

SuDSmart Plus



Sustainable Drainage Assessment

Site Address

Land lying to the East Side of Whitley Wood Road
Shinfield
Reading
RG2 8JQ

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Site Area

948 m²

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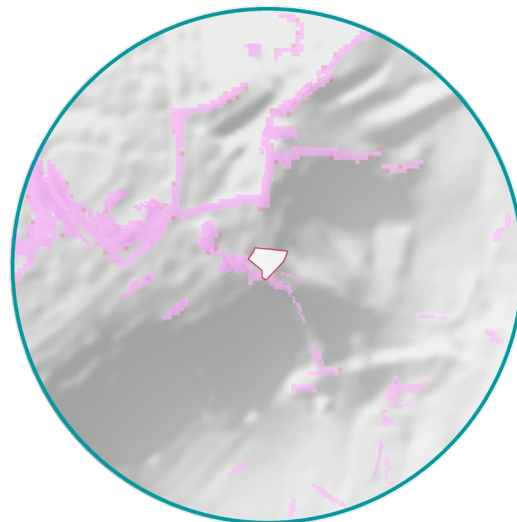
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Discharge to Surface Watercourse

The proposed Sustainable Drainage Scheme (SuDS) strategy is comprised of rainwater harvesting and lined permeable paving to attenuate surface water runoff during the 1 in 100 plus 40% climate change event.

Surface water will discharge to the nearby drainage ditch, subject to confirmation from the Local Authority and the incorporation of SuDS.

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1 Executive summary



This report assesses the feasibility of a range of Sustainable Drainage Scheme (SuDS) options in support of the Site development process. A SuDS strategy is proposed to ensure surface water runoff can be managed effectively over the lifetime of the development.

SuDS suitability

Risk	Issue	Result
Discharge Location	What is the infiltration potential at the Site?	Low
	What is the potential to discharge to surface water features?	High
	What is the potential to discharge to sewers?	Medium
	What is the potential to discharge to highway drains?	Medium
Flooding	What is the river (fluvial) flood risk at the Site?	Very Low
	What is the surface water (pluvial) flood risk at the Site?	Very Low to High
	What is the groundwater flood risk at the Site?	Negligible
Pollution	Is the groundwater a protected resource?	No
	Is the surface water feature a protected resource?	No

Summary of existing and proposed development

The Site is currently vacant. At present, an access road (Mitford Close) extends into the west of the Site, with the remainder of the Site comprising undeveloped land. Development proposals comprise the construction of two pairs of semi-detached three-storey dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and refuse / cycling stores.

Summary of discharge routes

GeoSmart's SuDS Infiltration Potential (SD50) map indicates the Site has a Low potential for infiltration, primarily due to the low permeability of the underlying geology (London Clay Formation). Infiltration to ground is therefore unlikely to be feasible.

Ordnance Survey (OS) mapping indicates surface water features (drainage ditches) are located in the south of the Site, as well as c. 2 m east. Given that a drainage ditch is located within the Site, discharge into this feature should be considered. Further discussions should be held with the regulators to agree a suitable discharge route and any easements required.

According to the Asset Location Plan obtained for the Site (Appendix C), a public combined sewer is located to the north of the Site within the ownership of the client. Therefore, discharge to sewer is likely to be appropriate should discharging runoff to the drainage ditch be proven unfeasible.

According to Google Streetview, highway gullies are located within Mitford Close, indicating the presence of the highway drainage network.

Runoff rate and attenuation requirements

Discharging off-Site requires 27.48 m³ of attenuation to be provided to ensure there is no flooding within the development in all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100 year including a 40% allowance for climate change. This volume is subject to the discharge rate being restricted to 2 l/s (as close to the Greenfield 1 in 1 year rate as possible, without increasing the potential for blockages).

Proposed SuDS strategy

SuDS features comprised of lined permeable paving and rainwater harvesting are proposed to attenuate a minimum of 31.26 m³ of surface water runoff.

The proposed SuDS strategy would ensure surface water runoff is stored on-Site in SuDS features for the 1 in 100 year event including a 40% allowance for climate change and will not cause flooding to the proposed development, in accordance with DEFRA's non-statutory technical standards (DEFRA, 2015).

SuDS & drainage network maintenance

The management and maintenance of the SuDS features, in line with the details and schedules outlined in Section 10 of this report, will be undertaken by contractors appointed by the owners and occupiers of the new residential buildings, where payments for the works will form part of the property deeds and / or rental agreements.

Recommendations / Next steps

An investigation is required to confirm the capacity of surface water bodies to accept surface water runoff and whether sewers within the immediate vicinity of the Site could be used within the SuDS design.

The condition and capacity of the on-Site drainage ditch should be confirmed, and permission should be obtained from the Local Council for the proposed outfalls and any other permits required.

Where discharging to the drainage ditch is not viable, the capacity of the public sewer network should be confirmed with the utility provider and permission to connect gained where required.

2 Proposed SuDS strategy



The most suitable SuDS options are outlined below and a SuDS strategy schematic is shown overleaf. Supporting information is provided in subsequent sections.

Table 1. Proposed SuDS type, features, discharge location and rate restriction

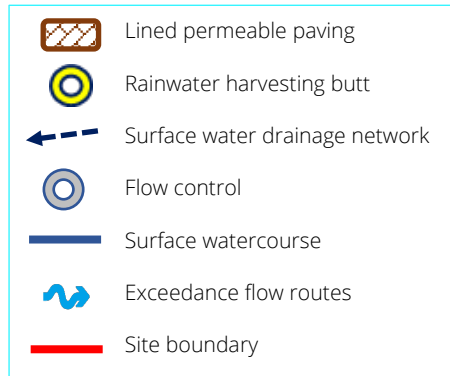
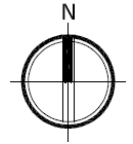
SuDS type	Source control (interception) and attenuation SuDS.
SuDS features	Rainwater harvesting, permeable paving.
Discharge location	Surface water feature.
Discharge rate	2 l/s (as close to the Greenfield 1 in 1 year rate as possible, without increasing the potential for blockages).

Table 2. Proposed SuDS sizing (dimensions) and attenuation volumes

Rainwater Harvesting	Rainwater harvesting butts should be established for each proposed development. In terms of attenuation storage within this SuDS scheme, the volume of run-off which could be attenuated by rainwater harvesting has not been considered within the Preliminary SuDS strategy.
Lined permeable paving	A c. 94 m ² area of lined permeable paving (geo-cellular crates with a 95% void ratio) within the proposed driveway areas to a depth of 0.35 m would result in c. 31.26 m ³ attenuation.
Total Attenuation Provided	31.26 m ³
Total Attenuation Required	27.48 m ³
Freeboard Storage Provided	3.78 m ³

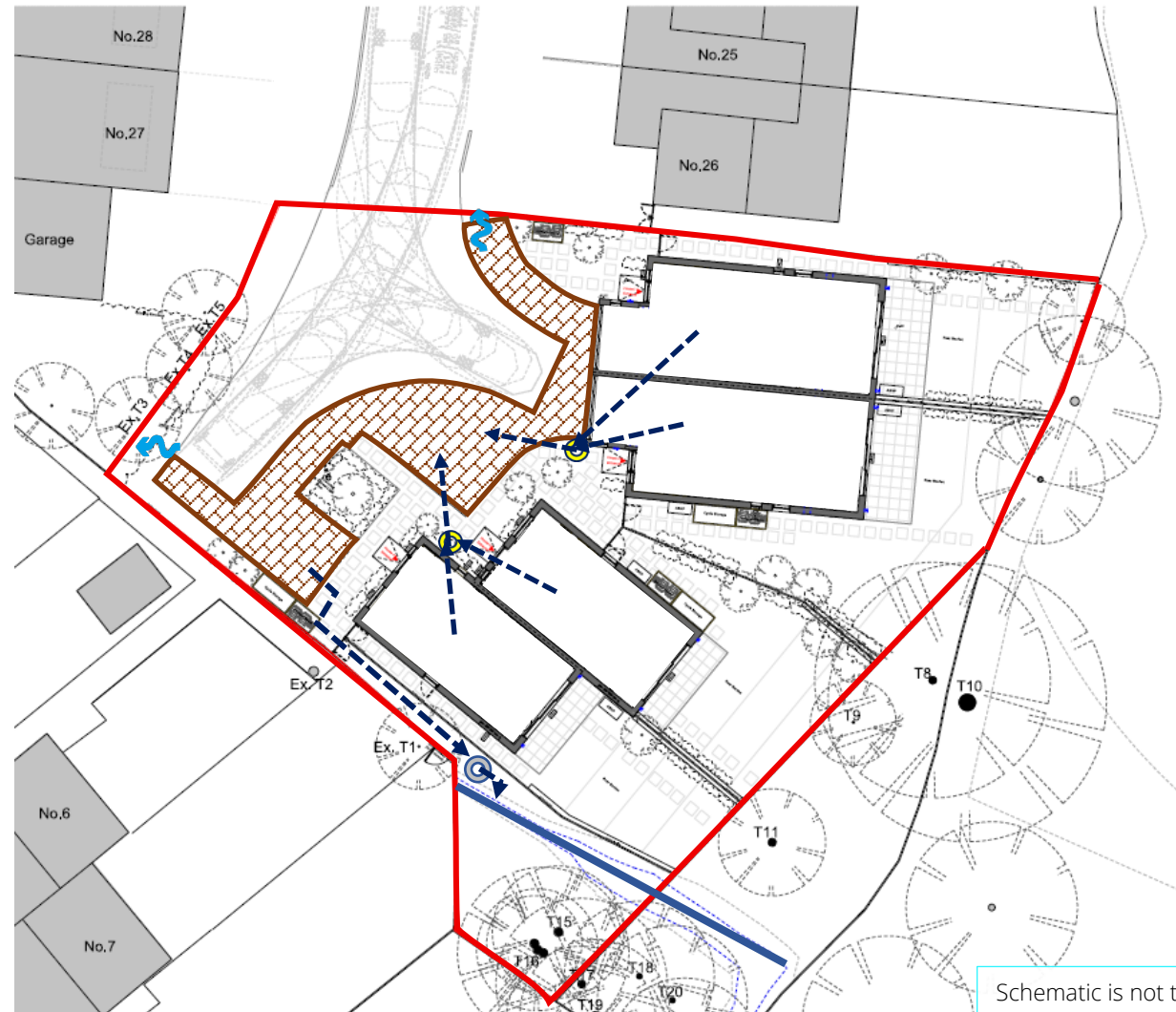
Figure 1. SuDS strategy schematic

Figure 1. Proposed SuDS scheme



Surface water from the proposed dwellings should be conveyed into the rainwater harvesting butts and permeable paving, for discharge to the nearby drainage ditch via a flow control device.

Exceedance flows are directed towards non-essential areas on Site.



Schematic is not to scale

3 Site analysis

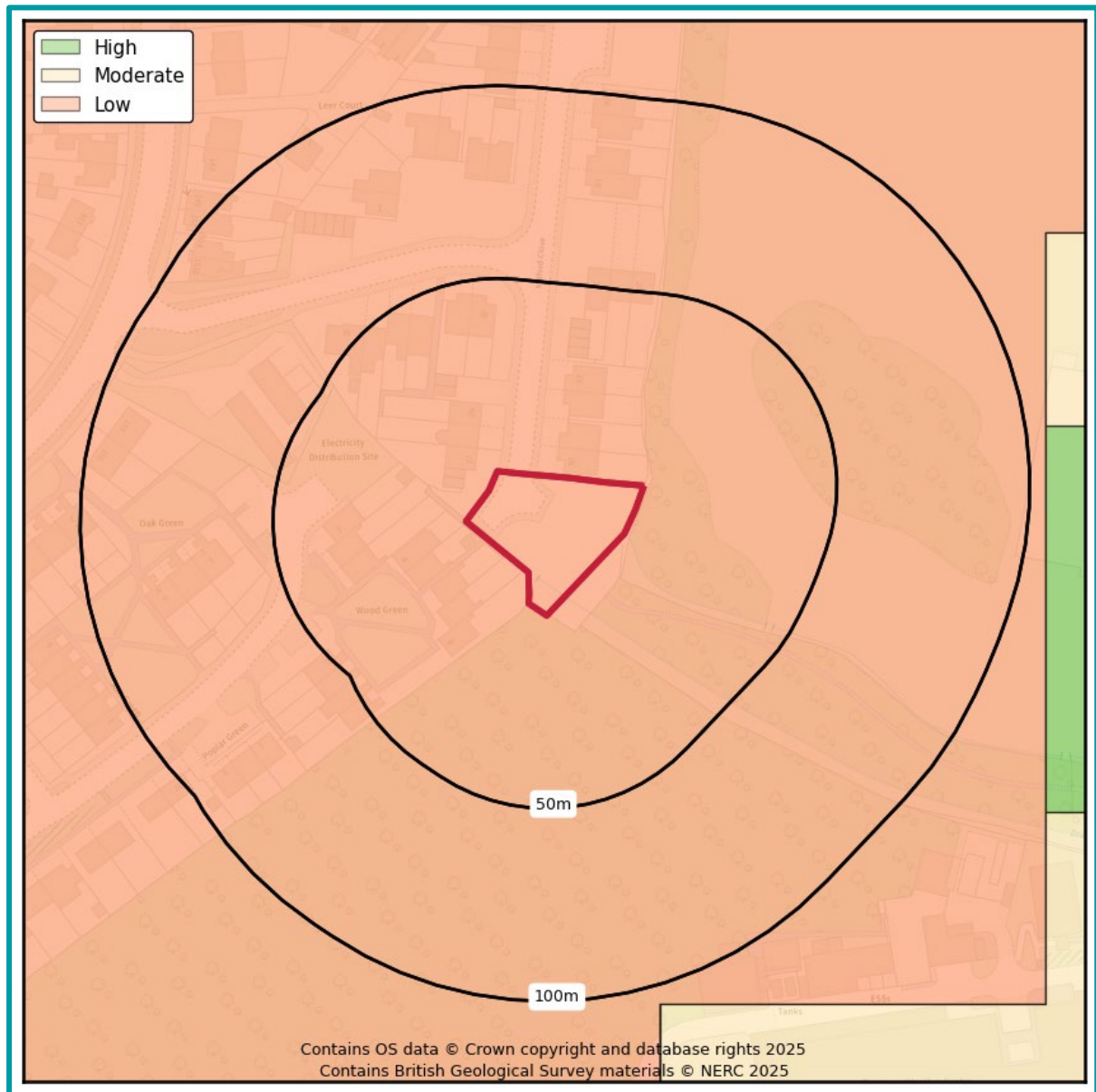


Site location

Figure 2. Aerial Imagery (Bluesky, 2025)



