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LAND NORTH OF OLD ASHFORD ROAD LENHAM KENT

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

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1.00 Introduction

- 1.01 Monson Engineering have been requested to provide a Flood Risk Assessment for Land North of Old Ashford Road, Lenham, Kent ME17 2DL. Grid Co-ordinates: TQ 90388 52123
- 1.02 This site is situated within Flood Zone 1, however being over 1 Hectare in size, it is required to have a flood risk assessment submitted to the local planning authority to support this planning application.
- 1.03 This Flood Risk Assessment will conform to the National Planning Policy Framework and Technical Guidance in relation to flood risk which was published in 2012.

2.00 Development Description and Location

- 2.01 The development proposal consists of 151 new residential dwellings together with the supporting infrastructure, which will be situated on the North-East edge of the village of Lenham in Kent on previously undeveloped agricultural land. A site location plan and development proposal can be seen in Appendix A.
- 2.02 The flood risk vulnerability classification for this type of development in this location is considered as More Vulnerable which is defined in Table 2 of the Technical Guidance to the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2.03 As set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, the aim of the Sequential Test is to direct new development to areas with the lowest probability of flooding.
- 2.04 These flood zones refer to the probability of river and coastal flooding, ignoring the presence of any existing flood defences.
- 2.05 The starting point to the Sequential Test is the Flood Zones, which can be seen in AppendixB. It can clearly be seen that the site is situated in Zone 1, with a low probability of flooding.

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- 2.06 The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Maidstone Borough Council refines the information on the probability of flooding and also takes into account other sources of flooding which have been assessed in section 3.01.
- 2.07 The proposed development is situated within Zone 1 and is therefore deemed to satisfy the basis of the Sequential Test.
- 2.08 If the Sequential Test is applicable to the development, the Exception Test will not be required.

3.00 Definition of the Flood Hazard

3.01 For the preparation of this Flood Risk Assessment it is necessary to consider all of the potential sources of flooding and how this may affect the site. A checklist has been provided below to help identify these areas which can be discussed in greater detail in this section.

Possible Source of Flooding	Applicable
	to this Site?
Fluvial Flooding from nearby rivers or streams	X
Coastal Flooding	X
Surface Water Runoff from the Site, Adjacent or Nearby Land	X
Flooding from Surface Water Sewers	X
Flooding from Foul Water Sewers	X
Flooding from Reservoirs	X
Flooding from Groundwater	X
Flooding from other Sources	X

- 3.02 There will be no fluvial flood risk to the proposed site as it is approximately 650m North of the source of Stream Shaw and some 5m higher in elevation.
- 3.03 There is no coastal flood risk associated with this site, as it is many miles from the nearest coast line and sits at around 109m AOD.

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- 3.04 There were no flood risks identified in relation to surface water flooding in either receiving of generating surface water flows at this proposed development.
- 3.05 There are no surface water sewers in the vicinity of the proposed site.
- 3.06 There are no foul water sewers in the vicinity of the proposed site.
- 3.07 There is no flood risk to this site in relation to reservoirs.
- 3.08 It was reported by the Kent's Lead Local Flood Authority that Old Ashford Road, the adjacent residential properties and the commercial property at Northdown Close were affected by surface groundwater flow in early 2014. Following a site meeting on the 23rd August 2017 with Kent's Lead Local Flood Authority, the site was inspected and the areas suffering from previous groundwater emergence were highlighted. These were predominantly along the southern boundary of the site and within the south-eastern corner of the site. It was reported that groundwater flows continued between February and April 2014.
- 3.09 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Maidstone recognizes a groundwater as a potential source of flooding on Ashford Road which can be checked against in Surface Water Management Plan Map Appendix D however Maidstone Stage 1 Surface Water Management Plan for Rural Mid doesn't hold any flood records on Ashford Road in the vicinity of proposed development.

4.00 Probability

- 4.01 The proposed development is situated within Zone 1 which can be checked against in the Flood Maps for Planning, contained in Appendix B.
- 4.02 The District Council for this area, Maidstone Borough Council have prepared a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment which refines the information provided in the Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning. These maps can be seen in Appendix D.
- 4.03 Based on available records from the Environmental Agency and the Maidstone Rural Mid SWMP, it can be seen that the proposed development is in a Zone 1- probability of flooding.

