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1 Introduction

Arcadis has been appointed by Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC) to support updating the masterplan and associated Outline Planning Application (OPA) documentation for a new garden town settlement located in Kent, known as Otterpool Park. The proposed development is located on 585.2ha of land and the application for planning permission relates to an OPA that has already been submitted under planning reference Y19/0275/FH.

A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Surface Water Drainage Strategy has also been prepared to support the revised OPA for the proposed development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the associated Flood Risk & Coastal Change planning practice guidance (PPG) and local guidance. The East Stour River, which flows through the application site, has had Flood Zones 2 and 3 mapped by the Environment Agency (EA) using a broad-scale national mapping study (JFLOW). The information available is not suitable for informing site-specific Flood Risk Assessments (FRA) and, therefore, a detailed flood model has been constructed to inform the revised FRA.

Specifically, the Flood Map for Planning does not include an allowance for climate change and, therefore, one of the primary purposes of this study is to assess the effects of climate change to the proposed development and ensure a robust sequential approach is adopted to manage flood risk over its design life as per the NPPF requirements.

Additionally, the flood model will be used to assess the impact of the proposed development on offsite flood risk and demonstrate that the proposed measures can adequately mitigate any negative impacts. A comparison of the hydrographs and levels from the baseline and post-development scenario will be made at the downstream boundary of the model to assess any downstream flood risk impacts.

Furthermore, there are three key ordinary watercourses that flow through the application site which have not been mapped by the Environment Agency (EA). These are referred to as Harringe Brook, North Lympne Drain and Racecourse Drain. To understand the risk posed by these watercourses and ensure that the proposed development is safe it is necessary to include these within the flood model.

This report summaries the methodology used to estimate flood flows, build a linked 1D-2D hydraulic model of the watercourses and floodplain, calculate flood levels and derive flood extents for the baseline condition. The aim of this document is solely to advise the EA of the modelling process adopted, to facilitate their model review. The FRA will contain discussion of the model results in relation to national and local planning policy, which will be submitted with the revised OPA.

2 Approach and Data Collection

2.1 Modelling Approach

The study area and four modelled watercourses are shown in

Figure 1, which includes the locations of the Flow Estimation Points (FEPs). At the model scoping stage, the downstream boundary was originally envisaged to be located downstream of the Aldington Flood Storage Area (FSA) at FEP5, this would have allowed any effect of the proposed development on the FSA to have been explicitly modelled.

Figure 1: Plan of study area and watercourses (© OpenStreetMap contributors)

During the model development, it was identified that inclusion of the FSA within the model would introduce significant difficulty and uncertainty as information on the construction details and how the facility operates are currently restricted due to public safety and national security concerns. Additionally, there are several catchments which flow into the FSA further downstream of the Otterpool Park site and it is expected that the behaviour of the flood storage area would be dependent on the timing of the different peak flows from these catchments. This will involve development of a complex hydrological and hydraulic model, which is not within the current project scope.

Therefore, the downstream boundary of the model has been moved to Church Lane, upstream of the Aldington FSA, but far enough downstream of the application site that any uncertainty around the downstream boundary conditions is unlikely to affect the results at the site. As discussed in Section 3, FEP5 has still been used to apply a series of lateral inflows to the model by apportioning the peak flow according to contributing areas at key locations (such as upstream of significant structures or the location of confluences).

The upstream boundary of the East Stour River has been selected to ensure that any storage of flood water upstream of the M20 culvert is accounted for in the model. The upstream boundaries of the three tributaries to the East Stour River have been located upstream of the site red line boundary to ensure that the application site is fully mapped and at a location where flows are likely to be well constrained.

A linked 1D-2D approach has been selected as there is potential or significant floodplain flow and storage along the East Stour River. Flood Modeller Pro (FMP) has been selected as the preferred 1D software package as there are a large number of structures within the model extents and the options for structure representation in FMP are broad. TUFLOW has been selected as the 2D software package as the ability to make alterations to the topography to represent development scenarios is very versatile and wellunderstood.

2.2 Data Collection

This study has been informed by:

- Survey Data (including photographs)
- Lidar Data

• Ordnance Survey Mapping

2.2.1 Survey Data

Maltby Land Surveys Ltd (MLS) were commissioned to gather channel and structure survey data to inform the model. MLS had previously undertaken survey for the East Stour River on behalf of the EA and via consultation with the EA geomatics team, this survey was made available to Arcadis. New survey data was acquired for the three tributaries and this and the survey data for the East Stour River was used to build the 1D FMP component of the hydraulic model.

2.2.2 Lidar Data

The 2D model domain has been created using 2m resolution, filtered Lidar data downloaded from Defra Data Services Platform in January 2020. The Lidar data has been sampled to create a 2D model domain with a grid cell size of 4m. This is sufficiently small to include floodplain features influencing hydraulic behaviour, whilst ensuring that model run times are not too onerous.

2.2.3 Ordnance Survey Mapping

Ordnance Survey (OS) MasterMap data has been acquired to define the land use type within the 2D model domain. Roughness coefficients are within the 2D domain are assigned according to the land use type as discussed further in Section 4.

3 Hydrological Assessment

This section summarises the Flood Estimation Handbook (FEH) Calculation Record which contains full details regarding the calculations and decisions made during the flood estimation. This is included as Appendix A and has been reviewed and approved by the EA.

3.1 Design Flood Events

Peak flows were estimated at the FEPs shown in in Figure 1 for the following flood events:

- 5% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) (1 in 20 annual chance);
- 1% AEP (1 in 100 annual chance);
- 1% AEP +45CC (1 in 100 annual chance plus a 45% allowance for climate change);
- 1% AEP +105CC (1 in 100 annual chance plus a 105% allowance for climate change); and
- 0.1% AEP (1 in 1,000 annual chance).

Note that the FEH Calculation Record did not report on the 5% AEP as this was added as a requirement at a later stage in the project to define the functional floodplain (Flood Zone 3b). Nonetheless, the same method and growth curves were used to define it.

3.2 Climate Change

In accordance with the EA's latest guidelines on climate change¹, the higher central allowance to 2115 (45%) will be used to assess the risk to the proposed development. The upper end allowance to 2115 (105%) will be used as a sensitivity test for the effects of climate change.

3.3 Hydrological Approach

The catchment area to the downstream boundary of the model is 19.5km² and receives an average annual rainfall of 773mm. The catchment is essentially rural, with only the sub-catchment of the North Lympne Drain characterised as slightly urbanised due to the presence of the village. The catchment is considered to be permeable but not highly permeable and therefore no adjustment for permeability is considered necessary.

Flows were estimated using both the Statistical and ReFH2 methods. Given the presence of gauged data records downstream on the Great Stour the Statistical method was preferred. The hydrographs generated by the ReFH2 method were scaled to match the peak flow estimates from the Statistical method for use as inflows to the hydraulic model.

3.4 Application of Flood Flows to the Hydraulic Model

As discussed in Section 2.1, the downstream boundary was originally envisaged to be downstream of Aldington FSA. As the project progressed, it was decided to relocate this upstream of the FSA, but not before the FEH Calculation Record was originally prepared. Nonetheless, in consultation with the EA the peak flows originally defined for FEP5 have been apportioned to provide additional inflows for the hydraulic model and this is detailed further in Appendix A within the approved FEH Calculation Record.

A total of 6 inflows have been applied to the model, including 4 lumped catchment (FEPs 1-4) and two intervening areas which have been apportioned from FEP5 and distributed across the model as lateral inflows. A summary of the peaks flows for the six model inflows is provided in Table 1 and the hydrographs for the 1% AEP event included in Figure 2.

¹ https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climate-change-allowances

Table 1: Summary of peak flows.