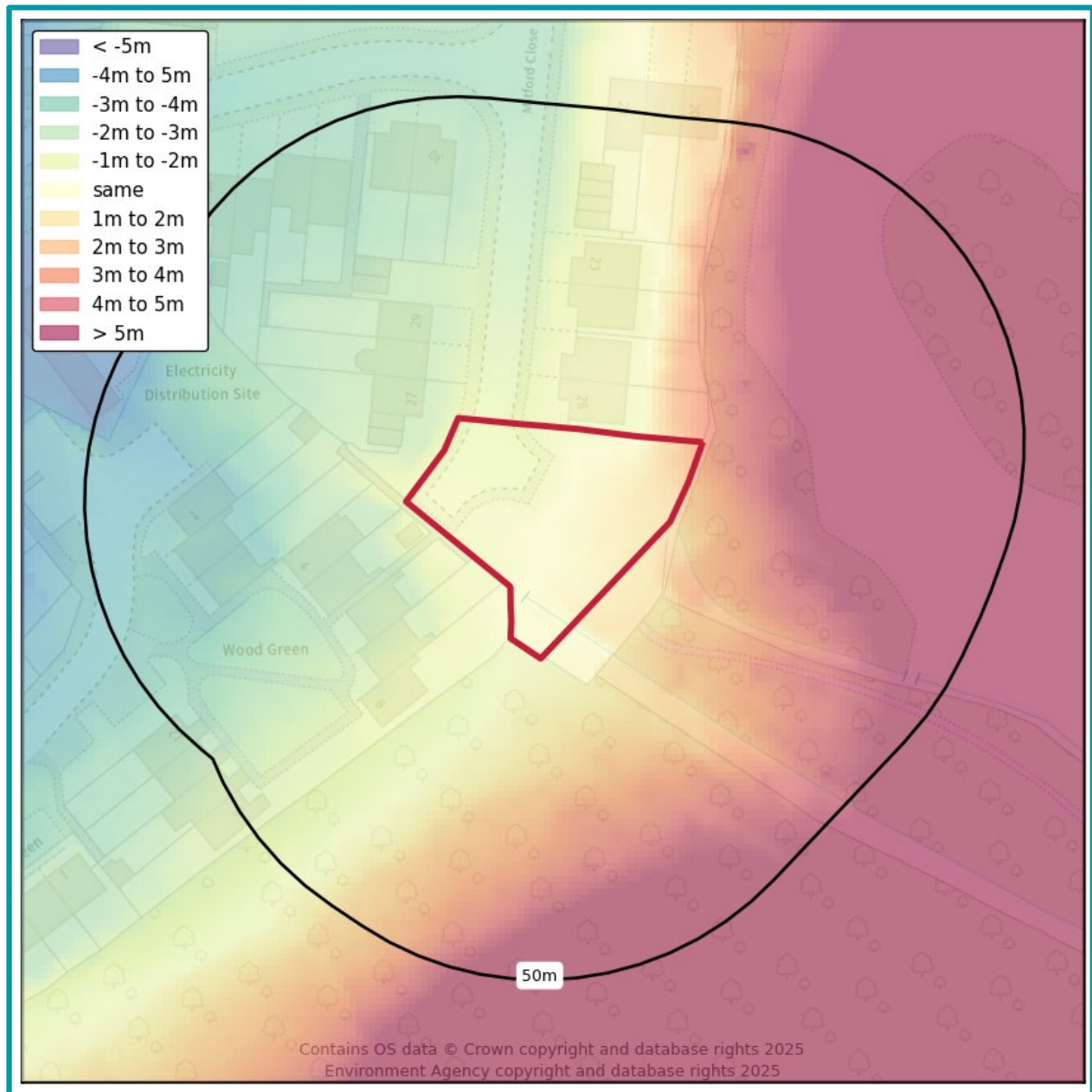
Figure 3. SuDS infiltration suitability (SD50) map (GeoSmart, 2025)



The GeoSmart SuDS Infiltration Suitability Map (SD50) screens the potential for infiltration drainage at the Site and indicates where further assessment is recommended. The map combines information on the thickness and permeability of the underlying material and the depth to the high groundwater table. It supports conceptual Site drainage design and the planning of further Site investigation.

There is a Low potential for infiltration SuDS across the Site. It is likely that the underlying geology at the Site has low permeability which would limit the effectiveness of a proposed infiltration SuDS scheme.

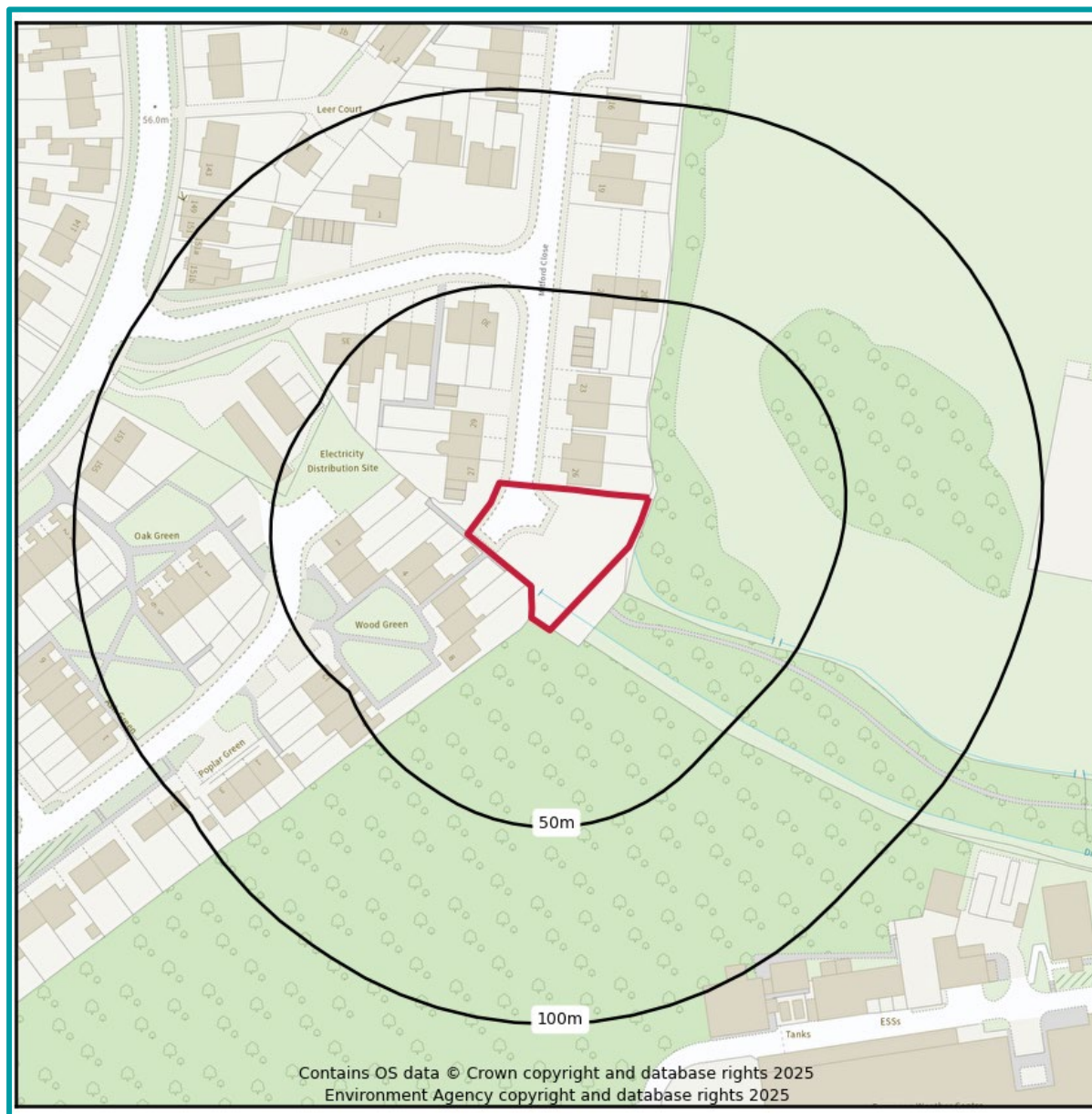
Figure 4. Site topography (GeoSmart, 2025)



An assessment of the topography at the Site has been undertaken using LiDAR DTM5 elevation data to identify the general slope and any localised depressions. The mapping shows a comparison between average ground levels on the Site with ground levels in the surrounding area. The mapping confirms the overall Site gradually falls in an easterly direction. It should be noted, however, that the client is planning earth works at the east of the Site involving the construction of stepped terraces.

The land rises in an easterly direction from 59.00 mAOD to 62.89 mAOD. This is based upon a Site specific topographic survey undertaken by MIC Surveys Ltd. Site plans and drawings are provided in Appendix A.

Figure 5. Source protection zone map (EA, 2025)

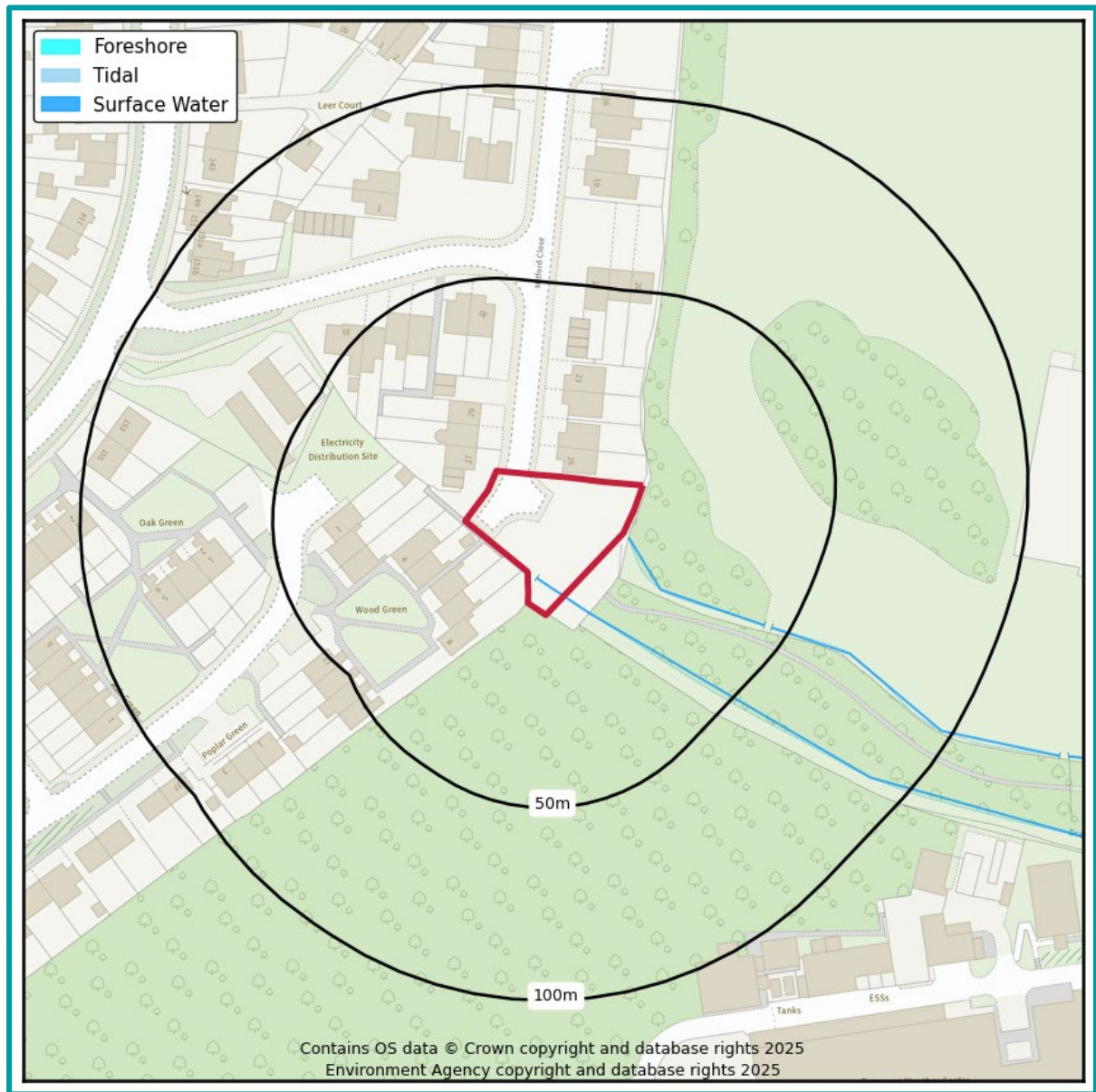


An assessment of the EA's groundwater Source Protection Zones (SPZs) has been undertaken within the vicinity of the Site and confirms the Site is not located within an SPZ.

Infiltration, if possible, is likely to be acceptable providing risk screening identifies suitable mitigation measures, if required, to prevent an impact on water quality from the proposed or historical land use and contaminated land.

If further analysis is required, this would involve a review of Site specific contaminated land data. If hazards are identified, it is recommended that the Local Authority and the Environment Agency are contacted to confirm the susceptibility of any SPZs within the wider area.

Figure 6. Surface water features map (EA, 2025)



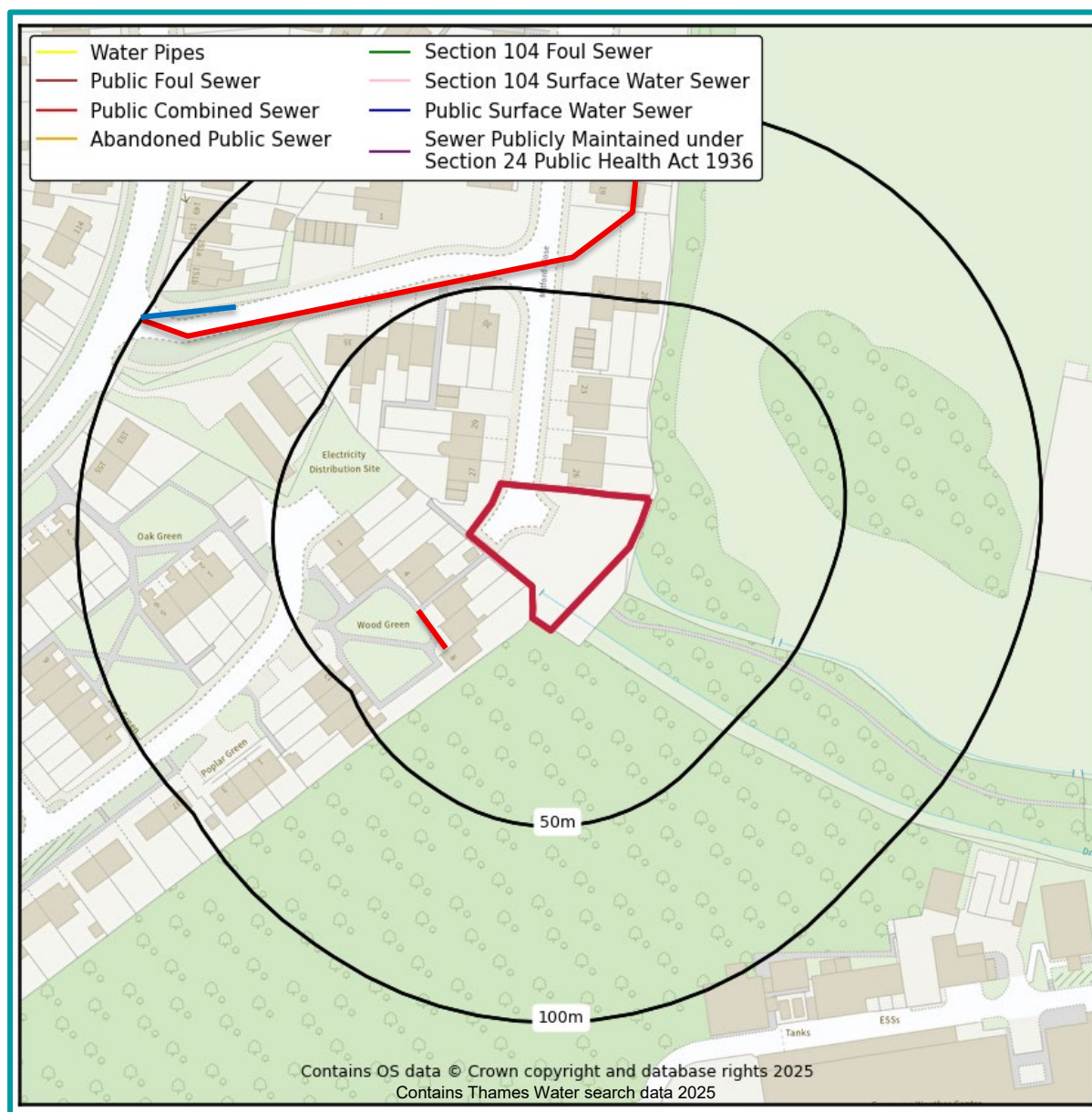
OS mapping indicates that surface water features (drainage ditches) are located in the south of the Site, as well as c. 2 m east.

Given that a drainage ditch is located within the Site, discharge into this feature should be considered. Further discussions should be held with the regulators to agree a suitable discharge route and any easements required.

According to DEFRA's Magic Map, the Site is not within 250m of a SSSI or SPA.

