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Appendix C

Flood Risk Assessment

Full NW Bicester development site Modelling

Technical Note: ISIS River Modelling Hydrology and Hydraulics TUFLOW Surface Water Modelling Summary

TECHNICAL NOTE

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1.1 Introduction

An ISIS model of the River Bure and tributaties was constructed in 2010 / 2011 to inform the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) for the Bicester Eco Town Exemplar Site. This ISIS model has subsequently been updated to include an additional tributary stream, the Hawkswell Tributary. This technical note summarises the methodology adopted in order to incorporate this stream into the existing ISIS model.

1.2 Hydrological Assessment

The Hawkswell Tributary sits within the catchment of the Langford Brook; the homogenous nature of this catchment meant that a simple area ratio approach was used to split the flows into those generated by the Langford Brook and those generated by the Hawkswell Tributary. Figure 1 shows the relative catchment sizes, which are summarised in Table 1.

Figure 1 Langford Brook / Hawkswell Tributaries

Catchment	Area (km ²)	Ratio
Langford Brook (u/s Hawkswell Confluence	1.92	0.69
Langford Brook (d/s Hawkswell Confluence	0.50	0.18
Hawkswell Tributary	0.37	0.13
TOTAL	2.79	1

Table 1 Langford Brook / Hawkswell Tributary Ratios

The area ratio was used to factor the peak flows for the Langford Brook catchment as shown in Table 2.

Catchment	1% AEP	1% AEP plus Climate Change	0.1% AEP
Langford Brook (u/s Hawkswell Confluence	0.65	0.78	1.17
Langford Brook (d/s Hawkswell Confluence	0.17	0.20	0.31
Hawkswell Tributary	0.12	0.15	0.23
TOTAL	0.94	1.13	1.70

Table 2 Langford Brook / Hawkswell Tributary Flows

The Langford Brook upstream of the Hawkswell confluence and the Hawkswell Tributary were added as point inflows to the respective upstream nodes in the ISIS model. The Langford Brook downstream of the Hawkswell confluence was added as a lateral inflow.

1.3 Hydraulic Model

No survey data was availale for the Hawkswell Tributary.Consequently, LiDAR data was combined with observations made during the site visit, in order to define the channel dimensions and elevations.The main channel was defined as a trapezoidal channel with the elevation extracted from LiDAR data and the base and top widths taken from site visit measurements. A roughness value of n = 0.05 was applied to the tributary sections as the site visit indicated that the channel was overgrown with weeds and pools.

The Hawkswell Tributary was linked to the Langford Brook using an ISIS open junction.

Appendix C – TUFLOW Surface Water Modelling Summary

Introduction

As part of the Bicester Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), Hyder were commissioned to create a surface water model to identify key flow paths and flood risk areas within the Bicester Eco Town development site boundary. The study area is outlined below in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Bicester Eco Town Study Area (black dashed polygon)

1.1 Model Development

To improve understanding of the surface water flow paths and flood risk across the Eco Town site a 2-Dimensional (2D) direct rainfall model was created using TUFLOW. TUFLOW is a hydrodynamic modelling package which can be used for 2D modelling of overland flow or as a 1D-2D linked model where there is an interaction with linear flow features.

This approach enables the effect of the topography on overland flood routes to be simulated by direct application of a rainfall profile to a 2D hydraulic model domain.

1.1.1 Data Sources

The following data was provided to assist with the direct rainfall model development:

Data	Source
Lidar	Environment Agency Geomatics 2m DTM
Channel Survey Data	Supplied by Maltby Land Surveys (August 2010) and Hyder Consulting (January 2010)
Mapping	Ordance Survey Opensource Raster Mapping

A site visit was also undertaken by Hyder Consulting in September 2013 to verify and supplement the above information (see Section 1.1.11)

1.1.2 Hydrological Modelling

The Bicester Eco Town model was constructed to analyse the impact of a range of rainfall events across the development site by assessing flow paths and flood depths.

The model was designed to simulate the current surface water flood risk across the Eco Town site prior to development. This will allow the assessment of surface water flood risk and the incorporation of SuDS in strategic locations to ensure that there is adequate drainage in place once the site is developed.

The site is predominantly agricultural with two main watercourses, the Langford Brook and the River Bure intersecting the site. There are also several smaller drainage ditches to the south of the railway line and running along the periphery of the development site. A full description of the hydrological features on the site is given in the Flood Risk Assessment.

