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Appendix L Preliminary Risk Assessment



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PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SCHEME: 23-25 MILL STREET, SLOUGH

> FLOOD RISK STATEMENT AND DRAINAGE STRATEGY

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## PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: DITTON EDGE (SITE B)

## PRELIMINARY RISK ASSESSMENT

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. Ardent Consulting Engineers (hereafter referred to as Ardent) has been appointed by East Malling Trust to undertake a Groundwater Preliminary Risk Assessment.
- 3.2. This assessment has been prepared to be included in the Flood Risk Assessment dated November 2018.
- 3.3. The aim of this Preliminary Risk Assessment is to confirm the proposed Surface Water Drainage Strategy provides appropriate treatment of surface water runoff prior to discharging to the ground.
- 3.4. The Environment Agency Position Statements G1 and G9 to G13 included in The Environment Agency's approach to groundwater protection, dated February 2018, Version 1.2, detail the minimum requirements in order to protect groundwater.

#### 2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Geological conditions

2.1 The geological conditions at the survey area have been collated from the British Geological Survey (BGS) online viewer. The indicated geological sequence is outlined in Table 2.1.

Stratum	Layer	Description			
Superficial Deposits	N/A	N/A			
Bedrock	Hythe Formation				
	Sandstone And [subequal/subordinate]				
	Limestone, Interbedd	ed. Sedimentary Bedrock			

Table 2	1. (	Geolo	NΓ

Site Conditions

2.2 The ground conditions are described in detail in the logs attached in AppendixA. In summary, the soil conditions at the site are identified in Table 2.2 below.

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Depth From (m)	Depth To (m)	Soil Type	Description
Ground level	0.30	TOPSOIL	TOPSOIL
0.30	1.0 - 1.5	SAND	Dark brown medium to coarse SAND. (BH2 & 3)
0.3	3.4	CLAY	Stiff greyish brown CLAY. (BH1)
1.0 - 3.4	>17.00	LIMESTONE / SANDSTONE	Interbedded SANDSTONE and LIMESTONE,

	yellowish brown coarse grained SANDSTONE,
	Light grey

- 2.3 Standing water was recorded at depths of between 10.2m and 11.4m below ground level.
- 2.5 Falling head soakage testing was undertaken within the boreholes. Based on the volume of water lost during filling, estimated infiltration rates of between 100 400 litres/minute were recorded within the boreholes.
- 2.6 Based on the calculated results, it was concluded that the site is suitable for deep borehole soakaways within the Hythe beds. However, additional groundwater monitoring should be undertaken during the winter months to establish highest ground water levels.

#### Groundwater - Hydrogeology

- 2.7 Hydrogeological information from the British Geological Survey (BGS) website and site investigation indicate that direction of groundwater flow is from west to east.
- 2.8 The Magic Website indicates that there is no aquifer designation within the superficial drift deposits. However, the aquifer designation for bedrock indicates that the site is split between being located in a Principal and Secondary A aquifer. Refer to Figures 2.1 and 2.2 below respectively. A Principal Aquifer is rock consisting of layers with high intergranular and/or fracture permeability. These are generally aquifers formerly classified as major aquifers. Secondary A aquifers comprise permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale, and in some cases forming an important source of base flow to rivers. These are generally aquifers formerly aquifers formerly classified as minor aquifers. Refer to Figure 2.1 below.



Figure 2.1 Aquifer Designation Map (Superficial Drift)

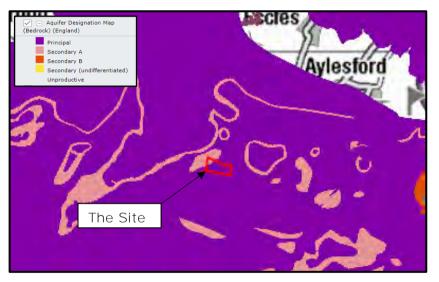


Figure 2.2 Aquifer Designation Map (Bedrock)

2.9 Groundwater vulnerability maps indicate the site is located within a Major Aquifer, with a High leaching potential that has the ability to attenuate diffuse source pollutants or in which it is possible that some non-adsorbed diffuse source pollutants and liquid discharges could penetrate the soil layer. Refer to Figure 2.3 below.