Further analysis could be undertaken by visiting the Site or by contacting the Local Council and the Environment Agency (EA) to confirm the presence, location and condition of any mapped or additional unmapped surface water features.

Figure 7. Sewer features map (OS & Thames Water, 2025)



GeoSmart has undertaken an assessment of the location of sewer features within the vicinity of the Site. A public combined sewer is located c. 50 m to the north of the Site beneath Midford Close, within the ownership of the client; therefore, discharge to sewer is likely to be appropriate.

It should be noted that the sewer plans provided by Thames Water indicate that there is a sewer and manhole on the Site of unknown ownership. The presence of the manhole on the Site was confirmed by the client.

Further analysis of the connections and condition of the public surface water drainage system should be undertaken by carrying out a CCTV survey or by contacting the drainage provider or the Local Council to confirm the presence, location and condition of the sewer. Consultation with the drainage provider would also be required to determine that sufficient

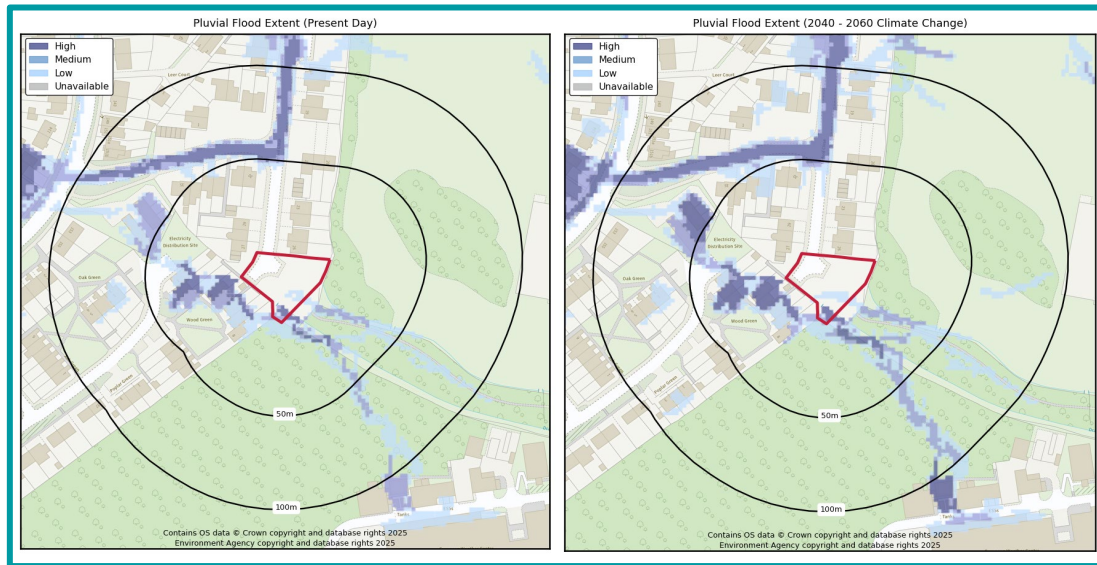
capacity is available to accept the proposed discharge, and to gain permission to connect if required.

Figure 8. Risk of flooding from rivers & sea map (EA, 2025)



According to the EA's Risk of Flooding from Rivers and the Sea (RoFRS) map, the Site has a Very Low risk of flooding from fluvial or coastal flooding in both the present day and climate change scenarios, with less than 0.1% annual probability of flooding. Therefore, the SuDS design is unlikely to be affected.

Figure 9. Risk of surface water flooding map (EA,2025)

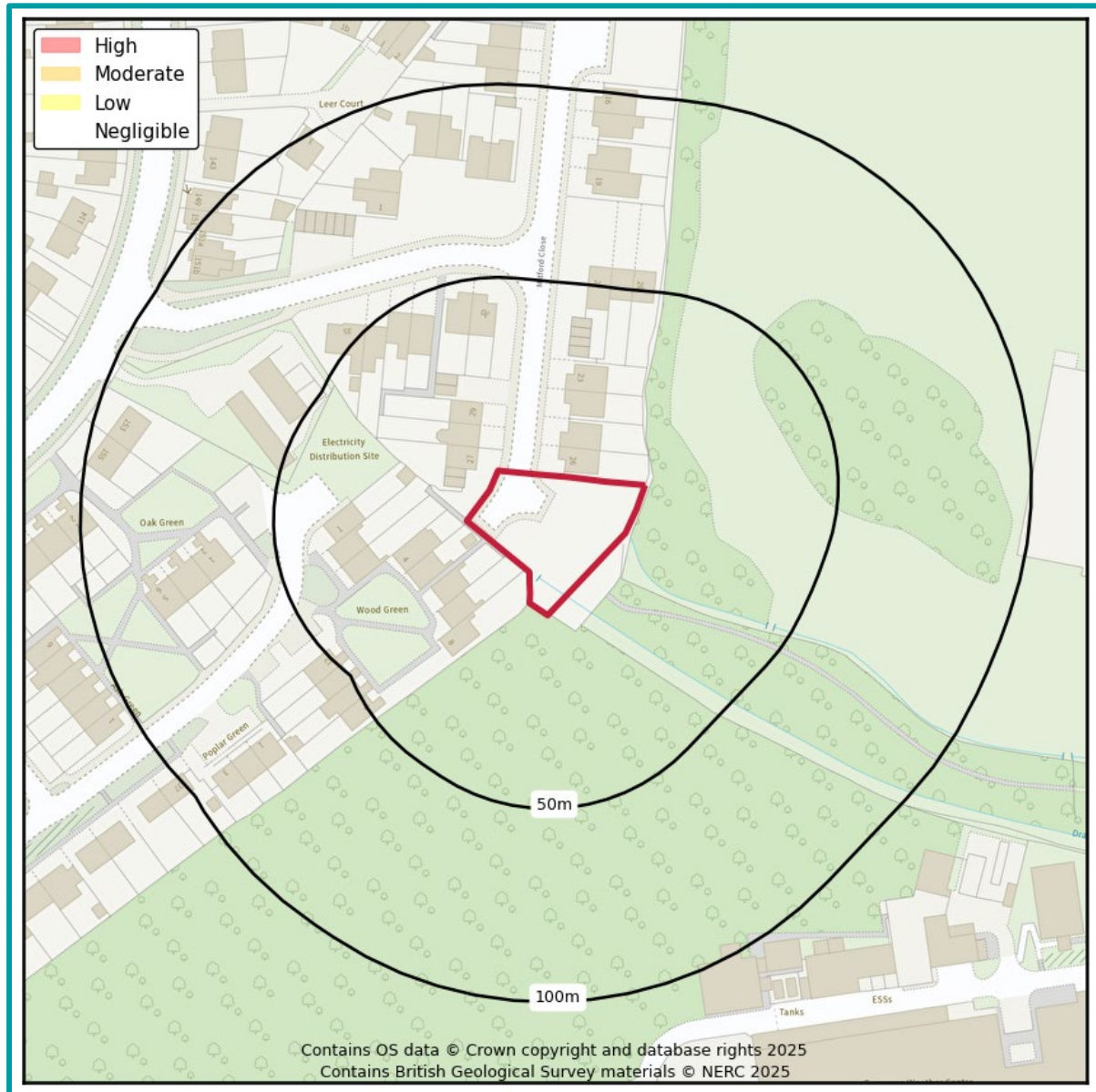


GeoSmart have undertaken an assessment of the risk of flooding from surface water (pluvial) sources within the vicinity of the Site using the EA's Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (RoFSW) mapping. The EA's mapping confirms the Site is considered to be at Very Low to High risk of surface water flooding in both the present day and climate change scenarios.

The above map shows the extent of flooding during the >3.3% annual probability (AEP) (1 in 30 year – High risk), 3.3 – 1% AEP (1 in 100 year – Medium risk) and 1 – 0.1% AEP (1 in 1000 year – Low risk) events. This confirms there are areas in the south of the Site where flooding could occur in 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year and 1 in 1000 year events during both the present day and climate change scenarios. Flooding in these areas may constrain certain types of SuDS features being used.

Further analysis could be undertaken by visiting the Site or by contacting the Local Council and the Environment Agency to confirm the pluvial flood risk, flood depths and velocities where applicable.

Figure 10. Groundwater flood risk (GW5) map (GeoSmart, 2025)



GeoSmart have undertaken an assessment of the risk of flooding from groundwater within the vicinity of the Site. GeoSmart's Groundwater Flood Risk Screening (GW5) map confirms the Site has a Negligible risk of groundwater flooding during a 1% annual probability (1 in 100 year) event.

4 Site context



Site information

The purpose of this report is to assess the potential for disposing of surface water through a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) for the site of the Land lying to the East Side of Whitley Wood Road, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 8JQ (the Site). The Site is located to the north east of Whitley Wood in a setting of residential land use.

Development

The Site is currently vacant. At present, an access road (Mitford Close) extends into the west of the Site, with the remainder of the Site comprising undeveloped land. Development proposals comprise the construction of two pairs of semi-detached three-storey dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and refuse / cycling stores. It should be noted that the boundary used for this report has used only the area in which is being developed and the access road to the north of the Site has been excluded as no development is occurring there.

Geology, permeability and thickness

British Geological Survey (BGS) national superficial and bedrock geology mapping confirms the geological formations underlying the Site and each formation may have a range of permeability.

Table 3. Site Geology

Geology present on-Site		Potentially permeable?
Superficial geology (Figure 11)	No underlying superficial geology.	N/A
Bedrock geology (Figure 12)	London Clay Formation (LC) – clay, silt and sand	X

The permeability of the underlying material at the Site shown within the BGS mapping is low, confirmation of the infiltration capacity is not considered to be required.

The BGS website was used to extract ground information from the nearest borehole records to the Site (ref: SU76NW25). This borehole is located approximately 205 m to the south east of the Site at an elevation of 80.2 mAOD.

The borehole records confirm the underlying geology is comprised of:

- Soil to a depth of 0.3 m below ground level (bgl);
- River Terrace Deposits comprising 'very clayey' sandy gravel to a depth of 2.3 m bgl;
- London Clay Formation comprising clay, brown and grey mottled silty clay to a depth of 5.0 m bgl, where the borehole was terminated.

It should be noted that the borehole has a different mapped underlying superficial geology (River Terrace Deposits) to the Site (which is not mapped as having underlying superficial geology). The borehole record has been included for completion in the absence of a closer, more relevant borehole.

Depth to groundwater

The SuDS system should be designed to operate in periods of extreme groundwater levels.

Borehole ref: SU76NW25 did not strike groundwater throughout its 5 m depth.

According to borehole data and GeoSmart's Groundwater Flood Risk (GW5) map, shallow groundwater is unlikely to be an issue at the Site.

Infiltration features are not proposed at the Site, given the low permeability of the underlying geology.

Figure 11. Superficial Geology (BGS, 2025)

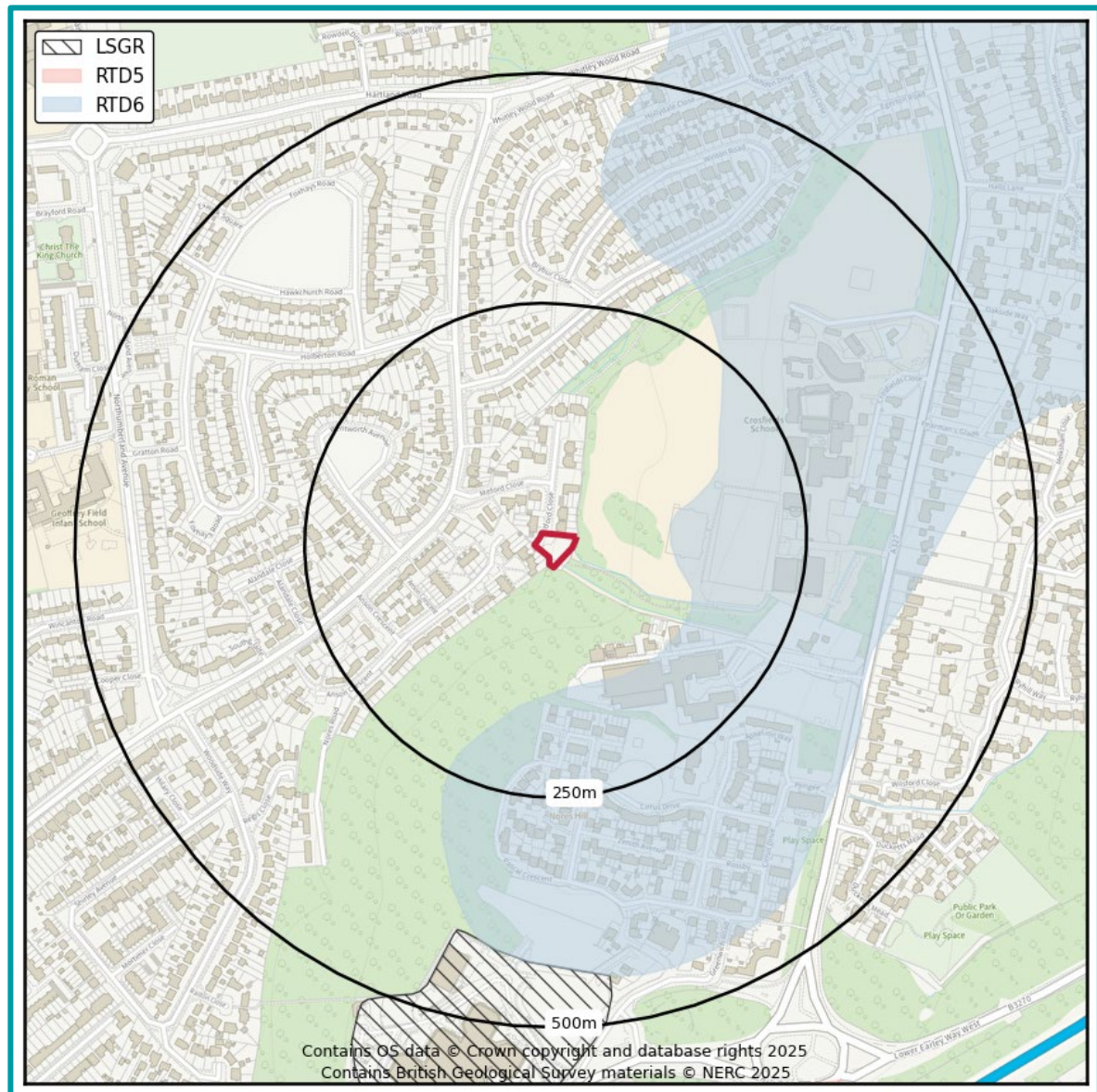
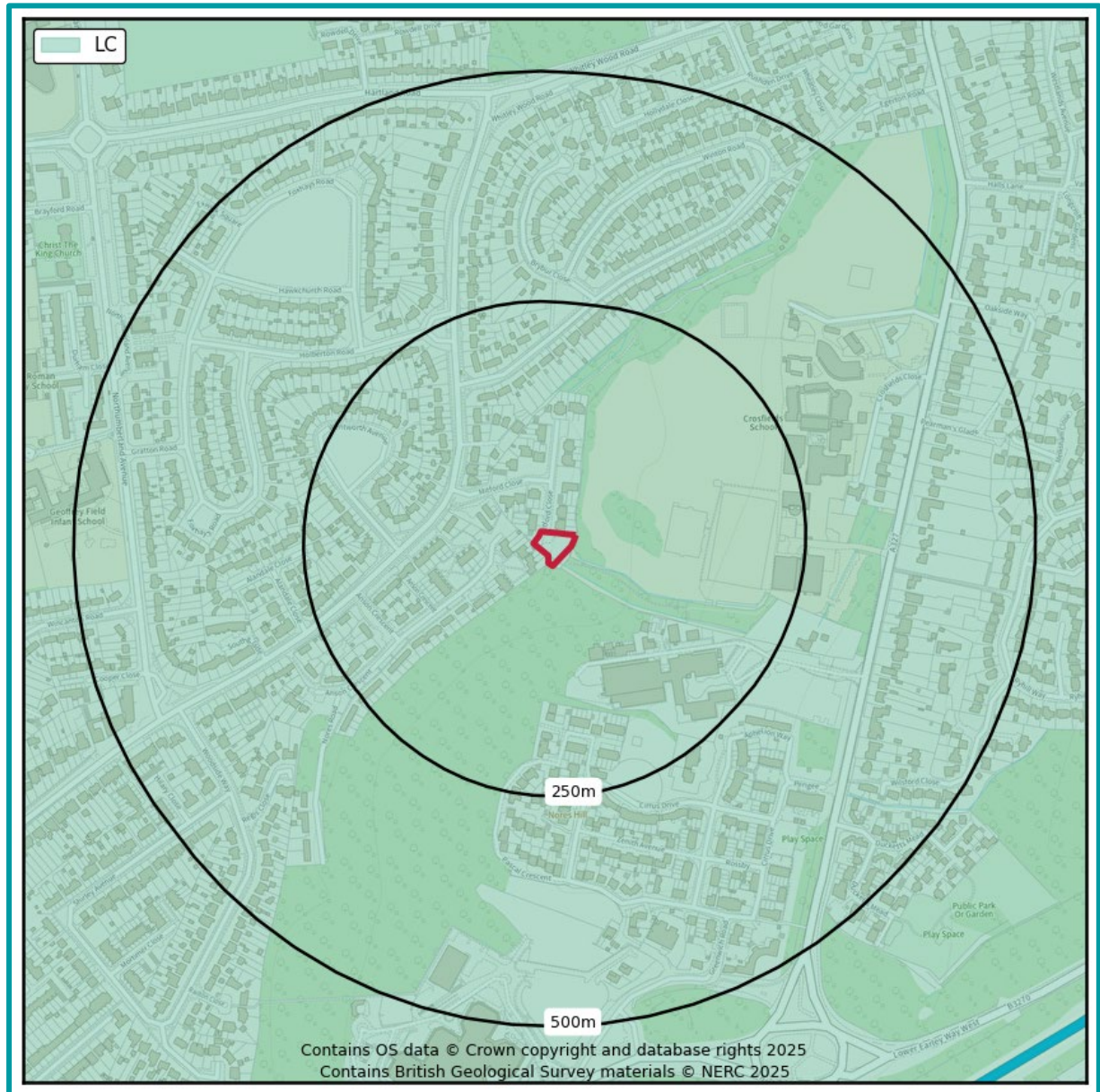