Location	5% AEP	1% AEP	1% AEP +45%	1% AEP + 105%	0.1% AEP
East Stour US (FEP1)	1.71	2.51	3.64	5.15	5.09
Racecourse Drain (FEP2)	0.20	0.28	0.42	0.60	0.58
North Lympne Drain (FEP3)	0.52	0.75	1.09	1.54	1.47
Harringe Brook (FEP4)	0.58	0.86	1.25	1.76	1.68
Fast Stour Lat1	0.74	0.95	1.37	1.94	1.83
East Stour Lat2	1.00	1.29	1.87	2.64	2.49

Figure 2: 1% AEP hydrograph of the model inflows.

4 Hydraulic Modelling

The assessment of fluvial flood risk has been undertaken using a newly built FMP TUFLOW model in accordance with EA guidelines and best practice. A linked 1D-2D model approach has been taken since it combines the complementary strengths of 1D models (e.g. accurate representation of in-bank flows and channel features such as bridges and culverts) and 2D models (e.g. simulation of complex floodplain flows). The modelling has been undertaken using FMP version 4.5.1.6163 and TUFLOW build 2018-03-AE-iDPw64.

4.1 Model Geometry

The model represents a 7.4km long reach of the East Stour River from approximately 360m upstream of the M20 to Church Lane, which is approximately 1.4km downstream of the site red line boundary. Three tributaries of the East Stour, referred to as the Racecourse Drain, North Lympne Drain and Harringe Brook have been included in the 1D domain for lengths of 1.4km, 1.7km and 1.1km respectively. The model extent is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Hydraulic model extent. (© OpenStreetMap contributors)

The 1D channel geometry is based on surveyed cross-sections which is linked to a 2D model domain which uses Lidar data to define the topography. Structures, such as weirs, bridges and culverts have been included within the 1D model domain.

4.2 Roughness

The channel survey and photographs of in-channel bed and bank conditions show the East Stour River to be wide enough to be reasonably clear of overhanging vegetation. The survey photographs recorded the presence of weed growth in places and so a Manning's 'n' value of 0.04 has generally been used; but this has been adjusted where the survey photos show the channel to be notably different. The tributaries are

narrower and were observed to be more vegetated than the East Stour River; therefore, a 'n' value of 0.05 has generally been used for the channel, with adjustments where necessary.

The OS MasterMap data was used to classify the different land uses and assign appropriate Manning's 'n' values to represent the variation of roughness within the floodplain.

4.3 Boundary Conditions

Six inflow boundaries have been applied as flow-time units in the FMP model. Four of these were applied at the upstream boundaries of the East Stour and three tributaries, whilst the remaining two inflows have been applied as lateral inflows and distributed within the model.

The 1D downstream boundary is defined using an FMP normal depth boundary. The surveyed channel gradient of 1 in 1,000 has been used to define the slope used in the automatic generation of the flow-head relationship. All modelled events remain in-channel at this location and, therefore a downstream boundary for the 2D domain is not necessary.

4.4 Model Validation and Sensitivity Testing

4.4.1 Model Validation

It is common practice to calibrate and verify hydraulic models with anecdotal accounts of flooding within a study area, in order to ensure that the model gives the best possible representation of the physical characteristics which control the flood conditions. It is likely that the rural nature of the subject watercourses and the absence of key receptors is the reason why anecdotal information on out of bank flooding is not available in this location. However, there is a river level gauge on the East Stour at Barrow Hill Bridge which although it only has a 4.5 year record, can provide some context for the modelled flood levels. The gauge corresponds to model node ESTO01_15396; Figure 4 shows the recorded levels relative to modelled and surveyed water levels.

Figure 4: Comparison of East Stour gauge record with modelled flood levels.

Figure 4 indicates that the modelled 1% AEP level has been exceeded on three occasions since the gauge record began in October 2015. This suggests that the model may be under predicting water levels in this location. This issue has been previously raised with the EA although no comments on draft modelled flood extents or any anecdotal flood records related to the modelled river reach have been received to date. The hydrology was also reviewed and approved by the EA as fit for use in this modelling exercise.

4.4.2 Mass Balance and Model Stability

In addition to the validation discussions above, a review of key model health indicators and model sensitivity testing has been undertaken.

The mass balance errors reported by FMP and TUFLOW have been reviewed for the 1% AEP event including a 45% allowance for climate change. FMP reports a mass balance error of -0.21% which is well within the generally accepted tolerance limits of $\pm 1\%$ and only 0.12% of the simulation failed to converge on a solution. Of the timesteps which failed to converge, 52% are associated with node HAR010049OU, a small culvert on the Harringe Brook. Detailed review of the results in this location confirms that the stage plots upstream and downstream of the culvert are stable. A further 46% are associated with node ESTO01_16322 with the remaining 2% are associated with node EST1_17959cd, a culvert on the East Stour. Stage plots at both these locations are stable.

The TUFLOW model reports a cumulative mass balance error at the start of the simulation of +2.26% which quickly settles down and then reaches an absolute peak of -0.94% at approximately 14.5 hours into the simulation. The final cumulative mass balance error is -0.74% and this is within the tolerance limits of $\pm 1\%$ and therefore the simulations are considered acceptable.

A review of the results across the model confirm that the stage and flow hydrographs are generally stable and free of oscillation. The key exception to this is culvert RCD010869C on the Racecourse Drain which exhibits some instability due to the combination of the upstream weir and narrow culvert entrance. Investigations have confirmed that, despite the oscillation in stage upstream, water levels are sufficiently above bank to cause flooding and therefore it is considered that the overland flow path predicted gives a conservative representation of flooding in this area.

4.4.3 Sensitivity Tests

Sensitivity of the model to the selected roughness coefficients and to the downstream boundary condition was assessed for the 1% AEP event.

Increasing the roughness coefficients by 20% gave an average (median) increase in the peak water level of 60mm. The impact on modelled flood extents as a result of increasing roughness is predominantly minor; the two main exceptions to this are downstream of ESTO01_18447 and ESTO01_17350 where additional out of bank flood pathways are predicted.

A reduction in roughness coefficients of 20% caused the model to become unstable. Investigations into the reasons for this concluded that neither a reduction in coefficients of 10% nor a reduction only within channel would run stably. It is therefore concluded that the model is sensitive to a reduction in roughness coefficient. However detailed investigations into the source of this are not necessary given the generally limited out of bank flooding and the small impact on modelled flood extents observer for the increase roughness test.

The slope used to model the downstream boundary was varied by plus / minus 20%. Results demonstrate that the impact of this change extends for 460m upstream of the model boundary. This is downstream of the site boundary and is therefore acceptable.

4.5 Flood Extents

The model outputs from TUFLOW have been imported to GIS software and used to map the flood extents, which are included in Appendix B.

For the East Stour River, the 5% AEP event remains entirely within channel, only entering the 2D domain of the model where there are secondary channels. This also remains mostly the case for the 1% AEP event, where the only notable water on the floodplain is:

- just north of Westenhanger Castle:
- on the left bank of where the East Stour flows south to north under High Speed 1and the Eastern Main Line; and
- just upstream of Barrow Hill.

5 Assumption and Limitations

The following assumptions and limitations in estimating the flood flows are acknowledged:

- Catchment descriptors derived for the FEPs are suitably representative of the corresponding catchment conditions.
- Use of the 40022 Great Stour @ Chart Leacon gauging station as a donor station for the purpose of data transfer is appropriate for the sites in this study.
- The Statistical method is intended principally for AEP events between 50% and 0.5% years. Given the typically short length of river gauge records, there are significant uncertainties associated with applying the method to more extreme events. However, the Hybrid method was used to derive flood peaks for events greater than the 1% AEP event.
- Catchment wetness has been modelled using the standard FEH catchment descriptors, however as the subject catchments are relatively permeable there is potential for them to have a different runoff response if rain falls when they already saturated.

