

## W471 – Land at Harleston, Norfolk

### Flooding and drainage note

For Scott Properties

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### Introduction

This note presents the findings of a desktop investigation into flooding and drainage issues for a potential mixed use development site in the east of Harleston, Norfolk. The site is identified as GNLP2136 in the Greater Norwich Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation.

The site extends to approximately 27 ha of predominantly undeveloped greenfield land. The site lies to the west of the A143 and south of Green Lane, and is approximately centred on Ordnance Survey grid reference 625336,283181.

### Flooding

The site lies in Flood Zone 1 (see map extract below) and is not therefore considered to likely to be affected by floodwater from a watercourse (or tidal source).

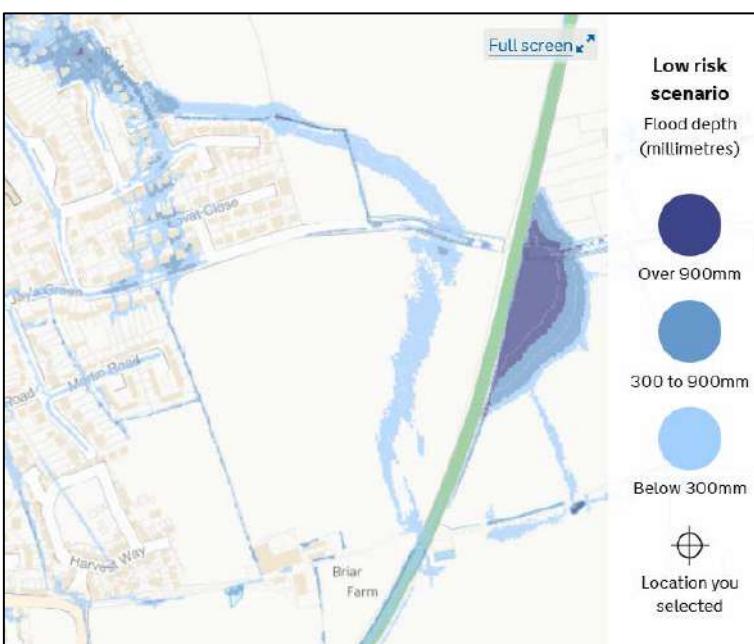


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The surface water flood map for the area (see extracts below) shows a band of shallow low risk, surface water flooding flowing northwards through the east of the site (eventually entering the ditch/watercourse to the north of Green Lane). The map also picks out the land drainage/boundary ditch network on and around the site. The limited extent and/or low probability of the flooding means that it is not considered to pose any notable or unmanageable constraint to the development of the site. The inclusion of a shallow landscaped channel and/or low bund in the east of the site would allow for the surface water flow route to be maintained without causing any negative on or off-site effects.



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The most notable off-site area of flooding shown on the surface water flood map is the pooling to the east of the A143. The pooling is apparently the result of the combination of the alignment of the A143 embankment and a restriction in the Green Lane watercourses/drainage ditches where they have been piped beneath the A143 (the images below show the apparent outlets to the Green Lane watercourses/drainage ditches to the west of the A143).



Headwalls at the heads of the two Green Lane watercourses/drainage ditches to the west of the A 143 (north of Green Lane on the left, south of Green Lane on the east)

As the extent of the pooling upstream of the A143 is limited, and the result of overland rural flow, it is not considered to pose a notable threat to the structure of the A143, or threaten to overwhelm the ‘structure’ and flow towards the site. In other words the area of flooding is not analogous to a reservoir, and the A143 is not acting on the scale of a reservoir embankment or flood defence structure.

The appended Anglian Water sewer plan shows surface water sewers to the west and north of the site. There is also an unmapped short length of surface water sewer along the site’s western boundary. The precise location of the sewer (or its adoption status) is not defined in this note. However, from plans submitted to South Norfolk planning department and the position of manholes observed during a site visit, the sewer is the outfall for the Persimmon Homes “Harvest Way” development. The outfall crosses into the site at a point adjacent to the north-western corner of the Harvest Way basin, runs north (following the western boundary ditch) for some 50 m before outfalling to the ditch through a brick headwall (see images overleaf). For clarity, there is also a length of wastewater sewer shown running from the Harvest Way development to Green Lane, along the western boundary.

