

**FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT
FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT
BLAZEGATE, GEDNEY**

FINAL REPORT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and supporting planning practice guidance (PPG) on Flood Risk and Coastal Change.

In areas at risk of flooding or for sites of 1 hectare or more, developers are required to undertake a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment to accompany an application for planning permission. This Flood Risk Assessment has been produced on behalf of Mr J McDonagh in respect of a development that consists of four gypsy/travellers pitches at Blazegate, Gedney.

A planning application for the proposed development is to be submitted by Philip Brown Associates.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location

The site is located at Blazegate, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 9HJ. The National Grid Reference of the site is 54236/32459.

The location of the site is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1 – Location Plan (© OpenStreetMap contributors)

2.2 Existing Site

The site is on the southern side of Blazegate approximately 400m east of the junction with Gipsy Lane. The site is an area of agricultural land with an existing access to Blazegate. The area of development is 0.21 hectares.

Environment Agency LiDAR shows that the site is flat with ground levels typically between +2.3m OD and +2.6m OD. There is an area of land at the eastern boundary of the site where ground levels are +2.8m OD. Blazegate adjacent to the site is at a level of +2.7m OD.

The site is in the South Holland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) District. Surface water at the site naturally drains through soakaway and hence to the IDB drain system. There is a riparian drain on the western and northern boundaries of the site and an IDB High Priority Watercourse, Gedney Drain, is on the eastern boundary of the site.

The online British Geological Survey maps indicate that the site is likely to be underlain by Amptill Clay Formation mudstone. The bedrock is shown to be overlain with superficial deposits of clay and silt.

2.3 Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of the change of use from agricultural land to provide 4 gypsy / traveller pitches. Each pitch will comprise a mobile home, parking for a tourer, and an amenity building. Details of the proposed development are provided in Attachment 1.

2.4 Local Development Documents

The South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011 – 2036, adopted in March 2019, is the Local Plan for the district. Policy 4: Approach to Flood Risk states the requirements for flood risk reduction.

The South East Lincolnshire Level 1 and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was prepared in June 2017.

The Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Strategy has been prepared by Lincolnshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority. The purpose of the Strategy is to increase the safety of people across Lincolnshire by reducing the number of people at risk of flooding, increasing the resilience of local communities, and reducing the impact of flooding.

2.5 Flood Zones

An extract from the Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning is shown in Figure 2. The site is located within Flood Zone 3, an area with a high probability of flooding.

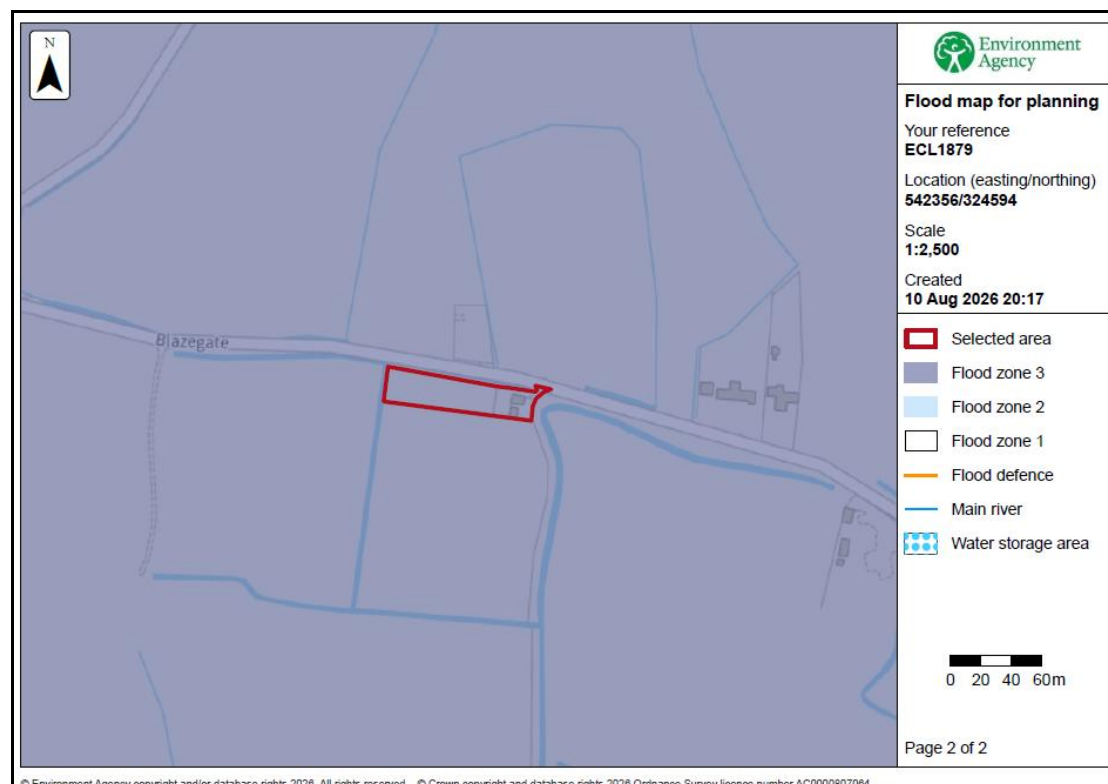


Figure 2 – Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning

The Flood Map for Planning shows that during the event with a 1 in 100 annual likelihood the site is not at risk of surface water flooding. The site is not at risk during this event when climate change is considered.

The Environment Agency Long Term Flood Risk maps provide an indication of the risk from the primary sources of flooding. The map shows that the site is outside of the area at risk of reservoir flooding.

Table 1 shows the level of risk at the site within the South East Lincolnshire SFRA.

SFRA Map	Present Day	2116
Residual Flood Hazard Map for the 1% fluvial and 0.5% tidal event	The site is outside the 'Low Hazard' area	The site is in the 'Danger for Most' area
Residual Peak Depth Map for the 1% fluvial and 0.5% tidal	The site is outside the area at risk	The peak flood depth is 1.0m – 2.0m.

Table 1 – Flood Risk within SFRA Maps

Environment Agency Flood Risk Information that covers the site is provided in Attachment 2.

3.0 FLOOD RISK VULNERABILITY

3.1 The Sequential and Exception Test

The NPPF requires the application of a Sequential Test to ensure that new development is in areas with the lowest probability of flooding.

The Exception Test is a method to demonstrate and help ensure that flood risk to people and property will be managed, while allowing necessary development to go ahead in situations where suitable sites at lower risk of flooding are not available.

3.2 Vulnerability Classification

Annex 3 of the PPG Flood Risk and Coastal Change categorises different types of uses and development according to their vulnerability to flood risk. The development is covered by the description of mobile homes intended for permanent residential use and is classified as 'Highly Vulnerable'.