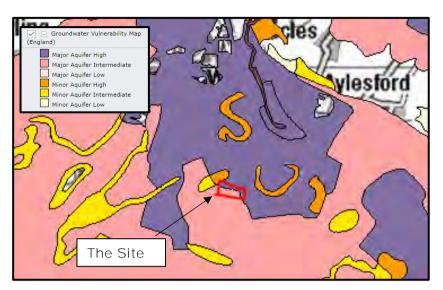


Figure 2.3 Groundwater Vulnerability Map

Groundwater Source Protection Zones

2.10 The site is located within Zone 2 – Outer Protection Zone. Refer to Figure 2.4 below.



Figure 2.4 Groundwater Source Protection Zone

## 3.0 PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL AND QUALITATIVE RISK CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL

- 3.1 For contamination within soil or water to pose a risk, a pollutant linkage must be established. A pollutant linkage consists of three parts:
  - A source of contamination in or on the land;
  - A pathway by which the contaminant can cause harm (or which presents a significant possibility of such harm being caused); and
  - A receptor that is sensitive to impact from the contamination.
- 3.2 Where all three of these parts are present, a pollutant linkage exists. Current guidance recommends that a Conceptual Site Model (CSM) is formulated based on the information available. As more information becomes available the conceptual model may be updated. The CSM is limited at this stage to the identification and assessment of potential sources, potential receptors, and the anticipated pathways to those receptors identified as result of the documentary research.

### Potential sources of ground contamination

3.3 Contamination sources can include neighbouring land uses and historical activities within the survey area and in its surrounding. However, for the purpose of this assessment, potential sources of contamination within the survey area are considered to be from the end use, proposed residential development.

#### Potential pathway

3.4 This will be the proposed drainage strategy which for one of the options is looking to infiltrate all surface water runoff from the proposed residential development into soakaways. This would provide a route to the groundwater table (receptor).

#### Identified receptors

3.6 Based on the current and proposed use of the site, it is considered that the likely receptors will be:

- Deep groundwater (Secondary A aquifer) is present. It might be affected by direct disturbance or leaching and groundwater migration;
- Surface freshwater bodies (various rivers, streams, ditches, ponds, lakes and a canal) through leaching of any soil borne contaminants, inflow of contaminated groundwater or direct entry by runoff; and
- The Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

## 4. PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL AND QUALITITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT – RISK SCREENING

- 4.1. The Groundwater Risk Screening has been carried out in accordance with Tables 26.5 and 26.6 of The SuDS Manual CIRIA C753, to determine whether the Simple Index Approach or a Detailed Risk Assessment is required. Refer to Table 4.1 of this report for the Risk Screening results.
- 4.2. The risk scores awarded for each element range from 1 (low risk) to 3 (high risk) and are based on qualifying criteria outlined in CIRIA C753.
- 4.3. A copy of the borehole test results is included in Appendix A.

Risk Element	Evidence	Risk Score	Weighting Factor	Total
Pollution hazard Traffic density	Risk score is low for all standard urban land use types (excluding high hazard and trunk roads/motorways) – refer to Table 26.5 of CIRIA C753.	1 (low)	15	15
Standard Average Annual Rainfall (SAAR) depth	SAAR = 672mm (Refer to extract of Flood Estimation Handbook). Risk score is low if SAAR <740mm – refer to Table 26.5 of CIRIA C753.	1 (low)	15	15
Type of SuDS	Proposed SuDS include deep bored soakaway, Assumed worst-case high risk score.	3 (high)	15	45
Unsaturated zone depth	The invert levels of deep bored soakaways are proposed to be approx. 20m below ground level (bgl) and at points discharge directly to groundwater.	3 (high)	20	60

Table 4.1 – Risk Screening Results
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#### PRELIMINARY RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Element	Evidence	Risk Score	Weighting Factor	Total
Predominant flow type through soils between infiltration surface and groundwater	The proposed boreholes within the site discharge directly to groundwater within some areas of the site.	3 (high)	20	60
Unsaturated zone material: clay content	The proposed boreholes within the site discharge directly to groundwater within some areas of the site, therefore, a conservative category 3 has been used.	3 (high)	5	15
Unsaturated zone organic carbon content: soil organic matter (SOM) content	The proposed boreholes within the site discharge directly to groundwater within some areas of the site. However, category 2 has been used as a conservative estimate.	2 (med)	5	10
Unsaturated zone material: soil pH	The proposed boreholes within the site discharge directly to groundwater within some areas of the site. However, category 2 has been used as a conservative estimate.	2 (med)	5	10
	<u>.</u>	230 Total risk score Between 180 - 250		50

4.4. The groundwater screening test demonstrates the risk to groundwater is high and an initial Simple Index and risk assessment approach will need to be undertaken prior to construction. Furthermore, liaison with the Environment Agency should be undertaken at an early stage to obtain pre-permitting advice to determine whether an environmental license is required.