The following assumptions and limitations in the hydraulic modelling are acknowledge:

- The model geometry is based on a combination of survey data for the channels and in channel structures and lidar for the floodplain. The accuracy of the model is therefore subject to any inherent inaccuracies in the data supplied.
- The highly vegetated nature of the upper reaches of the Racecourse Drain, limited the extent to which the survey could be completed and therefore there is some uncertainty as to the exact location of the channel.
- Model cross sections have been surveyed at regular intervals however cost implications of obtaining surveys mean that not all changes in the channel geometry will be picked up. Lidar data has therefore been used to assist in highlighting locations where the channel does change and to generate 'synthesised' channel sections to add more detail.
- Sensitivity testing has demonstrated that the model results in the vicinity of the site are not influenced by the choice of downstream boundary gradient.
- A best assessment of roughness coefficients has been made based on site photos and aerial photography. Sensitivity testing has been used to assess the implications of this choice and highlighted only two locations where the flood extents / mechanisms change significantly. This will not change the overall conclusions of the wider study.
- No anecdotal evidence of flooding on the site was available for model validation. Therefore, an assessment has been made using 4.5 years' worth of gauge data. This indicates that the model may be under predicting flood levels although further discussion with the EA is required on this.

6 Conclusions

The aim of this report is to document the flood modelling methodology to facilitate review by the Environment Agency. It does not constitute a Flood Risk Assessment, which will be prepared separately.

This hydraulic modelling study has determined the baseline flood extents for five design events on the East Stour River at its three tributaries. Modelled flood levels and mapped flood extents will be used to inform the design of the Otterpool Park Garden Town Masterplan and preparation of the OPA documentation.

Sensitivity testing carried out during this study indicates that the impact of changing roughness and the downstream boundary condition does not have a significant impact on the modelled flood extents.

Comparison of modelled flood levels with a limited period of gauge record within the model extent suggests that the model may be under predicting flood levels and further discussion with EA is required to resolve this.

Once formally approved, these baseline flood mapping outputs are intended to replace the published Environment Agency flood outlines as they are derived from a more detailed modelling study than that currently used. As such, they will be used to inform the sequential approach in allocating specific land uses within the masterplan and inform the FRA preparation.

The approved baseline model can then be used to test the proposed bridge crossings over the East Stour and develop suitable mitigation options in consultation with the Environment Agency.

APPENDIX A FEH Calculation Record

Introduction

This document is a supporting document to the Environment Agency's flood estimation guidelines. It provides a record of the calculations and decisions made during flood estimation. It will often be complemented by more general hydrological information given in a project report. The information given here should enable the work to be reproduced in the future. This version of the record is for studies where flood estimates are needed at multiple locations.

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Environment Agency competence levels are covered in [Section 2.1](file://///STORAGE2/General/MSS%20Team/Influence%20and%20Inform/Publish%20Info/Internal/DMS/2008/151_200/197_08/197_08.doc%23Chapter2) of the flood estimation guidelines:

• Level 1 – Hydrologist with minimum approved experience in flood estimation

• Level 2 – Senior Hydrologist

• Level 3 – Senior Hydrologist with extensive experience of flood estimation

ABBREVIATIONS

1.1 Overview of requirements for flood estimates

1.2 Overview of catchment

1.3 Source of flood peak data

1.4 Gauging stations (flow or level)

(at the sites of flood estimates or nearby at potential donor sites)

Note: 40023 East Stour at South Willesborough is situated on the subject watercourse just downstream of the study reach, however there is no peak flow data record published for this station in the National River Flow Archive.

1.5 Data available at each flow gauging station

1.6 Rating equations

1.7 Other data available and how it has been obtained

1.8 Initial choice of approach

2 Locations where flood estimates required

The table below lists the locations of subject sites. The site codes listed below are used in all subsequent tables to save space.

2.1 Summary of subject sites

2.2 Important catchment descriptors at each subject site (incorporating any changes made)

Given that runoff from the new development at Otterpool Park will be managed to ensure no increase in peak rainfall runoff volumes or rates of discharge to the East Stour further updates to the URBEXT2000 parameter are not required. The surface water management proposals are detailed in the Otterpool Park Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0010).

2.3 Checking catchment descriptors

3 Statistical method

3.1 Search for donor sites for QMED (if applicable)

3.2 Donor sites chosen and QMED adjustment factors

3.3 Overview of estimation of QMED at each subject site

for such catchments. In this case the only reliable flood estimates are likely to be derived from local flow data. The data transfer procedure is from Science Report SC050050. The QMED adjustment factor A/B for each donor site is given in Table 3.3. This is moderated using the power term, a, which is a function of the distance between the centroids of the subject catchment and the donor catchment. The final estimate of QMED is (A/B)^a times the initial estimate from catchment descriptors.

If more than one donor has been used, use multiple rows for the site and give the weights used in the averaging. Record the weighted average adjustment factor in the penultimate column.

3.4 Derivation of pooling groups

The composition of the pooling groups is given in the Annex.

Notes

Pooling groups were derived using the revised procedures from Science Report SC050050 (2008). The weighted average L-moments, before urban adjustment, can be found at the bottom of the Pooling-group details window in WINFAP-FEH.

Notes

Methods: SS – Single site; P – Pooled; ESS – Enhanced single site; J – Joint analysis

A pooling group (or ESS analysis) derived at one gauge can be applied to estimate growth curves at a number of ungauged sites. Each site may have a different urban adjustment, and therefore different growth curve parameters. Urban adjustments to growth curves should use the version 3 option in WINFAP-FEH: Kjeldsen (2010). Growth curves were derived using the revised procedures from Science Report SC050050 (2008).

3.6 Flood estimates from the statistical method

4 Revitalised flood hydrograph (ReFH) 2.3 method

4.1 Parameters for ReFH model

4.2 Design events for ReFH method

Whilst the URBEXT values identify the catchments as essentially rural, the use of the Urban model as opposed to the Rural model is justified to account for small areas of existing development within the study catchments.

The winter rainfall profile is considered appropriate as per the ReFH2.3 Technical Guidance which notes that the summer profile should be applied when either URBEXT2000 is >0.30 or URBEXT2000 >0.15 to $<$ 0.30 and BFIHOST $>$ 0.65.

4.3 Flood estimates from the ReFH method

5.1 Comparison of results from different methods

This table compares peak flows from the ReFH method with those from the FEH Statistical method for the 1 in 100 year (1% AEP) return period event.

5.2 Final choice of method

5.3 Assumptions, limitations and uncertainty

5.4 Checks

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5.5 Final results

6.1 Pooling group composition

PG1_DEFAULT POOLING GROUP

PG1_FINAL POOLING GROUP

PG2_DEFAULT POOLING GROUP

PG2_FINAL POOLING GROUP

PG3_DEFAULT POOLING GROUP

PG3_FINAL POOLING GROUP

PG4_DEFAULT POOLING GROUP

Total 511 Weighted means **0.228** 0.257

PG4_FINAL POOLING GROUP

PG5_DEFAULT POOLING GROUP

PG5_FINAL POOLING GROUP

6.2 Hydrographs

During the model development it was identified that inclusion of the Aldington Flood Storage Area (FSA) within the model would introduce significant difficulty and uncertainty as information release on the construction details and how the facility operates are currently restricted due to public safety and national security concerns. Additionally, there are several catchments which flow into the FSA further downstream of the Otterpool Park site and it is expected that the behaviour of the flood storage area would be dependent on the timing of the different peak flows from these catchments. This will involve development of a complex hydrological and hydraulic model, which is not within the current project scope.

