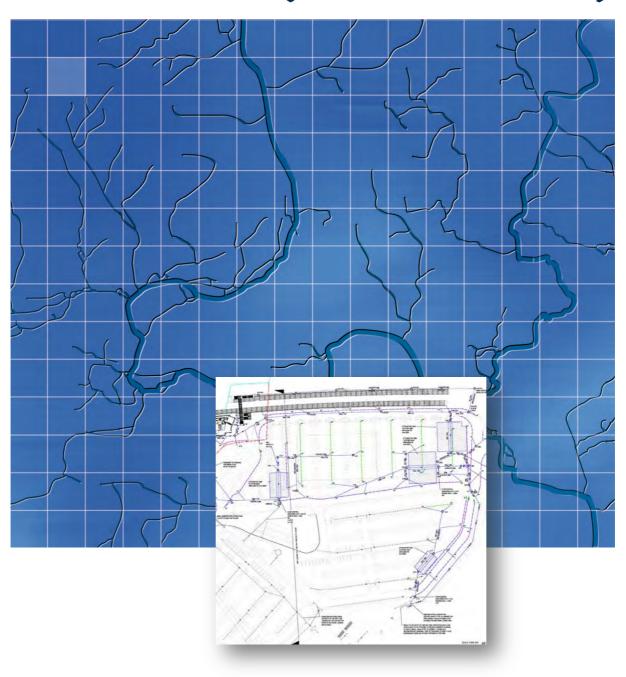
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1 Purpose

This document constitutes a surface water drainage assessment (SWDA), as required by Condition 13 of the Order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 (TWA) obtained by Chiltern Railways for the construction of the East West Rail Phase 1 (EWR P1) project between Bicester and Oxford. This document also provides the information required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in considering the surface water drainage aspects of a Flood Risk Assessment for new development.

This surface water drainage assessment considers the requirements for the development of the following elements of the railway scheme:

- AP14 Oxford Parkway Station; and
- AP14a Banbury Road Sidings.

Figure 1 shows the locations of these Assessment Points in relation to the overall railway development.

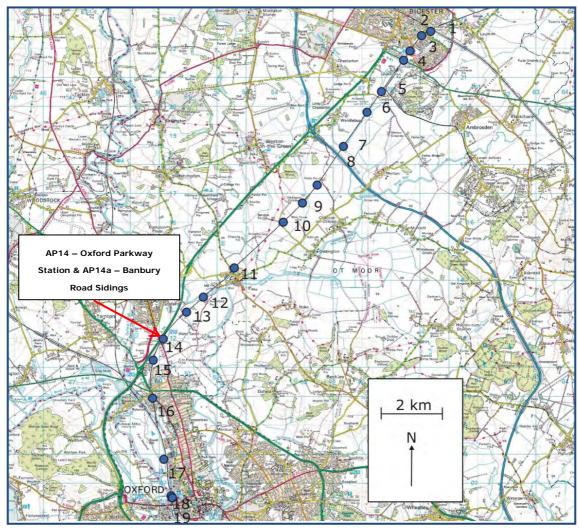


Figure 1 - Overview of the scheme with Assessment Points shown.



Condition 13 of the TWA Order requires that:

'No construction of any one of the following elements of development shall commence until a surface water drainage assessment and scheme for that element (as identified in the Level 2 Flood Risk Assessment Revised, July 2010 (Inquiry document CD/2.22), unless stated otherwise here) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, in consultation with the Environment Agency:

- AP1 Bicester Chord.
- AP2 Tubbs Lane footbridge.
- AP3 Bicester Town station.
- AP4 A41 overbridge.
- AP6 Elm Tree Farm/Langford Lane Overbridge (modified to accord with the revised proposal shown on Revised Sheets 8b, 35 and 37 of the Deposited Plans and Sections (Inquiry Document CD/1.28).
- AP7 Merton footbridge.
- AP8 Holts Farm overbridge.
- AP9 Oddington Footbridge No 5.
- AP10 Oddington overbridge.
- AP11 Islip station in Phase 1.
- AP11 Islip station in Phase 2.
- AP13 Oxford No5 overbridge.
- AP14 Oxford Parkway.
- AP14a Banbury Road Sidings.
- AP15 Gosford and Oxford Footbridge No 10.
- AP18 Sheepwash Bridge.
- AP19 Oxford station.

The surface water drainage assessments shall follow the methodology set out in the Scope of Surface Water Drainage Assessment, July 2010, agreed by the Environment Agency. Each surface water drainage assessment shall demonstrate that surface water discharge rates and volumes from that element of the development will not increase flood risk, or taken together with other relevant works in the same catchment, can be maintained at or below the agreed limits, using sustainable drainage techniques. Development shall be in accordance with the approved surface water drainage assessment and scheme'

Therefore the purpose of this document is to obtain approval of the local planning authority, in consultation with the Environment Agency (EA), for the surface water drainage assessment for AP14 Oxford Parkway Station & AP14a Banbury Road Sidings, thus discharging the requirements of Condition 13 of the TWA Order and meeting the surface water drainage requirements of NPPF.



2 Proposed Development

2.1 Overview

EWR P1 is a major package of infrastructure investments including: the doubling of the line between Bicester Town and Oxford North Junction; a new independent line being built between Oxford North Junction and Oxford station, using a disused track bed parallel to the existing railway; the existing stations at Bicester Town and Islip will be rebuilt, and a new station built at Oxford Parkway; and at Oxford the disused parcels platforms at the north end of the station will be removed and replaced for passenger use for Chiltern Railways services. The following sections describe the proposed works at AP14 & AP14a in more detail.

2.2 AP14 – Oxford Parkway Station

A new station is planned to be built at the site of redundant grain silos and stone sidings that are to be demolished and relocated respectively. This site shown on Figure 2 is adjacent to an existing Oxfordshire County Council Park and Ride facility with immediate access from the A34 trunk road.

Most of the parking already exist for the Park and Ride scheme, although a new area of hardstanding will be required on parts of the site that are currently grassed. Some existing hardstanding parking areas are to be re-laid. Additional parking is to be provided by decking at existing hardstanding areas. The existing aggregates depot is to be relocated to agricultural land to the north east of the site, connected to the railway network. The present aggregates site is to be used for the station buildings and to enhance car parking capacity. The proposals include provisions for platform extensions at the northern end of the station. Surface water runoff assessments have therefore been undertaken for the proposals with and without the platform extensions.