The model does not incorporate infiltration losses and assumes that as the predominant land use is agriculture there is no current drainage system in place, this gives a very conservative estimate of the runoff from the land. The following key assumptions were made to generate the model input:

- Initial Loss None
- Infiltration Loss None
- Drainage System None

1.1.3 Design Rainfall

Rainfall inputs were generated from the FEH CD-ROM (v4) based on the site catchment boundary. The following rainfall events were generated:

- 3.33% AEP (1 in 30 chance of occurring in any given year)
- 1% AEP (1 in 100 chance of occurring in any given year)
- 1% AEP (1 in 30 chance of occurring in any given year) plus 30% climate change

1.1.4 Critical Storm Duration

The critical storm duration can change rapidly even within a small area, due to the topography, land use, size of the upstream catchment and nature of the drainage systems. The ideal

approach would be to model a wide range of durations. However, this is not always practical when using 2D models which have long simulation times.

A high level investigation was undertaken to assess the effect of rainfall event duration on the Bicester Eco Town study area. The intention of the investigation was to show variation in critical duration across the study area and thus identify a single critical duration for the model. The 7.25 hour duration was selected as the critical duration for the study area.

1.1.5 Runoff Coefficients

No runoff coefficients have been applied to the rainfall; therefore the entire rainfall hyetograph is applied to the model.

1.1.6 Software Version

The Bicester Eco Town model has been run using the 2012 32 bit double precision version of TUFLOW.

1.1.7 Hydraulic Model Parameters

The Eco Town model hydraulic parameters were set up as follows:

Model Parameters			
Grid Size	4m		
Time Step	2 seconds		
Storm Duration	7.25 hours		
Event AEP	3.33%, 1% and 1% +CC		
Total Simulation Length	15 hours		

Table 1 Model Parameters

1.1.8 Digital Terrain Model

A key component of the TUFLOW modelling process was the acquisition of a Digital Terrain Model (DTM). TUFLOW utilises standard GIS packages to manage, manipulate and present input and output data. In order to model surface water TUFLOW requires terrain data. This can be from a variety of sources (GPS, LiDAR, photogrammetry etc) but the more detailed and accurate the source of data, the more accurate and reliable the solution is likely to be. The study utilises a 2m LiDAR DTM dataset supplied by the Environment Agency.

Filtered DTM data was used in the Eco Town surface water model. This provided partial coverage of the study area (Figure 2). The gap to the north of the site was filled in using contour data as this was the best available data for this location although it should be noted that it does not identify the level of topographic detail that the LiDAR data does. The contour data was combined with the LiDAR to create one seamless ground model for the study area.

Figure 2 Bicester Eco Town LiDAR Coverage (study area = black dashed line)

Standard practice for TUFLOW modelling is to use filtered LiDAR as it removes interference and distortion caused by buildings and trees to represent the 'bare earth'.

While the majority of the data provided was of a suitable standard, there was one issue identified following initial model runs that required corrective measures. Where the contour derived ground model and the LIDAR had been combined a step had been created which was causing instabilities to occur in the model. To reduce the impact of this step a z-shape polygon was created to smooth the transition between the two datasets (Figure 3).

Figure 3 DTM Step Smoothing (purple polygon)

1.1.9 Grid Size

The Bicester Eco Town model has been created at a 4m grid resolution. This grid size was chosen to ensure that key features were represented while ensuring a reasonable model run time.

1.1.10 Floodplain Structures

During the development of the initial model, several raised structures (e.g. bridges, underpasses and subways) were highlighted as they had not been filtered out of the DTM. These features create unnatural barriers to flow where in reality flow would pass beneath or through the structure. To model these structures 1D nwk lines and 2D bc lines were drawn over the features. The 1D structures were populated with elevations from the DTM or survey (where available) on either side of the structure to effectively model the structure through the feature. The 1D nwk nodes and 2D bc lines are then read into TUFLOW where the structure is modelled.

1.1.11 Watercourses

The river channels of the Langford Brook and the River Bure were sufficiently defined in the underlying LiDAR so no additional detail was added to represent these watercourses, it was also assumed that the LiDAR level in the brook would be representative of the water level in the brook prior to the rainfall event, therefore it was not necessary to alter this level. Structural crossings such as under the railway line on the Langford Brook were added into the model using the method outlined in Section 1.1.10 above. The invert and culvert dimensions were taken from the FRA 1D ISIS model.

Following a site visit on the 23rd September 2013 all open ditches within the model domain were identified and where possible measurements of channel dimensions were taken. This included drainage ditches to the south of the railway line and adjacent to Hawes Lane on the periphery of the site boundary.

To represent these watercourses a 2D Flow Constriction (fc) shape was used. This allowed for the definition of the channel width, bed level and bank tops. The fc shape unit was used to ensure that the watercourse width was taken into account and the feature was not applied across an entire 4m TUFLOW cell. One layered fc shape was used to represent a double culvert under Hawes Road between two highway drainage ditches as the 1D nwk and 2D bc lines which were initially used were not conveying flow through the culverts.

1.1.12 Downstream Boundaries

In order to represent flow out of the model domain HQ (Stage versus Flow) boundary lines were added at the edge of the 2d model domain. These boundaries were defined based on the slope of the local DTM, with the modelling software automatically calculating the HQ relationship.