The primary purpose of this study is to assess the flood risk from the effects of climate change to the proposed development and ensure a robust sequential approach is adopted to manage flood risk over its design life as per the NPPF requirements. Additionally, the model will be used to assess the impact of the proposed development on offsite flood risk and demonstrate that the proposed measures can adequately mitigate any negative impacts. A comparison of the hydrographs and levels from the baseline and post-development scenario will be made at the downstream boundary of the model to assess any downstream flood risk impacts.

As such, the downstream boundary of the model has been moved to Church Lane, upstream of the Aldington FSA. FEP5 would have been used to apply a series of lateral inflows to the model by apportioning the peak flow according to contributing areas at key locations (such as upstream of significant structures or the location of confluences). FEP5 has still been used in this way, but only with the two intervening areas ESTO_LAT1 and ESTO_LAT2 as presented in the below image. These intervening areas cover 6.1% and 8.3% of the total catchment area of FEP5 and the hydrograph for FEP5 has been scaled accordingly to provide lateral inflows for the model.

Figure 1: FEPs, subject watercourses and gauging station (40022 Great Stour @ Chart Leacon)

Table 2: Comparison of FEH catchment descriptors (FEH Web Service) with manual checks using method in Institute of Hydrology Report No.126

Table 3: Comparison of Z values for choice of distribution for each FEP

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APPENDIX I Baseline Hydrology Update

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1. Introduction

Following on from the previously issued East Stour Flow Sensitivity Test report (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0028-P1-Flow Sensitivity Test), this memo details the outcome of further investigation of the runoff response of the East Stour catchment under different antecedent conditions. The previous report detailed the results of a sensitivity test to analyse the effects of an exceptionally wet antecedent period on flows in the catchment. The results of the test indicated that flows in the East Stour are responsive, and the tested combination of antecedent wetness and design rainfall resulted in modelled water levels that were higher than indicated in the gauge record at Barrowhill Bridge.

Further analysis of historical rainfall data has been undertaken to identify antecedent conditions that are more typical, such that when combined with design rainfall modelled water levels are more representative of observed levels.

2. Hydrology

2.1 Cini Updates

To test a range of antecedent conditions, the Cini parameter (representing initial soil moisture) within ReFH models of the East Stour and key tributaries that flow through the proposed development site, has been generated from observed rainfall data records. Following analysis of rainfall records from the Silver Spray storage rain gauge located in Sellindge, at NGR: TR 10250 38130, two 6-month periods of rainfall from February to August 2015 and October to March 2018 were identified as representing typical wet periods. A comparison of the two observed rainfall periods selected for analysis is shown Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Antecedent Rainfall Event Summary

The daily rainfall total for these two 6-month periods were applied in the ReFH models to generate Cini values for each period. Design rainfall events, for the 1% and 5% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) storms, were then applied to the catchments, combined with the updated Cini values to generate flow hydrographs. The peak flows produced at each Flow Estimation Point (FEP), are detailed in Table 2-2. The table includes the baseline peak flows, derived from the ReFH catchment descriptor modelled Cini values, the sensitivity test peak flows, based upon a Cini value derived from 6 months of rainfall data during an exceptionally wet period from October 2000 to February 2001, and the peak flows produced from modelling the August 2015 and March 2018 antecedent periods.

Table 2-2: Peak Flows derived from updated Cini value for each Flow Estimation Point (FEP)

*Cini value derived from 6 months period of daily rainfall total data preceding the specified date

2.2 Climate Change allowance updates

The Environment Agency (EA) released new peak river flow climate change allowances in July 2021¹ , in line with these updates. The climate change allowances previously applied in the modelling study (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0021-P2-Flood Modelling Report), have been updated. Table 2-3 shows the previous climate change allowances for the central, higher central and upper end estimates alongside the updated values for the Stour catchment.

Table 2-3: EA Peak River Flow Climate Change Allowances

The new guidance indicates that the central allowance is now applicable to inform future flood risk for 'more vulnerable' developments, including residential developments. Previously the guidance required the Higher Central estimate to be applied. This was confirmed through consultation with the EA in October 2021², as such the model has been run with a climate change allowance of 38%, with a sensitivity test for the upper end allowance of 101%.

3. River Modelling Results

The hydraulic model was run for the 5%, 1%, 0.1%, 1% + Central (38%) Climate Change allowance and 1% + Upper End (101%) Climate Change allowance events, using the hydrographs generated from the ReFH runs. The results of the modelling (peak water levels) for the 1% and 5% AEP events were compared against the previously modelled baseline water levels. The 1% AEP event was used to compare against the EA flood map, Flood Zone 3.

Based on these results, as described below, the antecedent conditions represented by modelling the March 2018 observed rainfall were taken forward.

3.1 Peak Modelled Water Levels

For the 5% AEP event the updated Cini value has resulted in an increase in peak modelled water level at the Barrowhill Bridge gauge of 0.6m, from 59.91mAOD in the original baseline to 60.51mAOD. For the 1% AEP event has water levels have increased by 1.03m, from 60.13mAOD to 61.16mAOD.

The peak water levels modelled are lower for both the 5% and 1% AEP events relative to the previous sensitivity test by 0.24m and 0.36m respectively.

The modelled 5% AEP water level lies between the two highest recorded levels at Barrowhill Bridge (60.349mAOD and 60.797mAOD) and the modelled water level for the 1% AEP event is very similar to the highest recorded level – see Figure 1.

¹ Environment Agency, Climate change allowances for peak river flow in England, Based on 1981-2000 baseline. June 2021, accessed via: https://environment.data.gov.uk/hydrology/climate-change-allowances

² Email correspondence with the EA dated 5th October 2021.

Figure 1: Comparison of observed water levels with modelled water levels in the baseline (BSC), sensitivity and updated runs.

3.2 Downstream Flood Conditions

A comparison of stage and flow at the downstream end of the proposed development site indicates that the peak stage and flows have increased in the updated baseline for both the 1% and 5% AEP events relative to the original baseline. Peak flow for the 1% AEP event has increased by $6.94 \text{m}^3\text{/s}$ with stage increasing by 46mm. For the 5% AEP event flow increased by 3.95m 3 /s and stage by 30mm. Figure 2 to Figure 5 below present comparisons between the stage and flow hydrographs at a model node downstream of the site boundary (ESTO01_13794), just upstream of the bridge at Harringe Lane.

Figure 4: 1% AEP modelled flow, new baseline vs old baseline Figure 5: 5% AEP modelled flow, new baseline vs old baseline

3.3 On site flood extents

The mapped flood extents for the 1% and 5% AEP events for the new baseline along with the EA's Flood Zone 3 extent are shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7 respectively below.

For the 1% AEP event modelled extents now closely match Flood Zone 3 in most areas of the model within the site however the extents are smaller in other areas. The largest differences in flood extents can be seen at the western part of the site.

Figure 6: New 1% AEP Baseline Flood Extent shown with EA Flood Zone 3 mapping

Figure 7: New 5% AEP Baseline Flood Extent shown with EA flood zone 3 mapping

Figure 8 to Figure 13 show comparisons of the previous and updated baseline model runs.

