could enter the local drainage ditch and reduce the conveyance to be negligible.

##### Increased Surface Runoff

Any post development runoff that exceeds the predevelopment runoff rate will be stored on-site (at source). All runoff from the site will be limited by hydraulic control devices such as a hydro brake to the pre-development runoff rate.

It is envisaged that the proposed drainage strategy outlined in Section 5 of this report will adequately manage the surface runoff produced resulting in no net change in surface runoff from the site.

##### Exceedence

The main residual risk considered to apply to the proposed surface water scheme is that arising from exceedence of the new drainage system's capacity in weather conditions above the design standard. In such circumstances there is a high risk of excess run-off being unable to be accommodated within proposed the drainage system and instead flowing overland. In addition, even unpaved areas are likely to generate excess run-off in prolonged wet weather as the ground reaches saturation.

The development layout and detailed design of individual buildings will account for likely flowpaths of such water and ensure that appropriate corridors are provided to give a continuous but controlled route through the development for overland flow.

A site levels scheme has not currently been prepared for the site. When determining site levels consideration will be given to the impact of events which exceed the proposed sewer network.



## 5.0 DRAINAGE STRATEGY

The Environment Agency Indicative Flood Zone Map of the area illustrates that the site lies within Flood Zone 1. The surface water strategy is therefore bound by good practice, the requirements of NPPF and the guidance as set out in the SFRA. These requirements will ensure that the proposed development does not pose a flood risk to third parties.

The following constitutes an outline drainage strategy, which will form the basis of the detailed design work.

The objectives of the drainage strategy are to:

- Manage surface water runoff on site to minimise flood risk;
- Manage surface water discharge from the site so that it does not pose a threat to third parties flood risk;
- To ensure ongoing operation and maintenance through appropriate management / adoption.

### Predevelopment Runoff Rates

Runoff rates have been calculated for the site catchment area of 5.97 ha using the loH124 methodology using the Windes suite of software and are shown below. The results show the runoff over the whole site (5.97ha).

- QBAR Rural 26.1l/s
- Q1 year 22.2/s
- Q30 years 59.2/s
- Q100 years 83.3l/s

### Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS)

Although the site has previously housed a gymnasium, the development will result in an increase in impermeable area and consequently implementing SuDS drainage features throughout the site is required so that the surface water run-off from the site is mitigated in a sustainable manner.

The surface water drainage strategy has been built upon sustainable principles and has been a major influence in the production of the current Masterplan for the site. This Development, although phased, is for a single user and as such the approach has been to control the surface water runoff within the site boundary (i.e. at source) with sufficient capacity for the later phases

The palette of materials used will be critical in achieving a sustainable development in accordance with SuDS best practice. Where possible the following can be considered;

<b>Permeable Pavement</b>	Reduces surface water run-off by absorption, evaporation and infiltration where possible
<b>Rainwater Harvesting</b>	Allows reuse of surface water run-off from roofs for grey water uses
<b>Green Roofs</b>	Where appropriate can significantly reduce surface water run-off and volumes
<b>Clay tiles</b>	Allows absorption and evaporation of water
<b>Attenuation</b>	Attenuation at individual property level will reduce the run-off rates entering into the drainage networks.

<b>Swales</b>	Can be provided along the edge of the roads – allows infiltration where possible, but has limited capacity and on a steep site will need to be carefully designed, so as to not cause residual flooding from overtopping and seepage
<b>Box Culverts</b> (should be considered only if conventional SuDS solutions are not appropriate)	Can be constructed underneath the highway and controlled using a flow control. Will not reduce the volume of surface water.
<b>Cellular / Granular Tanks</b>	Can be provided under public open space, with the possibility of an open base to allow potential infiltration, this will need to be carefully engineered to prevent seepage. Can be fully lined, and controlled with an outlet flow control.
<b>Filter Strips</b>	These are areas of gently sloping grass or other dense vegetation that treat runoff from adjacent impermeable areas.
<b>Filter drains and perforated pipes</b>	Filter drains are trenches that are filled with permeable material. Surface water from the edge of paved areas flows into the trenches, is filtered and conveyed into the drainage network, usually by a perforated pipe built into the base of the trench.
<b>Pervious surfaces</b>	As the at source detail, these allow absorption and infiltration through the surface, where if possible can be infiltrated to the ground or attenuated within a permeable sub-base.

In considering these available option, due cognisance is taken of Approved Document H of the Building Regulations which provides a hierarchy of how surface water runoff should be managed. Where practicable the following hierarchy should be followed:

- Discharge by infiltration to ground water
- Discharge to watercourses
- Discharge to public sewers

Clearly infiltration to the ground is the preferable form of drainage, it has the advantages of not imposing any additional flows on the downstream infrastructure and also assists in replenishing the local aquifers.

The desk study undertaken alongside this work has indicated that the prevailing geology is:

Topsoil/Subsoil: Unknown type and depth  
 Superficial: None  
 Solid: Weathered Great Oolite Group (Clay)  
 Great Oolite Group (Limestone) – extending to depth

The upper clay layers are unlikely to support percolation or soakaway drainage, however the lower limestone layers may support this form of drainage and it is expected that as part of the detailed design process an intrusive Ground Investigation will be undertaken including percolation tests in accordance with BRE Digest 365.

Should this show that the limestone layer is capable of supporting percolation and that it is encountered at suitable depth this form of drainage will be adopted.

However, the presence of an established watercourse close to the site boundary indicates that the limestone may be at significant depth or generally unfissured. As a consequence of this the current drainage strategy has to view percolation drainage as a possibility rather than a probability.

Consequently discharge to watercourse is the next available method in the hierarchy along with suitable on site attenuation to limit the flows reaching the receiving watercourse. The attenuated flows are stored in an open pond that is normally dry but fills in times of excess rainfall. The depth of this pond may allow some infiltration into the limestone layer depending on the actual levels of the various strata, however no allowance has been made at this time for and benefits of infiltration.

Considering the various measures outlined above the following systems have been adopted within the drainage strategy:

Permeable Paving:	Other than the car park area these materials are unlikely to be durable enough for the majority of the external paving;
Rainwater Harvesting:	Has been included, but assessments of the required attenuation volume have assumed that the harvesting tanks are full at the time of the critical storm to ensure a worst case assessment;
Green Roofs:	These are incompatible with efficient rainwater harvesting;
Clay Tiles:	The roof area and pitch is not suitable for this material;
Attenuation:	Is provided in the form of an open dry pond. The area will be grassed and used to store surface water in events where the runoff exceeds the limiting discharge;
Swales:	Filter drains have been employed along the internal circulation road;
Box Culverts:	Have not been employed, preference has been given to an open pond for attenuation;
Cellular or Granular Tanks:	Have not been employed, preference has been given to an open pond for attenuation;
Filter Strips:	The filter drain alongside the internal circulation road incorporates a filter strip;
Filter Drains and Perforated Pipes:	Filter drains have been employed along the internal circulation road; and
Pervious Surfaces:	Other than the car park area these materials are unlikely to be durable enough for the majority of the external paving;

## 5.1 Flood and Water Management Bill

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 sets out new legislation which gives the role of SUDs approval and adoption to a SUDs approving body (SAB). The Act requires SAB approval for drainage in new developments before construction can commence.

This drainage strategy is put forward on the basis of current best practice, with consideration given to:

- Implementation of a SUDs hierarchy
- Location of proposed SUDs features within areas of public open space with appropriate access for maintenance.
- Effective outfall – to ground or watercourse
- Effective exceedence design

All private drainage will be constructed in accordance with Building Regulations and relevant British Standards.

## 5.2 Surface Water Strategy

Surface water runoff is generated by roofs and paved areas, these will be designed to fall to collection components such as gutters (in the case of roofs), gullies, surface drainage channels and filter drains depending on the location.

The outlets from this will be connected to below ground surface water drains. The following different methods of treatment will be incorporated:

Roofs will be collected and diverted to rainwater harvesting tanks located adjacent to the building. Only when these tanks are full will overflow roofwater be allowed to enter the surface water sewer network.