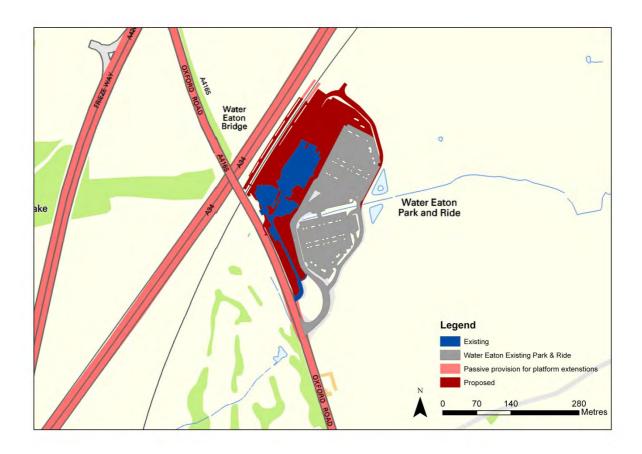


Figure 2 - AP14, Oxford Parkway Station. Contains Ordnance Survey Data © Crown copyright and database right 2013

2.3 AP14a - Banbury Road Sidings

The existing Banbury Road sidings are to be converted for general use for the construction of the new Oxford Parkway Station. A roadway is to be constructed linking the sidings to the proposed car park of the new station, including turning circles for large vehicles, a site office and car parking for site staff. The location of the works is shown in Figure 3.



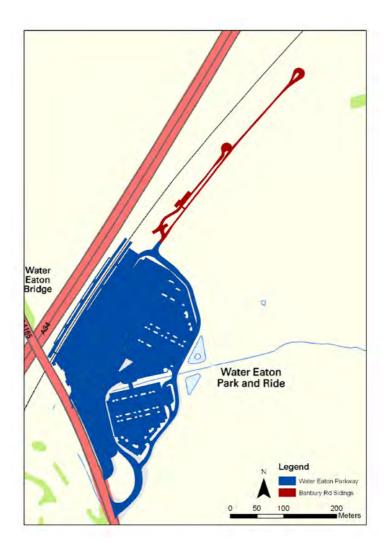


Figure 3 - AP14a, Banbury Road Sidings. Contains Ordnance Survey Data © Crown copyright and database right 2013.



3 Management of Surface Water Runoff

3.1 Planning Requirements

It is a recognised development requirement that post-development the stormwater runoff rates discharged from any new development should not be greater than flows currently generated from the site, whether this be at greenfield or existing brownfield run-off rates. Exceptions generally only apply where it is not practical to achieve this due to the size of the hydraulic control unit. In this situation overcompensation at neighbouring sites will be provided to ensure that over the whole scheme surface water runoff is reduced. These commitments are in line with guidance set out in the NPPF and through discussions with the EA. The following sections describe the calculation procedure followed to obtain these rates.

3.2 Runoff Assessments

Pre-development (i.e greenfield or brownfield) and post-development peak surface water runoff rates have been calculated for the 1 in 1yr and 1 in 100yr events for the development sites at AP14 & AP14a. Appendix 1 outlines the methodology used in the estimation of the peak surface water runoff rates. It should be noted that following discussions with the EA this analysis has not considered runoff from embankments, as these are permeable hence can be assumed to generate runoff at the greenfield rate. The following sections present the data used and the results of the surface water runoff calculations.

3.2.1 Area Assessment

Table 1 details the areas of permeable and impermeable surfaces at each assessment point preand post-development.

Table 1 - Surface types and areas at assessment points.

Assessment Point	Туре	Existing Brownfield		Post Development		Increase in Impermeable area (ha)
		Impermeable extent (ha)	Permeable extent (ha)	Impermeable extent (ha)	Permeable extent (ha)	
AP14 Oxford Parkway Station	Brownfield	1.05	2.86	3.91	0	2.86
AP14a Banbury Road Sidings	Greenfield	0	0	0.36	0	0.36



3.2.2 Surface Water Runoff Rates

Greenfield, brownfield and post-development runoff rates and volumes were calculated as described in Appendix 1. Runoff rates are presented in Table 2 below.

Table 2 - Surface Water Runoff rates.

Assessment Point	Area (ha)		1:1yr Eve	nt	1	:100yr Ev	ent
		Greenfield peak Runoff rate (Is ⁻¹)	Brownfield peak Runoff rate (Is ⁻¹)	Post development peak Runoff rate (Is ⁻¹)	Greenfield peak Runoff rate (Is ⁻¹)	Brownfield peak Runoff rate (Is ⁻¹)	Post development peak Runoff rate (Is ⁻¹)
AP14 Oxford Parkway Station AP14a Banbury Road Sidings	3.91	9.86 0.81	10.94 n/a	35.13 3.26	35.22 3.04	40.05 n/a	136.64 12.65

4 Design Statements & Commitments

An initial desk study undertaken by Network Rail in 2013 confirmed that the underlying geology at this site consists of Oxford Clay (Borehole records are provided in Appendix 2). This data has confirmed that infiltration would not be a viable option for disposal of surface water because of the relatively impermeable nature of the underlying geology. Using the SuDS hierarchy set out in Building Regs Part H¹ and the SuDS Manual² if infiltration is not viable then discharge to a watercourse should be achieved. This is the preferred method of surface water disposal for this site where discharge is proposed into an existing watercourse that runs from west to east through the existing park and ride car park. Formal attenuation will be required to ensure that runoff is controlled to pre-development rates.

Jacobs has prepared the surface water drainage design for AP14 "Oxford Parkway Station" and Atkins have prepared drainage design for AP14a "Banbury Road Sidings" as part of Drainage Strategy GRIP 5³ (please see Appendix 3 & 4 for drainage designs). These designs show the drainage arrangements at each site that will be installed to sustainably manage surface water. Jacobs has confirmed and identified on their detailed drainage design that the Post-Development runoff rate from Oxford Parkway Station can be limited to the 1 in 100 year Target Discharge Rate as provided in Table 3. This will be achieved through provision onsite attenuation and discharge into a small watercourse system that runs through the existing park and ride car park. The

³ East West Rail Phase 1 Drainage Strategy GRIP 5 – Detailed Drainage Designs.