#### 5.0 SIMPLE INDEX APPROACH

- 5.1. The Simple Index Approach has been carried out in accordance with Tables 26.2 to 26.4 of "The SuDS Manual" CIRIA C753. Reference should be made to these tables when reviewing the below.
- 5.2. Sections 5 of the FRA provides details of the Proposed Development, the drainage strategy is included in Appendix B.

#### Summary of Development Surface Water Drainage Strategy

- 5.3. With knowledge of the local strata and advice from the Lead Local Flood Authority it was considered that the infiltration rate of the below ground strata at shallow depths was not suitable to serve the proposed development.
- 5.4. Permeable paving was also initially considered for use within the main spine roads of the proposed development. However, as these may be offered for adoption to Kent County Council (KCC), this would not meet KCC Adoptable Highways Standards and therefore has been discounted, other than for private areas.
- 5.5. It is currently proposed to include an under-drained swale in the verge of parts of the access road. The carriageway and associated footways will be designed to fall towards the swale, which will be used primarily for capture of runoff and treatment. The swale will be vegetated and captured runoff will permeate through the base of the swale, to be conveyed by the filter drain.
- 5.6. The roof water will drain via sealed pipes to make sure no contaminants from other sources do not pollute the runoff before flowing into the detention basins or storage tanks.
- 5.7. The private drives will drain via lined permeable paving before flowing into the detention basin.
- 5.8. Access roads within the catchments will drain via gullies with catchpits and a piped network before flowing into the detention basin and into the deep bore soakaways, where swales are not present adjacent to the highway.
- 5.9. Highway soakaways will be located at the north of the site and will accommodate flows from the site. The soakaways will be designed based on the infiltration rates observed on site. Storage will be provided in the proposed detention

basins and attenuation tanks. The surface water runoff from the development will have been treated by the upstream SuDS features to remove pollutants. It is proposed to locate any deep bore soakaways a minimum of 2m from the edge of the carriageway following guidance provided by the KCC Highways Team and 15m from any dwelling.

### Assumed Infiltration Rate

5.10. A detailed Source Control model has been prepared using MicroDrainage, for the 1 in 1, 30 and 100 year plus an allowance for climate change, critical duration storms. The model uses infiltration rates identified during the borehole infiltration testing (400 I/min), based on the Southern testing infiltration test results undertaken in October 2018, from boreholes 1 and 3 located to the north of the site.

Pollution Hazard Indices

5.11. The land use shaded grey is applicable to this development and is based on Table 26.2 of CIRIA C753.

Table 26.2 Pollution hazard indices for different land use classifications					
Land Use	Pollution Hazard Level	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Metals	Hydrocarbons	
Residential roofs	Very low	0.2	0.2	0.05	
Other roofs (typically commercial/industrial roofs).	Low	0.3	0.2 (up to 0.8 where there is potential for metals to leach from the roof)	0.05	
Individual property driveways, residential car parks, low traffic roads (e.g. cul de sacs, homezones and general access roads) and non- residential car parking with infrequent change (e.g. schools, offices)	Low	0.5	O.4	0.4	

i.e. < 300 traffic movements/day.				
Commercial yard and delivery areas, non- residential car parking with frequent change (e.g. hospitals, retail) all roads except low traffic roads and trunk roads/motorways.	Medium	0.7	0.6	0.7
Sites with heavy pollution (e.g. haulage yards, lorry parks, highly frequented lorry approaches to industrial estates & waste sites), sites where chemicals and fuels (other than domestic fuel oil) are to be delivered, handled, sorted, used or manufactured; industrial sites; trunk roads and motorways.	High	0.8 <sup>2</sup>	0.8	0.9

#### SuDS Mitigation Indices

5.12. The land use shaded grey is applicable to this development and is based on Table 26.3 of CIRIA C753.

Table 26.3 Indicative SuDS mitigation indices for discharges to surface waters					
	Mitigation indices				
Types of SuDS Component	TSS	Metals	Hydrocarbons		
Filter strip	O. 4	O.4	0.5		
Filter drain	O. 4	O.4	0.4		
Swale	0.5	0.6	0.6		
Bio-retention system	0.8	0.8	0.8		
Permeable pavement	0.7	0.6	0.7		
Detention basin	0.5	0.5	0.6		
Pond	0.7	0.7	0.5		
Wetland	0.8	0.8	0.8		

Proprietary treatment systems	These must demonstrate that they can address each of the contaminant types to acceptable levels for frequent events up to approximately the
	1 in 1 year return period event, for inflow concentrations relevant to the contributing drainage area.