Paved areas such as the service yard and car park will be passed through a class 1 petrol interceptor prior to discharge. This interceptor will be a full retention type at the service yard and a bypass type in the car park where lower risks of spills and pollution are present.

Outfall will be made to the watercourse adjacent to the western boundary. The outflow from the site will be controlled to pre-development runoff rates. A complex flow control is envisaged with low return period storms being limited to  $Q_{bar}$  using a Hydrobrake and a second stage high level Orifice Plate allowing additional discharge limiting the total outflow to the 1/100year pre-development runoff figure.

An attenuation pond has been sized to accommodate the maximum storage associated with the 1/100year plus 30% climate change event for the full phase 2 development based on attenuation to the 1/100 year pre-development runoff.

The drainage strategy for both phases is shown in Appendix C

## 5.3 Foul Water Strategy

The nearest sewers are located in Camp Road to the west of the site. It is proposed to collect foul sewage from the units by gravity and deliver this to a private pumping station within the boundary of the site.

From here the foul flows will be pumped west along Camp Road to make outfall to the Thames Water Foul sewer at manhole 6703 or 6704.

This proposal is subject to there being sufficient capacity in the receiving system, approval from Thames Water and an agreement with the highway authority to place private apparatus within the highway.

In the event that this is not possible there is precedent from the caravan park across the road from the site for the construction of an onsite treatment facility with discharge to the watercourse adjacent to the western boundary of the site. In this event it is likely that an underground package treatment plant would be utilised.

#### 5.4 Ownership and Maintenance

The storm and foul system will be wholly contained (other than outfall pipes) within the boundary of land controlled by E P Barrus and will be solely for their own use.

As such both foul and stormwater systems will remain private and will be maintained and managed by E P Barrus and their appointed contractors.

## **6.0 SUMMARY and CONCLUSION**

### **6.1 Key Points**

The proposed development site is located within Flood Zone 1.

The development site previously housed a gymnasium building associated with the operations at the adjoining RAF/USAF air base.

The Flood Risk Assessment demonstrates that the site is not at risk of flooding and is appropriate for development.

It is demonstrated that surface water runoff from the site can be managed in a sustainable way, in accordance with NPPF and best practice.

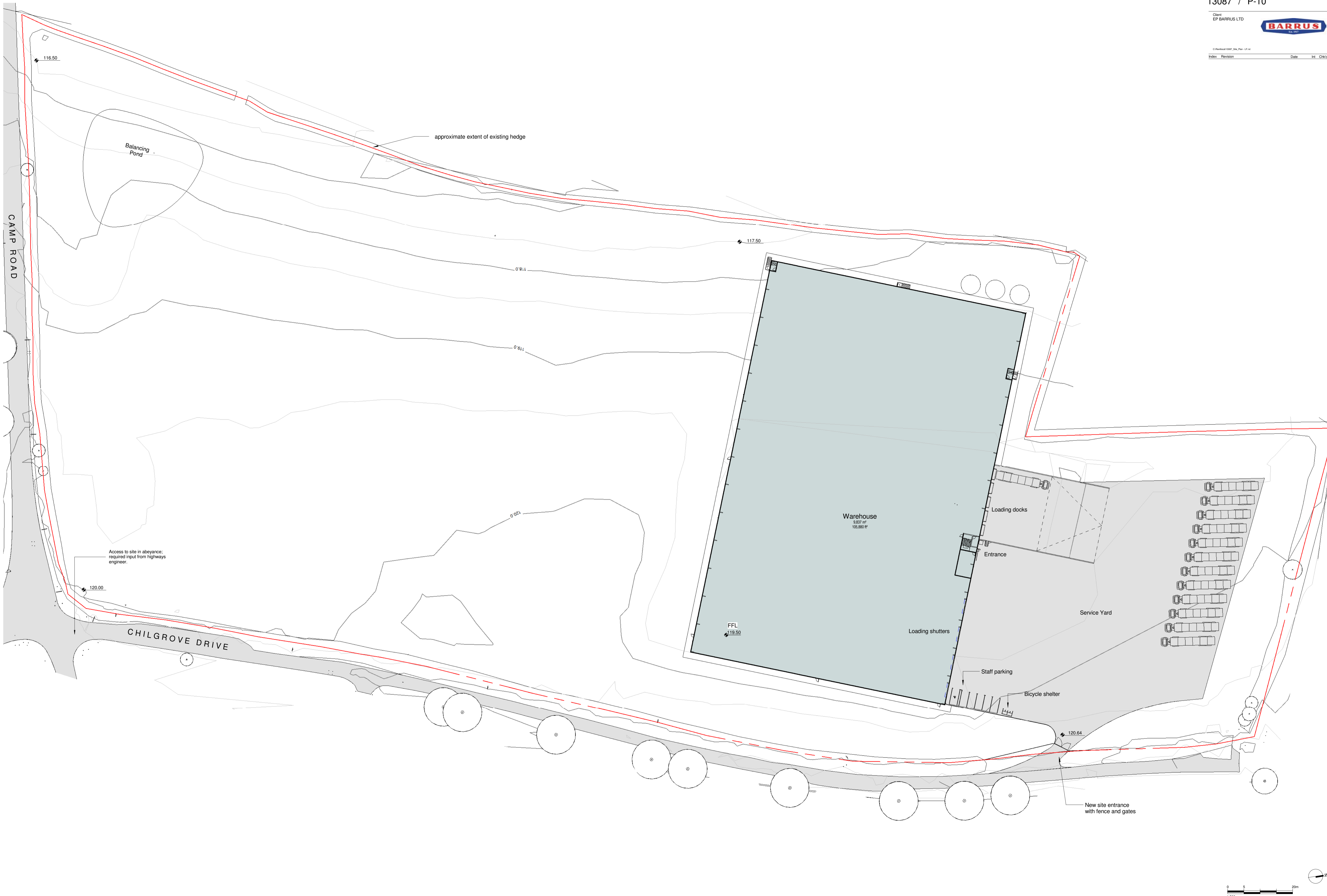
The Flood Risk Assessment therefore demonstrates that flood risk on site can be managed without either risk on site or increasing flood risk elsewhere within the catchment.

It also demonstrates that the site can be developed without adversely impacting existing surface water runoff.

Overall strategies exist to drain the site without increasing risk to downstream developments and as such there should be no objection to the development on drainage grounds.



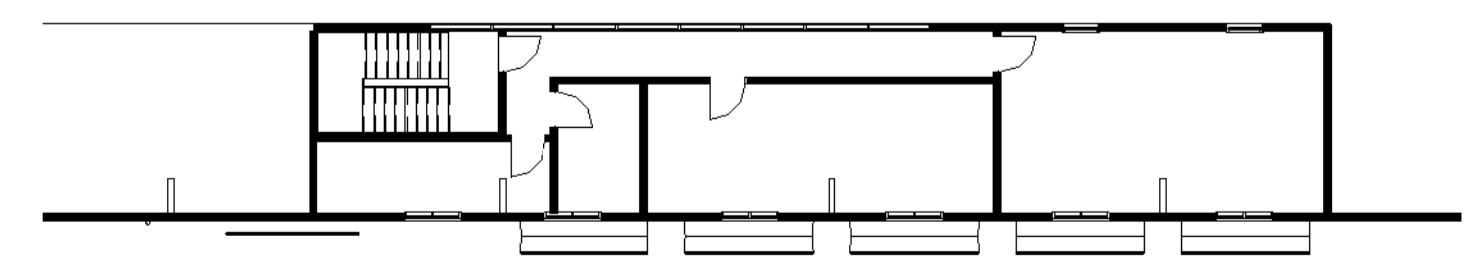
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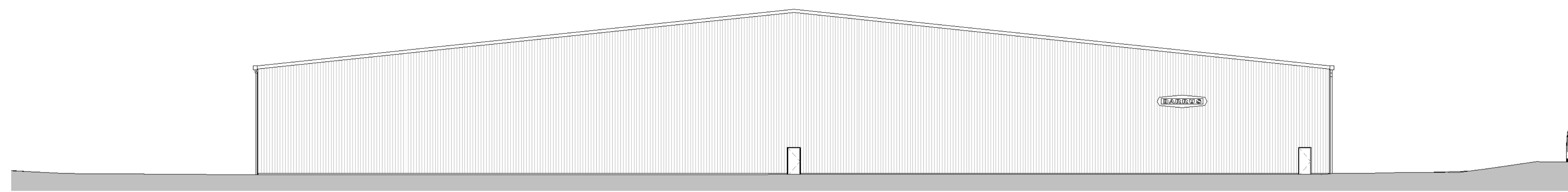