None of the surface water sewers in the area are considered to pose a notable or unmanageable threat to the proposed development. In the event that any of them become overloaded (because of an intense rainfall event for example) then any floodwater arising from manholes would tend to be

directed away from the site and/or be intercepted by the existing ditch network. At the masterplanning stage, space for access and a maintenance strip for the boundary ditch and sewers will be provided along the western site boundary. This strip will also allow any flood flows from the surface water sewer to be routed northwards and/or into the ditch.



Image showing the Harvest way development outfall to the western boundary ditch, looking north towards Green Lane  
The site geology (Boulder Clay over Crag) suggests that groundwater flooding (i.e. flooding arising from a significant rise in the level of a regional or local groundwater body) is not a realistic threat to the site.

### **Surface water management**

The site is underlain by Boulder Clay over Crag. British Geological Society (BGS) borehole data (available online) suggests that the Crag is not shallow enough to allow the site to be drained using 'normal' depth infiltration methods. Subject to later stage intrusive investigations it is therefore proposed to discharge runoff from the development to the on-site ditch network. Flows would be limited to the mean annual greenfield runoff rate ( $Q_{BAR}$ ) calculated for the post development impermeable catchment. On-site attenuation would be provided in order to manage the runoff generated by the development for up to and including the 1 in 100 annual probability storm, inclusive of the requisite climate change allowance (currently an allowance of 40 %).

The volume required to attenuate flows to the mean annual greenfield rate per 1 hectare of newly created impermeable cover is approximately  $1,300 \text{ m}^3$  which would readily fit within the site boundary.

### Surface water storage estimate – greenfield discharge

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Pre-development discharge

Site Makeup	Greenfield	OK
Greenfield Method	IH124	Cancel
Positively Drained Area (ha)	1.000	
SAAR (mm)	604	Load
Soil Index	5	
SPR	0.33	
Region	5	
Growth Factor 1 year	0.87	
Growth Factor 30 years	2.55	
Growth Factor 100 years	3.56	
Betterment (%)	0	Calc
QBar (l/s)	1.9	
Q 1 year (l/s)	1.6	
Q 30 year (l/s)	4.8	
Q 100 year (l/s)	6.7	

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
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Storage Estimate

Return Period (years)	100	OK
Climate Change (%)	40	Cancel
Impermeable Area (ha)	1.000	
Peak Discharge (l/s)	1.900	
Infiltration Coefficient (m/hr) (leave blank if no infiltration)		Calc
Required Storage (m <sup>3</sup> )		Calc
from	1195	
to	1308	
With infiltration (m <sup>3</sup> )		
from		
to		



**Appended information**  
Anglian Water sewer plans



Manhole Reference	Easting	Northing	Liquid Type	Cover Level	Invert Level	Depth to Invert	Manhole Reference	Easting	Northing	Liquid Type	Cover Level	Invert Level	Depth to Invert	Manhole Reference	Easting	Northing	Liquid Type	Cover Level	Invert Level	Depth to Invert
0200	625032	283266	F	-	-	-	9701	624987	282763	F	39.91	38.1	1.81							
0301	625035	283379	F	32.24	31.21	1.03	9702	624989	282747	F	40.02	38.31	1.71							
0302	625080	283328	F	33.58	32.44	1.14	9801	624922	282844	F	38.19	36.23	1.96							
0303	625065	283353	F	32.85	31.26	1.59	9802	624925	282817	F	39.23	36.57	2.66							
0401	625023	283475	F	30.31	28.07	2.24	9803	624970	282836	F	39.91	37.1	2.11							
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0404	625078	283449	F	31.29	29.66	1.63	9806	624901	282894	F	-	-	-							
0502	625005	283662	F	28.1	26.71	1.39	9807	624988	283833	F	23.37	20.896	2.474							
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0604	625002	283542	F	28.56	26.93	1.63	9809	624916	283011	F	22.457	20.807	1.65							
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