SuDS Mitigation Indices for Discharges to Groundwater

5.13. The land use shaded grey is applicable to this development and is based on Table 26.4 of CIRIA C753.

Table 26.4 SuDS Mitigation Indices for Discharges to Ground					
	Ν	Aitigation i	indices		
Characteristic of the material overlying the proposed infiltration surface, through which the runoff percolates	TSS	Metals	Hydrocarbons		
A layer of dense vegetation underlain by a soil with good contaminant attenuation potential of at least 300mm in depth	0.6	0.5	0.6		
A soil with good contaminant attenuation potential of at least 300mm in depth	0.4	0.3	0.3		
Infiltration trench underlain by a soil with good contaminant attenuation potential of at least 300mm in depth	O. 4	O. 4	O. 4		
Constructed permeable paving underlain by a soil with a good contaminant attenuation potential of at least 300mm in depth	0.7	0.6	0.7		
Bio retention underlain by a soil with good contaminant attenuation potential of at least 300mm in depth	0.8	0.8	0.8		
Proprietary treatment systems	These must demonstrate that they can address each of the contaminant types to acceptable levels for inflow concentrations relevant to the contributing drainage area.				

5.14. Based on the above criteria and proposed drainage strategy, a series of tables have been produced to replicate different scenarios within the sites drainage strategy which highlights the pollution source and proposed mitigation to address the risk of pollution to the receptor. Tables 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 on the following page identify the source of pollution together with the proposed mitigation measures with their associated indices.

#### Table 5.1: Highways Total SuDS Mitigation Index

Source	TSS	Metals	Hydrocarbons		
Highways (low)	0.50	0.40	0.40		
Source					
Detention Basin	0.50	0.50	0.60		
Check	+0.00	+0.10	+0.20		

#### Table 5.2: Private Drive Total SuDS Mitigation Index

Source	TSS	Metals	Hydrocarbons	
Private Drives (low) (worst case)	0.50	0.40	0.40	
Source				
Detention Basin	0.50	0.50	0.60	
Check	+0.00	+0.10	+0.20	

#### Table 5.3: Residential Roofs Total SuDS Mitigation Index

Source	TSS	Metals	Hydrocarbons	
Residential roofs (low) (worse case)	0.20	0.20	0.05	
Source				
Detention Basin	0.50	0.50	0.60	
Check	+0.30	+0.30	+0.55	

### Highway Drainage: Further Mitigation

- 5.15. Further SuDS mitigation will be incorporated within parts of the Highway Drainage Network, which are outlined below. In order to consider the worstcase scenario, these have not been included within the Simple Index Approach above.
  - Runoff from the first 5mm of a rainfall event will be captured and retained within under-drained swale with a filter drain base (i.e. Interception). This will ensure that the first-flush is treated wholly within the swale, removing the majority of pollutants before any runoff is discharged to the detention basin and finally the soakaways. Referring to Section 24.8 of CIRIA C753, interception will effectively be delivered where SuDS are designed to infiltrate more than 5mm of rainfall, as with this development;
    - The Highway Drainage Network of swales, filter drains and

soakaways will be offered to KCC for adoption, to ensure that they are inspected and maintained regularly. Any drainage aspects not adopted will be maintained by a Management Company instead; and

• A catchpit prior to the soakaway chambers will further remove sediment and pollutants prior to infiltration occurring within the borehole, extending the life of the soakaway and allowing for easy removal of the accumulated sediment.

#### 6. UNCERTAINTIES IN THE CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL

- 6.1 At this stage in the process there are a number of uncertainties associated with the preliminary conceptual site model, specifically associated with defining the potential sources, the respective pathways and location of receptor which are summarised below:
  - Source from residential areas, but likely to be controlled;
  - The pathway to be along the final drainage network which is to be confirmed at detail design; and
  - The location of the groundwater table over the winter months to be confirmed by reviewing historical data and ongoing monitoring so as to finalise detail design.