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¹ The Building Regulations Part H – Drainage and waste disposal. (2002)

² CIRIA publication 'The SuDS Manual (C697)'

following sections describe the Target Discharge Rates that need to be achieved, the drainage layouts and the SuDS components used to sustainably manage runoff in more detail.

4.1 Target Discharge Rates

Atkins has confirmed that because of the low greenfield runoff rate associated with AP14a Banbury Road sidings (i.e 3.04l/s for the 1 in 100 year rainfall event) providing formal attenuation at this site would not be practicable. This is because controlling discharge down to very low rates would require small hydraulic controls that would be prone to blockage and require onerous maintenance regimes. Therefore, no formal attenuation will be provided at AP14a Banbury Road Sidings and over attenuation will be provided at AP14 Oxford Parkway Station to compensate. This is a principle that has been previously discussed and agreed with the EA for other sites where small greenfield runoff rates are difficult to achieve (eg for AP2 Tubbs Lane Footbridge & AP3 Bicester Town Station).

To account for this the combined pre-development runoff rate for both AP14 & AP14a has been reduced to reflect the post-development runoff rate for AP14a. For example, for the 1 in 100 year rainfall event the difference between post-development and greenfield flow of 9.61l/s for Banbury Road sidings has been subtracted from the brownfield flow of 40.05l/s for Oxford Parkway Station resulting in a reduced target discharge rate of 30.44l/s for Oxford Parkway Station. This results in the reduced target discharge rates presented in Table 3 below for AP14 Oxford Parkway Station.

Table 3 – AP14 Oxford Parkway Station Target Discharge Rates (I/s).

Return Period	Limiting Discharge rate (I/S)
1:1	8.49*
1:100	30.44*

^{*}an allowance for Banbury Road Sidings has been included.

4.2 AP 14 – Oxford Parkway Station Drainage Strategy (Designed by Jacobs)

Jacobs has designed the surface water drainage system for Oxford Parkway Station including the new platforms, station buildings and car park. Details of the proposed drainage layout can be seen in Appendix 3.

Surface water from the station buildings will be collected by gutters and downpipes with the surface water from the platforms, roadways and car parking areas collected via gullies and linear drainage channels. Surface water is then directed via below ground drainage pipework and inspection chambers directly to underground attenuation tanks located at strategic locations throughout the development. Surface water originating from car parking areas will be discharged through a hydrocarbon interceptor before being discharged into the existing watercourse or attenuation pond.

In summary the surface water drainage system serving this development consists of five attenuation storage tanks as per Figure 4. These tanks collect surface water from the hardstanding areas of the development and discharge into either the existing watercourse or existing attenuation pond at a controlled rate through hydrobrake flow controls. The attenuation volumes and discharge rates are presented in Table 4. The total discharge from this site during a 1 in 100 year (plus a



30% allowance for climate change) rainfall event is limited to 25.0l/s, which provides a betterment over the Target Discharge Rate of 30.44l/s.

Table 4 – Attenuation Provision and Discharge from Oxford Parkway Station.

Attenuation Tank	Storage Volume (m³)	Discharge Rate (I/s)		
Tank 1	165	4.0		
Tank 2	240	6.5		
Tank 3	540	5.0		
Tank 4	540	5.5		
Tank 5	81	4.0		
Total	1566	25.0		

4.3 AP14a – Banbury Road Sidings Drainage Strategy (Designed by Atkins)

Atkins has designed the surface water drainage system for Banbury Road Sidings. Details of the drainage layout can be seen in Appendix 4.

Surface water from this new roadway will be collected within a series of filter drains that run along the edge of the site which discharge into new drainage ditches designed to have a shallow gradient to reduce flow velocity. There are three networks that ultimately discharge into existing drainage ditches that cross the site. There is no formal attenuation provided for this site but as described in section 4.1 over attenuation will be provided at AP14 Oxford Parkway Station to compensate.



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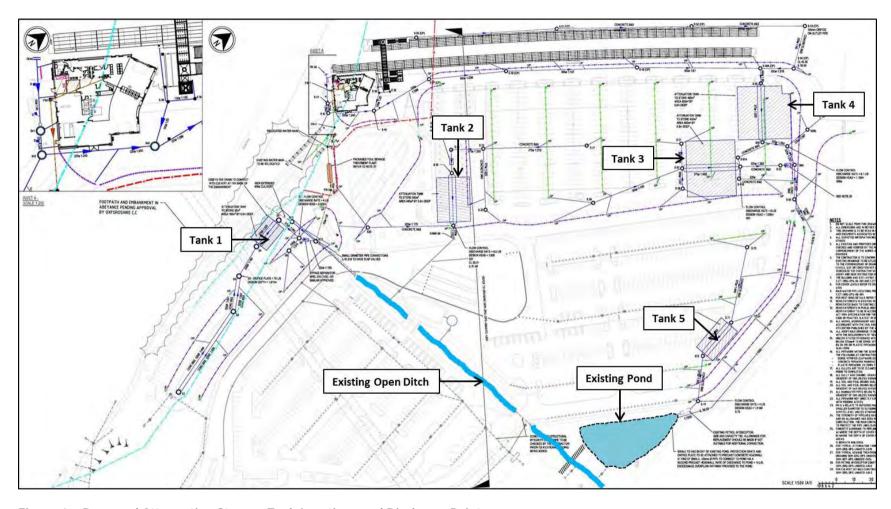


Figure 4 – Proposed Attenuation Storage Tank Locations and Discharge Points.