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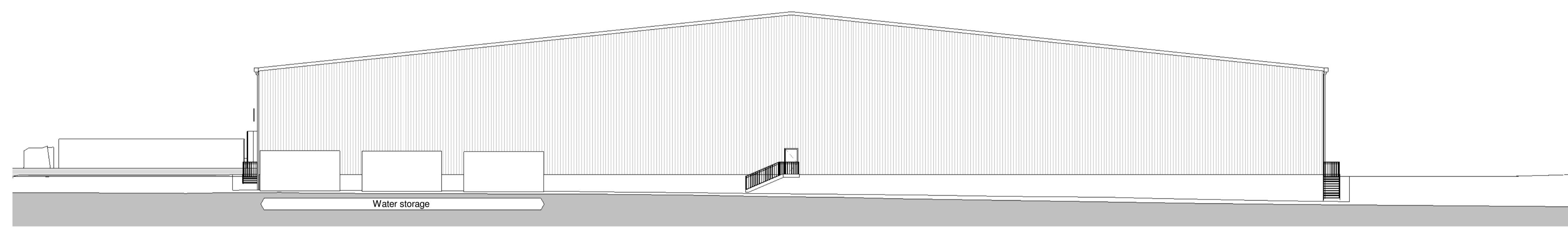


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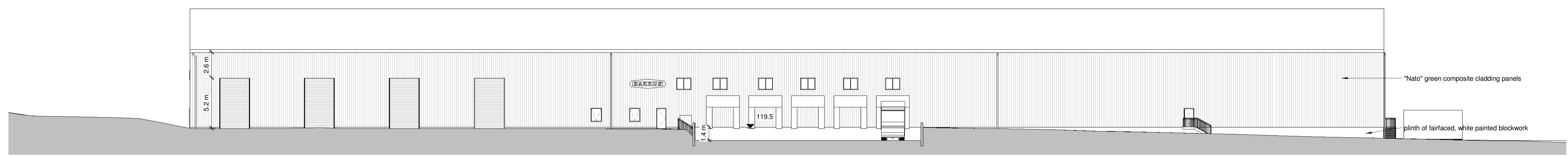




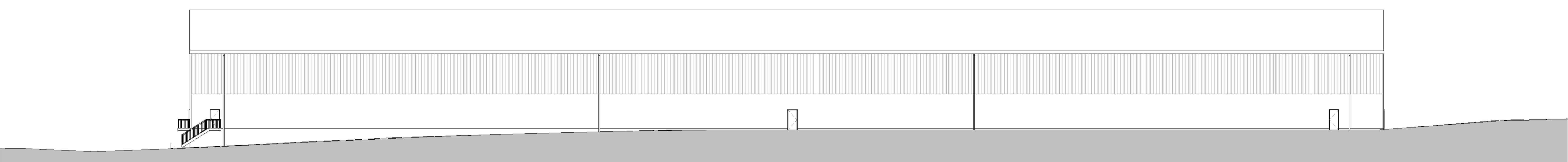
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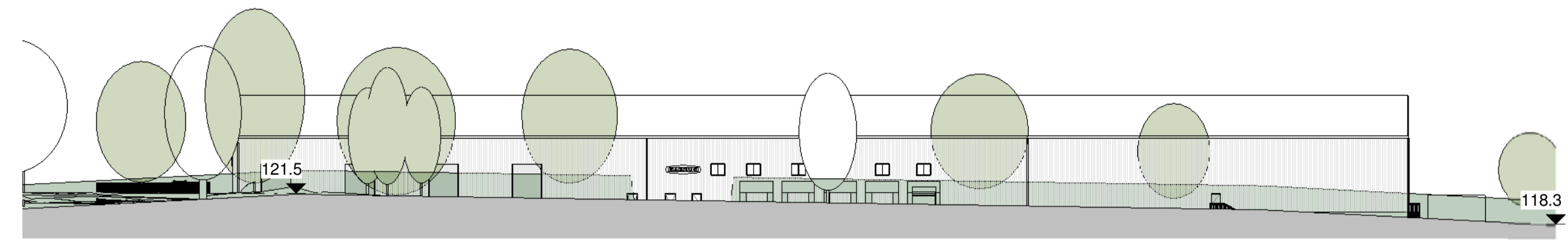
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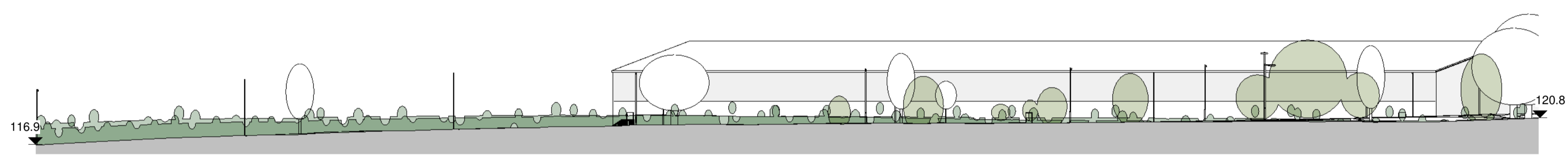
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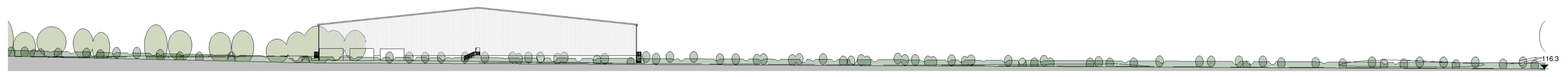
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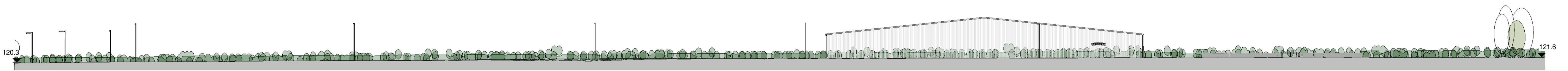
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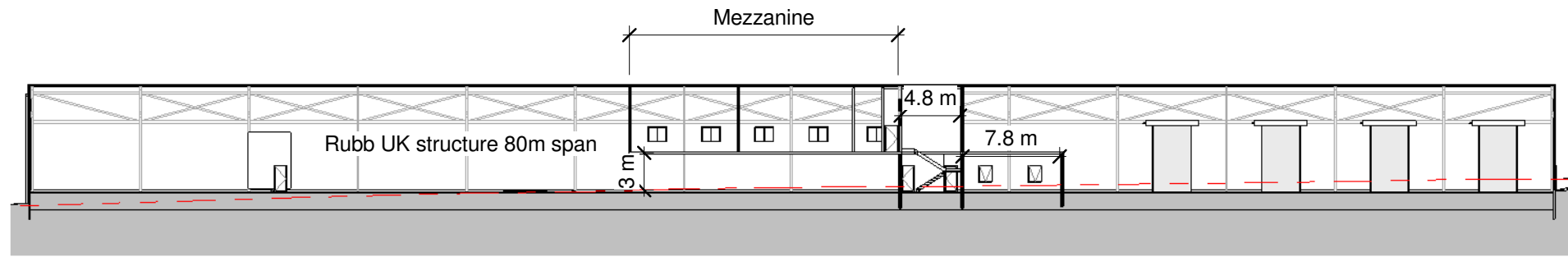