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5.00 Climate Change

- 5.01 The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Maidstone Borough Council takes into account climate change as:
 - Peak rainfall by 30%
 - Peak River flow by 20%

Details of this mapping can be seen in Appendix D

6.00 Detailed Development Proposals

- 6.01 The development proposal consists of 151 new residential dwellings together with the supporting infrastructure, which will be situated on the East edge of the village of Lenham in Kent on previously undeveloped agricultural land. A site location plan and development proposal can be seen in Appendix A.
- 6.02 Details and any other relevant information relating to the development proposals can be found in Appendix A.

7.00 Flood Risk Management Measures

- 7.01 In order to effectively manage any site specific flood risk, it may be necessary to introduce mitigation measures to help eliminate or reduce the impact of flooding.
- 7.02 Although there are no fluvial or coastal flood risk associated with this development, to protect against surface and groundwater flooding, all finished floor levels shall be minimum 150mm above external ground levels.
- 7.03 As there is a risk of rising groundwater at the southern part of the site, it is recommended that the use of soakaways for this area should be avoided. It may be possible to use infiltration systems within the northern areas of the development, subject to infiltration systems being located a minimum of 1m above the highest known groundwater level for the site.

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8.00 Off Site Impacts

- 8.01 There are no foreseen impacts to neighbouring properties or the surrounding area in relation to flood risk as a result of the proposed development.
- 8.02 Details of the proposed surface water management can be seen in more detail in the site specific Drainage Strategy & SUDS Management and Maintenance Plan.

9.00 Residual Risks

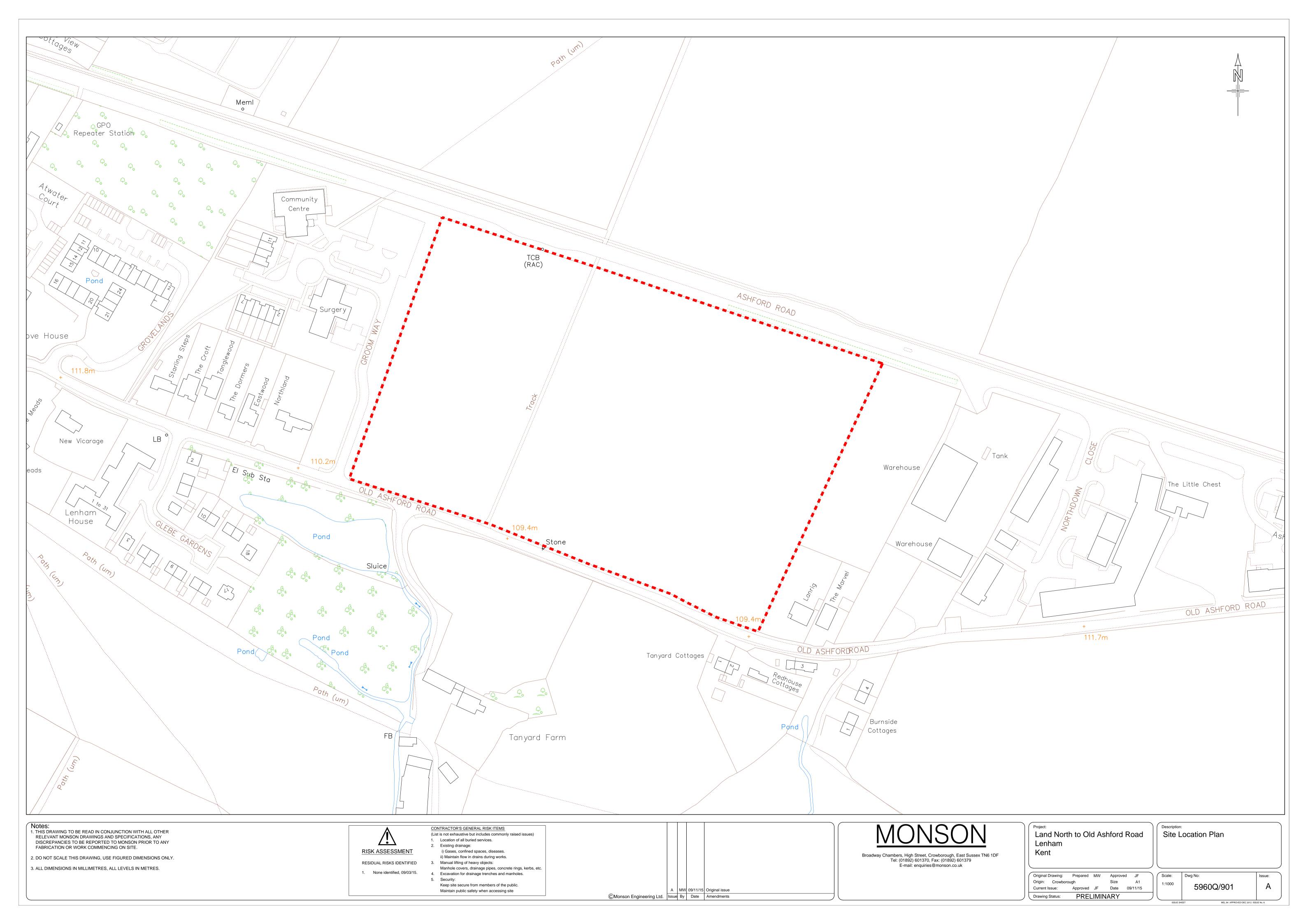
9.01 There are no residual flood risks to the development following the implementation of the flood risk management measures.