5 Conclusion

The proposed drainage at AP14 Oxford Parkway Station has been designed to achieve the "Target Discharge Rates" presented in Table 3. This has been achieved though the provision of 5 formal attenuation storage tanks installed under the new car park at AP14 Oxford Parkway. The storage tanks will store surface water runoff during extreme rainfall events and discharge to an existing watercourse or existing attenuation pond at controlled rates (as per Table 4) using hydrobrake flow controls. The drainage infrastructure at AP14 Oxford Parkway Station has been designed to ensure a degree of over attenuation is provided to account for the runoff generated by AP14a Banbury Road Sidings which does not have any formal attenuation. This arrangement will ensure that post-development the overall runoff rates and volumes from both AP14 & AP14a are reduced to below the pre-development equivalent. Therefore, we consider that the information provided in this surface water drainage assessment is sufficient to comply with Condition 13 of the TWA Order and the surface water drainage requirements of NPPF.



Appendix 1 - Surface Runoff Calculations Methodology



1.1 Introduction

Guidance issued by DEFRA⁴ states that post development the stormwater runoff discharges from urban developments should approximate to the site greenfield response over an extended range of storm frequencies of occurrence (return periods). However, it is accepted that drainage proposals may be measured against the existing drainage performance of the site (brownfield). In addition the peak rate of runoff into a watercourse should be no greater than the undeveloped rate of runoff, although similarly exceptions apply where it is not practical to achieve this. The guidance outlines methodologies for estimating storage volumes for stormwater control for development sites and also provides methodologies for the estimation of peak rates of runoff from greenfield sites.

For clarification, the greenfield rate refers to the volumes and peak flows associated with an undeveloped site whilst brownfield relates to a site which has been previously developed hence a proportion of the site is impermeable.

As part of the Chiltern Railways development surface water runoff volumes for greenfield and brownfield conditions are required. In addition, peak runoff rates are also required for greenfield and brownfield conditions. Section 1.2 outlines the methodology for the estimation of the surface water runoff volumes whilst Section 1.3 outlines the methodology for estimating the peak runoff rates. Note that there is no guidance on estimating brownfield peak runoff rates, and the guidance states that greenfield runoff rates should be considered as indicative only due to the limitations of the methodologies.

1.2 Surface Water Runoff Methodology

The DEFRA guidance recommends the use of Institute of Hydrology Report 124 (IH124)⁵ for estimating surface water runoff. However, recent research into flood design for small catchments⁶ suggests that the FEH statistical method⁷ and the Revitalised Flood Hydrograph (ReFH)⁸ event-based method both outperform the older methods. The report states that these are applicable across the range of catchment sizes used in their development and that the continued recommendation of outdated methods such as IH124 and ADAS 345 is inappropriate. The research notes that there is little evidence to suggest that the accuracy of the FEH methods when applied to ungauged catchments is particularly scale dependent and recommends the use of current versions of the FEH statistical approach or the ReFH rainfall-runoff model except on highly permeable (BFIHOST > 0.65) or urbanised catchments (URBEXT2000>0.15) where the results of the ReFH model can be less reliable. The research recommends that for catchments smaller than 0.5 km² and plot scale, which is relevant for the development sites within the Chiltern Railways development, runoff estimates should be derived from FEH methods applied to the nearest suitable

⁸ NERC (CEH). 2005. Revitalised FSR/FEH rainfall runoff method. Spreadsheet application version 1.4.http://www.ceh.ac.uk/feh2/SpreadsheetimplementationofReFH.html



⁴ Kellagher R, 2012, Preliminary rainfall runoff management for developments, DEFRA R&D Technical Report W5-074/A/TR/1 Revision E

⁵ Marshall D, C, W. Bayliss, A, C,. Flood Estimation for small catchments. Institute of Hydrology Report 124.

⁶ Environment Agency, 2012, Estimating flood peaks and hydrographs for small catchments: Phase 1, SC090031

⁷ Robson, A.J. and Reed, D.W. (1999) Statistical procedures for flood frequency estimation. Volume 3 of the Flood Estimation Handbook. Centre for Ecology & Ecology.

catchment above 0.5 km² for which descriptors can be derived from the FEH CD-ROM and scaled down by the ratio of catchment areas.

Following the guidance, and taking into account this research, greenfield runoff hydrographs were calculated using 6.25 hour duration design rainfall events for the required return period event using a conjunction of the IH124 and ReFH rainfall runoff method.

IH124

Greenfield peak runoff rates have been calculated using the small catchment statistical method, IH124 methodology, in conjunction with the growth curves factors specified within the NERC Flood Studies Supplementary Reports 2^9 and 14^{10}

A catchment area of 50 ha was assumed for each site with the results expressed as runoff rates per unit area to facilitate scaling to the development area. A key catchment descriptor within the method is the soil class(es) as defined by the Winter Rainfall Acceptance Potential (WRAP) map ¹¹. This is an extremely coarse map which is mapped at a scale of 1:625,000 and as such does not contain sufficient information for determining local soil and underlying substrate permeability. At design level the selection of appropriate soil class values would be informed by local soil maps coupled within infiltration tests. For the purposes of defining runoff rates for this assessment the soil permeability classes and substrate classes within the Hydrology of Soil Types (HOST) classification ¹² were used to guide soil class selection. The HOST classification has replaced the WRAP map in all current flood estimation procedures.

ReFH

Given that there is no available flood event data on which to calibrate the ReFH model, the catchment descriptors for each site were obtained from the FEH CD ROM v3. The nearest 1km cell to each site was used to obtain the rainfall parameters required for the rainfall Depth Duration Frequency (DFF) ReFH model. Where this is not possible catchment scale parameters were obtained for the nearest small river reach.

The ReFH model was run using the 6.25 hour event for the 1 in 1 year, 1 in 30 year and 1in 100 year events. Allowances for climate change were made for the 1:100 year event by increasing the rainfall intensity by 30%. Note that current DEFRA¹³ guidance advises increasing rainfall intensities by 20% for 2080 and beyond, so the adopted values are conservative. A catchment area of 50 hectares was assumed and results are then scaled to the site level.

Development of final runoff rates

The ReFH and IH124 methodologies produce independent runoff rates for the given return periods. Current research into small catchments¹⁴ indicates that more recent methodologies are generally more reliable that the older (IH124) methodologies. The differences between the peak runoff rates

¹⁴ Environment Agency, 2012, Estimating flood peaks and hydrographs for small catchments: Phase 1, SC090031.



⁹ Faulkner, D.S. 1999. Rainfall Frequency Estimation. Flood Estimation Handbook Vol. 2, Institute of Hydrology, Wallingford, UK.