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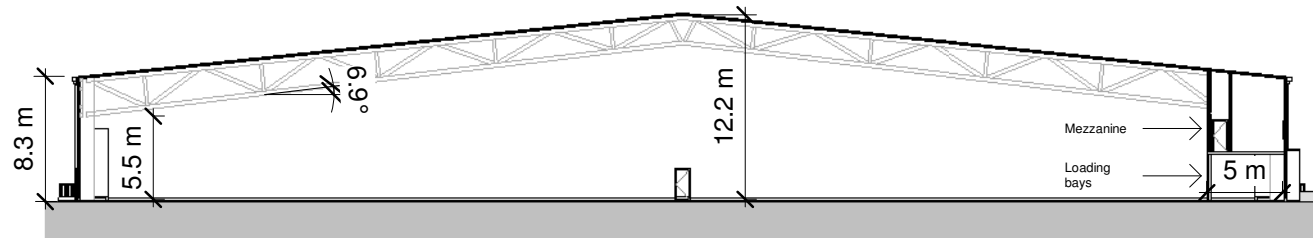
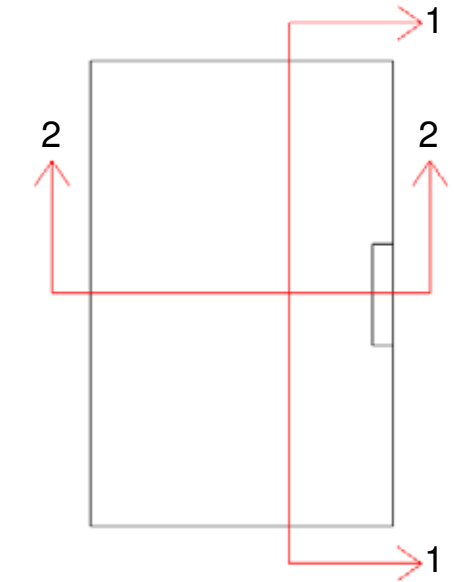


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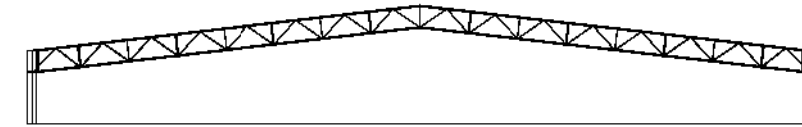




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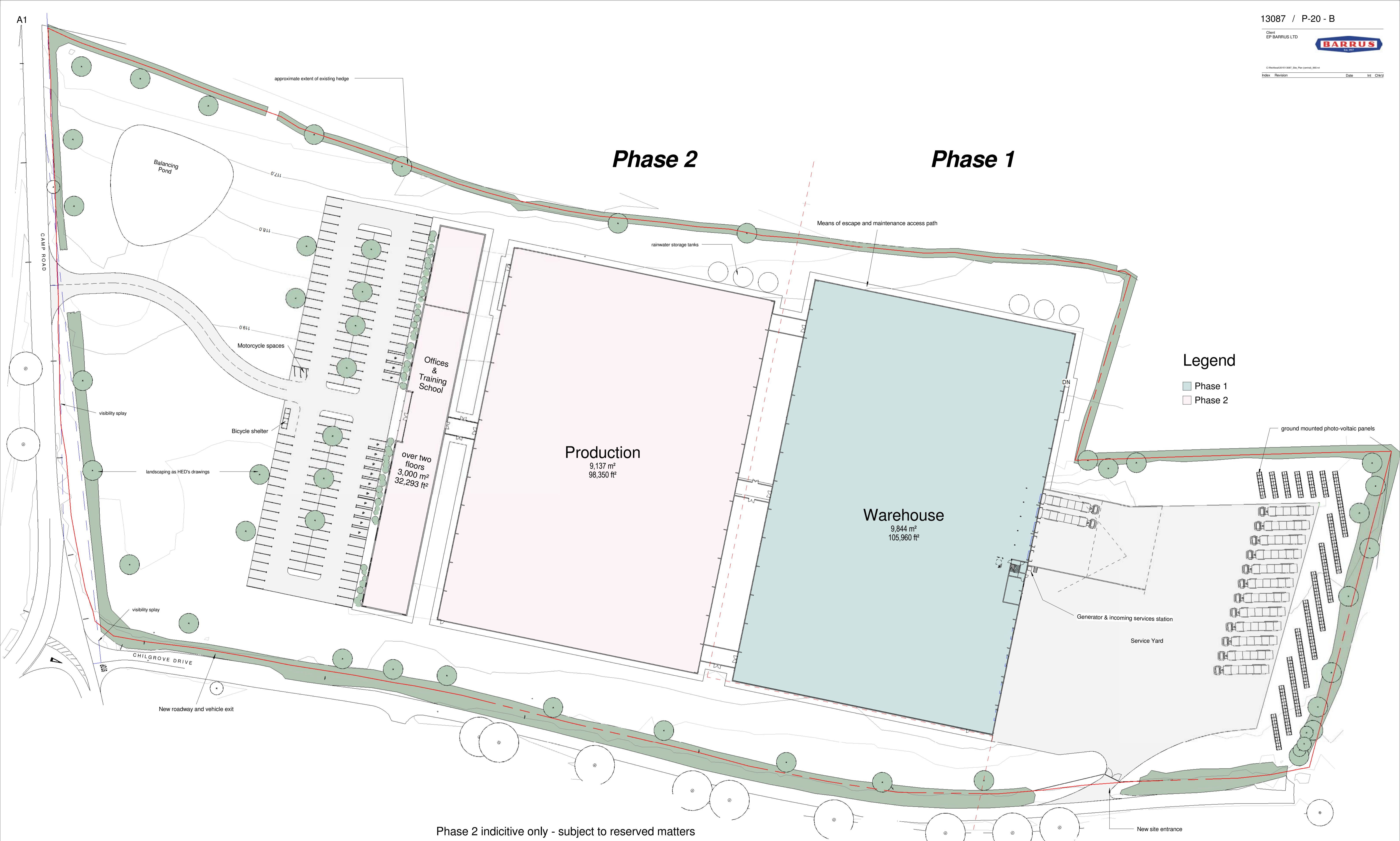
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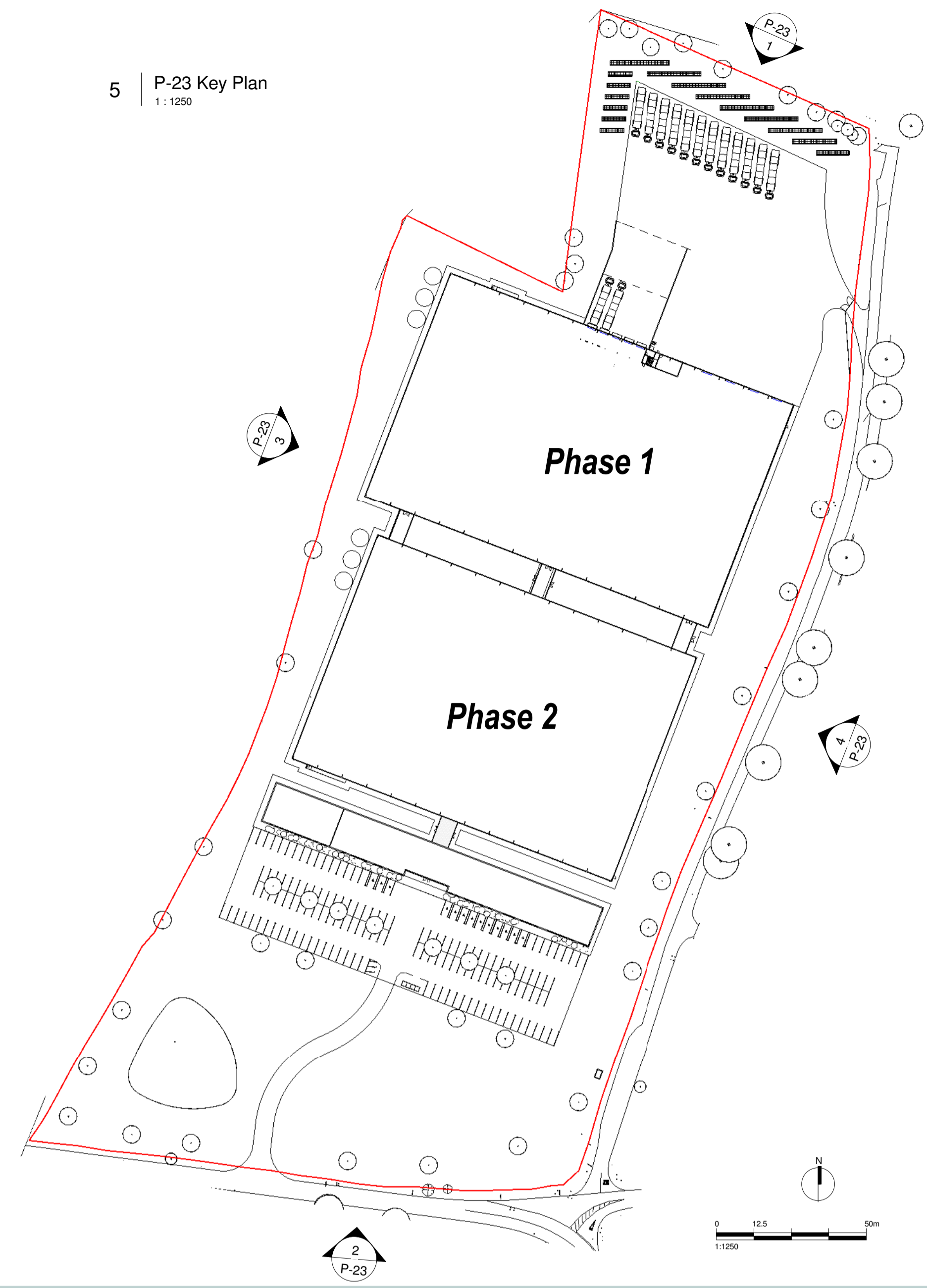