10.00 Conclusion

- 10.01 Monson Engineering have been requested to provide a Flood Risk Assessment for Land North to Old Ashford Road, Old Ashford Road, Lenham, Kent, ME17 2DL. Grid Co-ordinates: TQ 90388 52123
- 10.02 This site is situated within Flood Zone 1, however being over 1 Hectare in size, it is required to have a flood risk assessment submitted to the local planning authority to support this planning application.
- 10.03 The development proposal consists of 151 new residential dwellings together with the supporting infrastructure, which will be situated on the East edge of the village of Lenham in Kent on previously undeveloped agricultural land. A site location plan and development proposal can be seen in Appendix A.
- 10.04 The flood risk vulnerability classification for this type of development in this location is considered as More Vulnerable which is defined in Table 2 of the Technical Guidance to the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 10.05 The proposed development is situated within Zone 1 which can be seen in the Flood Map for Planning, contained in Appendix B.
- 10.06 Based on the Information provided in both the Flood Maps for Planning and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, proposed development is a Zone 1 low probability of flooding.
- 10.07 There are no fluvial or coastal flood risks associated with this development
- 10.08 To protect against surface and groundwater flooding, all finished floor levels shall be minimum 150mm above external ground levels.
- 10.09 There are no residual flood risks to the development following the implementation of the flood risk management measures.
- 10.10 On the basis of the findings of this report, it is recommended that no objections should be raised to the development proposals on the grounds of flood risk.

Appendix A – Site Location Plan & Development Proposal





Appendix B – Map showing Flood Zones from Environment Agency



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Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)

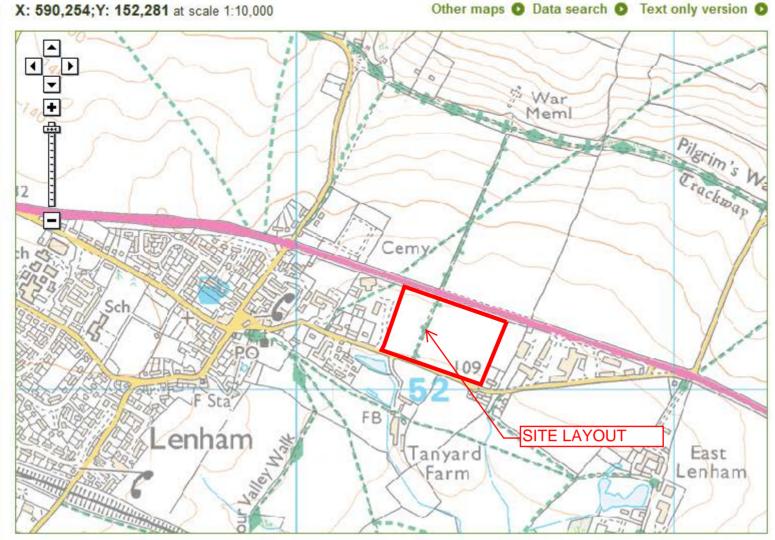
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Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)

Map legend

Click on the map to see what Flood Zone (National Planning Policy Guidance definitions) the proposed development is in.

- Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)
- Flood Zone 3
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood defences
 (Not all may be shown*)
- Areas benefiting from flood defences (Not all may be shown*)
- ☐ ☑ Main River Line 🚯
- / Main River Line
- Other national environmental organisations
- Natural Resources
 Wales Area of
 responsibility
- Scottish Environment
 Protection Agency Area
 of responsibility