¹⁰ Institute of Hydrology,1983 Review of regional growth curves. Flood Studies Supplementary Report 14. Institute of Hydrology, Wallingford, UK

¹¹ Natural Environment Research Council, 1975. Flood Studies Report.

¹² Boorman, D. B., Hollis, J. M. and Lilly, A., Hydrology of soil types: a hydrologically-based classification of the soils of the United Kingdom. Institute of Hydrology Report 126.

¹³ Kellagher R, 2012, Preliminary rainfall runoff management for developments, DEFRA R&D Technical Report W5-074/A/TR/1 Revision E

were resolved by adjusting the BFIHOST or WRAP classes. For most of the sites the peak runoff from IH124 was rescaled to be similar to ReFH. Since ReFH is not considered as reliable in high permeability catchments (taken to be where the BFIHOST is greater than 0.6) in highly permeable catchments the IH124 estimates for peak runoff were given a greater weighting.

Calculation of current brownfield and potential post development runoff volumes

The assessment of current brownfield and potential post-development runoff volumes for each return period is conducted:

- by assuming a runoff coefficient of unity for impermeable areas;
- calculating a gross direct runoff volume by taking the product of the areal extent of the impermeable area and the corresponding rainfall event profile;
- calculating the equivalent greenfield runoff profile for the impermeable area by taking the product of the greenfield runoff hydrograph (expressed in units of runoff per unit area) and the impermeable areas, and estimating the net runoff volume for the impermeable area.

This nett runoff volume represents the runoff volume that has to be captured, and preferably infiltrated to maintain runoff at the greenfield rate. For the 1:100 year event the runoff calculations have included an overall increase in event rainfall depth of 30% for the impermeable runoff estimate to allow for climate change.

Surfaces assumed to be impermeable in this outline design level assessment include roofs, car parks, pavements, roads, bridge structures and platforms. As such this represents a worst case scenario as it ignores the detailed design potential for at-source mitigation.

1.3 Brownfield Peak Runoff

The greenfield peak runoff can be obtained from the IH124 and ReFH methodologies. However, DEFRA¹⁵ do not provide guidance on producing peak runoff for brownfield sites. Whilst ideally runoff volumes and peak runoff should be returned to the greenfield level, it is accepted that this is not always possible. In these circumstances maintaining the current runoff or peak flows is acceptable hence brownfield peak runoff values are required.

It is widely accepted that increasing the impermeable extents within a catchment, or development site in this case, increases runoff volume and decrease the response time within the catchment ¹⁶.

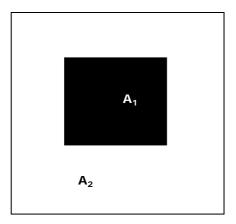
The following methodology has been developed to calculate the Brownfield peak flow:

1) Consider a site to contain an impermeable surface of area A_1 (m²) and permeable surface of area A_2 (m²), as per diagram below

¹⁶ Chow V. T., Maidment D. R. and Mays L. W., 1988, Applied Hydrology, McGraw-Hill, New York, USA.



¹⁵ Kellagher R, 2012, Preliminary rainfall runoff management for developments, DEFRA R&D Technical Report W5-074/A/TR/1 Revision E



- 2) Calculations within ReFH assume that A_1 and A_2 are both greenfield hence we already have the design rainfall P (mm) and the greenfield runoff Q (mm) for the design hydrograph.
- 3) For a completely impermeable surface, A_1 and A_2 are impermeable, the following is proposed:

$$Q = 0.7 \times P + 0.3 \times Q$$

It is assumed that 70% of the rainfall becomes direct runoff. The value of 70% is used as this is generally recommended for use within the UK^{17,18}. A proportion of the rainfall is also delayed through the system and this is reflected by adding 30% of the greenfield runoff.

The result is a hydrograph which has a faster time to peak, higher peak and greater total runoff than the greenfield hydrograph.

4) For a mixed impermeable/greenfield site these two components are combined according to the proportion of each within the development site.

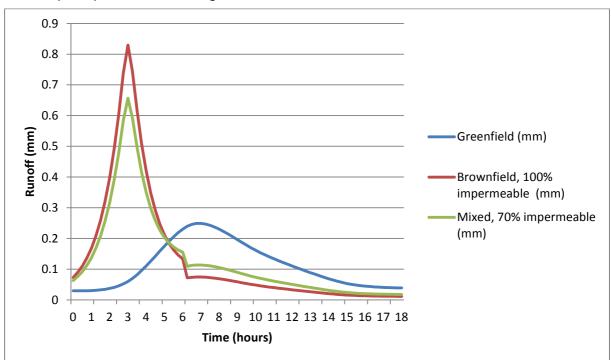
$$Q = \left[\frac{A_2}{A_1 + A_2} \times Q \right] + \left[\frac{A_1}{A_1 + A_2} \times 0.7 \times P \right] + \left[\frac{A_1}{A_1 + A_2} \times 0.3 \times Q \right]$$

5) The peak flows can then be extracted from the hydrographs and rescaled to cumecs.

¹⁸ Department of Environment/National Water Council, 1981, Design and analysis of Urban Storm Drainage: the Wallingford Procedure, National Water Council, UK.



 $^{^{17}}$ Institute of Hydrology, 1999, Flood Estimation Handbook, Vols 1 – 5.



An example is presented within Figure 5.

Figure 5 Example Hydrograph for a Greenfield, 100% impermeable and 70% impermeable site.

1.4 Determining the development site area

For most sites the development site considered is the same as the footprint of the development thus the post development will be 100% impermeable. i.e. if a footbridge is being built then the footprint of the footbridge is considered to be the development site and the site is initially 100% greenfield and post development 100% impermeable.

Some sites are more complex, for example the development of Islip and Oxford Parkway Stations. The proposal indicates that the aim will be to retain the runoff associated with the existing site (or greenfield where possible) which means that agreement of the development site extent may affect the amount of flood storage which must be allowed for. In these cases the development site is considered to be the addition of the existing and proposed development site. Post development all sites will be 100% impermeable unless land at any of the sites is returned to greenfield which is unlikely. This is illustrated for Islip Station, Figure 2, where the development site is the combined area of existing and proposed developments.