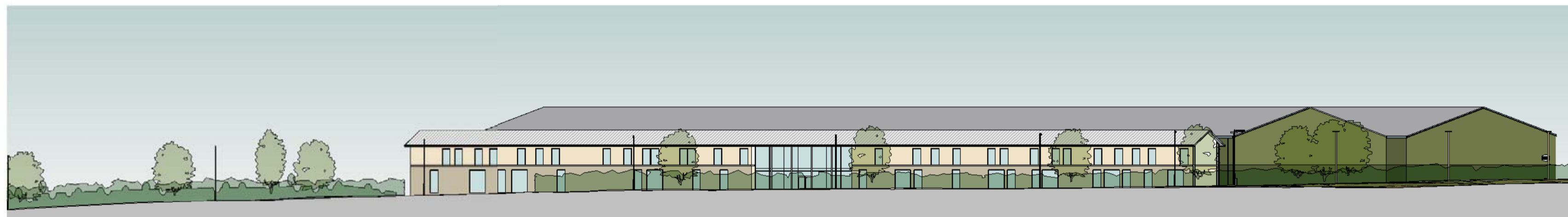
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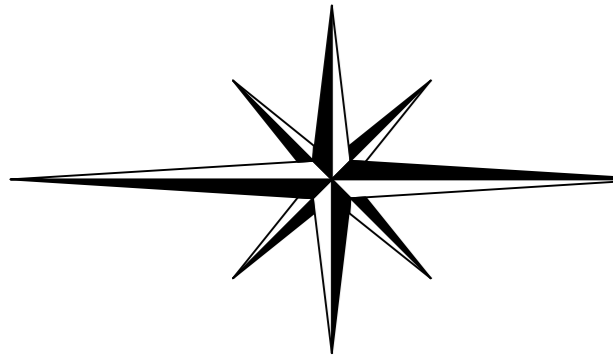


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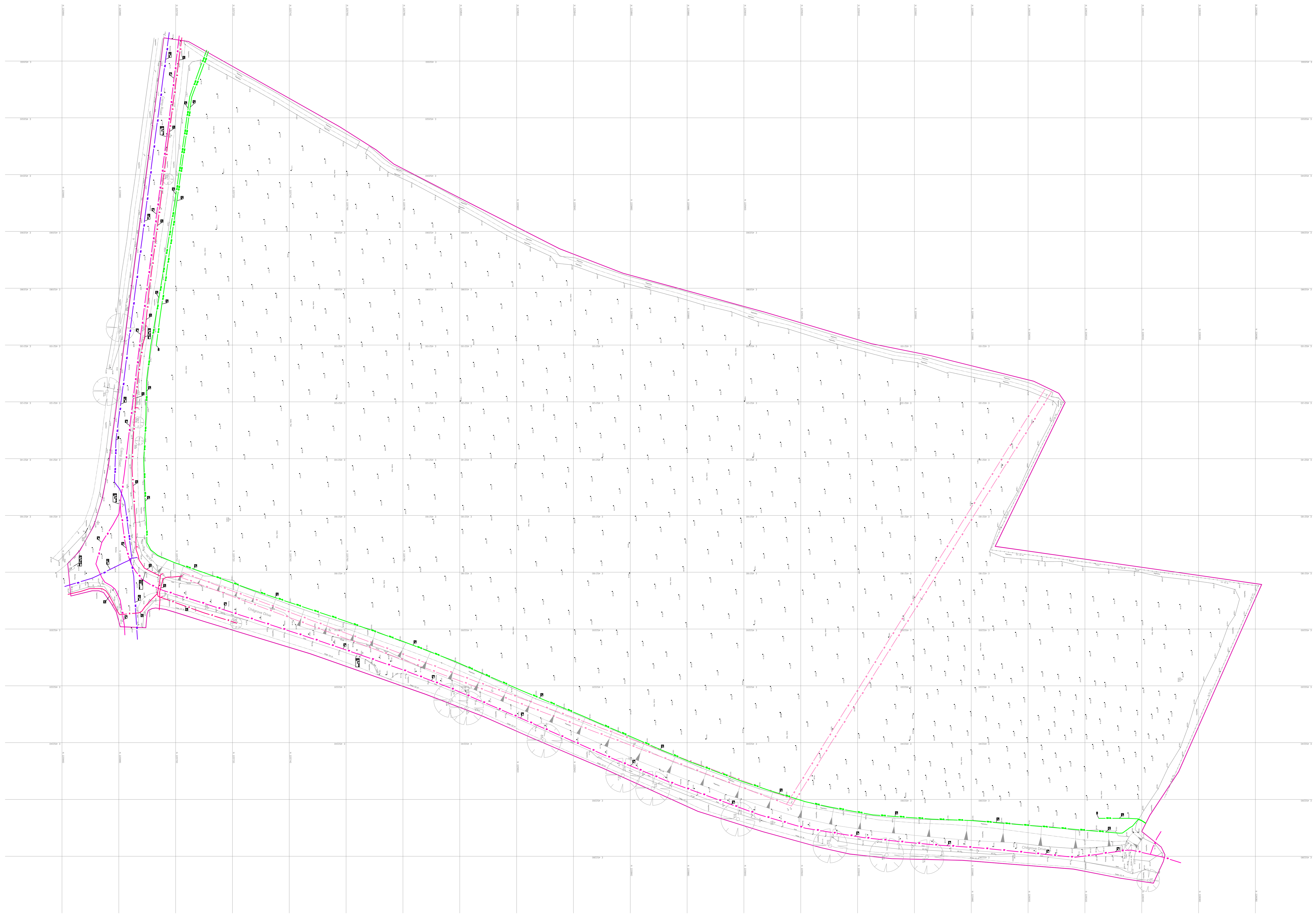