Table 2 of the PPG Flood Risk and Coastal Change sets out Flood Risk Vulnerability and flood zone 'compatibility'. The site is in Flood Zone 3a and the development is 'Highly Vulnerable' therefore the development is inappropriate. Section 3.3 describes the reasons why, in this case, the development could be permitted.

PPG Flood Risk and Coastal Change defines that the lifetime of the development in terms of flood risk and coastal change is 100 years.

3.3 Application of the Sequential and Exception Test

It is for the Local Planning Authority, using the evidence provided and taking advice from the Environment Agency as appropriate, to consider whether an application passes the Sequential Test.

The application of the Sequential Test at this site should consider:

- the appeal decision (ref H06-0523-23) for a change of use of land to provide five gypsy traveller pitches at The Orchards, Blazegate, Spalding;
- the extent of land within flood zone 2 and 3 that surrounds the site; and
- the defences that protect the site.

The appeal decision (ref H06-0523-23) for the land at The Orchards, which is 500m west of the subject site, was for a similar development with a change of use of land to a residential use for caravans. The principle for the approval of highly vulnerable development in Flood Zone 3 and the key reasons for this has been set by the approval at The Orchard. The key reasons recorded in the appeal decision, all of which are applicable to the subject site, were:

- that the maximum depth would be reached after a number of high tides and that after the first high tides, the water may not reach the site;

- due to the slow rate of risk occupants take the opportunity to evacuate the site before dangerous depths were reached;
- the elevated floor levels within the development would avoid damage to possessions and provide a refuge for a short space of time; and
- the residents are not at unacceptable risk of flooding.

Large parts of the South Holland district between the River Welland and River Nene lie within Flood Zone 2 or Flood Zone 3. As such opportunities for a site within Flood Zone 1 are limited.

The River Nene and River Welland have defences that provide protection during the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) event and therefore the 'actual risk' of flooding at the site is low.

Based upon the extent of the district with a lower flood risk, the level of protection at the site and the similarities between the proposed development and the site at The Orchard, it is considered that the Sequential Test has been met.

The Exception Test requires consideration of the wider sustainability benefits of a development and that the development would be safe and residual risks managed.

The development provides wider sustainable benefits. The provision of four pitches will contribute to meeting the need for gypsy / traveller sites within the district.

Section 5 of this Flood Risk Assessment describes the flood mitigation measures and the management of the residual risks, demonstrating that this development will be safe and not increase flood risk elsewhere. The development is considered to pass the Exception Test.

4.0 SITE SPECIFIC FLOOD RISK

4.1 Local Flood Assets

The South Holland IDB district is protected by the Wash tidal defences along the Gedney Marsh frontage with embankment levels at a minimum of +7.0m OD. The Wash tidal defences are 6.8km from the site. The River Nene tidal defences are 6.5km east of the site. These defences are the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

There is a long-term strategy for the maintenance of the Environment Agency defences which is reviewed and updated periodically.

There is an extensive local drainage network managed by South Holland IDB. There is an IDB High Priority Watercourse, Gedney Drain, on the eastern boundary of the site. The site and the surrounding land are within the Lutton Leam catchment which discharges to the tidal River Nene at Lutton Leam Tidal Sluice.

During the operation and maintenance of its pumping stations, associated structures, and channel systems, the IDB seeks to maintain a general standard capable of providing flood protection to its district. A routine maintenance programme is in place to ensure that the Boards assets are commensurate with the standard of protection that is sought.

Current maintenance standards of the South Holland Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency are generally good.

4.2 Sources of Flooding

A summary of the sources of flooding is provided in Table 2.

Source of Flooding	Level of Risk
Drainage Network Flooding	The risk is assessed in Section 4.3.
Surface Water Flooding	Based upon the EA maps the risk is very low.
Fluvial Flooding	The risk is assessed in Section 4.3 and Section 4.5.
Tidal Flooding	The risk is assessed in Section 4.3 and Section 4.5.
Reservoir Flooding	The residual risk of a breach of defences is assessed in Section 4.6.
Groundwater Flooding	There is no evidence to suggest the site is at risk of groundwater flooding.

Table 2 – Sources of Flooding

4.3 Probability of Flooding

The probability of flooding associated with blockages in the South Holland IDB drainage system is low due to the maintenance standards achieved and managed by the IDB.

Through the operation and maintenance of the pumping stations and the channel system the Board seek to maintain a general standard capable to providing flood protection to agricultural land and developed areas of 1 in 20 years and 1 in 100 years, respectively. The risk associated with flood events that exceed the standard of protection provided is lowered due to the South Holland IDB main drains incorporating freeboard. This freeboard provides storage during the exceedance events.

The site benefits from the River Nene and The Wash tidal defences that provide protection during a 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) tidal event and a 1% annual probability (1 in 100 chance each year) fluvial event. The flood risk from the Wash is lowered further by second line defences and various informal banks constructed during the reclamation of Gedney Marsh.

4.4 Historic Flooding

During the preparation of this assessment, no evidence was discovered of the site being flooded.

4.5 Climate Change

Climate change is likely to impact the site through increased rainfall intensity and duration affecting the local drainage network and increased flood levels.

The tidal flood level during the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) event inclusive of climate change to 2115 is estimated to be 7.2m AOD. The minimum defence level of the Wash and River Nene embankments is 7.0m AOD. During such an event wave and wind action is likely to cause overtopping. However, the second line defences with embankment levels of 6.0m AOD would further reduce the probability of flood water reaching the development site.

In summary the existing systems and defences are appropriate for the design life of the development (i.e., 100 years).

4.6 Residual Risk

There is a residual risk of flooding at the site should a tidal breach occur. The South East Lincolnshire SFRA includes maps demonstrating the residual peak depth in 2115.

Due to the nature of the development, it is necessary to consider the 0.1% annual probability (1 in 1000 chance each year) event in 2115. The peak depth at the site

from direct overtopping together with breach failure is 1.0m - 1.6m. An extract from the Environment Agency Tidal Breach Hazard Mapping is shown in Figure 3.