#### 7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1. The Preliminary Risk Assessment for Groundwater demonstrates that the preliminary conceptual site model and qualitative risk assessment based on the simple Index Approach to Water Quality Risk Management is appropriate for this development.
- 7.2. The Simple Index Approach demonstrates that the proposed SuDS provides the adequate treatment stages to surface water runoff emanating from the site, and that discharge to ground via deep bored soakaways will not cause pollution to groundwater.
- 7.3. The Preliminary Risk Assessment for Groundwater has been undertaken in accord with the requirements of Contaminated Land Report 11 and Environment **Agency guidance** "Protect groundwater and prevent groundwater pollution, Groundwater protection technical guidance and Groundwater activity exclusions from environmental permits". In addition this risk assessment has also complied with the requirements of "The Environment Agency's approach to groundwater protection" and position statements G1 and G9 to G13.

Appendix A Borehole Log 1st November 2018

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#### For the attention of Peter Sparham

(By email: psparham@ardent-ce.co.uk)

Dear Peter,

### Re: Borehole Soakaway Installation at: East Malling Site B, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 6QA National Grid Reference: TQ 71010 57676 Geology: Hythe Formation

#### 1 Authority

Our authority for carrying out this work is contained in a Project Order form completed by Peter Sparham of Ardent Consulting Engineers, dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The form refers to our quotation ref. Q18-20117(a).

#### 2 Background and Objectives

The object of the investigation was to drill boreholes to test for infiltration within the Hythe Formation. The borehole locations were specified to us by the Client. The site location is shown on the attached Figure 1.

#### 3 Scope

This letter report presents our findings and test results. As with any site there may be differences in ground conditions between exploratory hole positions.

This report is not an engineering design and the figures and calculations contained in the report should be used by the Engineer, taking note that variations will apply, according to variations in design loading, in techniques used, and in site conditions. Our figures therefore should not supersede the Engineer's design.

Contamination issues are not considered in this report.



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Recommendations contained in this report may not be appropriate to alternative development schemes.

## 4 Borehole Logs, Groundwater, and Soakage Test Results

Three 200mm diameter down-the-hole-hammer boreholes were drilled in the locations specified to us by the Client. The borehole locations are shown on the attached plan (Figure 2).

The materials encountered comprised a covering of sandy clays / clayey sands, overlying interbedded limestone and sandstone. The depth to the top of the limestone/sandstone was variable, and was found to be between 1.0 and 4.5m bgl. The intended depth of the boreholes was 25m bgl. However, the boreholes were terminated early at between 17.0 and 17.5m bgl due to the presence of groundwater. It is our understanding that the Environment Agency would require an unsaturated zone beneath the base of any working borehole soakaway.

		Depth of grou	ndwater strike	Rest level of groundwater				
BH ref	BH ground level (mAOD)	mBGL	mAOD	mBGL	mAOD			
BH1	19.08	15.50	+3.58	11.40	+7.68			
BH2	20.54	17.00	+3.54	12.00	+8.54			
BH3	18.13	17.50	+0.63	10.20	+7.93			

Groundwater was encountered in the boreholes as follows:

Table 1: Groundwater observations.

The depth of the groundwater strike can be masked by the drilling methods, and so may not represent the actual level of groundwater beneath the site. However, the rest level of the groundwater before and after the soakage tests appear to be consistent between the three boreholes, and it would appear that the groundwater is at a level of about +8.00m AOD. This will need to be considered in the design of any borehole soakaways on this site.



A soakage test was undertaken in each borehole. The results of the testing are shown in the table below:

BH ref	Approximate soakage rate (litres/minute)	Water level during test (m bgl)
BH1	400	4.50
BH2	100	3.00
BH3	400	3.00

#### Table 2: Constant head borehole soakage results

After each test the water level receded down to the rest water levels shown in Table 1.

A suitable factor of safety should be applied for the design soakage rate.