Figure 12. Bedrock Geology (BGS, 2025)



Ground conditions

Infiltration SuDS features are not proposed at the Site. Therefore, a detailed investigation into the ground conditions is not required.

Water quality

5 The Site does not lie within an SP

National Guidance

CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) (2015)

A development should utilise sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) unless there are practical reasons for not doing so, and should aim to achieve greenfield run-off rates and ensure that surface water run-off is managed as close to its source as possible in line with the following drainage hierarchy:

1. Use infiltration techniques, such as porous surfaces in non-clay areas,
2. attenuate rainwater in ponds or open water features for gradual release,
3. attenuate rainwater by storing in tanks or sealed water features for gradual release,
4. discharge rainwater direct to a watercourse,
5. discharge rainwater to a surface water sewer / drain,
6. discharge rainwater to the combined sewer.

Defra - Sustainable Drainage Systems: Non-statutory technical standards for sustainable drainage systems (2015)

Peak Flow control

For developments which were previously developed, the peak runoff rate from the development to any drain, sewer or surface water body for the 1 in 1 year rainfall event and the 1 in 100 year rainfall event must be as close as reasonably practicable to the greenfield runoff rate from the development for the same rainfall event, but should never exceed the rate of discharge from the development prior to redevelopment for that event.

For greenfield developments, the peak runoff rate from the development to any highway drain, sewer or surface water body for the 1 in 1 year rainfall event and the 1 in 100 year rainfall event should never exceed the peak greenfield runoff rate for the same event.

Volume control

Where reasonably practicable, for developments which have been previously developed, the runoff volume from the development to any highway drain, sewer or surface water body in the 1 in 100 year, 6 hour rainfall event must be constrained to a value as close as is reasonably practicable to the greenfield runoff volume for the same event, but should never exceed the runoff volume from the development site prior to redevelopment for that event. The runoff volume must be discharged at a rate that does not adversely affect flood risk.

The drainage system must be designed so that, unless an area is designated to hold and/or convey water as part of the design, flooding does not occur on any part of the Site for a 1 in 30 year rainfall event.

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – National Planning Practice Guidance: Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances (2022)

The Peak rainfall intensity allowances section provides advice on the increased rainfall effects on river levels and land and urban drainage systems. As of May 2022, the applicable climate change allowance is defined by specific Management Catchment for the 1 in 30 ($\geq 3.3\%$ AEP) and 1 in 100 (< 3.3 to 1% AEP) year event.

As the Site is located within the Kennet and tributaries Management Catchment the following climate change allowances are applicable.

Table 4. Kennet and tributaries Management Catchment peak rainfall allowances

Kennet and tributaries Management Catchment	3.3% Annual exceedance rainfall event		1% Annual exceedance rainfall event	
	2050s	2070s	2050s	2070s
Central	20%	25%	20%	25%
Upper end	35%	35%	40%	40%

The drainage system should be designed to make sure there is no increase in the rate of runoff discharged from the Site for the upper end allowance.

Where on-Site flooding for the upper end allowance presents a significant flood hazard (for example, depths and velocities of surface water runoff cause a significant danger to people), you will need to take further mitigation measures to protect people and property (for

example, raising finished floor levels). As a minimum, there should be no significant flood hazard to people from on-Site flooding for the central allowance.

Local Policy

Wokingham Borough Council – Guidance on the use of sustainable drainage systems (January, 2017):

National and Local Guidance for Sustainable Drainage

WokBC-LS1 The design of the drainage system must mitigate any potential negative impact of surface runoff from the development on the flood risk outside the development boundary.

WokBC-LS2 The application must include details of catchments and flows discharging into/across the site from all sources (fluvial, surface water and groundwater). The submitted documents (drawings and relevant calculations) shall identify sources of water entering the site predevelopment, how flows will be routed / managed through the development, where flows exited the site predevelopment and where they leave post development, without exacerbating flood risk to neighbouring property.

WokBC-LS3 If the SuDS system discharges to a water body, it should be demonstrated that high water levels within the receiving water body for the design storm event of the discharging system would not exacerbate flood risk to neighbouring property or affect the performance of the drainage system and its ability to discharge flow from the site.

WokBC-LS4 All proposals to discharge to a water body, public or private sewer shall be accompanied with correspondence confirming acceptance of the proposal from the receiving network owner and that the receiving network has the necessary capacity to receive additional flows and/or that required reinforcement works will be provided.

Peak Flow Control:

WokBC-LS5 In addition to the requirements of S2, Wokingham requires demonstration that discharges from the proposed development for all return periods from the 1 in 1 through to the 1 in 100 year (inclusive), do not exceed their corresponding greenfield/previously developed discharge rates. Demonstration of this is required for the 1 in 1 year, 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year and 1 in 100 year including allowances for climate change.

WokBC-LS6 All proposed discharges of 5l/sec or below from a single structure should be reviewed in terms of maintenance and blockage potential.

WokBC-LS7 All flow control devices restricting the rate of flow must have a bypass feature to manage flows when a blockage occurs. The bypass can be an internal weir overflow within the chamber discharging to the outfall pipe or channel.

WokBC-LS8 The design of all flow control must be supported by appropriate calculations and drawings that enable the performance of the drainage system to the required standards to be confirmed.

WokBC-LS9 Attenuation and flow control should be provided for all sub-catchments present across a development site so as to maintain the local water balance / contributing areas to local water bodies. Each subcatchment must have its own drainage strategy.

WokBC-LS10 Attenuation storage must be provided to limit the rates of runoff to the required greenfield / pre development discharge rates.

Volume Control:

WokBC-LS11 Long term storage must be provided to limit the volume of runoff from the 1 in 100 year event with an allowance for 40% climate change, unless discharge rates have been restricted to QBar.

WokBC-LS12 All design of volume control must be supported by appropriate calculations and drawings that enable the performance of the drainage system to the required standards to be confirmed.

WokBC-LS13 All surface storage features (ponds, wetlands and basins) must provide a 300mm freeboard above the maximum design water level, unless otherwise agreed.

WokBC-LS14 All surface conveyance features (swales and channels) must provide a 150mm freeboard above the maximum design water level, unless otherwise agreed.

WokBC-LS15 The drainage system must be designed so that the capacity of the drainage system takes account of the likely impacts of climate change and likely changes in impermeable area²⁶ within the development over the design life of the development. To allow for future urban expansion within the development (urban creep), an increase in paved surface area of 10% should be used, unless this would produce a percentage impermeability greater than 100%.

Flood Risk within the Development:

WokBC-LS16 As the drainage system requires appropriate space and the overland flow routes during exceedance events must be considered, it is essential that consultation with stakeholders takes place before the masterplan is fixed. 26 BS 8582:2013 Code of practice for surface water management for development sites - Section 8.3

WokBC-LS17 Overland flow/exceedance routes/storage areas should be outside private ownership areas unless otherwise avoidable.

WokBC-LS18 It should be demonstrated that any blockage within the system and extreme rainfall volumes can be accommodated through safe overflow routes. Flow across the site should be diverted away from buildings and main access-egress routes across the site.

WokBC-LS19 For major development the route and depth of overland flows must be demonstrated for the proposed final ground levels incorporating the buildings and walls. The application shall provide details of flood depths and flood water velocities (for events up to the 100 year plus allowance of the effects of climate change) in the overland flow / exceedance routes to demonstrate properties / occupants will not be placed at an unacceptable risk during overland flow / exceedance events.

WokBC-LS20 The location and form of buildings (e.g. terraces or linked detached) shall not impede overland flow routes or create ponding. The position of walls, bunds or other obstructions may direct but must not impede flow routes or create ponding.

WokBC-LS21 Small controls (orifice plates, slots etc.) shall be visible from the surface without the need for removal or covers or use of special access facilities (e.g. visible through gratings). Thus any blockage can be readily identified by walk-by inspection.

WokBC-LS22 All details of non-standard structures or chambers in excess of 1m deep or 600mm diameter, or 600mm high shall be submitted with structural design calculations relating to the ground conditions proven by site investigations.

Structural Integrity:

WokBC-LS22 All details of structures or chambers in excess of 1m deep or 600mm diameter, or 600mm high shall be submitted with structural design calculations relating to the ground conditions proven by site investigations.

WokBC-LS23 Proprietary systems are only acceptable if the designers, suppliers and installers provide a full replacement warranty for the life span of the SuDS (e.g. 'Geocellular' system, vortex separators etc.).

WokBC-LS24 All infiltration systems must be sited so that they do not compromise the structural stability of buildings or roads. They must not be situated within 5m of any building or road and if situated on chalk geology they must be sited in accordance with CIRIA C754 – Engineering in Chalk.

Designing For Maintenance Considerations:

WokBC-LS25 The drainage system must be designed to take account of the operation, maintenance and repair requirements of both surface and subsurface components, allowing for any personnel, vehicle or machinery access required to undertake this work.

WokBC-LS26 The drainage system must be designed to ensure that the maintenance and operation requirements are economically proportionate for all parties involved.

WokBC-LS27 Schedules for the recommended planned maintenance activities for each component of the drainage system shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for review with the planning application. The schedules shall clearly illustrate how safe access can be achieved to enable the required maintenance activities to be carried out.

WokBC-LS28 Arrangements for the maintenance of the drainage system for the entire lifetime of the development must be clearly defined and agreements demonstrated to be in place to ensure these arrangements do not lapse. Furthermore, Wokingham Borough Council will not adopt below ground storage features. Therefore, developers will be required to provide details of who will be responsible for maintaining such features.

WokBC-LS29 Maintenance records for all SuDS features including both regular activities such as vegetation control and intermittent interventions such as sediment removal, repairs/replacement works shall be maintained for the lifetime of the development. These records shall be available at the request of the Lead Local Flood Authority.

WokBC-LS30 Agreements must be in place to ensure the operation of the drainage system for the lifetime of the development. This must include arrangements for any features of the drainage system that require operation including all electrical and mechanical components. In addition arrangements must be in place to ensure any blockages are identified and removed for the lifetime of the development to ensure the performance of the drainage system is maintained.

Construction:

WokBC-LS31 The drainage system must be constructed in accordance with the approved design such that materials, including products, components, fittings or naturally occurring materials, are adequately mixed or prepared and applied, used, or fixed so as to perform adequately the functions for which they are intended and constructed in a workmanlike manner.

WokBC-LS32 Once constructed in accordance with the approved design, an approving body must presume that a drainage system is functioning in accordance with the approved design unless there is evidence to demonstrate that it is not.

WokBC-LS33 Temporary flood and pollution control measures must be used during the construction phase in order to ensure: the site and surrounding areas do not flood prior to completion of the drainage system; successful, efficient SuDS are constructed; and downstream pollution is avoided.

WokBC-LS34 During the construction phase particular attention needs to be given to:

- site access;
- site drainage during construction;
- storage of materials; and
- protection of surfaces from erosion, sedimentation and over compaction.

WokBC-LS35 Access arrangements during construction should ensure buffer zones around drainage features are avoided and valuable vegetation is not disturbed or damaged.

WokBC-LS36 Silt-laden site runoff must not be allowed to enter SuDS drainage systems unless it has been allowed for in the design and specification.

WokBC-LS37 Sediment basins, traps and runoff control measures must be installed before any major site grading is undertaken, with additional traps and fences being installed where necessary as grading takes place.

WokBC-LS38 The final construction of SuDS (such as soiling and seeding) should not normally take place until the end of site development work, although the form of the drainage will be constructed during the earthworks phase. The SuDS may be completed at an earlier stage so long as adequate provision is made to remove any silt that is deposited during construction operations.

WokBC-LS39 Any pervious surfaces should not be constructed unless adequate protection is provided to prevent clogging or binding once it has been constructed. The function of

permeable systems will be destroyed if soil or subsoil is deposited on the surface and should be avoided.

WokBC-LS40 SuDS with surface-formed features, such as filter strips and swales, must be fully stabilised by planting or temporary erosion protection before any runoff is allowed to flow on to or through them. This will prevent erosion of the sides and base of the features, and ensure clogging of other parts of the system by the silt that is entrained does not occur. Prior to undertaking construction planning the CIRIA Site handbook for the construction of SuDS (C698) should be consulted. The handbook provides further detailed information about the requirements that need to be accounted for during the construction stage.

Design:

There are no National Standards to assist in the suitable/appropriate design of SuDS. To ensure consistency in approach to the design and assessment of planning applications with drainage components Wokingham Borough Council expect the flood local standards to be applied:

WokBC-LS41 The drainage system must be designed so that surface runoff not collected for use must be discharged to one or more of the following, listed in order of priority:

- discharge into the ground (infiltration); or where not reasonably practicable,
- discharge to a surface water body; or where not reasonably practicable,
- discharge to a surface water sewer, highway drain, or another drainage system; or where not reasonably practicable,
- discharge to a combined sewer.

WokBC-LS42 Details submitted with the drainage proposals shall demonstrate why discharge to one of the above is not reasonably practical before consideration of alternative discharge routes.

WokBC-LS43 The destination of all discharges must be clearly defined and justified. This must include the location of any outfall points marked on appropriate plans.

WokBC-LS44 Applicants shall provide confirmation of agreement in principal with all relevant stakeholders for all proposed outfall points.

WokBC-LS45 Any proposed discharge to ground shall be supported by appropriate infiltration testing results in accordance with the requirements of Building Regulations Approved Document H – Part H3. Infiltration testing results must be recorded at the same position and depths proposed for infiltration devices.

WokBC-LS46 Any designs that propose deviations from standard best practice should be discussed in advance with Wokingham Borough Council. Evidence of correspondence and agreement that the proposed departure is acceptable must be provided with the planning application.