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**SERVICES LEGEND**

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CE	CEMENT
CS	CONCRETE
CU	CUPROUS
DS	DRAINAGE
EA	ELECTRICITY
ES	ELECTRICITY
GS	GAS
IS	IRON
MS	METAL
NS	NON-SPERMATIC
OS	OTHER SERVICES
PS	PURPOSE
SS	STEEL
TS	TRUCK
US	UNDERGROUND SERVICES
VS	VENTILATION
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YS	YIELD

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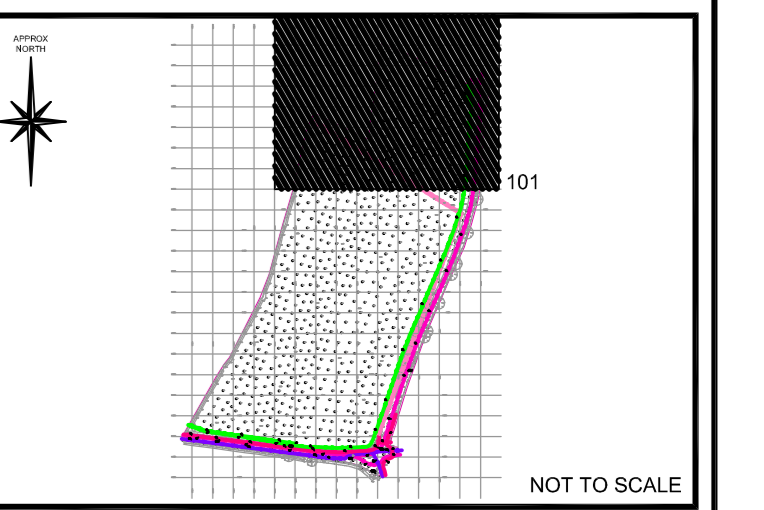
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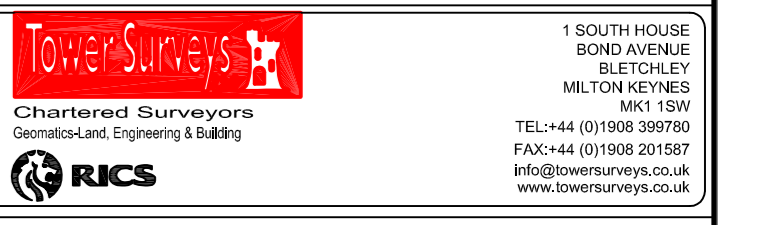
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**APPENDIX C – DRAINAGE STRATEGY PLAN**

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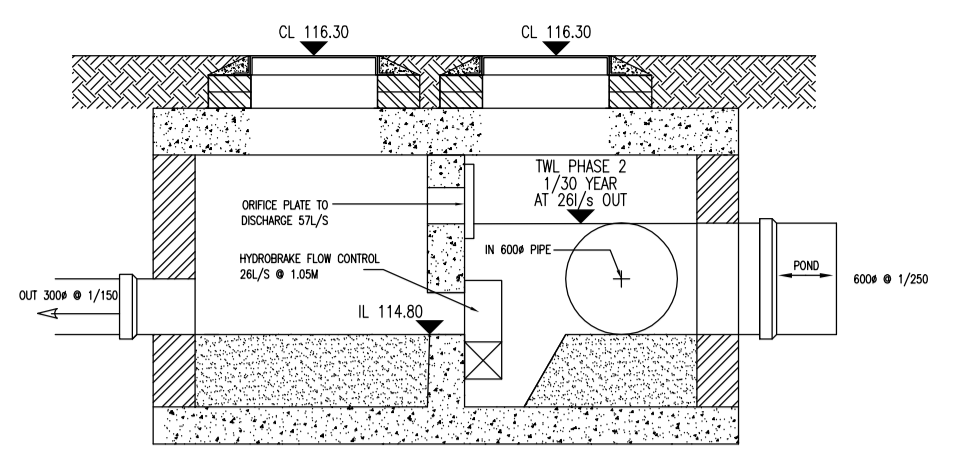
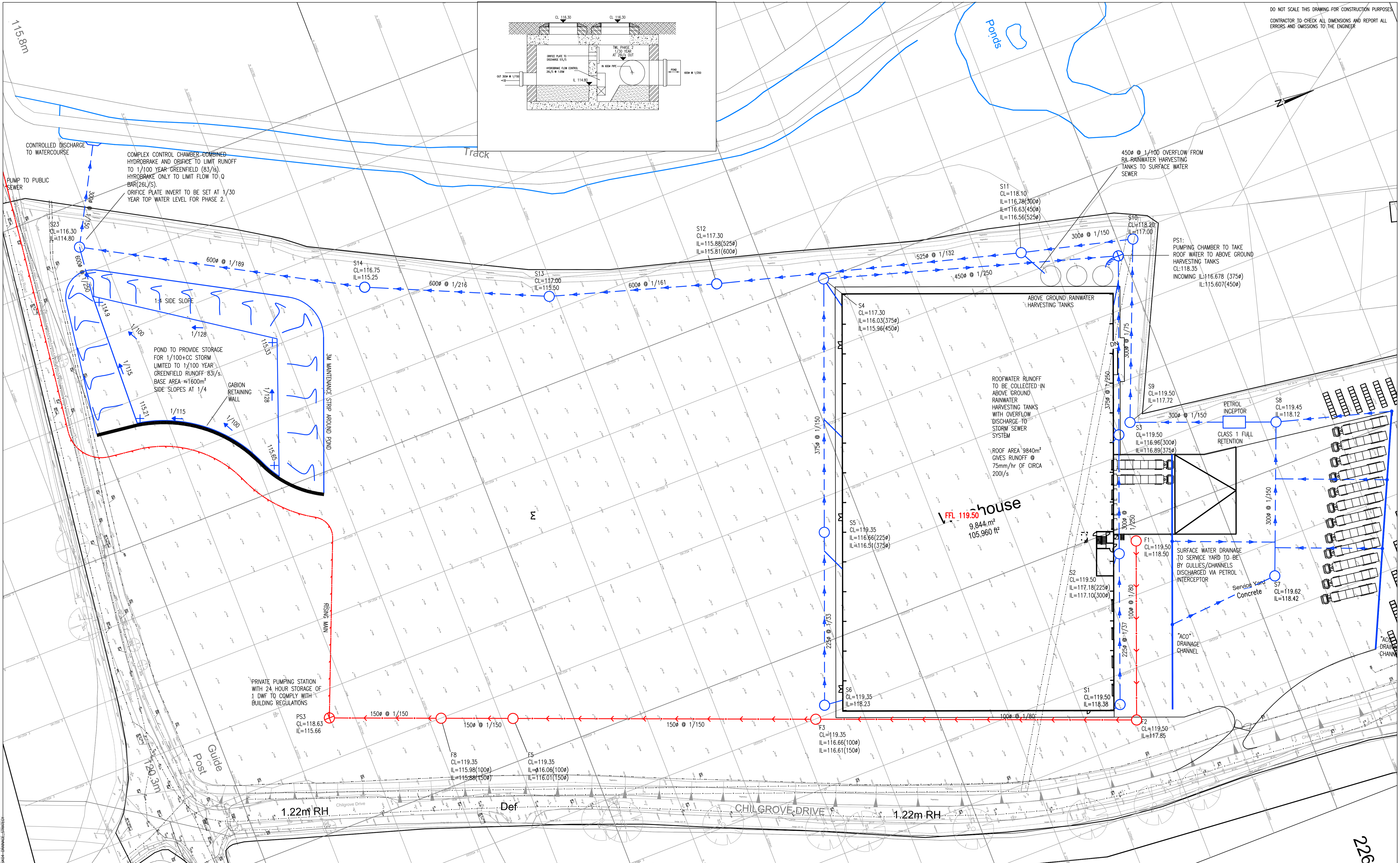
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ABOVE GROUND RAINWATER HARVESTING TANKS  
 ROOFWATER RUNOFF TO BE COLLECTED IN ABOVE GROUND RAINWATER HARVESTING TANKS WITH OVERFLOW DISCHARGE TO STORM SEWER SYSTEM  
 ROOF AREA 9840m<sup>2</sup>  
 GIVES RUNOFF @ 75mm/hr OF CIRCA 200l/s

COMPLEX CONTROL CHAMBER COMBINED HYDROBRAKE AND ORIFICE TO LIMIT RUNOFF TO 1/100 YEAR GREENFIELD (83/8). HYDROBRAKE ONLY TO LIMIT FLOW TO Q BAR (26L/S). ORIFICE PLATE INVERT TO BE SET AT 1/30 YEAR TOP WATER LEVEL FOR PHASE 2.