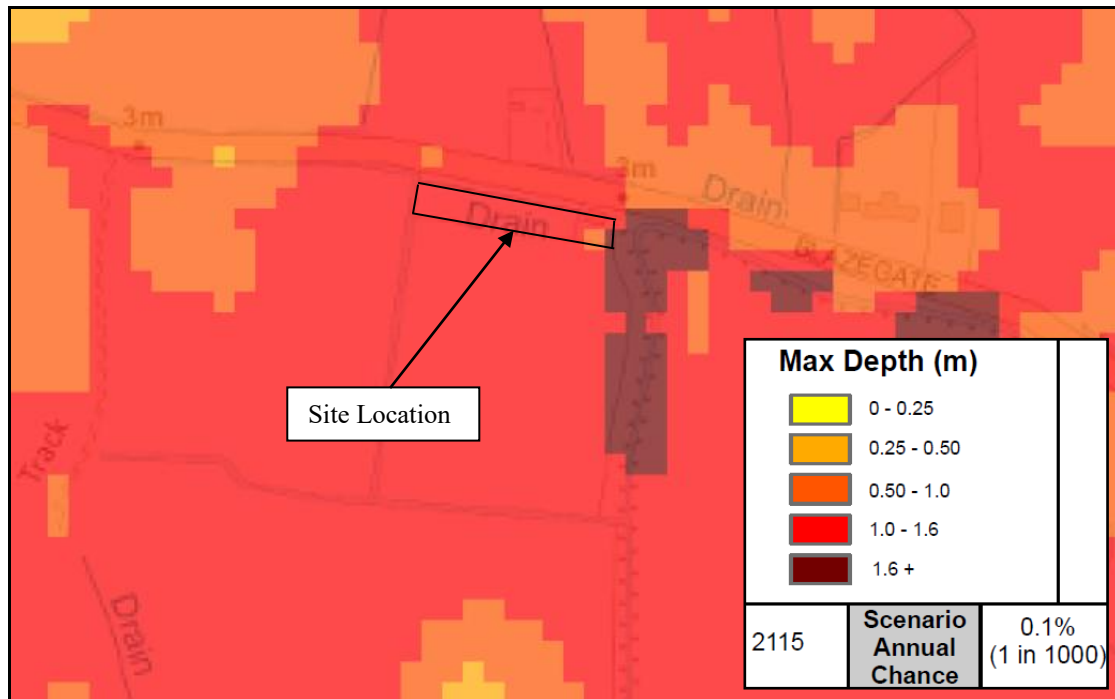


Figure 3 – SFRA 2115 Residual Peak Depth Map (0.1% Annual Probability)

The depth map is consistent with the LiDAR that shows that an area close to the eastern boundary of the site has the highest ground levels. The typical site level is 0.4m lower than the highest part of the site which is at risk with a maximum depth between 0.5m and 1.0m. A typical flood depth of 1.4m could therefore be anticipated within the site.

5.0 FLOOD RISK MITIGATION

5.1 Summary of Risks

The probability of this development flooding from localised drainage systems is low. Failure of Luton Leam Tidal Sluice could lead to an increased level of risk at the site.

The probability of the site flooding from any Environment Agency system is less than 1% annual probability (1 in 100 chance each year) because of the standards of the existing flood defences. Over time there will be a gradual increase in risk to the site due to climate change. During the design life of the development it is not anticipated that the site would flood.

The Environment Agency Tidal Breach Hazard Mapping considers the residual risk associated with overtopping and a breach in the defences in 2115. The site could experience depths of between 1.0m – 1.6m arising from a breach in the defence during a flood that has a 0.1% tidal chance of occurring in any one year up to 2115. Based upon LiDAR data the maximum flood depth is estimated to be 1.4m.

The proposed arrangement increases the impermeable area and therefore there will be an increased volume of surface water that has the potential to increase flood risk.

5.2 Mitigation Measures

Based upon the information available during the preparation of this flood risk assessment:

- a flood warning and evacuation plan has been prepared and is provided in Attachment 3;
- the caravans will be secured to the ground using a chain and anchor; and
- finished floor levels of the caravans and amenity buildings will be 1.6m above existing ground level.

The developer should ensure that the user of the building is sufficiently aware of the risk of flooding, and the standard of the existing defences. The Environment Agency operates a flood warning system for properties at risk of flooding to enable householders to protect life or take actions to manage the effect of flooding on property. Floodline Warnings Service is a national system run by the Environment Agency for broadcasting flooding warnings. The user of the building should register to receive flood warnings.

During an exceedance event it is anticipated that sufficient time would be available to take precautionary actions to limit the potential impact of flooding.

Should there be a failure of Luton Leam Outfall Sluice and conditions were such to put properties and land at risk of flooding, the Internal Drainage Board would take emergency action to maintain the drainage level of service by using temporary pumping equipment.

In the event of a breach event safe access and egress is available initially in a westerly direction to Gedney village and hence to Holbeach where land is in Flood Zone 1.

It is recommended that surface water run-off is managed so that stormwater from the site will not increase the flood risk elsewhere.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

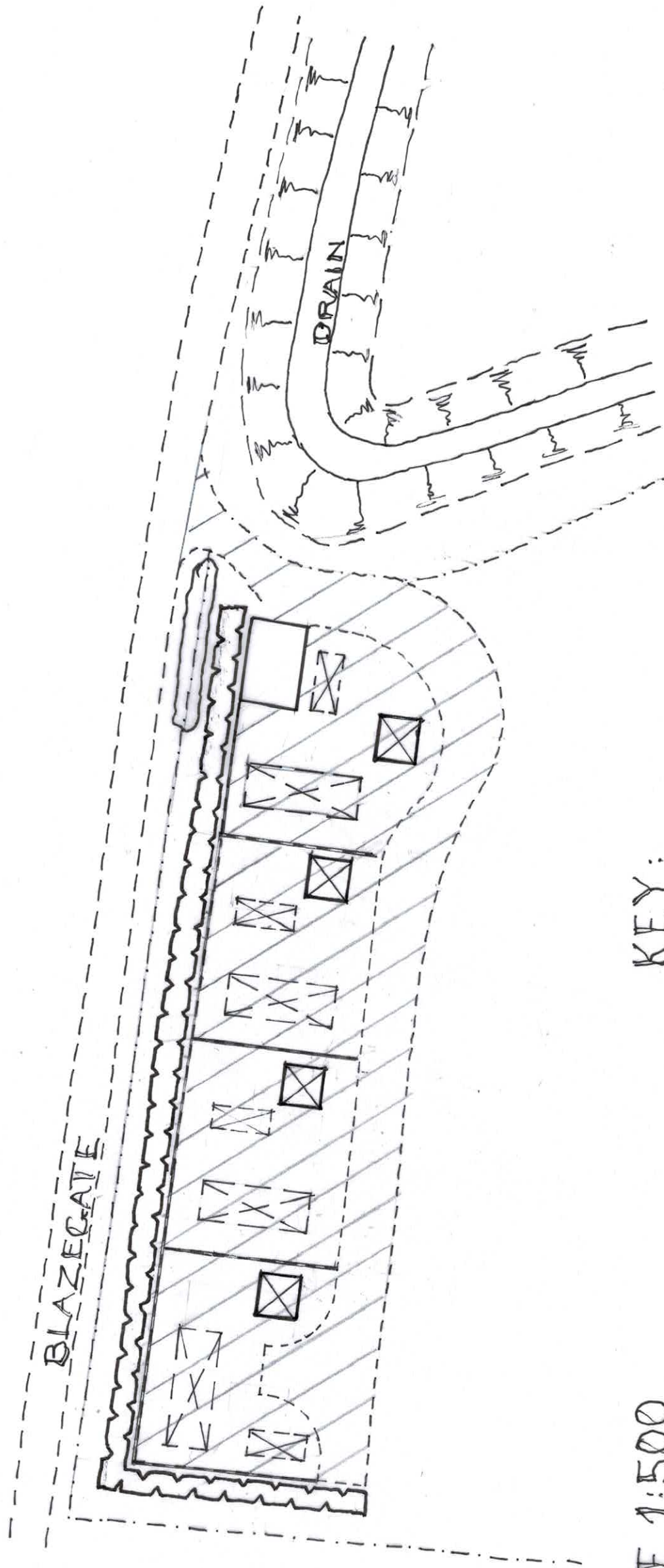
As a result of the assessment, the following conclusions have been reached.