Water Quality:

There are no national standards to assist in the suitable/appropriate design of SuDS with regards to Water Quality. Wokingham Borough Council recognises the obligation it has to ensure the quality of the aquatic environment for current and future generations. With this in mind Wokingham Borough Council has the following local standards:

WokBC LS47 The drainage system must be designed and constructed so surface water discharged does not adversely impact the current water quality of receiving water bodies or its potential for improvement in water quality, both during construction and when operational.

WokBC LS48 To ensure that appropriate treatment is provided of surface water runoff to ensure adverse impacts on the water quality or receiving water bodies is minimised, appropriate treatment train components must be included in the drainage system following the guidance of the SuDS manual (Table 3.3).

WokBC LS49 At least one surface SuDS feature shall be deployed within the management train. Only if surface features are demonstrated as not viable, as a last resort an approved proprietary engineered pollution control feature, such as vortex separator, serviceable/replaceable filter screens, and pollution interceptors may be used.

WokBC LS50 If the proposed development site is contaminated due to previous uses, discussions must be held with Wokingham Borough Council to establish the appropriate level of treatment required for surface water runoff before discharge from the site.

WokBC LS51 If the proposed development site has contaminated ground and the runoff is proposed to discharge to ground, appropriate measures must be taken to ensure infiltration devices do not mobilise pollutants and contaminate groundwater. Agreement to the proposed mitigation proposals shall be sought from the Environment Agency.

WokBC LS52 Prior to discharge into any inaccessible infiltration system measures must be provided to remove silt, suspended or floating matter.

WokBC LS53 All outfalls to watercourses from a proposed development should include a means to isolate the site drainage system in the event of a pollution incident on site. This may be provided by a penstock or stop logs immediately upstream of the outfall to protect the receiving watercourse.

Multi-functionality:

There are no national standards to assist in the suitable/appropriate design of SuDS with regards to their multi-functionality. Wokingham Borough Council recognises the potential for elements of drainage systems to serve multiple functions. With this in mind Wokingham Borough Council has the following local standards:

WokBC LS54 Where site constraints dictate SuDS can be designed as part of multi-functional spaces such as sports and recreational areas. The expected design frequency of inundation areas and attenuation function should be determined in order to facilitate and manage multifunction use.

WokBC LS55 Access for the mobility impaired should be provided for multi-functional areas. It is recommended that a surfaced path 3m wide with a longitudinal gradient not exceeding

1 in 20 should be included. For steeper slopes, landings shall be provided in accordance with BS 8300 Section 5. See also paragraph 5.8.2 of BS 8300, Table 1: limits for ramp gradients.

WokBC LS56 Where dry detention basins or infiltration basins are proposed, a lower area should be provided to restrict the wet areas during frequent events and thus maximise the duration and extent of areas used for recreation.

Landscape and Visual Impact:

There are no national standards to assist in the suitable/appropriate design of SuDS with regards to ecology. Wokingham Borough Council recognises the contribution well designed SuDS can have to create / enhance local habitats and increase local biodiversity. With this in mind Wokingham Borough Council has the following local standards:

WokBC LS57 Water should be kept above the ground surface wherever possible and SuDS should be considered as an integral part of the landscape or urban design. Development proposals should take into account landscaping proposals to maximise the potential for green attenuation systems to be distributed throughout the site.

WokBC LS58 SuDS features should be visually attractive, such as ponds and wetlands, with details such as channels, canals and cascades to provide visual interest.

WokBC LS59 Where possible, all hard structures such as inlets, outlets and headwalls should be designed to be unobtrusive. Appropriate cladding such as local stone should be considered.

WokBC LS60 The shape and depth of swales or basins below surrounding ground should be integrated into the landscape.

Ecology:

There are no national standards to assist in the suitable/appropriate design of SuDS with regards to their potential ecological benefits. Wokingham Borough Council recognises the obligation it has to ensure the quality of the aquatic environment for current and future generations. With this in mind Wokingham Borough Council has the following local standards:

WokBC LS61 Where present, natural drainage features on and / or around development sites shall be retained and appropriately enhanced.

WokBC LS62 Local plant material must be used where possible to allow natural colonisation of SuDS features. Invasive or vigorously colonising species should be avoided. All planting in open SuDS should be native to the UK, ideally of local provenance, and from an accredited source to avoid the introduction of alien species.

WokBC LS63 Tree and shrub selection and care must take into account the need for permanent vegetated ground cover and must not compromise access.

WokBC LS64 A shallow aquatic edge to ponds and wetlands should be included, with a maximum depth of 450mm and minimum width of 1m.

WokBC LS65 The primary function of SuDS is flood prevention, consequently the maintenance regime must not be restricted by ecological requirements to the detriment of flood prevention. The design of the shape or depth of water bodies or type of vegetation

should not be deliberately selected to create habitats for protected species. The SuDS should have a maintenance regime which discourages the development of protected habitats. Grass strimming, grass cutting and silt removal, dredging shall be carried out on a frequent basis to maintain the designed flow regime. To discourage excessive vegetation within the main body of a water feature the bed should be at least 1m below normal water level and thus limit light levels on the bed.

Health and Safety:

There are no national standards to assist in the suitable/appropriate design of SuDS with regards to their health and safety requirements. Wokingham Borough Council recognises the obligation it has to ensure drainage systems are safe for current and future generations. With this in mind Wokingham Borough Council has the following local standards:

WokBC LS66 Information should be provided to inform residents and the public of the SuDS design and features on the site.

WokBC LS67 All open water features must be assessed regarding the risk of drowning, particularly to small children, and must demonstrate that all reasonable measures have been taken to minimise the risk of drowning or harm. Risk to the public, maintenance staff and wildlife must also be minimised.

WokBC LS68 The management of open water features must consider the potential risk of Weil's disease, transmitted through rat urine. CIRIA Report RP 992-5 WP1 Safety Framework and Checklist provides further guidance.

WokBC LS69 Although malaria is not currently a risk in the UK, this must be considered in the design of wetlands by reducing preferential breeding areas for mosquitoes such as small temporary pools unconnected to open water. In well-designed SuDS the water must be moving with a residence time of only a few days. In addition, emergent vegetation must have minimal submerged growth to reduce the available locations for larvae to develop.

WokBC LS70 Where open water habitat is located within 8 miles of an airport, guidance provided by the Civil Aviation Authority (www.caa.co.uk) must be followed to minimise the risk of aircraft bird strike.

6 Storage, volume and peak flow rate



Suggested minimum and aspirational storage requirements for an attenuation SuDS scheme for the development footprint are set out below, with more detail provided in subsequent sections. Storage volumes may be reduced (but not below the minimum level) if the design incorporates off-Site discharge.

Table 5. Storage requirements at the proposed development Site (Discharge runoff to watercourse)

Attenuation scenario		Attenuation required (m ³)	Explanation	
Discharge runoff to watercourse	1 in 30 year	11.89	Attenuation required to ensure surface water runoff is attenuated in all storm events up to and including the 1 in 30 year (0.75 hour, Critical Storm Duration) event*. Flooding of the Site of 5.68 m ³ should be contained within permeable landscaped areas within the Site to ensure no flooding of internal areas during the 1 in 100 year storm event.	A further 9.91 m ³ should be managed within overland flow routes to ensure there is no increase in flood risk in all events up to the 1 in 100 year including 40% allowance for climate change.
	1 in 100 year	17.57	Attenuation required to ensure surface water runoff is attenuated in all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100 year (1 hour, Critical Storm Duration) event*.	
	1 in 100 year including 40% CC	27.48	Attenuation required to ensure surface water runoff is attenuated in all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100 year (1 hour, Critical Storm Duration) event including a 40% allowance for climate change*.	

*See Appendix B for associated runoff and discharge calculations. Discharge rates all restricted as close as possible to greenfield rates in their respective events.

Surface water runoff

An increase in impermeable area on-Site will result in greater rainfall runoff. Reduction in runoff will help mitigate flood risk both on and off-Site. Further information on the surface water runoff calculations is provided in Section 12 'Background Information'.

Guidance

The Non-Statutory Technical Guidance for SuDS (Defra, March 2015) states:

"Where reasonably practicable, for Greenfield development, the runoff volume from the development to any highway drain, sewer or surface water body in the 1 in 100 year, 6 hour rainfall event should never exceed the Greenfield runoff volume for the same event. Where reasonably practicable, for developments which have been previously developed, the runoff volume from the development to any highway drain, sewer or surface water body in the 1 in 100 year, 6 hour rainfall event must be constrained to a value as close as is reasonably practicable to the Greenfield runoff volume for the same event, but should never exceed the runoff volume from the development site prior to redevelopment for that event."

Table 6. Change in impermeable area associated with the development

Total Site area	948 m ²
Impermeable area (and as a percentage of the total area of the proposed development footprint of 735 m ²)***	
Pre-development	Post-development
0 m ² (0%)	535 m ² (73%) **
Impermeable land use: Permeable land use: Undeveloped land	New impermeable land use: 277 m ² building footprint and rear patio areas, 213 m ² access road, 10% urban creep allowance New permeable land use: 94 m ² permeable paving*

*Please note, while these areas will be utilized for SuDS, for the calculations these areas will be classed as impermeable in order to assess the potential run-off volumes and rates for the Site post- development and the potential holding capability of the proposed SuDS features.

** According to local standard WokBC-LS15 included in Wokingham Borough Council's Guidance on the use of sustainable drainage systems (2017), urban creep should be taken into account as part of the SuDS design. Urban creep accounts for the potential for impermeable areas to increase over the lifespan of a development, such as extensions to proposed building footprints and increases in patio areas. Therefore, a 10% urban creep allowance has been applied to the proposed impermeable areas.

*** The 213 m² area of access road has been excluded from the total area proposed for development as no changes are proposed for this area of the Site.

Guidance

"The drainage system must be designed so that, unless an area is designated to hold and/or convey water as part of the design, flooding does not occur on any part of the site for a 1 in 30 year rainfall event" and "flooding does not occur during a 1 in 100 year rainfall event in any part of: a building (including a basement); or in any utility plant susceptible to water (e.g. pumping station or electricity substation) within the development"

(Defra, March 2015, non-statutory guidance).

Peak discharge rates

The table below presents peak discharge rates for a range of storm events used to assess the impact of the proposed development and select the maximum permitted discharge rate. Further information on the calculation and control of peak discharge rates is provided in Section 12 'Background Information'.

Table 7. Peak discharge rates associated with the development

Rainfall event	Greenfield runoff rates (l/s)	Existing runoff rates ¹ (l/s)	Potential runoff rates without attenuation (l/s)	Potential minus existing (l/s)
QBAR	0.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 hour 1 in 1 year	0.27	0.27	0.70	0.43
6 hour 1 in 10 year	0.52	0.52	1.21	0.69
6 hour 1 in 30 year	0.72	0.72	1.58	0.86
6 hour 1 in 100 year	1.02	1.02	1.98	0.96
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 20% CC	N/A	N/A	2.38	1.36
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 40% CC	N/A	N/A	2.77	1.75

¹ Assumes 100% runoff from impermeable surfaces. Assumes Greenfield runoff from permeable surfaces calculated using the loH124 method.

Relevant national, regional and local planning policy has been consulted in Section 5 to determine restrictions on runoff from previously developed and greenfield sites. In some cases, greenfield rates may be requested, but in practice it is difficult to restrict discharge

rates at any one control point to less than 2 l/s, without increasing the risk of any potential blockages occurring in the drainage network.

Total discharge volumes

The table below presents discharge volumes for a range of storm events used to assess the impact of the proposed development and calculate the required storage volumes. Further information on the calculation of total discharge volumes is provided in Section 11 'Methodology and Limitations'.

Table 8. Total discharge volumes associated with the development

Rainfall event	Greenfield runoff volume (m ³)	Existing runoff volume ² (m ³)	Potential runoff volume without attenuation (m ³)	Potential minus existing (m ³)
QBAR	8.96	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 hour 1 in 1 year	8.32	8.32	15.15	6.83
6 hour 1 in 10 year	14.66	14.66	26.06	11.40
6 hour 1 in 30 year	18.72	18.72	34.08	15.36
6 hour 1 in 100 year	23.52	23.52	42.81	19.29
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 20% CC	N/A	N/A	51.38	27.86
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 40% CC	N/A	N/A	59.94	36.42

² Assumes 100% runoff from impermeable surfaces. Assumes Greenfield runoff from permeable surfaces calculated using the loH124 method.

Critical storm duration and volume requirements

Storage volumes for a range of return periods including the 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year and 1 in 100 year plus climate change (40%) events have been calculated to assess the impact of the proposed development. The required storage volumes for attenuation features have been calculated for the critical storm durations, limited to a maximum discharge rate of 2 l/s (as close to the 1 in 1 year Greenfield runoff rate as possible, without increasing the potential for blockages).

Table 9. Critical Storm Duration and Attenuation volume requirements

Return Period	Runoff rate restriction (l/s)	Critical Storm Duration (hr)	Attenuation volume required (m ³)
1 in 30 year	2	0.75	11.89
1 in 100 year	2	1	17.57
1 in 100 year including a 40% climate change	2	1	27.48

7 Runoff destination



Options for the destination for the runoff generated on-Site have been assessed in line with the prioritisation set out in the Building Regulations Part H document (HM Government, published in 2010 and updated in 2015) and Defra's Non-statutory Technical Standards for SuDS (2015).

Flow attenuation using infiltration SuDS (discharge to ground) is generally the preferred option. If discharge to ground is not available, runoff discharge to surface water is the other preferred method. Only if these two options are impractical should discharge to the sewer network be considered.

Discharge to ground

The Site has low potential for infiltration, with low permeability underlying clay (London Clay Formation). Based on the available borehole information and groundwater flood risk mapping, shallow groundwater is unlikely to be present beneath the Site.

There are no known issues identified relating to Site contamination or the presence of a SPZ.

Given the low permeability of the underlying bedrock, discharging runoff to the ground is not deemed feasible and has not been proposed.

Discharge to surface watercourse

A drainage ditch is located in the south of the Site. It sits at a lower elevation than any potential SuDS scheme would be and is also in the direction of the natural flow path of runoff from the Site.

Discharge to sewer

GeoSmart has undertaken an assessment of the location of sewer features within the vicinity of the Site. A public combined sewer is located to the north of the Site within the ownership of the client; therefore, discharge to sewer is likely to be appropriate. However, it should be noted that Policy WokBC-LS41 (Wokingham Borough Council, 2017) states that discharging runoff to the public combined sewer is unlikely to be accepted unless the drainage ditch is proven to be an unsuitable discharge location..

8 Water quality



A key requirement of any SuDS system is that it protects the receiving water body from the risk of pollution. This can be effectively managed by an appropriate “train” or sequence of SuDS components that are connected in series. The frequent and short duration rainfall events are those that are most loaded with potential contaminants (silts, fines, heavy metals and various organic and inorganic contaminants). Therefore, the first 5-10 mm of rainfall (first flush) should be adequately treated with SuDS.

The minimum number of treatment stages will depend on the sensitivity of the receiving water body and the potential hazard associated with the proposed development SuDS Manual (CIRIA, 2015). The proposed development is a combination of Very Low (roof water) to Low hazard (runoff from car parking and road). The Site does not lie within an SPZ and therefore additional treatment stages are not required.

Table 10. Level of hazard

Hazard	Source of hazard
Very Low	Residential roof drainage
Low	Residential, amenity uses including low usage car parking spaces and roads, other roof drainage.
Medium	Commercial, industrial uses including car parking spaces and roads (excluding low usage roads, trunk roads and motorways).
High	Areas used for handling and storage of chemicals and fuels, handling of storage and waste (incl. scrap-yards).

The recommended minimum number treatment stages suggested for the different runoff waters identified for the proposed development is highlighted in the table below.