If you have any queries or we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

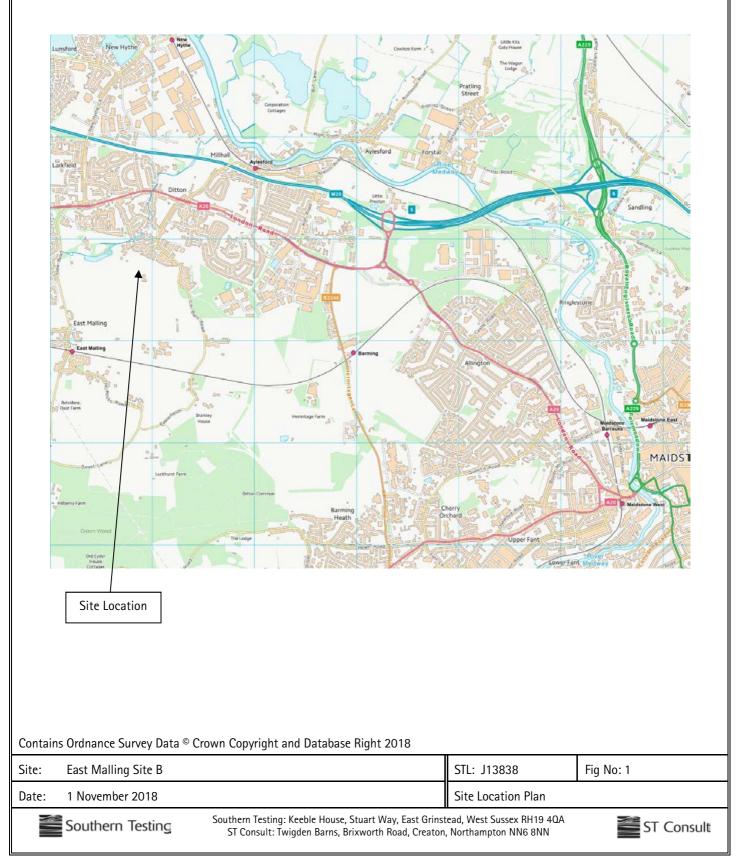
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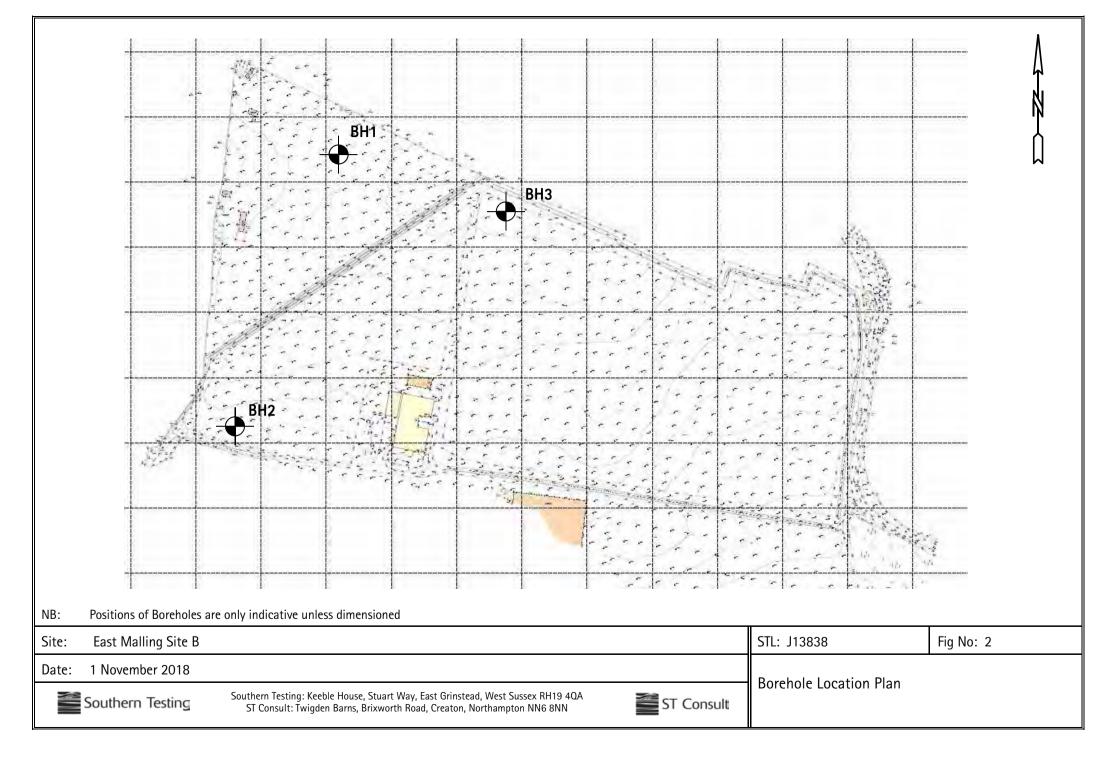
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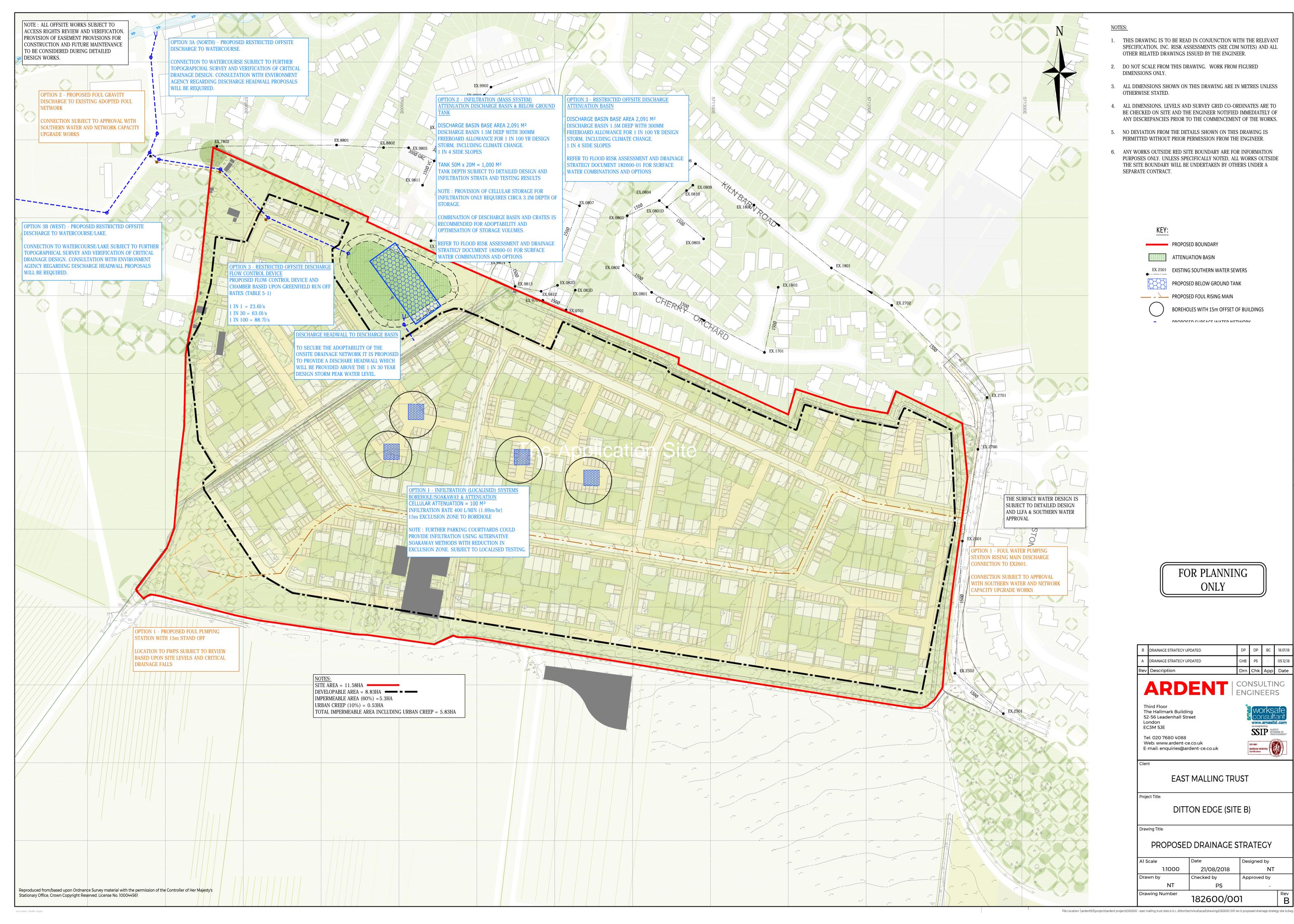
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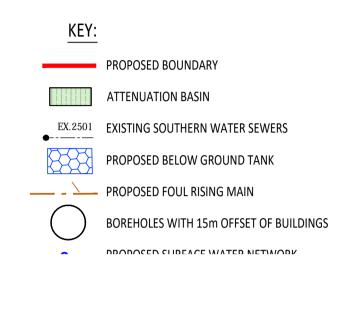
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Appendix B Proposed Drainage Strategy



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