- The proposed development consists of the change of use from agricultural land to provide 4 gypsy / traveller pitches at Blazegate, Gedney, Spalding.
- The site is located within an Internal Drainage Board catchment and through the operation and maintenance of the pumping stations and the channel system the Board seek to maintain a general standard capable to providing flood protection to agricultural land and developed areas of 1 in 20 and 1 in 100 years, respectively.
- The proposed development is in Flood Zone 3. The site benefits from defences on the tidal River Nene that provide protection during the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) tidal event including an allowance for climate change.
- The site could experience depths of between 1.0m – 1.6m arising from a breach in the defence during a flood that has a 0.1% tidal chance of occurring in any one year up to 2115.
- It is proposed that the caravans and amenity buildings have a floor level not less than 1.6m above general ground levels, the units are secured by anchors and the Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan is followed.
- The development passes the Sequential Test and Exception Test and is therefore suitable for the proposed location.

ATTACHMENT 1

SITE LAYOUT PLAN

SITE LAYOUT PLAN



SCALE 1:500



KEY:

-  MOBILE HOME
-  TOURER
-  HARDSTANDING
-  SCREEN FENCE
-  PROPOSED HEDGEROW
-  EXISTING HEDGE

ATTACHMENT 2

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FLOOD RISK INFORMATION

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Tim Ellingham

Our ref: CCN-2023-303536

Date: 24/03/2023

Dear Tim,

Provision of Flood Risk Information for Gedney, Spalding

Thank you for your request for our flood risk information for the above site. The information is set out below and attached. It is important you read any contextual notes on the maps provided.

If you are preparing a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) for this site, please note this information may not be sufficient by itself to produce an adequate FRA to demonstrate the development is safe over its lifetime. Additional information may be required to carry out an appropriate assessment of all risk, such as consequence of a breach in defences.

We aim to review our information on a regular basis, so if you are using this data more than twelve months from the date of this letter, please contact us again to check it is still valid.

Please read the letter in full as the information covered has been updated in **March 2023**

1. Flood Map

The attached map includes the current Flood Map for your area. The Flood Map indicates the area at risk of flooding, **assuming no flood defences exist**, for a flood with a 0.5% chance of occurring in any year for flooding from the sea, or a 1% chance of occurring for fluvial (river) flooding. It also shows the extent of the Extreme Flood Outline which represents the extent of a flood with a 0.1% chance of occurring in any year, or the highest recorded historic extent if greater.

In some locations, such as around the fens and the large coastal floodplains, showing the area at risk of flooding assuming no defences may give a slightly misleading picture in that if there were no flood defences, water would spread out across these large floodplains. This flooding could cover large areas of land but to relatively shallow depths and could leave pockets of locally slightly higher land as isolated dry islands. It is important to understand the actual risk of the flooding to these dry islands, particularly in the event of defence failure.

The Flood Map also shows the location of formal raised flood defences and flood storage reservoirs. It represents areas at risk of flooding for present day only and does not take account of climate change.

The Flood Map only indicates the extent and likelihood of flooding from rivers or the sea. It should also be remembered flooding may occur from other sources such as surface water sewers, road drainage, etc.

2. Historic Flood Event Outlines

With regards to the history of flooding I can advise we do not have any records of flooding in this area. It is possible recent flooding may have occurred which we are currently investigating, therefore this information may be subject to change. It is possible other flooding may have occurred which other risk management authorities, such as the Lead Local Flood Authority (ie top tier council) or Internal Drainage Board (where they exist) have responsibility.

3. Schemes in the area

There are no ongoing capital projects to reduce or sustain the current flood risk to this site.

4. Fluvial Flood Risk Information

This site is not considered to be at risk of flooding from main rivers.

The site may be at risk from local ordinary watercourses for which other risk management authorities, such as the Lead Local Flood Authority (ie top tier council) or Internal Drainage Board (where they exist) have responsibility.

5. Tidal Flood Risk Information

This site is considered to be at risk from tidal flooding.

5.1 Tidal Defence Information

The existing tidal defences protecting this site consist of earth embankments.

They are in fair condition and reduce the risk of flooding (at the defence) to a 0.67% (1 in 150) chance of occurring in any year. We inspect these defences routinely to ensure potential defects are identified.

Refer to paragraph 3 for details of any ongoing capital projects to reduce the flood risk to this site.

5.2 Tidal Flood Levels

The attached data sheets show our current best estimate for extreme tide levels.

Please read the information notes on the data sheets.

5.3 Tidal Hazard Mapping

For certain locations we have carried out modelling to map the maximum values of flood depth, velocity and hazard rating (danger to people) resulting from overtopping and / or breaching of defences at specific locations for a number of scenarios.

At present this information is available along the full coastal / tidal floodplain, except the tidal Witham Haven in Boston (upstream of Hobhole) where only breaching and not overtopping has been modelled and the tidal River Welland upstream of Fosdyke Bridge where neither breaching nor overtopping are available.

The number of locations we have this information for is expected to increase in time.

The attached maps show the maximum values of flood depth, velocity and hazard rating (danger to people) resulting from breaching of the defences at specific locations for the scenarios below. For some locations the breach mapping also includes flooding from overtopping if this is expected in that scenario. The location of modelled tidal breaches is shown on a separate attached map.

5.3.1 Tidal Hazard Mapping – Breaches

- Year 2006 0.5% (1 in 200) chance
- Year 2006 0.1% (1 in 1000) chance
- Year 2115 0.5% (1 in 200) chance
- Year 2115 0.1% (1 in 1000) chance

5.3.2 Tidal Hazard Mapping - Overtopping

Your site is not affected by overtopping of the defences for the present day (2006) and climate change (2115) scenarios, though may be at risk from breaching.

6. Development Planning

If you would like local guidance on preparing a flood risk assessment for a planning application, please contact our Sustainable Places team at LNplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk. It will help if you mention this data request and attach your site location plan.

We provide free preliminary advice; additional/detailed advice, review of draft FRAs and meetings are chargeable at a rate set to cover our costs, currently £100 (plus VAT) per hour of staff time. Further details are available on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/developers-get-environmental-advice-on-your-planning-proposals>.