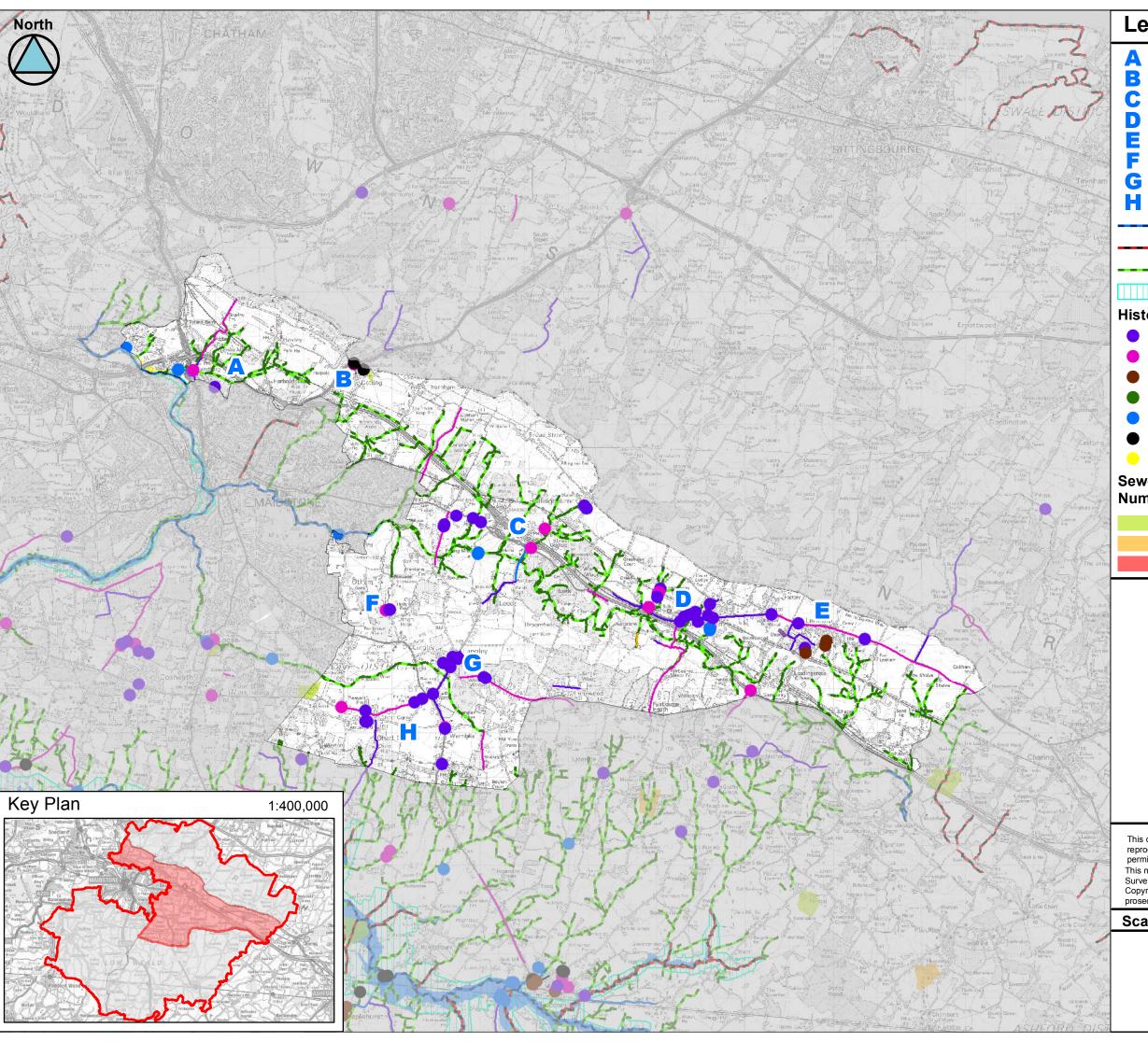
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Appendix C – Map from Surface Water Management Plan



Legend

- Sandling
- Detling
- Eyhorne Street and Hollingbourne
- Harrietsham
- Lenham and Warren Street
- Three Tees
- **G** Langley Heath
- H Chart Sutton, Sutton Valance and Warmlake
- ---- Main Rivers
- IDB Maintained Watercourse
- --- Ordinary Watercourses
- Upper Medway IDB

Historic Flooding*

- Surface Water
- Surface Water with blocked drain/gully
- Sewer
 - Groundwater
- Fluvial

- Tidal
- * Where an entire road has been highlighted in the historic layer; this does not mean that all the road has flooded in the past but rather no specific Other/ Unknown location was identified in the records

Sewer Flooding Incidents** Number of flood occurences per postcode area

- 1 3
- 4 6
- 7 8 <

**Polygons only represent the postcode area and not the flood

Client:





Consultant:









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Maidstone Stage 1 SWMP

Historical Flooding Maidstone Rural Mid DA02

Appendix D – Maps from Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