Figure 8: Comparison of new and old baseline model extents for the 5% AEP event at the confluence of the River East Stour and Harringe Brook

Figure 9: Comparison of new and old baseline model extents for the 5% AEP event on the upper reaches of the Racecourse Drain and North Lympne Drain

Figure 10: Comparison of new and old baseline model extents for the 5% AEP event at the confluence of the River East Stour with the North Lympne Drain and Racecourse Drain

Figure 11: Comparison of new and old baseline model extents for the 1% AEP event at the confluence of the River East Stour and Harringe Brook

Figure 12: Comparison of new and old baseline model extents for the 1% AEP event on the upper reaches of the Racecourse Drain and North Lympne Drain

Figure 13: Comparison of new and old baseline model extents for the 1% AEP event at the confluence of the River East Stour with the North Lympne Drain and Racecourse Drain

3.4 Mass Balance and Model Stability

A review of the updated baseline key model health indicators and model sensitivity testing has been undertaken. The mass balance errors reported by FMP and TUFLOW have been reviewed for the 1% AEP event including a 38% climate change allowance. FMP reports a mass balance error of -0.33% which is well within the generally accepted tolerance limits of $\pm 1\%$ and only 1.05% of the simulation failed to converge on a solution. Of the timesteps with poor model convergence, 88% are associated with node EST1 16998 where a spill unit is present. A detailed review of the results in this location confirms that the stage plots upstream and downstream of the culvert are stable.

The TUFLOW model reports a cumulative mass balance error of -0.28%, this lies within the tolerance limits of ±1% and therefore the simulation is considered acceptable. The TUFLOW messages layer identifies only three warning / check messages, of which the majority refer to a check for repeat application of a HX boundary, which is acceptable at the locations at which it occurs. The remaining warnings are not significant. The model is deemed stable and suitable for informing flood risk to the development area.

3.5 Sensitivity Tests

Sensitivity of the model to the selected roughness coefficients and to the downstream boundary condition was assessed for the 1% AEP event.

Globally increasing the roughness coefficients by 20%, in both 1D and 2D, gave an average (median) increase in the peak water level of 66mm and a maximum increase of 188mm. The impact on the modelled flood extents is visible across the model domain in line with the increases in modelled water level within the 1D channel. A review of the extents and modelled levels indicates increases of approximately 40-60mm in flood depth in the 2D domain. The maximum modelled flood extent remains similar across most of the domain (excluding areas to the north of Partridge Farm, to the east of Harringe Lane, and to east of Stone Street), however, dry islands within this extent become infilled in the sensitivity test.

A reduction in roughness coefficients of 20% caused the model to become unstable. Further testing was undertaken which showed that the stability of the model is sensitive to a reduction in roughness coefficient. However, detailed investigations into the source of this instability are not considered necessary given the small impact on modelled flood extents observed for the increase roughness test.

The slope used to model the downstream boundary was varied by plus / minus 20%. Results demonstrate this change does not impact upon modelled water levels within the majority of the 1D watercourse, with impact only seen to extend for approximately 500m upstream of the model boundary. Similarly, there are no changes within the modelled 2D flood extend upstream of 500m of the model boundary. This is downstream of the site boundary and is, therefore, acceptable.

4. Conclusions

The previous sensitivity testing demonstrated that a greater flow response was induced when rainstorms coincide with saturated antecedent conditions in the East Stour catchment. However, the antecedent period previously modelled was exception, rather than typical, and the flows produced were likely to be overestimated based on comparison of modelled and observed water level data records at Barrowhill Bridge. As such a revised Cini value has been produced, utilising a more typical observed 6-month period of antecedent rainfall, to update the design flow estimates.

The model results indicate that the updated flows produce flood extents for the 1% AEP event that closely match the EA's Flood Zone 3 mapping within the site boundary. Furthermore, the modelled peak stages within the 1D sections correspond closely to the observed levels.

The updated Cini value is concluded to represent antecedent conditions more suitably in the catchment and the revised hydrology based on this parameter will be adopted going forwards.

Sensitivity testing carried out during this study indicates that the impact of changing roughness and the downstream boundary condition does not have a significant impact on the modelled flood extents.

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Modelled Watercourses Existing Ponds/ Lakes Baseline 5% AEP Flood Extent Baseline 1% AEP Flood Extent Baseline 0.1% AEP Flood Extent OPA Site Boundary

Note:

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Flood outlines are for present-day scenario and do not include an allowance for climate change. Allowance for climate change is mapped in a separate drawing (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-DR-CW-0019-P5).

3. The latest hydrology is described in the Baseline Hydrology Update 10029956-AUK-XX-XX-FN-CW-0045-P3

2. The baseline model build methodology is fully described in Flood Modelling Report 10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0021-P2

1. The baseline model build methodology is fully described in Flood Modelling Report 10029956-AUK-

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APPENDIX J Proposed Scheme Modelling

SUBJECT

Otterpool Park: Proposed Development Modelling

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1. Introduction

A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Surface Water Drainage Strategy Report (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0010-P3) has been prepared to support the revised Tier 1 Outline Planning Application for the proposed Development (also known as Otterpool Park) in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the associated Flood Risk & Coastal Change planning practice guidance (PPG) as well as local guidance. The River East Stour, which flows through the proposed Development, has had Flood Zones 2 and 3 mapped by the Environment Agency (EA) using a broad-scale national mapping study (JFLOW). The information available was not suitable for informing site-specific Flood Risk Assessments (FRA) and, therefore, a detailed flood model has been constructed using Flood Modeller Pro (FMP) and TUFLOW to inform the revised FRA.

A bespoke hydraulic model of the River East Stour and three of its tributaries (the Harringe Brook, North Lympne Drain and the Racecourse Drain) has been constructed by Arcadis. The detailed baseline flood model, including the results of the baseline modelling that are detailed in the Flood Modelling Report (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0021-P2), have been reviewed by the Environment Agency (EA). The EA accepted the findings of the baseline modelling and therefore this model has been taken forward for the modelling of the proposed changes to the watercourses and floodplain, resulting from the proposed Development.

Following the baseline modelling, sensitivity testing was undertaken by Arcadis on the effects of antecedent conditions on flows in the catchment. This showed that the catchment was very sensitive to the choice of antecedent conditions and the design event flows were revised based on the outcome of this testing. The testing undertaken and outcomes are detailed in the Baseline Hydrology Update technical note (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-FN-CW-0045-P3).

This document details the modelling works undertaken to model the features of the proposed Development. The design model was developed from the EA approved baseline model and run for the same five events assessed for the baseline modelling: 5%, 1% and 0.1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) events and the 1% AEP + 38% Central Climate Change (CC) and 101% Upper Limit CC events.

2. Model Build

This section describes the changes which have been made to the baseline hydraulic model to represent the following proposed key features which are part of the proposed Development.

2.1 Wetlands

It is proposed that extensive wetland areas will be created as part of the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) and nutrient mitigation measures. The wetlands have been designed using Autodesk InfraWorks and exported as ground elevation grids which are read directly into the model. Three separate grids have been produced, referred to as Area 1, Area 2 and Area 3.

Figure 2-1 to Figure 2-3 below show the extents of the individual wetlands (prefixed with 'W') within

these areas. These wetlands have not been designed to specifically provide stormwater flood attenuation storage as part of the SuDS scheme, as their main purpose will be for water treatment and amenity. Note that the SuDS scheme separately provides the required 1% AEP + 40%¹ climate change stormwater attenuation storage for the new paved and roof areas within the proposed Development. The water treatment and amenity wetlands are located at the downstream end of the SuDS scheme, and they are therefore available to provide additional floodplain storage in extreme events for fluvial flows, potentially reducing the flood peak and attenuating flows. Discussion on the interaction between floodwater and water quality is provided in the Water Cycle Strategy.

Incorporated within the wetlands are open water features, comprising a mixture of shallow pools and deeper ponds with permanent water, to enable water treatment and wider benefits in line with the EA's Guidance Manual for Constructed Wetlands – R&D Technical Report, P2-159/TR2 (2003). Therefore, the model assumes that they are full by applying initial water levels set at 50mm below the ground levels in the wetland. This level has been chosen for stability purposes and to ensure that water does not spill onto or out of the wetlands at the start of the run.