General advice on flood risk assessment for planning applications can be found on GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessment-for-planning-applications>

Climate change will increase flood risk due to overtopping of defences. Please note, unless specified otherwise, the climate change data included has an allowance for 20% increase in flow. Updated guidance on how climate change could affect flood risk to new development - 'Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances' was published on GOV.UK in **July 2021**. The appropriate updated climate change allowance should be applied in a Flood Risk Assessment.

You should also consult the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment produced by your local planning authority.

7. Data Licence and Other Supporting Information

We respond to requests for recorded information we hold under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the associated Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

This information is provided in accordance with the Open Government Licence which can be found here: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

Further information on flood risk can be found on the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather>

8. Other Flood Risk Management Authorities

The information provided with this letter relates to flood risk from main river or the sea. The Flood Map for Surface Water can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>

Additional information may be available from other risk management authorities, such as the Lead Local Flood Authority (ie top tier council) or Internal Drainage Board (where they exist).

I hope we have correctly interpreted your request. If you have any queries or would like to discuss the content of this letter further please contact Alexander Tan using the email address below and quoting our CCN reference number above.

Yours sincerely,



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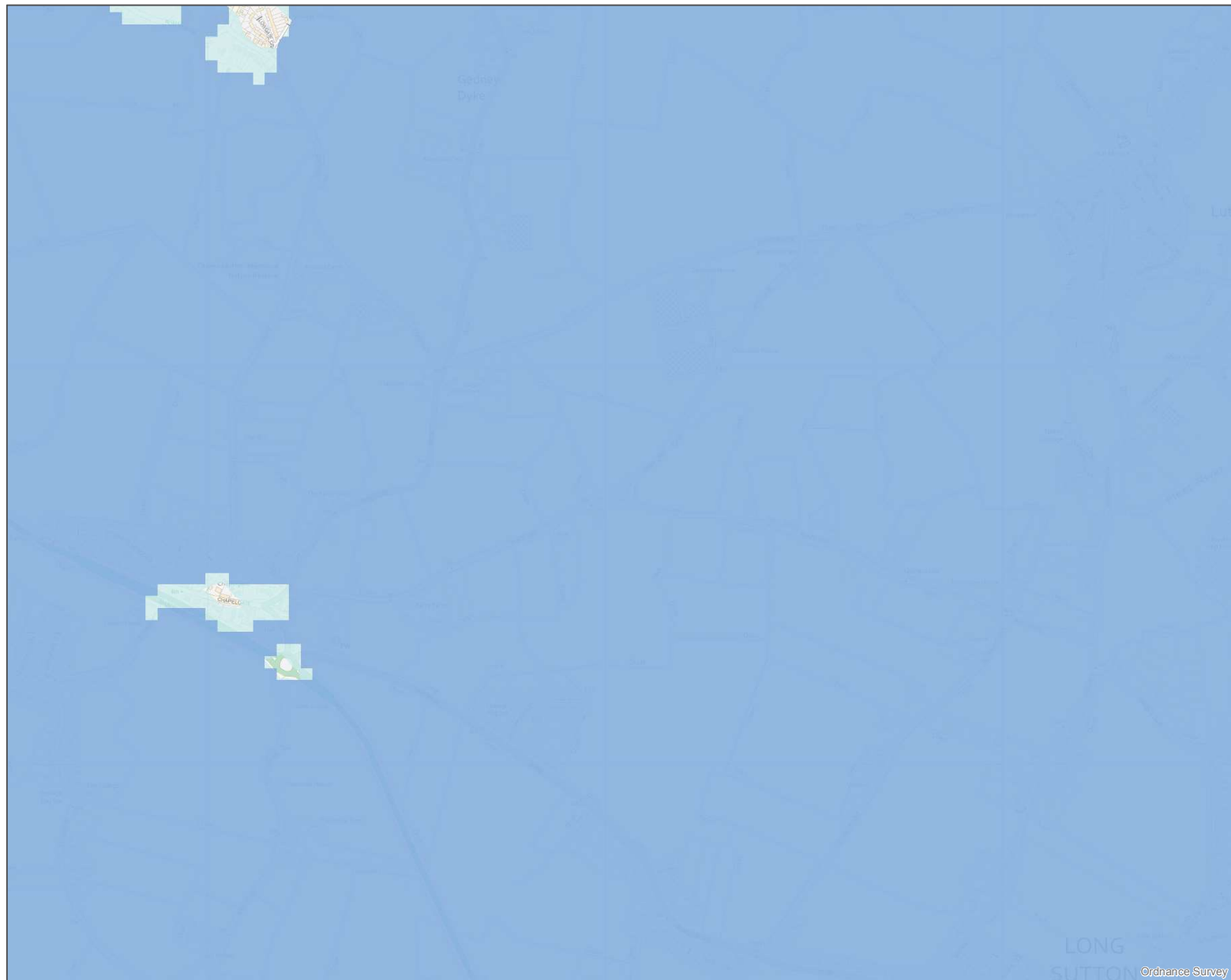
Flood Map

Tidal Level Data Sheets - Map and Tables

Tidal Breach Points – Locations Map

Hazard Mapping – Breaching

Flood Map centred on TF 42038 24679 - created March 2023 [Ref: CCN-2023-303536]



Scale 1:10,000



Legend

- Main River
- Raised Defences
- Flood Storage Areas
- Area at Risk of Flooding from Rivers or The Sea
- Extreme Flood Outline

Dark blue shows the area that could be affected by flooding, either from rivers or the sea, if there were no flood defences. This area could be flooded:

- from the sea by a flood that has a 0.5% (1 in 200) or greater chance of happening each year.
- or from a river by a flood that has a 1% (1 in 100) or greater chance of happening each year.