POND TO PROVIDE STORAGE FOR 1/100+CC STORM LIMITED TO 1/100 YEAR GREENFIELD RUNOFF 83l/s. BASE AREA = 1600m<sup>2</sup> SIDE SLOPES AT 1/4  
 3M MAINTENANCE STRIP AROUND POND  
 GABION RETAINING WALL

PRIVATE PUMPING STATION WITH 24 HOUR STORAGE OF 1 DM<sup>3</sup> TO COMPLY WITH BUILDING REGULATIONS

Warehouse  
 9,844 m<sup>2</sup>  
 105,960 ft<sup>2</sup>

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# Asset Location Search



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Dear Sir / Madam

**An Asset Location Search is recommended when undertaking a site development.** It is essential to obtain information on the size and location of clean water and sewerage assets to safeguard against expensive damage and allow cost-effective service design.

The following records were searched in compiling this report: - the map of public sewers & the map of waterworks. Thames Water Utilities Ltd (TWUL) holds all of these.

This search provides maps showing the position, size of Thames Water assets close to the proposed development and also manhole cover and invert levels, where available.

Please note that none of the charges made for this report relate to the provision of Ordnance Survey mapping information. The replies contained in this letter are given following inspection of the public service records available to this company. No responsibility can be accepted for any error or omission in the replies.

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## Waste Water Services

**Please provide a copy extract from the public sewer map.**

The following quartiles have been printed as they fall within Thames' sewerage area:

SP5125NE  
SP5226SW

Enclosed is a map showing the approximate lines of our sewers. Our plans do not show sewer connections from individual properties or any sewers not owned by Thames Water unless specifically annotated otherwise. Records such as "private" pipework are in some cases available from the Building Control Department of the relevant Local Authority.

Where the Local Authority does not hold such plans it might be advisable to consult the property deeds for the site or contact neighbouring landowners.

This report relates only to sewerage apparatus of Thames Water Utilities Ltd, it does not disclose details of cables and or communications equipment that may be running through or around such apparatus.

The sewer level information contained in this response represents all of the level data available in our existing records. Should you require any further Information, please refer to the relevant section within the 'Further Contacts' page found later in this document.

The following quartiles have not been printed as they contain no assets:

SP5225NW

For your guidance:

- The Company is not generally responsible for rivers, watercourses, ponds, culverts or highway drains. If any of these are shown on the copy extract they are shown for information only.
- Any private sewers or lateral drains which are indicated on the extract of the public sewer map as being subject to an agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 are not an 'as constructed' record. It is recommended these details be checked with the developer.

## Clean Water Services

**Please provide a copy extract from the public water main map.**



# Asset Location Search



The following quartiles have been printed as they fall within Thames' water area:

SP5225NW  
SP5125NE

Enclosed is a map showing the approximate positions of our water mains and associated apparatus. Please note that records are not kept of the positions of individual domestic supplies.

For your information, there will be a pressure of at least 10m head at the outside stop valve. If you would like to know the static pressure, please contact our Customer Centre on 0800 316 9800. The Customer Centre can also arrange for a full flow and pressure test to be carried out for a fee.

The following quartiles have not been printed as they contain no assets:

SP5226SW

For your guidance:

- Assets other than vested water mains may be shown on the plan, for information only.
- If an extract of the public water main record is enclosed, this will show known public water mains in the vicinity of the property. It should be possible to estimate the likely length and route of any private water supply pipe connecting the property to the public water network.

## Payment for this Search

A charge will be added to your suppliers account.

# Asset Location Search



## Further contacts:

### Waste Water queries

Should you require verification of the invert levels of public sewers, by site measurement, you will need to approach the relevant Thames Water Area Network Office for permission to lift the appropriate covers. This permission will usually involve you completing a TWOSA form. For further information please contact our Customer Centre on Tel: 0845 920 0800. Alternatively, a survey can be arranged, for a fee, through our Customer Centre on the above number.

If you have any questions regarding sewer connections, budget estimates, diversions, building over issues or any other questions regarding operational issues please direct them to our service desk. Which can be contacted by writing to:

Developer Services (Waste Water)  
Thames Water  
Clearwater Court  
Vastern Road  
Reading  
RG1 8DB

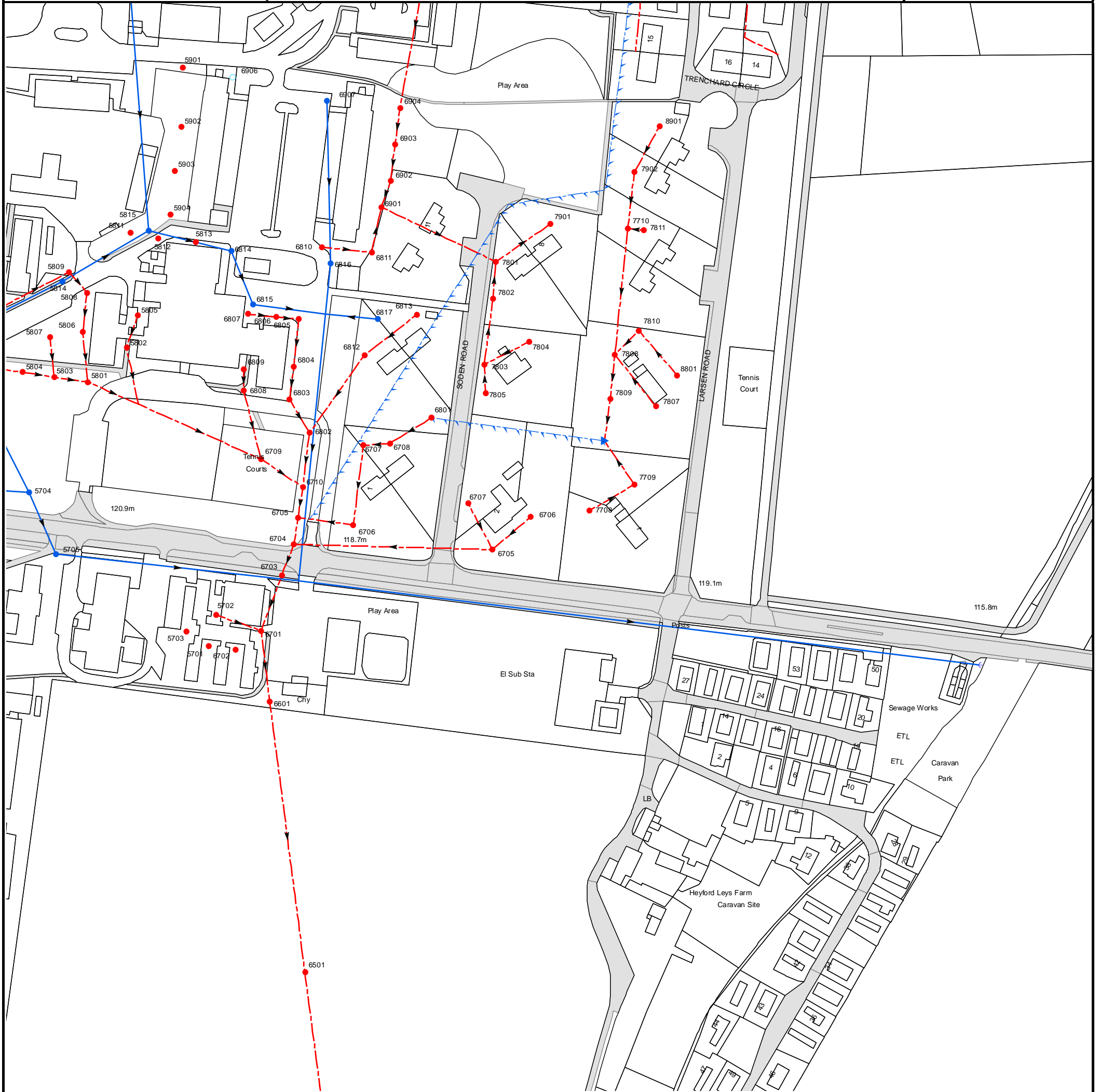
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### Clean Water queries