Figure 2-1 Locations of proposed wetlands – Area 1 Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

 1 Note that the climate change allowance for rainfall intensity differs from the climate change allowance applied to peak river flows, in line with EA guidance.

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Figure 2-2 Locations of proposed wetlands – Area 2 Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Figure 2-3 Locations of proposed wetlands – Area 3 Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Some flow from the Harringe Brook is diverted into wetland W7 in Area 1 whereas some flow from the Racecourse Drain is diverted into wetland W8 in Area 2 through offtake channels, which will enhance base flows within these two wetlands. However, the larger flood flows will continue flowing over 700mm high check weir structures (or flumes), which will be located on the existing watercourses immediately downstream of the offtake channel. The other wetlands are fed only by the stormwater from the SuDS

scheme, overland runoff and groundwater seepage; these mechanisms are not modelled in this fluvial flood model.

Flow can enter wetlands W7 and W8 from the existing watercourses via 450mm diameter pipes which have been modelled as flapped orifice units within FMP and connected to the wetlands in the 2D domain. Flapped orifices have been used to prevent backflow into the watercourse from these two wetlands. A single 225mm diameter orifice has been modelled, which is integrated within the 700mm high check weir structures, to control flow passing down the watercourse and help divert baseflow into the wetlands.

Only the drainage features of those wetlands affected by fluvial flooding have been modelled. These are located at the downstream ends of the six wetlands (W7, W4, W10, W5, W12 and W8). Drainage features exist for other wetlands, however they do not interact with the modelled watercourses and therefore have not been included. Flapped outfall orifices have been added to the model at the downstream end of these six wetlands, which will allow them to drain down following flood events.

These flapped outfalls have been added to the model as 100mm diameter orifices, with invert levels set to the base level of the wetlands and connected to the appropriate River East Stour channel cross section in FMP. The orifices have been linked to the 2D TUFLOW domain at their upstream faces and have been modelled as flapped outfalls to prevent water flowing into the wetlands from the River East Stour at all times.

The outfall connections between wetlands W12 and W5 and wetlands W9 and W10 have been modelled as 100mm diameter ESTRY conduits. This is to allow continuous flow through the wetlands so that the water features do not dry out under normal flow conditions.

2.2 Culvert Removal

Five existing culverts under the racecourse track will be removed as part of the proposals; opening the watercourses will reduce flooding and provide ecological benefits. The culverts removed are located on the River East Stour (FMP model nodes ESTO01_17959 and ESTO01_16971) and on the Racecourse Drain (FMP model nodes RCD010930 and RCD010088 and ESTRY model node RCD02_0144). In all locations the levels and dimensions in the new sections of open channel created by the removal of the culverts have been interpolated between the levels at the upstream and downstream faces of the culverts to maintain existing channel capacity. Figure 2-4 shows the locations of the culverts which will be removed.

Figure 2-4 Proposed culvert removals Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

2.3 New bridges

Three new bridges crossing the River East Stour will be created as part of the proposed Development to provide access within the development between the left and right banks of the River East Stour. The bridges are located at the FMP model nodes ESTO01 17618BU, ESTO01 17135BU and ESTO01_16731BU. Figure 2-5 shows the locations of the proposed bridges, Figure 2-6 to Figure 2-8 show the proposed cross sections of the bridges. All cross sections are looking downstream.

The bridges have been designed to be clear spanning resulting in only a minor impediment to floodplain flow. At the location of the first bridge (ESTO01_17618BU), channel realignment is required on both the River East Stour and the North Lympne Drain. The floodplain volume compensation is discussed in Section 2.3.1 below.

The EA have requested that the bridges be expanded to allow for mammal ledges to be created under each bridge. The bridge openings have been extended by 2m on each bank with a two-stage mammal ledge added in the additional chainage. The mammal ledges consist of a 600mm wide section rising from ground level in a 1:2 slope, followed by a flat 500mm wide section with a second 1:1 slope 300mm wide and the final 600mm wide flat section. A mammal ledge has not been added to the left bank of ESTO01_16731BU because this bank is high enough that it is not required.

Figure 2-5 Proposed bridge locations

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Figure 2-6 Proposed bridge at ESTO01_17618BU

Figure 2-7 Proposed bridge at ESTO01_17135BU

Figure 2-8 Proposed bridge at ESTO01_16731BU

2.3.1 Floodplain Volume Compensation

The embankments associated with the proposed bridges reduce the available floodplain storage in the vicinity. In line with the EA requirements, level for level volume compensation is required. As the proposed wetlands are not being used for SuDS attenuation storage, there is an opportunity to use them for the level for level volume compensation. Compensation requirements have been calculated up to the modelled level of the 1% AEP +38% CC. The volume of storage removed by the road embankments has been calculated in 0.1m slices to determine the volume of compensation storage required. Figure 2-5 shows the locations of the proposed compensation areas and Table 2-1 details the lost floodplain volume and available volume within these compensation areas.

Table 2-1 Floodplain volume compensation requirements and volume availability

2.4 New Pond

A new pond has been created along the Racecourse Drain. This is an inline attenuation feature which will be used for both fluvial and surface water (SuDS) storage as well as providing a valuable local amenity. Due to the steep channel gradient (1:41) of the existing watercourse at this location, three weirs will be installed across the pond to ensure that water is retained in the pond. These weirs will be 300mm above the upstream channel bed with a 1m wide notch in the centre located 100mm above the upstream bed level to allow water to flow continuously through the pond, as requested by the EA. They have been modelled using FMP spill units. In addition, some minor reprofiling of the channel bed will be carried out to further manage water levels within the pond.

A plan view of the pond and weirs is shown in Figure 2-9. A long section showing the proposed bed and weir crest levels is shown in Figure 2-10.

Figure 2-9 Proposed location of pond and weirs (in red) Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Figure 2-10 Proposed long section through the pond

3. Model Results

The model has been run for the same five events as the baseline model: the 5%, 1% and 0.1% AEP events and the 1% AEP + 38% CC and 101% CC events. The results of the proposed model runs have been compared against the baseline model runs to confirm that the proposed changes to the model do not result in any detrimental impacts on the site or to third parties.

3.1 Downstream Flood Conditions and Third Party Flooding

Comparing the flow at the downstream end of the site shows a slight decrease in peak flow, due to the attenuation effects of the wetlands, between the baseline and the proposed scenarios, potentially offering a slight betterment downstream of the site. Figure 3-1 shows the comparison of the flow hydrographs for the 5% AEP and 1% AEP +38%CC events (these events have been chosen to show a range of flow conditions).

Figure 3-1 Comparison of flows at Harringe Lane bridge for the 5% AEP and 1% AEP +38% CC events

The hydrograph shows only minor differences for the 5% AEP event with the peak of the proposed scenario being 0.40m³s⁻¹ below that of the baseline and the shape of the hydrograph unchanged.

For the 1% AEP +38% CC event, the hydrograph shows that the peak flow has been reduced by 0.65 m 3 s $^{-1}$ and that the occurrence of the peak flow has been delayed by 30mins. The attenuation is due to water being stored in the wetlands and being released slowly into the River East Stour as the flood peak passes.

The two events show that the proposed works associated with the Otterpool Park development will not have a detrimental impact on flood risk associated with the River East Stour and, in larger events, a slight betterment for third parties downstream of the site is predicted.

A rating curve has been extracted at the downstream extent of the model (Figure 3-2) to demonstrate that the proposed scenario will not alter the operation of the Aldington FSA, located 1.5km downstream of Otterpool Park. The relationship between flow and stage remains virtually unchanged, confirming that any control structures associated with the FSA should operate as they do at present.