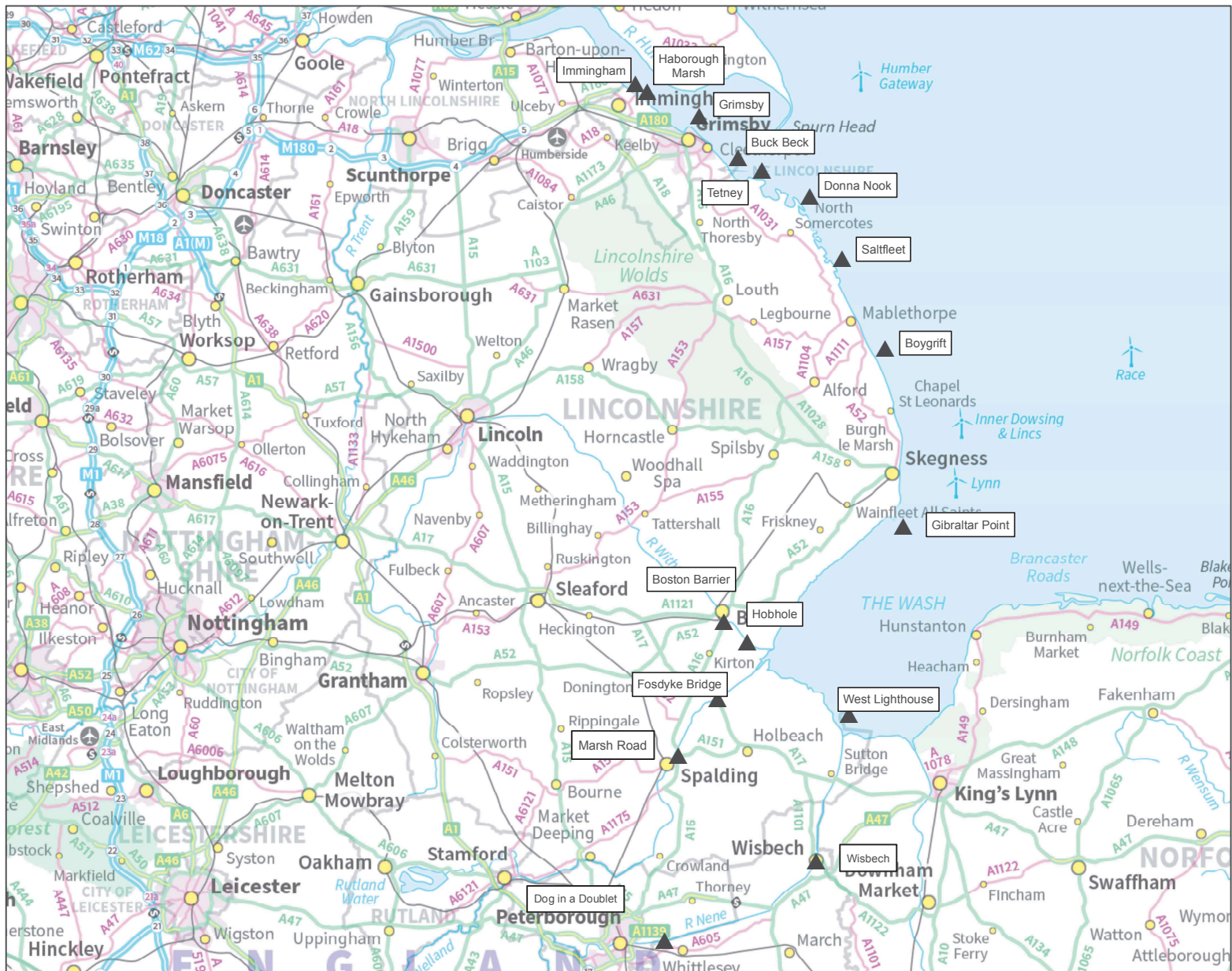
Light blue shows the extent of the Extreme Flood Outline, which represents the extent of a flood event with a 0.1% chance of occurring in any year, or the highest recorded historic extent if greater.

These two colours show the extent of the natural floodplain if there were no flood defences or certain other manmade structures and channel improvements. Sites outside the two extents, but behind raised defences, may be affected by flooding if the defences are overtopped or fail.

Created by the Partnerships and Strategic Overview Team, Kettering

East Coast and Wash - 2018 Coastal Flood Boundary [CFB] Dataset

Key Node Points



Scale 1:550,000



▲ East Coast and Wash

See separate data sheet for predicted flood levels

East Coast and Wash: Immingham to the West Lighthouse

2018 Coastal Flood Boundary Extreme Sea Levels

CFB REF	LOCATION	EASTING	NORTHING	ANNUAL CHANCE (1 IN X) OF TIDE LEVEL IN METRES ODN																						
				1			10			50			100			200			300			1000				
				Confidence Bound			Confidence Bound			Confidence Bound			Confidence Bound			Confidence Bound			Confidence Bound			Confidence Bound				
				2.5%	50%	97.5%	2.5%	50%	97.5%	2.5%	50%	97.5%	2.5%	50%	97.5%	2.5%	50%	97.5%	2.5%	50%	97.5%	2.5%	50%	97.5%		
3888	Immingham	520440	417625	4.16	4.17	4.19	4.50	4.53	4.62	4.73	4.80	5.00	4.83	4.93	5.19	4.93	5.06	5.41	4.98	5.14	5.55	5.15	5.38	6.01		
3890	Haborough Marsh	522100	416512	4.14	4.15	4.17	4.48	4.51	4.60	4.70	4.77	4.97	4.80	4.90	5.16	4.90	5.03	5.38	4.94	5.10	5.51	5.11	5.34	5.97		
3898	Grimsby	529295	413162	3.98	3.99	4.01	4.31	4.34	4.43	4.53	4.60	4.80	4.61	4.71	4.97	4.71	4.84	5.19	4.74	4.90	5.31	4.88	5.11	5.74		
3906	Buck Beck	534709	407369	3.87	3.88	3.90	4.19	4.23	4.31	4.41	4.50	4.68	4.50	4.61	4.86	4.61	4.75	5.10	4.64	4.82	5.22	4.80	5.05	5.66		
3910	Tetney	538035	405537	3.85	3.86	3.89	4.17	4.22	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.67	4.49	4.61	4.86	4.60	4.75	5.10	4.63	4.82	5.21	4.80	5.06	5.66		
3918	Donna Nook	544641	401997	3.82	3.83	3.86	4.14	4.19	4.27	4.38	4.48	4.65	4.47	4.60	4.85	4.58	4.74	5.10	4.63	4.82	5.22	4.81	5.08	5.68		
3928	Saltfleet	549131	393360	3.78	3.79	3.82	4.11	4.16	4.26	4.36	4.46	4.64	4.47	4.59	4.86	4.57	4.74	5.11	4.63	4.83	5.25	4.83	5.11	5.74		
3942	Boygrift	555131	380860	3.72	3.74	3.77	4.06	4.11	4.22	4.33	4.43	4.65	4.43	4.57	4.87	4.56	4.73	5.13	4.62	4.83	5.28	4.85	5.15	5.82		
3968	Gibraltar Point	557652	356181	4.16	4.17	4.20	4.51	4.56	4.67	4.76	4.85	5.08	4.85	4.97	5.27	4.94	5.10	5.49	4.99	5.18	5.63	5.14	5.41	6.09		
3992_14	Hobhole	535990	340116	4.96	4.97	5.01	5.40	5.44	5.56	5.66	5.76	5.98	5.78	5.90	6.20	5.88	6.04	6.44	5.92	6.11	6.57	6.03	6.31	6.99		
	Grand Sluice*	532366	344510	4.93	4.94	4.98	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3		
3992_9	Boston Barrier	532754	342852	4.93	4.94	4.98	5.41	5.45	5.57	5.73	5.83	6.05	5.85	5.97	6.27	5.93	6.09	6.49	5.94	6.13	6.59	5.98	6.26	6.94		
3992_5	Fosdyke Bridge	531886	332234	4.87	4.88	4.92	5.31	5.35	5.47	5.58	5.68	5.90	5.71	5.83	6.13	5.82	5.98	6.38	5.87	6.06	6.52	6.01	6.29	6.97		
4008	West Lighthouse	550094	329971	4.87	4.88	4.91	5.21	5.26	5.37	5.46	5.56	5.78	5.56	5.68	5.98	5.66	5.82	6.21	5.71	5.90	6.35	5.86	6.14	6.81		
-	Marsh Road	525988	324065	-	5.04	-	-	5.44	-	-	5.73	-	-	5.85	-	-	5.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
-	Wisbech	546110	309940	-	4.83	-	-	5.25	-	-	5.53	-	-	5.66	-	-	5.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
-	Dog-in-a-Doublet	527200	299287	-	3.67	-	-	4.00	-	-	4.22	-	-	4.32	-	-	4.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