Table 11. Minimum number of treatment stages for runoff

		Sensitivity of the receiving water body		
		Low	Medium	High
Hazard	Low	1	1	1
	Med	2	2	2
	High	3	3	3

9 Proposed SuDS strategy



Sustainable drainage systems

DEFRA's non-statutory requirements for SuDS require the below ground drainage systems to have the capacity to accommodate at least the 1 in 30 year event and to manage the 1 in 100 year event without flooding of on-site buildings and substations. All runoff should be managed on-Site though for the 1 in 100 year event, accounting for the maximum impacts of climate change to ensure flood risk is not increased to third-parties.

A surface water drainage strategy (summarised in Section 2 of this report) includes the following SuDS features to intercept, attenuate and treat surface water runoff.

Primary SuDS Strategy:

Infiltration to ground is not achievable at the Site; therefore, surface water runoff will be managed within SuDS features and discharged to the drainage ditch in the south of the Site.

Table 12. Proposed SuDS type, features, discharge location and rate restriction

SuDS type	Source control (interception) and attenuation SuDS.
SuDS features	Rainwater harvesting, permeable paving.
Discharge location	Drainage ditch in the south of the Site.
Discharge rate	2 l/s (as close to the Greenfield 1 in 1 year rate as possible, without increasing the potential for blockages).

Table 13. Proposed SuDS sizing (dimensions) and attenuation volumes

Rainwater harvesting	Rainwater harvesting butts should be established for each proposed development. In terms of attenuation storage within this SuDS scheme, the volume of run-off which could be attenuated by rainwater harvesting has not been considered within the preliminary SuDS strategy.
Lined permeable paving	A c. 94 m ² area of lined permeable paving (comprising geo-cellular crates with a 95% void ratio) within the proposed driveway areas to a depth of 0.35 m would result in c. 31.26 m ³ attenuation.
Total attenuation provided	31.26 m ³

Total attenuation required	27.48 m ³
Freeboard storage provided	3.78 m ³

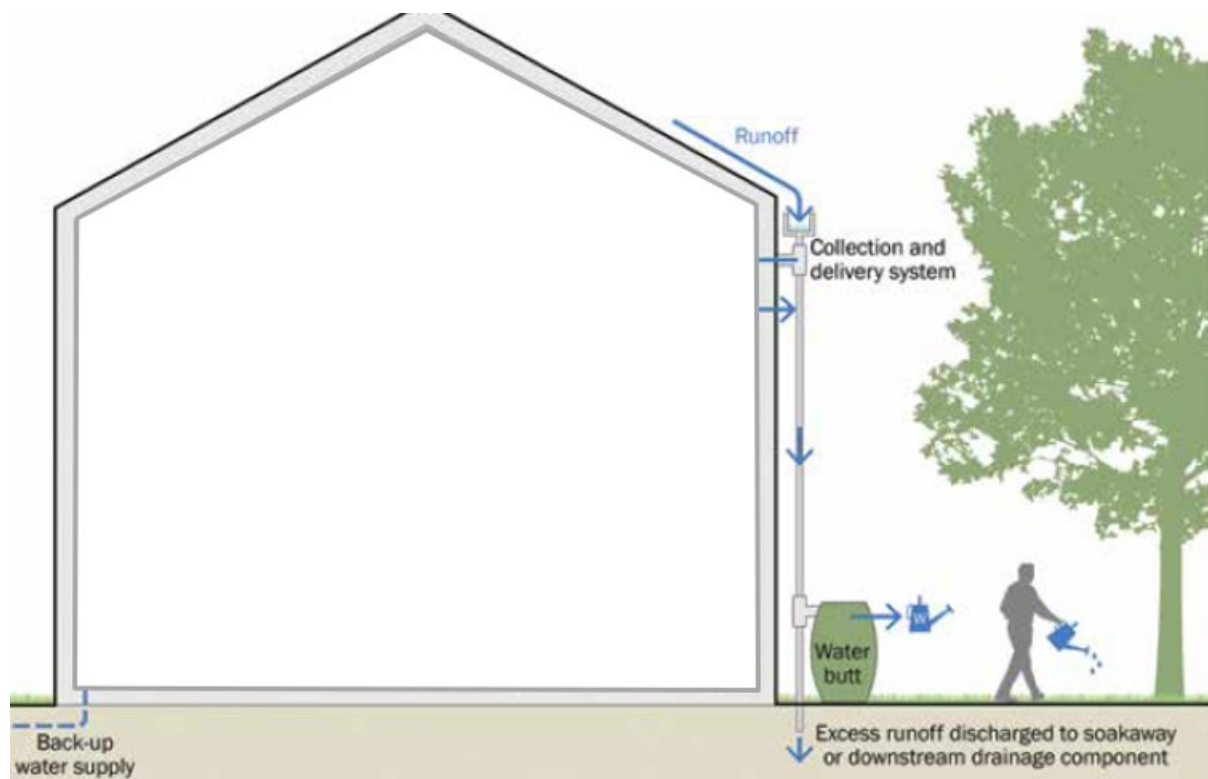
Rainwater harvesting

A rainwater harvesting butt is proposed for each dwelling. The run-off from the proposed development roof should be led into rainwater harvesting butts via rainwater downpipes and guttering to catch run-off. Overflow from the butts should be discharged into the storage system provided by the permeable paving.

Due to the relatively insignificant amounts of attenuation provided by rainwater harvesting tanks in this instance and the requirement to retain water for non-potable uses such as garden maintenance, the volume of run-off which could be attenuated by rainwater harvesting has not been considered within the report.

As there is an issue with the storage capability of rainwater harvesting tanks, this method should have a fixed attenuation volume and a controlled outlet to discharge into the proposed SuDS feature. An overflow system will be required for implementation on the Site due to exceedance events (where the pumps fail or there is a blockage within the system / or the number of residents and subsequent water usage is reduced).

Roof run-off is generally less polluted than run-off from road surfaces but can still generate pollutants such as sediments. Pollutants would be captured by the collection and filtration system and, by reducing the volume of run-off generated from the Site. Primary screening devices are used to prevent leaves and other debris from entering the butt and first flush devices can be designed to divert the first part of the rainfall away from the main storage tank and can pick up most of the dirt, debris and contaminants that collect on a residential roof.



Modified from Figure 11.3 of the CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) (2015)

Permeable paving

Lined permeable paving is proposed for the driveway areas to intercept runoff. The permeable paving would use plastic geo-cellular systems, which would provide increased void space and therefore storage, but do not allow filtration unless they are combined with aggregate material and/or permeable geotextiles which could increase their storage potential by up to 20%. Geo-cellular modules have the added advantage of reducing the amount of aggregate sub base required, thus keeping costs lower. Void systems, such as permavoids, have a void ratio of 95% (i.e. for every 1 m³ there is 0.95 m³ of space available for water storage), which has been factored into the storage capacity calculations.

Permeable pavements are multi-layered surfacing systems. The surface layer is constructed out of permeable material allowing infiltration of water through gaps along its surface. A geomembrane isolates stored water from the surrounding soil, especially in contaminated areas and a geotextile layer prevents clogging and damage to the geo-cellular modules.

A geotextile layer would work to intercept silt/particles flowing through the system via direct rainfall, or through vehicle use deposited onto the car park area and into the permeable paving. The majority of silt would be trapped within the top 30mm of the joining material between the paving blocks. Rainfall flowing into the permeable paving directly from the development roof/rainwater butts would not contain enough volumes of silt and or particles to cause blockage so will be fed directly into underlying porous substrate via rainwater pipes. Downpipes from the development roofs/rainwater butts should extend through the paving for c.5 meters to divert roof run-off away from building foundations. Paving could also implement an impermeable liner close to the building or creating a separate compartment

within the permeable sub-base close to the building to further divert attenuated water away from building foundations.

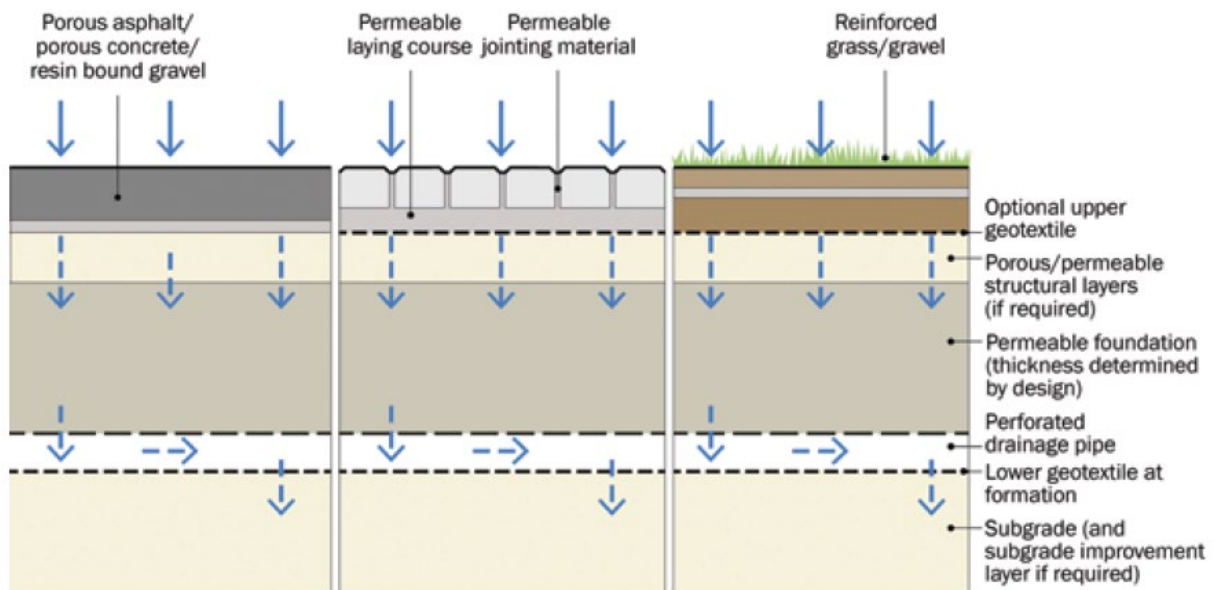


Figure 20.13 of the CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) (2015)

Flow control devices and systems

Hydrobrake Flow control systems can be used to reduce the runoff rate from the Site. These are usually a device used for controlling water flow into a connecting feature, such as a sewer, to a specific attenuation performance. The design consists of an intake, a volute and an outlet and the configuration is critical to ensure discharge control. For drainage areas which are less than 3 ha, outlet throttle diameters would have to be small (<150mm diameter) to achieve outflow rates which could result in blockage. For most SuDS features, a flow control device will comprise a fixed orifice or a throttle such as a short pipe.

A Vortex Control is usually a self-activating vortex flow device which directs water into a volute to form a vortex. For the Site, rainwater down pipes from the development roof should drain directly into the attenuation feature to reduce infill from potential flood water.

Drainage protection devices

A non-return flap valve is recommended for outflow pipes to reduce the risk of backflow from the channel during a large scale rainfall event.

Exceedance flows

Exceedance flow routes are included within the proposed SuDS drainage layout. Where possible, exceedance flows should be directed away from buildings and into non-essential areas of the Site such as gardens and landscaped areas. The SuDS system recommended for the Site should provide enough storage that this method would only be utilised during a worst case scenario.

Secondary SuDS strategy:

Where infiltration to ground is not achievable at the Site, an attenuation volume of 27.48 m³ should be stored within lined SuDS features to accommodate the calculated 1 hour Critical Storm Duration for surface water discharge runoff, restricted to 2 l/s.

However, it should be noted that Policy WokBC-LS41 (Wokingham Borough Council, 2017) states that discharge is the last on the drainage hierarchy and therefore unlikely to be accepted as a discharge option unless discharging to the drainage ditch is deemed unsuitable.

SuDS features listed in the primary recommendations are still applicable to the secondary recommendation the Site.

Table 14. Proposed SuDS type, features, discharge location and rate restriction

SuDS type	Source control (interception) and attenuation SuDS.
SuDS features	Rainwater harvesting, permeable paving.
Discharge location	Public combined sewer.
Discharge rate	2 l/s (as close to the Greenfield 1 in 1 year rate as possible, without increasing the potential for blockages).

Table 15. Proposed SuDS sizing (dimensions) and attenuation volumes

Rainwater harvesting	Rainwater harvesting butts should be established for each proposed development. In terms of attenuation storage within this SuDS scheme, the volume of run-off which could be attenuated by rainwater harvesting has not been considered within the preliminary SuDS strategy.
Lined permeable paving	A c. 94 m ² area of lined permeable paving (comprising geo-cellular crates with a 95% void ratio) within the proposed driveway areas to a depth of 0.35 m would result in c. 31.26 m ³ attenuation.
Total attenuation provided	31.26 m ³
Total attenuation required	27.48 m ³
Freeboard storage provided	3.78 m ³

10 SuDS maintenance



Regular maintenance is essential to ensure effective operation of the SuDS features over the intended lifespan of the proposed development. The SuDS Manual (C753) (CIRIA, 2015) provides a maintenance schedule for SuDS with details of the necessary required actions as shown in the Table below.

Table 16. SuDS operation and recommended maintenance requirements

Asset type	Maintenance schedule (and frequency)
Permeable pavements	Regular maintenance: • Brushing and vacuuming (three times per year). • Trimming any roots and surrounding grass and weeds that may be causing blockages (annually or as required). Monitoring: • Initial inspection (monthly). • Inspect for poor performance and inspection chambers (annually).
Hydro-Brake Flow Control	Low amounts of maintenance required as there are no moving parts within the Hydro-Brake® Flow Control. • Initial monthly inspection at the manhole once the construction phase is over. If blockages occur they normally do so at the intake. Hydro-Brake® Flow Controls are fitted with a pivoting by-pass door, which allows the manhole chamber to be drained down should blockages occur. Inspection should be undertaken annually or when a storm event occurs.
Underground drainage pipe network	Regular maintenance: • Remove sediment and debris from pre-treatment devices and floor of inspection tube or chamber (annually). • Cleaning of gutters and any filters on downpipes (annually). • Trimming any roots that may be causing blockages (annually or as required). Monitoring: • Inspect silt traps and note rate of sediment accumulation (monthly in the first year and then annually).
Rainwater harvesting	Regular maintenance: • Inspection of tank for debris and sediment build up (annually and following poor performance).

Asset type	Maintenance schedule (and frequency)
	• Inspection of inlets, outlets, overflow areas, pumps and filters (annually and following poor performance). • Cleaning of tank, inlets, outlets, gutters, roof drain filters and withdrawal devices (annually or as required). Remedial actions: • Repair or overflow erosion damage or damage to tank and associated components (as required)
Geo-cellular storage	Regular maintenance: • Remove litter and debris from inlets and outlets (monthly). • Trimming any roots and surrounding grass blockages (as required). Monitoring: • Inspect inlets, outlets and overflows for blockages (monthly or after a heavy storm). • Inspect inlets and outlets for silt accumulation (half yearly). • Inspect infiltration surfaces for compaction and ponding (monthly).

Client checklist

A drainage strategy has been recommended as suitable on the basis of the information provided. Prior to installation of the Site drainage system it is recommended that the client carries out the following checks to confirm the development proposals. GeoSmart would be able to support with any updates required to the drainage scheme, please contact us and we would be happy to provide you with a proposal to undertake the work.

Table 17. Potential SuDS limitations

Conditions in Non-Statutory Technical Standards (Defra, 2015), limitations to infiltration SuDS	Do these conditions arise at the Site?
Is the surface runoff greater than the rate at which water can infiltrate into the ground?	
Is there an unacceptable risk of ground instability?	
Is there an unacceptable risk of mobilising contaminants?	
Is there an unacceptable risk of pollution to groundwater?	
Is there an unacceptable risk of groundwater flooding?	

Conditions in Non-Statutory Technical Standards (Defra, 2015), limitations to infiltration SuDS	Do these conditions arise at the Site?
Is the infiltration system going to create a high risk of groundwater leakage to the combined sewer?	

Table 18. SuDS design considerations

Confirm that potential flooding on-Site in excess of the design storm event and exceedance flow routes have been considered.	
Review options for the control of discharge rates (e.g. hydrobrake).	
Confirm the owners/adopters of the drainage system. Consider management options for multiple owners.	
Is there an unacceptable risk of pollution to groundwater?	
Review access and way leave requirements.	
Review maintenance requirements.	