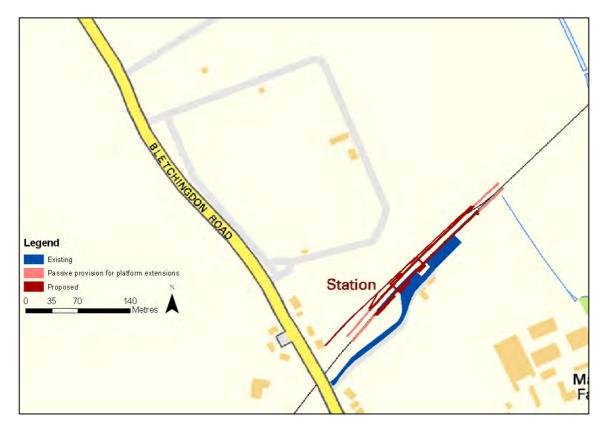
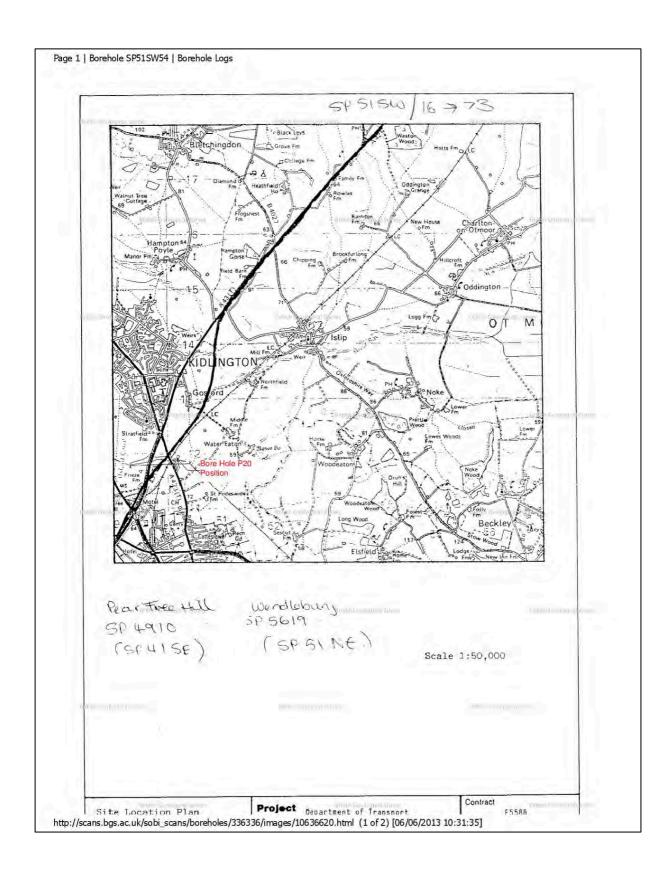


Figure 6 Existing and post development site at Islip Station.

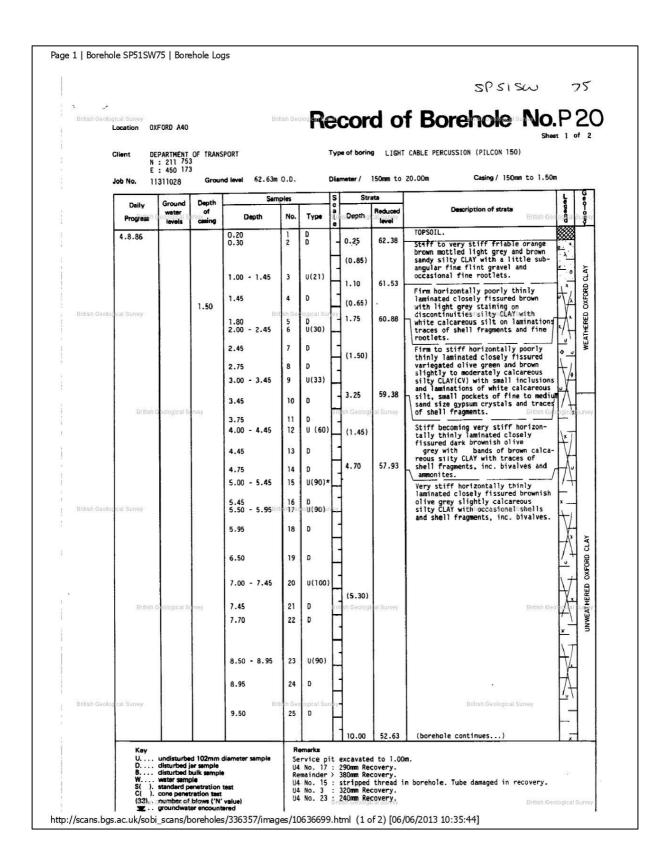


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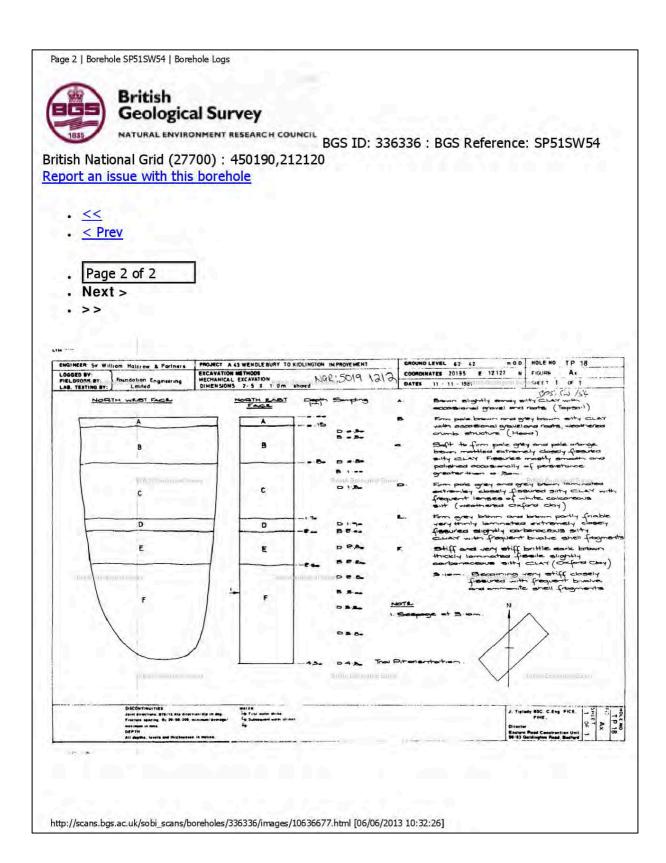