See next page for notes

East Coast and Wash: Immingham to the West Lighthouse

2018 Coastal Flood Boundary Extreme Sea Levels

NOTES:

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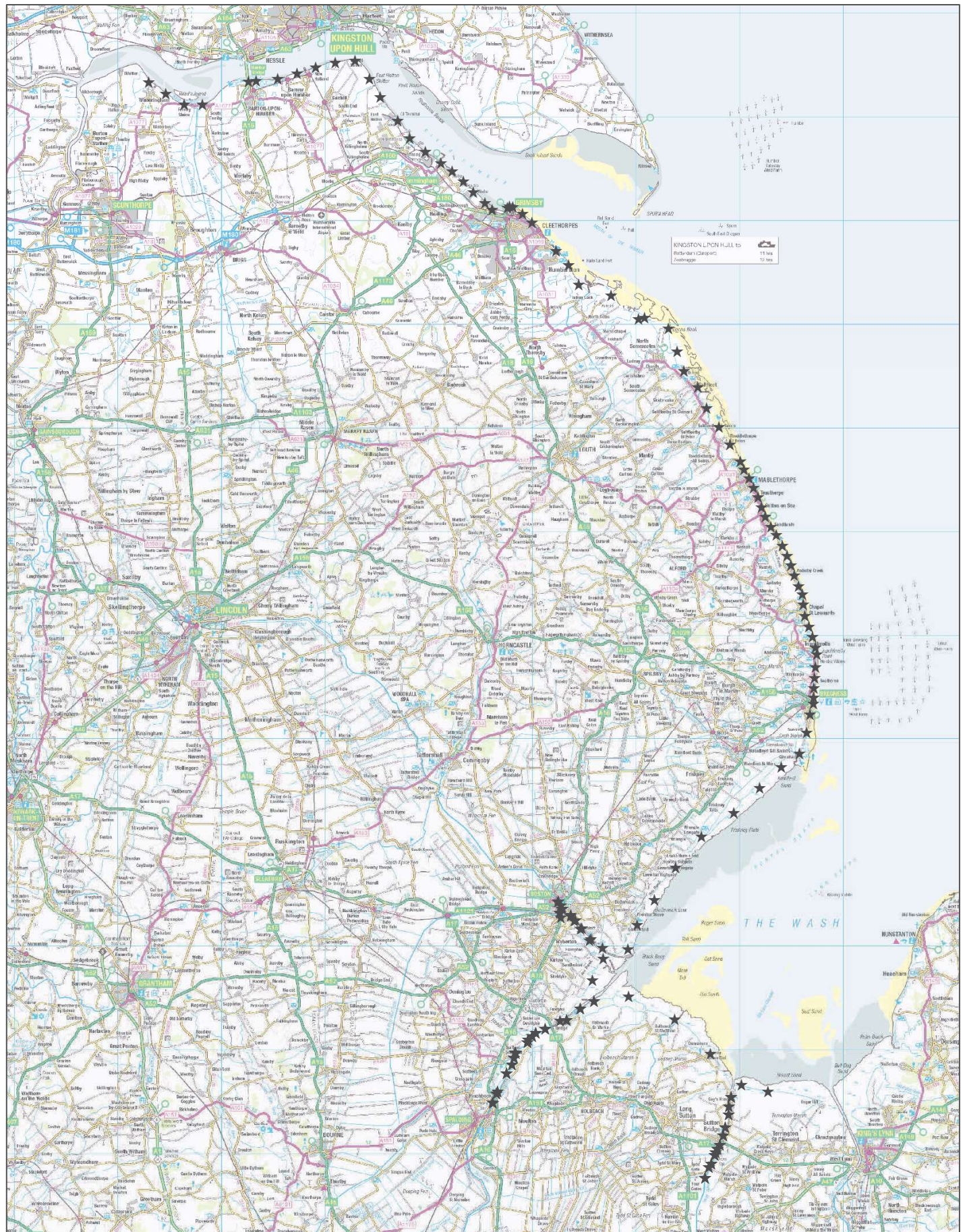
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★ Modelled Breach Locations

0 3.5 7 14 Kilometers

This map indicates the location of where we have modelled the consequence of breaches in the defences along the coastline and tidal rivers. We have mapped the maximum values of Hazard Rating (Danger to People), Depth and Velocity.

We have not assumed that all breaches occur at the same time, but have modelled each breach individually and overlaid the results to find the maximum values.

Our modelling only considers the consequences of a breach, it does not make any assumption about the likelihood of a breach occurring. Our defences generally provide a good standard of flood defence but a risk of breaching remains.

Please contact the Environment Agency for information on how these maps are used in the management of flood risk.