Health and safety considerations for SuDS

GeoSmart reports may include outline strategies or designs to support with development plans. Any drawings or advice provided do not comprise any form of detailed design. Implementation of any conceptual scheme options may constitute 'Construction Work' as defined by CDM Regulations (2015).

The CDM Regulations place specific Health and Safety duties on those commissioning, planning and undertaking construction works. If you are uncertain what this means you should seek the advice of your architect, builder or other competent professional.

GeoSmart does not provide health and safety advisory services but we are required to advise you of your general responsibilities under CDM (visit <http://geosmartinfo.co.uk/knowledge-hub/cdm-2015/> for more information).

Please remember that detailed design work should be undertaken by a competent professional who might be your engineer, architect, builder or another competent party.

11 Methodology and limitations of study



This report assesses the feasibility of infiltration SuDS and alternative drainage strategies in support of the Site development process. From April 6th 2015 SuDS are regulated by Local Planning Authorities and will be required under law for major developments in all cases unless demonstrated to be inappropriate. What is considered appropriate in terms of costs and benefits by the Planning Authority will vary depending on local planning policy, and Site setting. The Lead Local Flood Authority will require information as a statutory consultee on major planning applications with surface water drainage implications. The National Planning Policy Framework requires that new developments in areas at risk of flooding should give priority to the use of SuDS and demonstrate that the proposed development does not increase flood risk downstream to third parties.

How was the suitability of SuDS estimated for the Site?

There are a range of SuDS options available to provide effective surface water management that intercept and store excess runoff. When considering these options, the destination of the runoff should be assessed using the order of preference outlined in the Building Regulations Part H document (HM Government, 2010) and Defra's National Standards for SuDS (2015):

1. Discharge to the ground;
2. Discharge to a surface water body;
3. Discharge to a surface water sewer;
4. Discharge to a local highway drain; and
5. Discharge to a combined sewer.

Data sets relating to each of the potential discharge options have been analysed to assess the feasibility of each option according to the hierarchy set out above. Hydrogeological characteristics for the Site are assessed in conjunction with the occurrence of SPZ's to assess infiltration suitability. The Site has been screened to determine whether flood risk from groundwater, surface water, fluvial or coastal sources may constrain SuDS. The distance to surface water bodies and sewers has been reviewed gauge whether these provide alternative options.

GeoSmart SuDS Infiltration Suitability Map (SD50)

The GeoSmart SuDS Infiltration Suitability Map (SD50) screens the suitability for infiltration drainage in different parts of the Site and indicates where further assessment is recommended. In producing the SuDS Infiltration Suitability Map (SD50), GeoSmart used data from the British Geological Survey on groundwater levels, geology and permeability to screen

for areas where infiltration SuDS may be suitable. The map classifies areas into 3 categories of High, Medium and Low suitability for infiltration SuDS. This can then be used in conjunction with additional data on Site constraints to give recommendations for SuDS design and further investigation.

The primary constraint on infiltration potential is the minimum permeability of the underlying material and in some cases the range in permeability may be considerable, ranging down to low. The map classifies these areas as moderate infiltration suitability requiring further investigation. In cases where the thickness of the receiving permeable horizon is less than 1.5 meters then additional Site investigation is recommended. If the Site is at risk of groundwater flooding for up to the 1% annual occurrence the map classifies these areas as moderate infiltration suitability requiring further investigation.

The GeoSmart SuDS Infiltration Suitability Map (SD50) is a national screening tool for infiltration SuDS techniques but a Site specific assessment should be used before final detailed design is undertaken. Further information on the GeoSmart SuDS Infiltration Suitability Map (SD50) is available at geosmartinfo.co.uk

How is the suitability to discharge to sewers and watercourses calculated?

The suitability to discharge to discharge to sewers and watercourses has been calculated using the distance from the Site to both. For example, where the Site is within 50 m of a surface water body. Discharge to surface water is potentially appropriate subject to land access arrangements and a feasibility assessment. Where the Site is within 50 m of a sewer, discharge to sewer is potentially appropriate subject to land access arrangements and a feasibility assessment. The utility company should be contacted to agree connection feasibility and sewer capacity.

Further information relating to sewers available in the area can be found in Appendix C.

What is a Source Protection Zone?

The Environment Agency have defined Source Protection Zones (SPZs) for 2000 groundwater sources such as wells, boreholes and springs used for public drinking water supply. These zones show the risk of contamination from any activities that might cause pollution in the area. The closer the activity, the greater the risk. The maps show three main zones (inner, outer and total catchment) and a fourth zone of special interest, which is occasionally applied. The zones are used to set up pollution prevention measures in areas which are at a higher risk. The shape and size of a zone depends on the condition of the ground, how the groundwater is removed, and other environmental factors. Inner zone (Zone 1) is defined as the 50 day travel time from any point below the water table to the source (minimum radius of 50 metres). Outer zone (Zone 2) is defined by a 400 day travel time. Total catchment (Zone 3) is defined as the area around a source within which all groundwater recharge is presumed to be discharged at the source.

How was surface water runoff estimated from the Site?

In accordance with The SuDS Manual (C753) (CIRIA, 2015), the Greenfield runoff from the Site has been calculated using the IoH124 method and is assumed representative of the runoff generated on the undeveloped surfaces that are affected by the proposed development. The method used for calculating the runoff complies with the NPPF (MHCLG, 2024). For the impermeable surfaces, it has been assumed that 100% runoff will occur (calculations provided in Appendix B). Rainfall data is derived from the Flood Estimation Handbook (FEH), developed by NERC (2009). Only areas affected by the proposed development are considered in the flow and volume calculations. Permeable areas that remain unchanged are not included in the calculations as it is assumed these will not be actively drained and attenuated.

What is the peak discharge rate?

An estimation of peak runoff flow rate and volume is required to calculate infiltration, storage and discharge requirements. The peak discharge rate is the maximum flow rate at which surface water runoff leaves the Site during a particular storm event, without considering the impact of any mitigation such as storage, infiltration or flow control. Proposed discharge rates (with mitigation) should be no greater than existing rates for all corresponding storm events. If all drainage is to infiltration there will be no discharge off-Site. Discharging all flow from Site at the existing 1 in 100 event would increase flood risk during smaller events. Flow restriction is generally required to limit the final discharge from Site during all events as a basic minimum to the green field QBAR rate. A more complex flow restriction which varies the final discharge rate from the Site depending on the storm event will reduce the volume of storage required on-Site. Drainage to infiltration SuDS is subtracted from the total discharge off-Site to achieve a beneficial net affect.

What is the total discharge volume?

The total discharge volume is calculated on the basis of the surface water runoff that has the potential to leave the Site as a result of the assumed 6 hour duration design storm event. The runoff is related to the underlying soil conditions, impermeable cover, rainfall intensity and duration of the storm event. The total volume generated by the current Site is compared to the potential total volume from the developed Site (not taking into consideration any mitigation). The difference provides the minimum total volume that will need to be stored and infiltrated on-Site or released at a controlled rate. Guidance indicates that the total discharge volume should never exceed the runoff volume from the development Site prior to redevelopment for that event and should be as close as is reasonably practicable to the Greenfield runoff volume.

12 Background SuDS information



SuDS control surface water runoff close to where it falls. SuDS are designed to replicate, as closely as possible, the natural drainage from the Site before development to ensure that the flood risk downstream does not increase as a result of the Site being developed, and that the Site will have satisfactory drainage under current and likely future climatic conditions. SuDS provide opportunities to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding; remove pollutants from urban runoff at source; and combine water management with green space with benefits for amenity, recreation and wildlife. Government planning policy and planning decisions now include a presumption in favour of SuDS being used for all development Sites, unless they can be shown to be inappropriate.

For general information on SuDS see our website: <http://geosmartinfo.co.uk/>

Infiltration SuDS

Government policy for England is to introduce sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) via conditions in planning approvals. Guidance indicates that capturing rainfall runoff on-Site and infiltrating it into the ground (infiltration SuDS) is the preferred method for managing surface water without increasing flood risk downstream.

The greatest benefit to general flood risk is if all runoff is infiltrated on-Site, however, this may not be feasible due to physical and economic constraints in which case infiltration may be considered as a part of an integrated drainage solution. The final design capacity for an infiltration SuDS system depends on the Site constraints and the requirements of the individual Planning Authority and the Lead Local Flood Authority.

The capacity of the ground to receive infiltration depends on the nature, thickness and permeability of the underlying material and the depth to the high groundwater table. The final proportion of the Site drained by infiltration will depend on topography, outfall levels and a suitable drainage gradient. It is important to note that, even if the whole Site cannot be drained by infiltration, the use of partial infiltration is encouraged, with the remainder of runoff discharged via other SuDS systems.

Types of infiltration SuDS

Infiltration components include infiltration trenches, soakaways, swales and infiltration basins without outlets, rain gardens and permeable pavements. These are used to capture surface water runoff and allow it to infiltrate (soak) and filter through to the subsoil layer, before returning it to the water table below.

An infiltration trench is usually filled with permeable granular material and is designed to promote infiltration of surface water to the ground. An infiltration basin is a dry basin or depression designed to promote infiltration of surface water runoff into the ground. Soakaways are the most common type of infiltration device in the UK where drainage is often connected to over-sized square or rectangular, rubble-filled voids sited beneath lawns.

According to the guidance in Building Research Establishment (BRE) Digest 365 (2016) a soakaway must be able to discharge 50% of the runoff generated during a 1 in 10 year storm event within 24 hours in readiness for subsequent storm flow. This is the basic threshold criteria for a soakaway design and the internal surface area of the proposed soakaway design options should be calculated on this basis by taking into account the soil infiltration rate for the Site.

Developers need to ensure their design takes account of the construction, operation and maintenance requirements of both surface and subsurface components, allowing for any machinery access required.

SuDS maintenance and adoption

Regular maintenance is essential to ensure effective operation of the soakaway(s) over the intended lifespan of the proposed development. A maintenance schedule for SuDs is required. Sewerage undertakers or Local Authorities may adopt SuDS and will require maintenance issues to be dealt with in accordance with their Management Plan. If the SuDS will not be adopted other provision is required with associated financial implications. Maintenance is a long-term obligation requiring the upkeep of all elements of the SuDS, including mechanical components (e.g. pumps), as well as inspections, regular maintenance and repair.

Additional background SuDS information can be found on our website: <http://geosmartinfo.co.uk/>

13 Further information



The following table includes a list of additional products by GeoSmart:

Additional GeoSmart Products			
	Additional assessment: FloodSmart Report		The FloodSmart Report range provides clear and pragmatic advice regarding the nature and potential significance of flood hazards which may be present at a Site. Our consultants assess available data to determine the level of risk based on professional judgement and years of experience. Please contact info@geosmartinfo.co.uk for further information.
	Additional assessment: EnviroSmart Report		Provides a robust desk-based assessment of potential contaminated land issues, taking into account the regulatory perspective. Our EnviroSmart reports are designed to be the most cost effective solution for planning conditions. Each report is individually prepared by a highly experienced consultant conversant with Local Authority requirements. Ideal for pre-planning or for addressing planning conditions for small developments. Can also be used for land transactions. Please contact info@geosmartinfo.co.uk for further information.

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Glossary

General terms

Attenuation	Reduction of peak flow and increased duration of a flow event.
Combined sewer	A sewer designed to carry foul sewage and surface water in the same pipe.
Detention basin	A vegetated depression, normally is dry except after storm events, constructed to store water temporarily to attenuate flows. May allow infiltration of water to the ground.
Evapotranspiration	The process by which the Earth's surface or soil loses moisture by evaporation of water and by uptake and then transpiration from plants.
FEH	Flood Estimation Handbook, produced by Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Wallingford (formerly the Institute of Hydrology).
Filter drain or trench	A linear drain consisting of a trench filled with a permeable material, often with a perforated pipe in the base of the trench to assist drainage, to store and conduct water, but may also be designed to permit infiltration.
First flush	The initial runoff from a site or catchment following the start of a rainfall event. As runoff travels over a catchment it will collect or dissolve pollutants, and the "first flush" portion of the flow may be the most contaminated as a result. This is especially the case for intense storms and in small or more uniform catchments. In larger or more complex catchments pollution.
Flood plain	Land adjacent to a watercourse that would be subject to repeated flooding under natural conditions (see Environment Agency's Policy and practice for the protection of flood plains for a fuller definition).
Greenfield runoff	This is the surface water runoff regime from a site before development, or the existing site conditions for brownfield redevelopment sites.
Impermeable surface	An artificial non-porous surface that generates a surface water runoff after rainfall.
Permeability	A measure of the ease with which a fluid can flow through a porous medium. It depends on the physical properties of the medium, for example grain size, porosity and pore shape.

Runoff	Water flow over the ground surface to the drainage system. This occurs if the ground is impermeable, is saturated or if rainfall is particularly intense.
Sewerage undertaker	This is a collective term relating to the statutory undertaking of water companies that are responsible for sewerage and sewage disposal including surface water from roofs and yards of premises.
Soakaway	A subsurface structure into which surface water is conveyed to allow infiltration into the ground.
Treatment	Improving the quality of water by physical, chemical and/or biological means.

The terms included in this glossary have been taken from CIRIA (2015) guidance.

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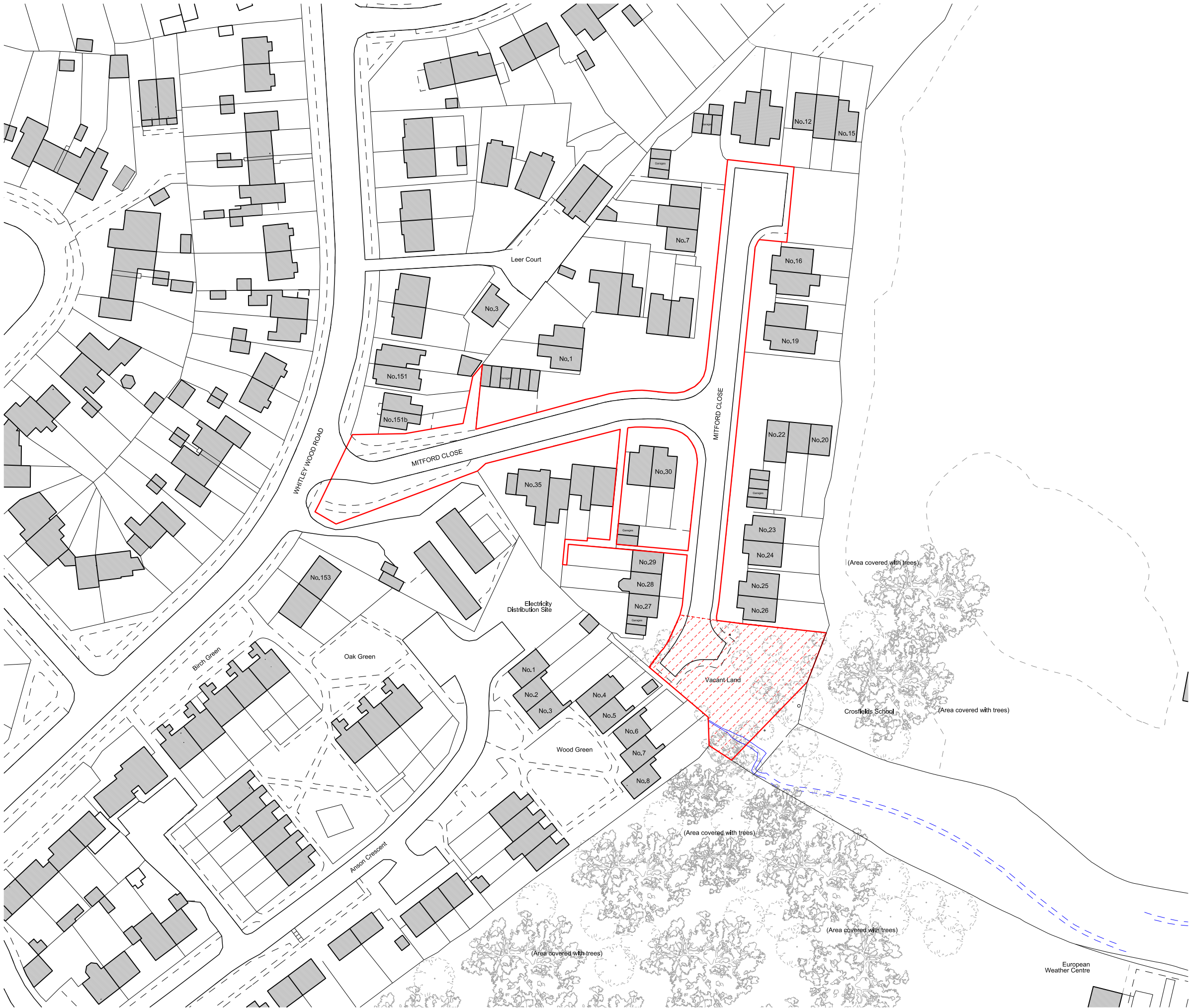
15 Appendices



Appendix A



Site plans



- Legend:
- Title Plan (Site Ownership)
 - Main Highway/Streets
 - Dry Ditch
 - Borough Boundary
 - Vacant Land (Site Development focus)

Notes:

Please note this map is sourced from Edina Digimap, and accuracy is to be confirmed.