Figure 3-2 Comparison of rating curve at downstream end of model

3.2 On Site Flood Extents and Depths

When comparing the flood extents, the effects of the proposed wetlands and bridge embankments can be seen. Aside from those areas which have been designed to flood, the impacts are retained within the existing flood envelope. Figure 3-3 to Figure 3-6 illustrate the difference between the 1% AEP +38% CC event flood extents for the baseline and proposed scenarios only at locations where the flood extents have changed. The full flood extents for all modelled events are shown in drawings "10029956-AUK-XX-XX-DR-CW-0018-P5-Baseline Flood Extents" and "10029956-AUK-XX-XX-DR-CW-0019-P5- Baseline Flood Extents with Climate Change" for the baseline scenario and "10029956-AUK-XX-XX-DR-CW-0031-P3-Proposed Flood Extents" and "10029956-AUK-XX-XX-DR-CW-0032-P3-Proposed Flood Extents with Climate Change" for the proposed scenario.

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Figure 3-3 Comparison of baseline and proposed flood extents for the 1% AEP +38% CC at the confluence of the River East Stour and Harringe Brook

Figure 3-4 Comparison of baseline and proposed flood extents for the 1% AEP +38% CC at the confluence of the

River East Stour with the North Lympne Drain and Racecourse Drain

Figure 3-5 Comparison of baseline and proposed flood extents for the 1% AEP +38% CC on the upper reaches of the Racecourse Drain

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Figure 3-6 Comparison of baseline and proposed flood extents for the 1% AEP +38% CC at the upstream end of North Lympne Drain

The figures show that outside of the areas where the wetlands have been created, the flood extents generally remain unchanged. In the areas where wetlands have been created the flood extents follow the outline of the wetlands indicating that they are operating as flood storage as intended. This has resulted in a reduction in flood extents at some locations and an increase in those where the wetlands have reprofiled the floodplain. This is acceptable as the wetlands are designed to accommodate this water.

The embankments associated with the proposed bridges have a minimal impact on the flood extents as they are mitigated for by the additional storage within the proposed wetlands.

The culvert removals have also had a minimal impact on flood extents, the only exception being the removal of a culvert (node RCD010930) on the Racecourse Drain. The removal of this culvert has removed the baseline flooding associated with its limited capacity (Figure 3-5). The creation of an inline pond at this location also has no significant impact on flood extents in the area.

With the exception of the water compatible wetlands and the proposed bridges the development of the site will not be situated in the floodplain and there will be no impact from fluvial flooding on the proposed development.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

4.1 Conclusions

The design (with proposed Development) model has been developed from the previously approved baseline model. The proposed wetlands and ponds have been added to the model along with three bridges spanning the River East Stour and its floodplain. Five existing culverts under the former racecourse have been removed and an inline pond has been added to the Racecourse Drain.

The addition of the bridges and the ponds have a minimal impact on floodplain flows and extents. The culvert removals also have a minimal impact except for a culvert (node RCD010930) on the Racecourse Drain which has removed a constriction from the watercourse, alleviating previously predicted flooding in the area.

The addition of the wetlands has slightly reduced and delayed the peak of the flood for larger events as water is stored in the wetlands before being slowly released back into the River East Stour as the flood peak passes.

With the exception of the water compatible wetlands and the proposed bridges, the development of the site will not be situated in the floodplain.

The modelling of the proposed Development scenario has shown that through the site the impacts of the proposed changes are confined to the existing floodplain area and that they have no detrimental impact on third parties downstream or upstream.

4.2 Recommendations

Recommendations in relation to the management and assessment of flood risk are covered in the FRA Report (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0010-P3) written to support the Otterpool Park revised Tier 1 outline planning application.

With regard to the proposed scheme modelling, it is recommended that the proposed scenario is remodelled following any major updates to the proposed design as it progresses through the detailed design stages, to ensure that the future updates do not have an adverse impact on flood risk to the site or third parties.

Footprint of Proposed Bridge and Embankments Existing Culverts to be Removed Proposed Online Pond Proposed Wetlands Modelled Watercourses Existing Ponds/ Lakes Proposed 5% AEP Flood Extent Proposed 1% AEP Flood Extent Proposed 0.1% AEP Flood Extent OPA Site Boundary

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.. Flood outlines are for present-day scenario and do not include an allowance for climate change. Allowance for climate change for the proposed development scheme is mapped in a seperate drawing (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-DR-CW-0032-P3).

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2. The modelling methodology of the proposed bridges, wetlands/ponds and the removal of existing culverts are fully described in Proposed Scheme Modelling technical note (10029956-AUK-XX-XX-RP-CW-0033-P3)

3. Only fluvial flood extents directly linked with the modelled watercourses are shown on this drawing. Note that the proposed wetlands and SuDS features will also have additional designated storage areas, which can hold stormwater as permanently wet or temporarily wet f eatures (i.e. under flood conditions).

Note:

4. The latest hydrology is described in the Baseline Hydrology Update 10029956-AUK-XX-XX-FNCW-0045-P3

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APPENDIX K Groundwater modelling

SUBJECT Hydrogeological assessment and estimate of groundwater mounding for proposed SUDS drainage basins at the Otterpool Park development

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1 Introduction

Shepway District Council plans on developing Otterpool Park as a new garden town at a location southeast of Ashford. The development includes a sustainable urban drainage management system (SUDS). An assessment of the potential for groundwater flooding caused by SUDS to confirm hydrogeological risks has therefore been requested by the Arcadis Water Management Team.

The Otterpool Park development is centred on NGR TR115366. As shown in [Figure 1](#page-89-0) there are several phasing zones to the development which include individual SUDS drainage areas. The location and allocated infiltration rates of the SUDS areas has been provided by Arcadis Water Management Team (Arcadis, 2020a) (Arcadis, 2020b) (Arcadis, 2020c).

Figure 1 Otterpool Park Development and proposed SUDS areas

Section [2](#page-90-0) of this memo briefly describes our conceptual model of the hydrogeology of the site and a summary of the method used to calculate groundwater mounding. The results are presented in section [3.](#page-94-0) Our conclusions and recommendations are listed in section [4.](#page-97-0)

2 Assessment method

2.1 Introduction

Our method of assessment has been to develop a conceptual understanding of the hydrogeology of the site, followed by analytical calculations to estimate groundwater mounding beneath each of the SUDS drainage areas. These calculations will be performed using infiltration rates representative of 1 in 100 year rainfall event. Therefore, mounding caused by less intense rainfall will result in lower values than being calculated.

2.2 Conceptual model

Our conceptual model of the site is based on the following sources of information:

- BGS GeoIndex mapping reference tool (British Geological Survey, 2020)
- PBA report (Peter Brett Associates, 2008)
- Arcadis Factual GI report Otterpool Park (Arcadis, 2017)
- Hydrogeological assessment report (Arcadis, 2018)

[Figure 2](#page-91-0) shows the OS 1:25000 scale map of the proposed Otterpool Park area and surrounds. The topography varies significantly across the site from elevations of 175.5 m aOD to 13.2 m aOD at the East River Stour. The site includes a spring in the central southeast area of the site (adjacent to Newingreen Farm), and two smaller streams which flow north to join the East River Stour. The spring indicates that groundwater levels are likely to be close to ground level in the Newingreen Farm area, which is within the East Otterpool phasing zone of the site.

Figure 2 OS map extract showing the line of cross section across Otterpool development site

Borehole logs and trial pits from a ground investigation (Arcadis, 2017) and LIDAR data at a resolution of 1 m (Environment Agency, 2020) were used to produce a geological cross-section across the centre of the development site from north to south [\(Figure 3](#page-92-0) and as per line of section shown in [Figure 2\)](#page-91-0). The position of the line of cross section was chosen in accordance with ground investigation borehole locations and to best capture the full range of the site for conceptualisation. The cross section goes through the centre of the site from south to north [\(Figure 3\)](#page-92-0), cutting through two smaller streams and the East Stour River.