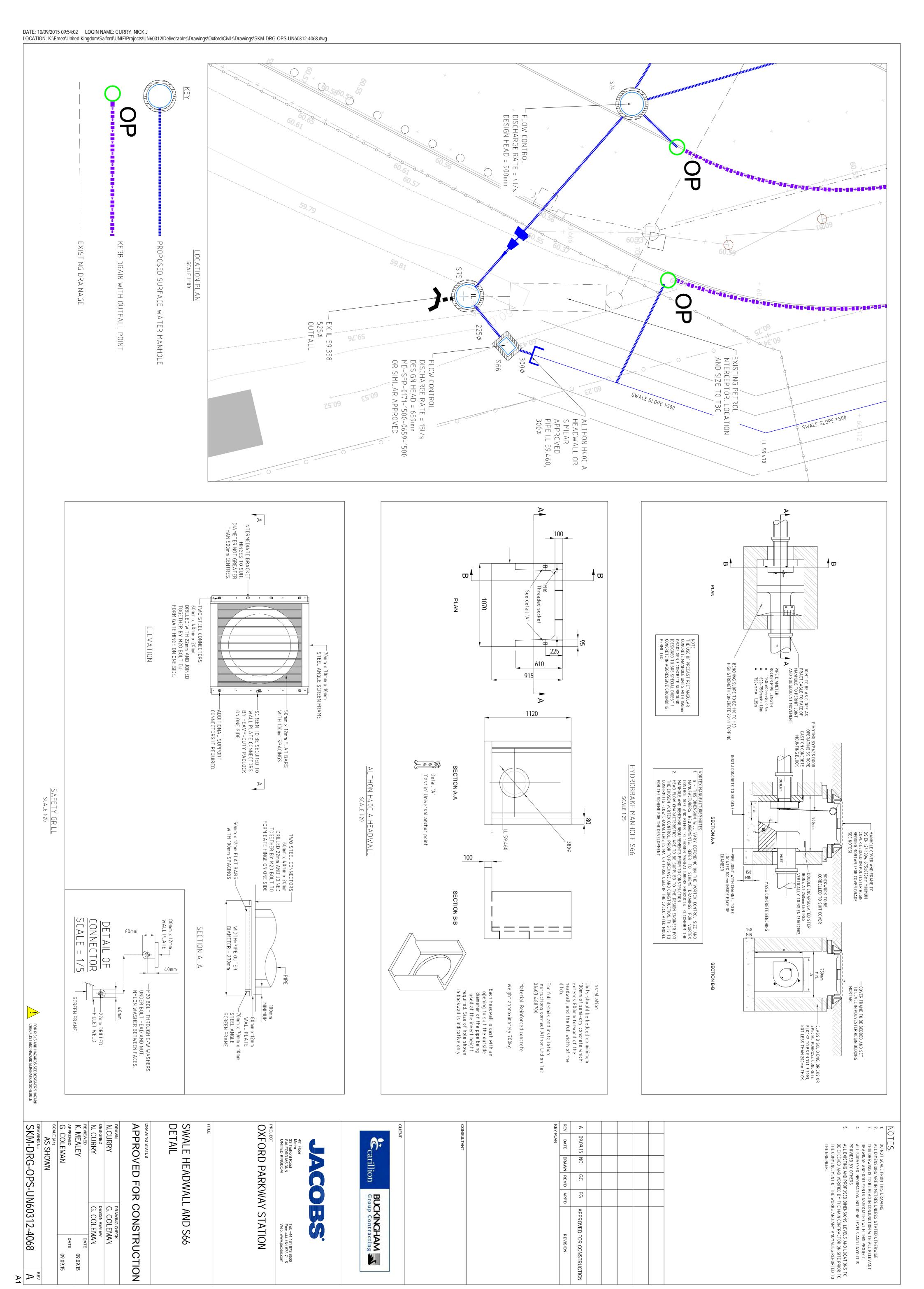


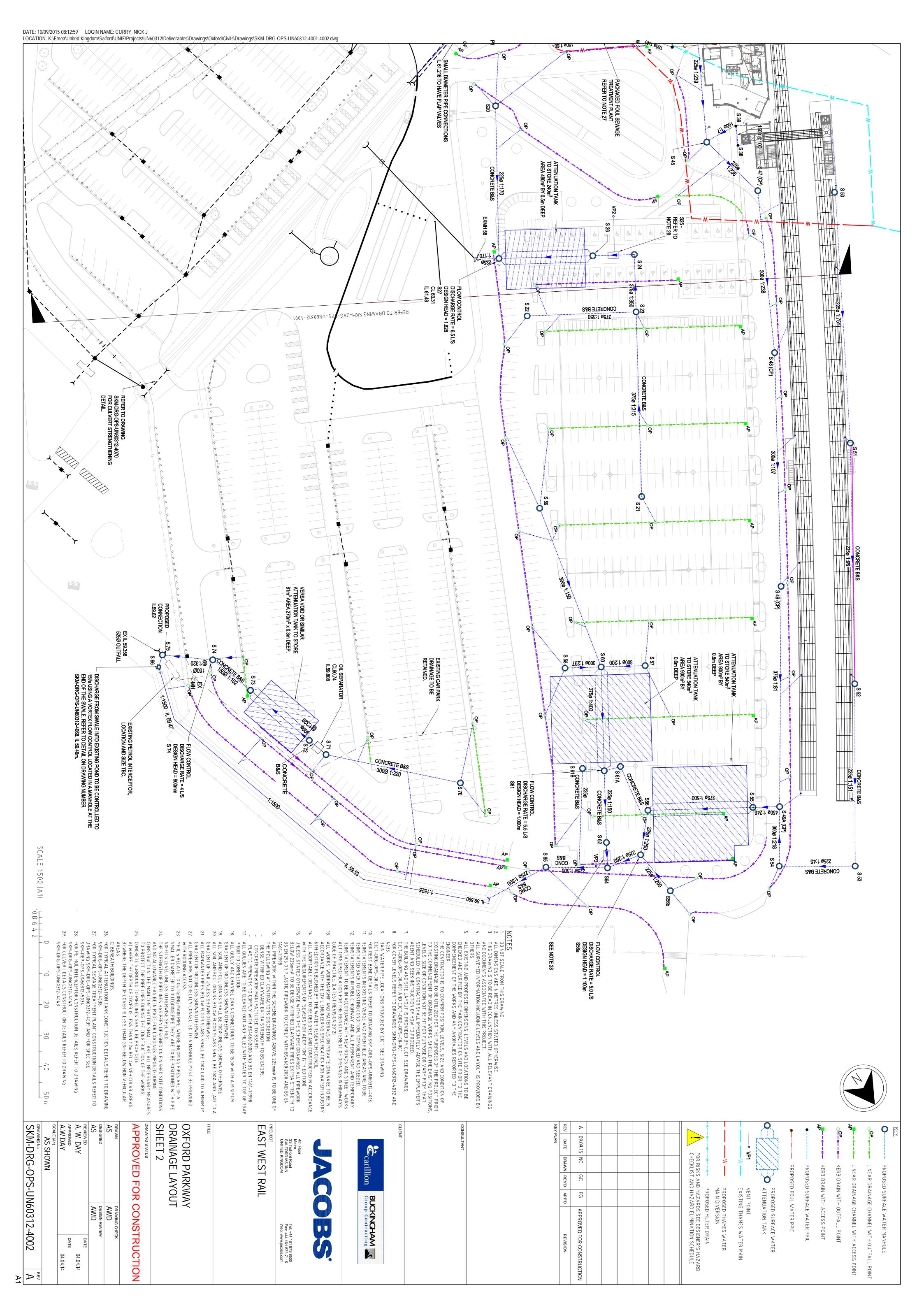


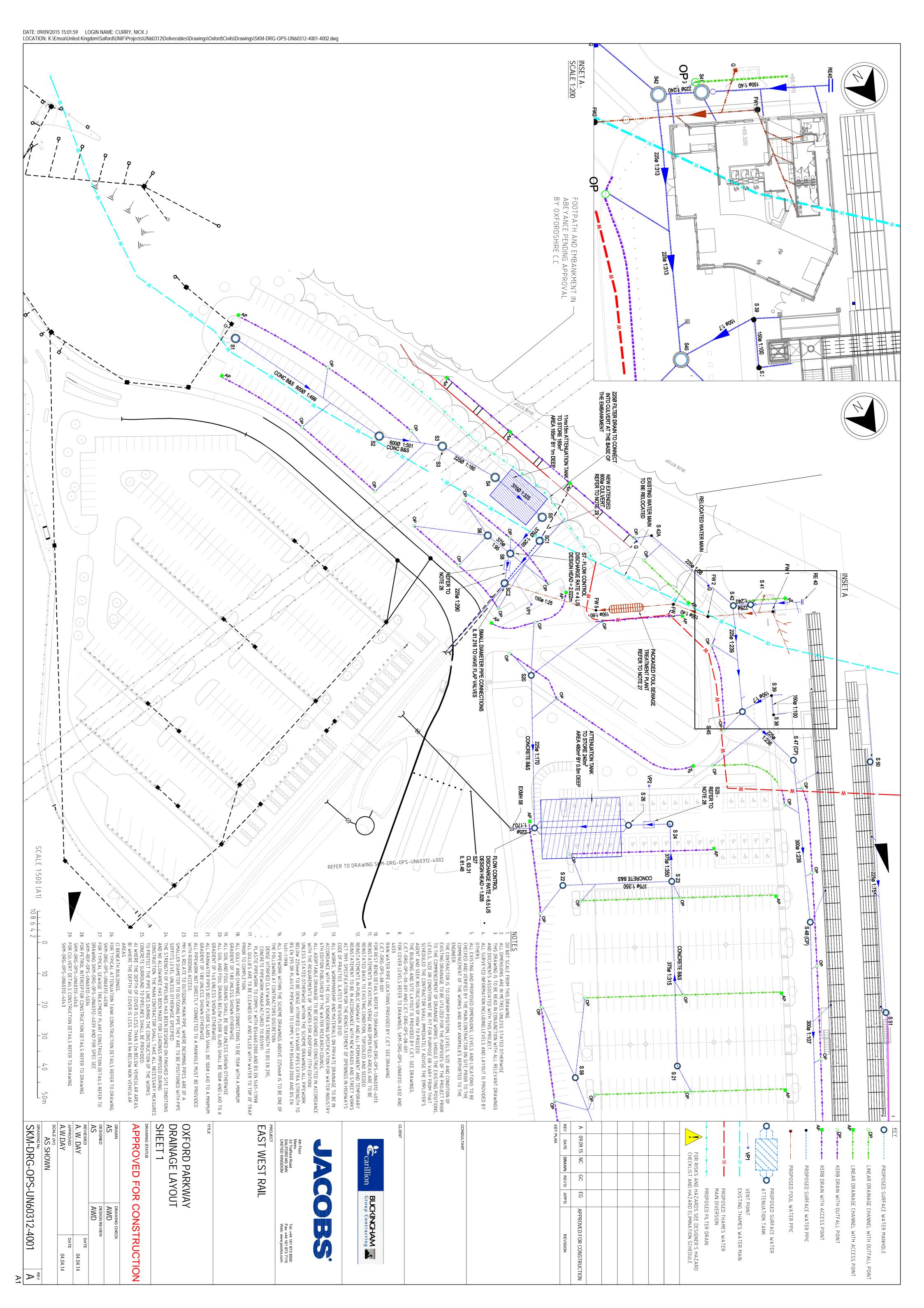


Appendix 3 – AP14 Oxford Parkway Station Drainage Layout. Designed by Jacobs









Appendix 4 - AP14a Banbury Road Sidings Drainage Layout. Designed by Atkins