Project Address:	Land lying to the East Side of Whitley Wood Road, Mitford Close, Shinfield, RG2 8JQ, Reading.
Client:	Ayro Property Investments Ltd.
Drawing Title:	SITE LOCATION PLAN (WHOLE MITFORD CLOSE)
Drawing Status:	Planning
Scale	1:1000 @A1/ 1:500@ A3
Date:	August 2025
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Legend

- Title Plan (Site Ownership Boundary)
- Ridge Height
Eaves Height
- Proposed Spot Heights
- T1, T2, T3 ...etc; Existing Trees
- Existing dry ditch
- Proposed New Vegetation
- Proposed Refuse/ Waste Bins
- Proposed Cycle Storage

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Drawing Status:	Planning
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- Legend
- Title Plan (Site Ownership Boundary)
 - Proposed New Spot Heights
 - T1, T2, T3 ...etc; Existing Trees
 - Existing dry ditch
 - Electrical Vehicle Charging

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Appendix B



Rainfall runoff calculations

Input parameters for run-off calculations	
Country	England
Total site area	948 m^2
Area proposed for development	735 m^2
Current permeable ground cover	735 m^2
Current impermeable ground cover	0 m^2
Proposed permeable ground cover	200.4 m^2
Proposed impermeable ground cover	486 m^2
Urban Creep Allowance	10%
Final impermeable ground cover	534.6 m^2
SPR	0.47
SAAR	642 mm
Region	6
Climate change factor	40%
Discharge Rate (l/s)	2.0
Run-off coefficient	100%

Current impermeable area as % of total	0%
Proposed impermeable area as % of total	73%
Change in permeable area (m2)	-535
Change in impermeable area (m2)	535
Change in impermeable area as % of total	73%

Rainfall event	Greenfield run-off rates (l/s)	Existing run-off rates(l/s)	Potential run-off rates without attenuation (l/s)	Potential minus exisiting (l/s)
QBAR	0.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 hour 1 in 1 year	0.27	0.27	0.70	0.43
6 hour 1 in 10 year	0.52	0.52	1.21	0.69
6 hour 1 in 30 year	0.72	0.72	1.58	0.86
6 hour 1 in 100 year	1.02	1.02	1.98	0.96
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 20% CC	N/A	N/A	2.38	1.36
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 40% CC	N/A	N/A	2.77	1.75

Rainfall event	Greenfield run-off volume (m ³)	Existing run-off volume (m ³)	Potential run-off volume without attenuation (m ³)	Potential minus existing (m ³)
QBAR	8.96	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 hour 1 in 1 year	8.32	8.32	15.15	6.83
6 hour 1 in 10 year	14.66	14.66	26.06	11.40
6 hour 1 in 30 year	18.72	18.72	34.08	15.36
6 hour 1 in 100 year	23.52	23.52	42.81	19.29
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 20% CC	N/A	N/A	51.38	27.86
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 40% CC	N/A	N/A	59.94	36.42

Return Period	Runoff rate restriction (l/s)	Critical Storm Duration (hr)	Attenuation Volume Required (m ³)	Volume required above previous return period
1 in 30 year	2.00	0.75	11.89	N/A
6 hour 1 in 100 year	2.00	1	17.57	5.68
6 hour 1 in 100 year + 40% CC	2.00	1	27.48	9.91

Appendix C



Thames Water Asset Location Plan

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Your reference 85598.01

Our reference ALS/ALS Standard/2025_5197271

Search date 18 July 2025

Keeping you up-to-date

Notification of price changes

We're changing our report prices from 4th June 2025. The price will increase by 3.5% based on Retail Price Index (RPI).

Find our new prices on our website thameswater.co.uk/property-searches

Any Questions? We're happy to talk through the changes with you – give our Property Searches team a call on 0800 009 4540 .



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0800 009 4540

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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 and 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.

You should be aware that the information contained on these plans is current only on the day that the plans are issued. The plans should only be used for the duration of the work that is being carried out at the present time. Under no circumstances should this data be copied or transmitted to parties other than those for whom the current work is being carried out.

Thames Water do update these service plans on a regular basis and failure to observe the above conditions could lead to damage arising to new or diverted services at a later date.

Contact Us

If you have any further queries regarding this enquiry please feel free to contact a member of the team on 0800 009 4540, or use the contact details below:

Thames Water Utilities Ltd
Property Searches
Clearwater Court
Vastern Road
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RG1 8DB

Email: property.searches@thameswater.co.uk

Web: thameswater.co.uk/propertysearches

Waste Water Services

Please provide a copy extract from the public sewer map.

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. The public sewer map 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.

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.

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.

Asset Location Search



Property Searches

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.

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. You can do this by emailing customer.feedback@thameswater.co.uk with the email subject header 'Enquiry – TWOSA', along with details of the request.

If you have any questions regarding sewer connections, budget estimates, diversions or building over 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
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RG1 8DB

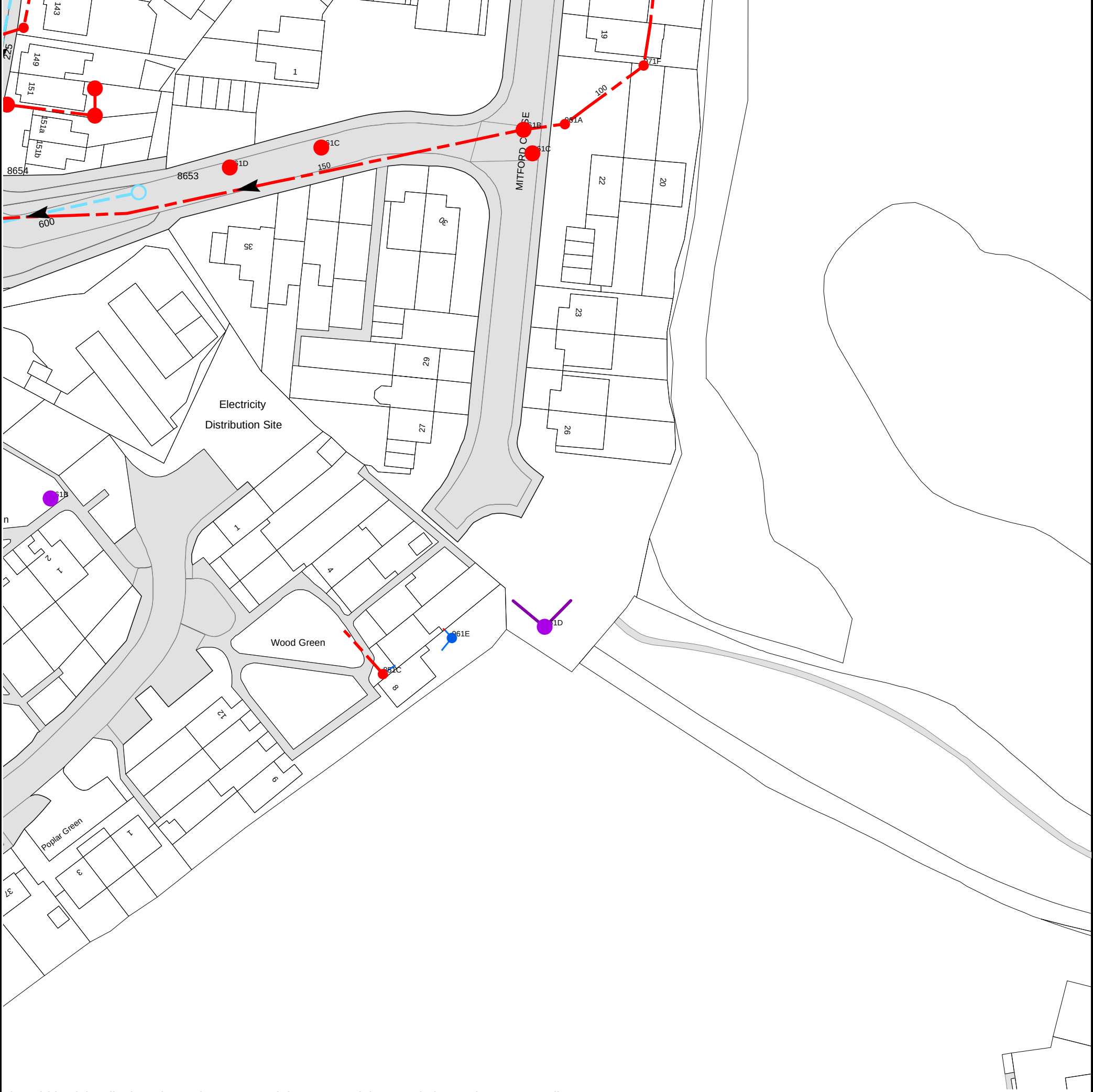
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NB. Levels quoted in metres Ordnance Newlyn Datum. The value -9999.00 indicates that no survey information is available

Manhole Reference	Manhole Cover Level	Manhole Invert Level
971F	n/a	n/a
851C	n/a	n/a
961E	n/a	n/a
961D	n/a	n/a
861B	n/a	n/a
8653	56.51	53.3
861D	n/a	n/a
961C	n/a	n/a
861C	n/a	n/a
961B	n/a	n/a
961A	n/a	n/a
86ZY	n/a	n/a
87ZT	n/a	n/a
87ZV	n/a	n/a
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Asset Location Search - Sewer Key

Public Sewer Types (Operated and maintained by Thames Water)

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

Other Sewer Types (Not operated and maintained by Thames Water)

	Sewer		Culverted Watercourse
	Proposed		Decommissioned Sewer
	Content of this drainage network is currently unknown		Ownership of this drainage network is currently unknown

Notes:

- 1) All levels associated with the plans are to Ordnance Datum Newlyn.
- 2) All measurements on the plan are metric.
- 3) Arrows (on gravity fed sewers) or flecks (on rising mains) indicate the direction of flow.
- 4) Most private pipes are not shown on our plans, as in the past, this information has not been recorded.

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		Meter
	Dam Chase		Vent
	Fitting		

Operational Controls

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

	Ancillary		Drop Pipe
	Control Valve		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.

	Inlet		Outfall
	Undefined End		

Other Symbols

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

	Change of Characteristic Indicator		Public / Private Pumping Station
	Invert Level		Summit

Areas

Lines denoting areas of underground surveys, etc.

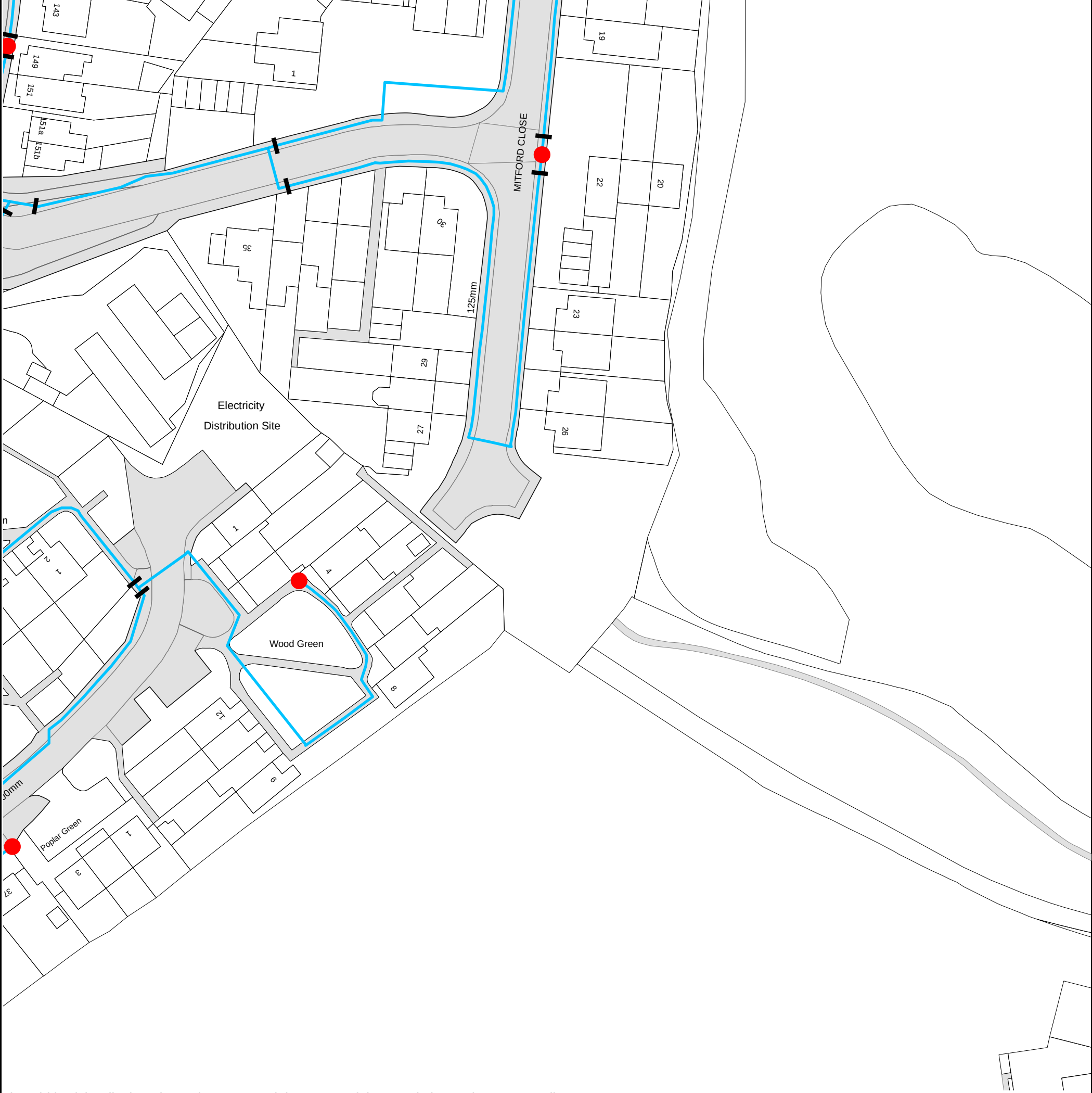
	Agreement
	Chamber
	Operational Site

Ducts or Crossings

	Casement	Ducts may contain high voltage cables. Please check with Thames Water.
	Conduit Bridge	
	Subway	
	Tunnel	

5) 'na' or '0' on a manhole indicates that data is unavailable.

6) The text appearing alongside a sewer line indicates the internal diameter of the pipe in millimeters. 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, please contact Property Searches on 0800 009 4540.



The width of the displayed area is 200 m and the centre of the map is located at OS coordinates 472924, 169620.

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Asset Location Search - Water 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
- Casement:** Ducts may contain high voltage cables. Please check with Thames Water.

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.
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