Should you require any advice concerning clean water operational issues or clean water connections, please contact:

Developer Services (Clean Water)  
Thames Water  
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Reading  
RG1 8DB

Tel: 0845 850 2777  
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Manhole Reference	Manhole Cover Level	Manhole Invert Level
5814	n/a	n/a
5809	n/a	n/a
5808	n/a	n/a
5811	n/a	n/a
5815	n/a	n/a
5812	n/a	n/a
5904	n/a	n/a
5903	n/a	n/a
5902	n/a	n/a
5901	n/a	n/a
5813	n/a	n/a
6814	n/a	n/a
6906	n/a	n/a
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6815	n/a	n/a
6810	n/a	n/a
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6816	n/a	n/a
6811	n/a	n/a
6901	n/a	n/a
6902	n/a	n/a
6903	n/a	n/a
6904	n/a	n/a
6813	n/a	n/a
7802	n/a	n/a
7801	n/a	n/a
6706	n/a	n/a
7708	n/a	n/a
7709	n/a	n/a
7807	n/a	n/a
7809	n/a	n/a
8801	n/a	n/a
7808	n/a	n/a
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7810	n/a	n/a
7811	n/a	n/a
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6802	n/a	n/a
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6812	n/a	n/a
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5807	n/a	n/a
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5705	n/a	n/a
5806	n/a	n/a
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5802	n/a	n/a
5805	n/a	n/a
5703	n/a	n/a
6501	n/a	n/a

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4401	n/a	n/a
5404	n/a	n/a
1201	n/a	n/a
1301	n/a	n/a
0401	n/a	n/a
0402	n/a	n/a



















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# ALS Sewer Map Key

## Public Sewer Types (Operated & Maintained by Thames Water)

-  **Foul:** A sewer designed to convey waste water from domestic and industrial sources to a treatment works.
-  **Surface Water:** A sewer designed to convey surface water (e.g. rain water from roofs, yards and car parks) to rivers or watercourses.
-  **Combined:** A sewer designed to convey both waste water and surface water from domestic and industrial sources to a treatment works.
-  Trunk Surface Water
-  Trunk Foul
-  Storm Relief
-  Trunk Combined
-  Vent Pipe
-  Bio-solids (Sludge)
-  Proposed Thames Surface Water Sewer
-  Proposed Thames Water Foul Sewer
-  Gallery
-  Foul Rising Main
-  Surface Water Rising Main
-  Combined Rising Main
-  Sludge Rising Main
-  Proposed Thames Water Rising Main
-  Vacuum





## Sewer Fittings

A feature in a sewer that does not affect the flow in the pipe. Example: a vent is a fitting as the function of a vent is to release excess gas.

-  Air Valve
-  Dam Chase
-  Fitting
-  Meter
-  Vent Column




## Operational Controls

A feature in a sewer that changes or diverts the flow in the sewer. Example: A hydrobrake limits the flow passing downstream.

-  Control Valve
-  Drop Pipe
-  Ancillary
-  Weir





## End Items

End symbols appear at the start or end of a sewer pipe. Examples: an Undefined End at the start of a sewer indicates that Thames Water has no knowledge of the position of the sewer upstream of that symbol, Outfall on a surface water sewer indicates that the pipe discharges into a stream or river.

-  Outfall
-  Undefined End
-  Inlet






## Other Symbols

Symbols used on maps which do not fall under other general categories








-  Public/Private Pumping Station
-  Change of characteristic indicator (C.O.C.I.)
-  Invert Level
-  Summit

### Areas

Lines denoting areas of underground surveys, etc.

-  Agreement
-  Operational Site
-  Chamber
-  Tunnel
-  Conduit Bridge

## Other Sewer Types (Not Operated or Maintained by Thames Water)

-  Foul Sewer
-  Surface Water Sewer
-  Combined Sewer
-  Gully
-  Culverted Watercourse
-  Proposed
-  Abandoned Sewer

### Notes:

- 1) All levels associated with the plans are to Ordnance Datum Newlyn.
- 2) All measurements on the plans are metric.
- 3) Arrows (on gravity fed sewers) or flecks (on rising mains) indicate direction of flow.
- 4) Most private pipes are not shown on our plans, as in the past, this information has not been recorded.
- 5) 'na' or '0' on a manhole level indicates that data is unavailable.
- 6) The text appearing alongside a sewer line indicates the internal diameter of the pipe in millimetres. Text next to a manhole indicates the manhole reference number and should not be taken as a measurement. If you are unsure about any text or symbology present on the plan, please contact a member of Property Insight on 0845 070 9148.



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# ALS Water Map Key

## Water Pipes (Operated & Maintained by Thames Water)

- 4"** **Distribution Main:** The most common pipe shown on water maps. With few exceptions, domestic connections are only made to distribution mains.
- 16"** **Trunk Main:** A main carrying water from a source of supply to a treatment plant or reservoir, or from one treatment plant or reservoir to another. Also a main transferring water in bulk to smaller water mains used for supplying individual customers.
- 3" SUPPLY** **Supply Main:** A supply main indicates that the water main is used as a supply for a single property or group of properties.
- 3" FIRE** **Fire Main:** Where a pipe is used as a fire supply, the word FIRE will be displayed along the pipe.
- 3" METERED** **Metered Pipe:** A metered main indicates that the pipe in question supplies water for a single property or group of properties and that quantity of water passing through the pipe is metered even though there may be no meter symbol shown.
- Transmission Tunnel:** A very large diameter water pipe. Most tunnels are buried very deep underground. These pipes are not expected to affect the structural integrity of buildings shown on the map provided.
- Proposed Main:** A main that is still in the planning stages or in the process of being laid. More details of the proposed main and its reference number are generally included near the main.

PIPE DIAMETER	DEPTH BELOW GROUND
Up to 300mm (12")	900mm (3')
300mm - 600mm (12" - 24")	1100mm (3' 8")
600mm and bigger (24" plus)	1200mm (4')

## Valves

- General Purpose Valve
- Air Valve
- Pressure Control Valve
- Customer Valve

## Hydrants

- Single Hydrant

## Meters

- Meter

## End Items

Symbol indicating what happens at the end of a water main.

- Blank Flange
- Capped End
- Emptying Pit
- Undefined End
- Manifold
- Customer Supply
- Fire Supply

## Operational Sites

- Booster Station
- Other
- Other (Proposed)
- Pumping Station
- Service Reservoir
- Shaft Inspection
- Treatment Works
- Unknown
- Water Tower

## Other Symbols

- Data Logger

## Other Water Pipes (Not Operated or Maintained by Thames Water)

- Other Water Company Main:** Occasionally other water company water pipes may overlap the border of our clean water coverage area. These mains are denoted in purple and in most cases have the owner of the pipe displayed along them.
- Private Main:** Indicates that the water main in question is not owned by Thames Water. These mains normally have text associated with them indicating the diameter and owner of the pipe.

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