1.1.13 Manning's Values

A constant roughness has been assumed based on the predominant land use in the study area. The roughness value assumed is 0.05.

1.1.14 Model Run Time

The Eco Town model was initially run for fifteen hours. The model files were checked to ensure that the modelled depths were not increasing and that no further flow paths were being formed across the site.

1.2 Model Stability

An assessment of the model stability was made by analysing the mass balance (cumulative error %) for each model run. The warnings in the model output files were also checked to ensure that these were not highlighting any fundamental issues with the model. This assessment was an important stage in establishing the accuracy of the model outputs.

The range of cumulative error should be +/- 5% for a majority of each simulation. Figure 4 outlines the cumulative error range in the Eco Town model. As can be seen in the figure all of the modelled return periods report very high cumulative errors at the beginning of the model simulation. This is caused by the initial wetting process at the beginning of the rainfall event whereby a large number of model cells become wet instantaneously. The mass error for all models reduces and becomes more consistent beyond the three hour mark with the rest of the simulation falling within the recommended range. As the errors occur at the beginning of the simulation at varying times and are not prolonged it is deemed unlikely that they would have an impact on the model results.

Figure 4 – Bicester Eco Town Model Mass Balance

The TUFLOW warning messages were checked and no significant warnings were identified. The majority of warnings related to locations where culverts through raised structures had been added highlighting that changes were being made to the ground level in these locations.

1.3 Model Output Files

In order to assess areas at risk of surface water flooding, flood depths greater than 0.05m were analysed. The depth grids were broken down into depth bands to allow for the identification of areas at risk of overland flow and deep ponding (>1.5m).

Figure 5 1% AEP Modelled Depths

Figure 5 illustrates the predominant flow paths across the site which correspond with the routes of the Langford Brook and the River Bure. The flow paths to the south of the railway line are not as well defined as they tend to follow smaller open drainage ditch channels or natural depressions in the open fields.

The full mapped outputs are available in Appendix D.

1.4 Model Validation

The surface water modelling was validated during a Hyder site visit to establish if the mapped areas of risk are realistic. The mapping was verified on site and areas of ponding in the model corresponded well with natural features seen on site.

1.5 Model Limitations

There are a number of limitations associated with the modelling methodology:

- The below ground sewerage infrastructure including the combined sewers adjacent to the Eco Town site have not been modelled and therefore their ability to convey surface water from the site has not been taken into account
- The modelled topography of the northern section of the site is based on topographic contours which provide less detail than LiDAR. Therefore there is a degree of uncertainty relating to the model results in this area.
- The ground representation is based on a grid of points at a 4m spacing and therefore any variations falling within this distance have not been modelled.
- Obstructions such as railway embankments have been modelled however culvert crossings beneath them (unless clearly seen on OS maps or available in survey data) have not always been included.
- The model assumes that the ground is impermeable and therefore all rainfall reaching the site is converted to runoff.
- The capacity of the watercourses has not been explicitly modelled and therefore there is a tendency for surface water build up along the river floodplain.

1.6 Conclusions and Recommendations

As part of Bicester Eco Town Flood Risk Assessment a surface water model was developed for the development site. The model was designed to allow for the identification of key flow paths and an assessment of surface water flood risk across the site.

As a result of the surface water modelling the following mechanisms of flooding were identified:

- Ponding of flow in topographical depressions.
- Ponding upstream of structures with small underpasses/subways.
- Overland flow along topographical lows and valley channels.

Several recommendations for future improvements to the models are outlined below.

- Develop an integrated 1D/2D model to improve the representation and interaction with the fluvial network.
- The underground drainage network along the periphery of the site could be taken into account to assess the effectiveness of the existing network to convey surface water.
- Re-run the model as and when improved LiDAR becomes available for the northern area of the site.
- Obtain survey data for key structures within to improve the accuracy of the modelled output.

- Obtain more information relating to key structural crossings to improve the accuracy of the modelled output.
- Increase the model resolution in key locations to improve the accuracy of the modelled flow paths.
- Re-run the model with the proposed development and SuDS drainage network in place to ensure the proposed network is sufficient to prevent ponding of surface water and the development is not at risk of key overland flood routes.

Appendix D Flood Risk Assessment

Mapped Flood Extents

0004-UA005241-BMD-01-Pluvial Model Depths 3.33% AEP 0005-UA005241-BMD-01-Pluvial Model Depths 1% AEP 0006-UA005241-BMD-01-Pluvial Model Depths 1% AEP+CC 0007-UA005241-BMD-06-Q1000_Modelled_Flood_Outline 0008-UA005241-BMD-03-Q100CC_Modelled_Flood_Outline 0009-UA005241-BMD-03-Q100_Modelled_Flood_Outline