Figure 3 Cross section (borehole offset from line of section as indicated). Question marks provided as depth of Clay is unknown, and the groundwater level in proximity to the East Stour River is also unknown.

In general, the geological sequence comprises of superficial deposits (head and alluvial), overlying the Sandgate Formation, the Hythe Formation and the Atherfield Clay Formation. The head deposits are mapped and identified in boreholes within South Otterpool at the top of the hill. These deposits are typically described as sandy to very sandy clay with occassional coarse flint gravel. The alluvial deposits in the valley and in close proximity to the streams and East Stour River are characterised as slightly gravelly sandy Clay, where gravel is angular fine to coarse sandstone and limestone. The Folkestone Formation comprises medium and coarse-grained, well-sorted cross-bedded sands and weakly cemeted sandstones. The Sandgate Formation is only present beneath the lower level of the site and beneath the East Stour River, and is described as a gravelly sandy siltstone. The Hythe Formation shows heterogenity, in the upper layers it is identified as a fractured micritic limestone, whilst at greater depths it is delineated as a gravelly clayey completely weathered sandstone.

Groundwater levels are typically more than 5 m below ground level (bgl) on the top of the hill (South Otterpool). Shallow (near ground surface) groundwater levels are observed in the vicinity of the East River Stour. Groundwater flow is expected to be north towards the lower site elevations and the river.

Details of the specific geological sequence and groundwater levels encountered within each Phasing Zone are provided in Appendix A.

2.3 Analytical calculations

Groundwater mounding estimates beneath proposed SUDS areas were calculated using the USGS spreadsheet-based solution of the Hantush equation for mounding beneath infiltration basins (United States Geological Society, 2015). The Hantush method proposes a solution describing the growth and decay of groundwater mounds in response to uniform percolation and are widely implemented to estimate water table mounds beneath infiltration basins and other infiltration structures. Using this method, the iterative calculation considers specific yield, horizontal hydraulic conductivity, basin dimensions, water table, thickness of the saturated zone, and the infiltration period. The calculation provides an estimate of water table mounding at a specified time.

The Hantush method assumes a water-table aquifer of infinite extent and finite thickness with a

horizontal, impermeable base; featuring the simplifying assumption that all flow is horizontal (Hantush, 1967). The solution also assumes a negligible change of transmissivity with a change in head, providing results that correspond well with similar analytical solutions and some field measurements (Carleton, 2010).

Input parameters for the groundwater mounding calculation were derived as follows:

- Infiltration rate provided by Arcadis Water Management Team
- SUDS basin dimensions two calculations were performed, one using the combined (total) area of SUDS basins within each Phasing Zone; to provide an estimate of groundwater mounding for the total volume of water infiltrated within that Zone. A second calculation used the dimensions of an individual SUDS basin (polygon measured using GIS) within the Drainage Zone that had the highest infiltration rate; to provide a maximum estimate of groundwater mounding.
- Duration of infiltration provided by Arcadis Water Management Team
- Specific yield and permeability values were collated from several sources as listed in [Table 1.](#page-93-0)

Table 1 Aquifer hydraulic properties used in the calculation of groundwater mounding

Note that lower specific yield values predict greater values of groundwater mounding, so the high mounding estimate is given by the lowest specific yield value. Higher permeability values predict lower groundwater mounding, so the high mounding estimate is given by the lowest permeability value. Whilst the middle mounding estimate is defined using average specific yield and permeability values.

3 Results

3.1 Groundwater mounding

[Table 2](#page-95-0) summarises the results from the groundwater mounding calculations. Appendix A shows the results compared to the estimated depth to groundwater level within each Phasing Zone. This indicates that groundwater mounding is less than the estimated depth to groundwater level and therefore the risk of groundwater flooding due to SUDS infiltration is low in most areas.

The spring located within the East Otterpool Phasing Zone indicates that groundwater levels are likely to be close to ground level in this area. We recommend that an observational approach is taken during construction and/or additional ground investigation be carried out in this area to better assess the risk. By observational approach we mean that if groundwater seepage is noted during construction of the SUDS basins in this area, they should be relocated to different part of the site. It would be prudent however to investigate this area prior to any construction being undertaken.

The calculation for the South Otterpool Zone is based on groundwater mounding in the Hythe Formation because ground investigation data indicates groundwater level is within this formation and there is no evidence of perched groundwater. However, there is risk of SUDS basin infiltration failure in South Otterpool due to the presence of clay head deposits. Soakaway tests in this area indicate highly variable infiltration rates, from no infiltration to extremely fast infiltration (Arcadis, 2017).

The radius (distance) of influence of groundwater mounding is within the range 5 m to 20 m. Therefore, it is unlikely there will be any significant superposition of groundwater mounding between individual SUDS basins. This is due to individual SUDS features being typically >20m apart within the development plan. In addition, groundwater mounding decreases exponentially with distance so superposition will likely be insignificant when combined with mounding from other SUDS basins.

Table 2 Results of groundwater mounding calculations

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4 Conclusions and recommendations

4.1 Conclusions

The adoption of SUDs will invariably lead to an intermittent rise in groundwater levels beneath individual drainage basins that could lead to groundwater flooding and/or failure of the SUDs basin. Groundwater mounding extent has therefore been calculated across the Otterpool Park development site for each of the SUDS basin zones, where higher and middle estimates were estimated to represent the range of uncertainty in calculation input parameters.

Calculations were performed for the combined SUDS areas within each Phasing Zone as well as for individual SUDS basins with the greatest risk of groundwater mounding given the conceptual understanding of the site. The results indicate that groundwater mounding is less than the estimated depth to groundwater level associated with the majority of individual basins assessed and therefore the risk of groundwater flooding and/or basin failure due to SUDS infiltration is low in most areas. In addition, calculations were performed using infiltration values representative of a 1 in 100-year event, where mounding caused by less intense rainfall would be lower than calculated.

However, the spring located within the East Otterpool Phasing Zone indicates that groundwater levels are likely to be close to ground level in this area. Adoption of SUDs in this area may therefore lead to groundwater flooding and/or basin failure. Furthermore, there is risk of basin failure in South Otterpool and due to clay head deposits. Soakaway tests in this area indicate highly variable infiltration rates, from no infiltration to extremely fast infiltration (Arcadis, 2017).

4.2 Recommendations

We recommend that an observational approach is taken during construction and/or additional ground investigation be carried out in the East Otterpool and South Otterpool Phasing Zones to better assess the risk. By observational approach we mean that if clay layers or groundwater seepage is noted during construction of the SUDS basins, they may not be appropriate for that part of the site.

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APPENDIX A

Groundwater mounding calculations

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East Triangle South

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South Otterpool

West Otterpool

Barrow Hill

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APPENDIX L Racecourse Lake Survey

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APPENDIX M MicroDrainage Quick Storage Calculation Printouts

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Storm Event: 1 in 30 Annual Chance

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Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Drainage Zone: East Triangle Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-ET2

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Drainage Zone: East Triangle South Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-ETS

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Storm Event: 1 in 30 Annual Chance

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Drainage Zone: Barrow Hill Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-BH2

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Drainage Zone: Barrow Hill Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-BH5

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Drainage Zone: Barrow Hill Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-BH6

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Drainage Zone: Barrow Hill Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-BH8

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

Drainage Zone: River Stour Drainage Sub-Zone: DR-RS4

Storm Event: 1 in 100 Annual Chance

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