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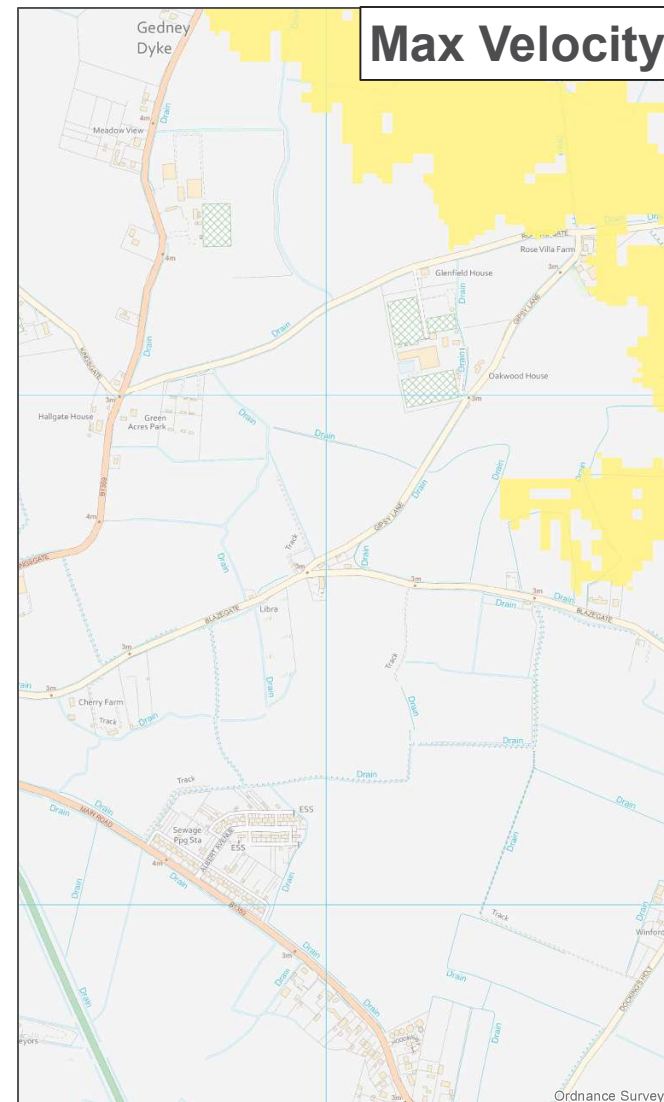
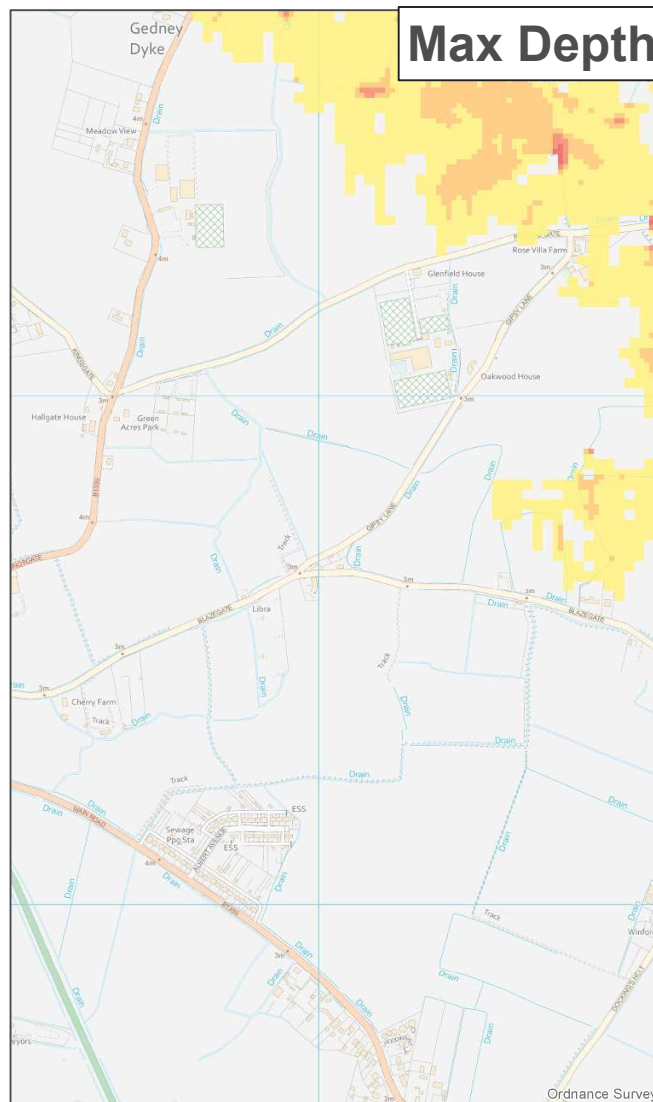
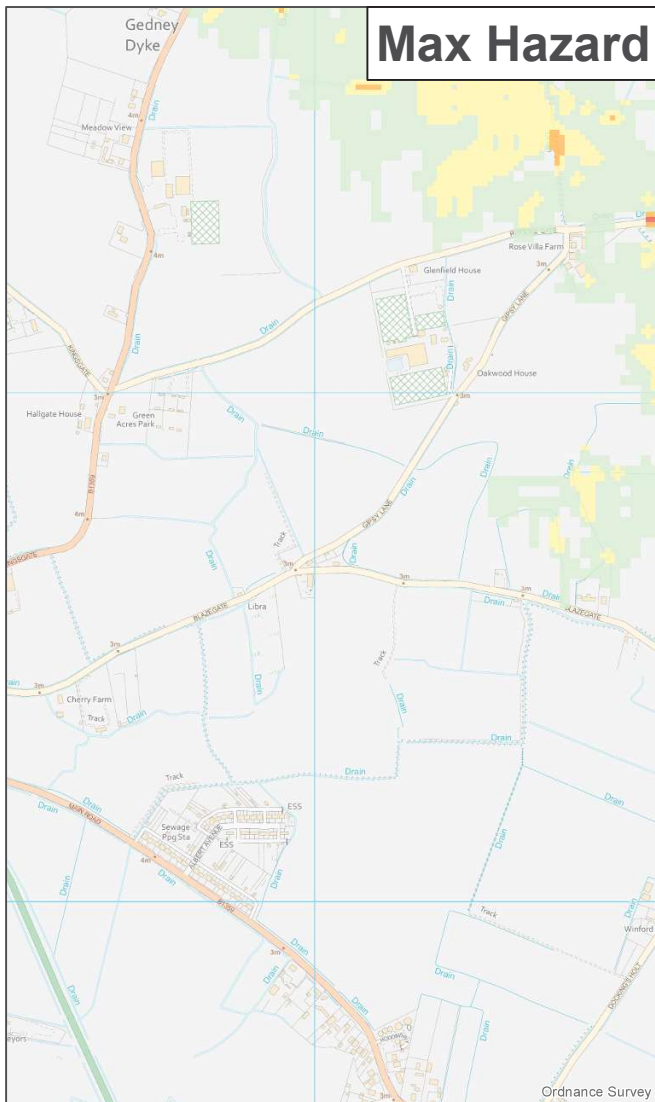
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Northern Area Tidal Hazard Mapping

Location of Modelled Breaches

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Between 0.75 and 1.25 (Danger for Some)		0.25 - 0.50		0.3 - 1.0			
Between 1.25 and 2.0 (Danger for Most)		0.50 - 1.0		1.0 - 1.5			
Greater than 2.0 (Danger for All)		1.0 - 1.6		1.5 - 2.5			
		1.6 +		2.5 +			
Date Printed	March 2023	Scenario year	2006	Scenario Annual Chance	0.5% (1 in 200)	CCN Number	CCN -2023-303536

This map shows the level of flood hazard to people (called a hazard rating) if our flood defences are breached at certain locations, for a range of scenarios. The hazard rating depends on the depth and velocity of floodwater, and maximum values of these are also mapped.

The map is based on computer modelling of simulated breaches at specific locations. Each breach has been modelled individually and the results combined to create this map. Multiple breaches, other combinations of breaches, different sized tidal surges or flood flows may all give different results.

The map only considers the consequences of a breach, it does not make any assumption about the likelihood of a breach occurring. The likelihood of a breach occurring will depend on a number of different factors, including the construction and the defences in the area. A breach is less likely where defences are of a good standard, but a risk of breaching remains.

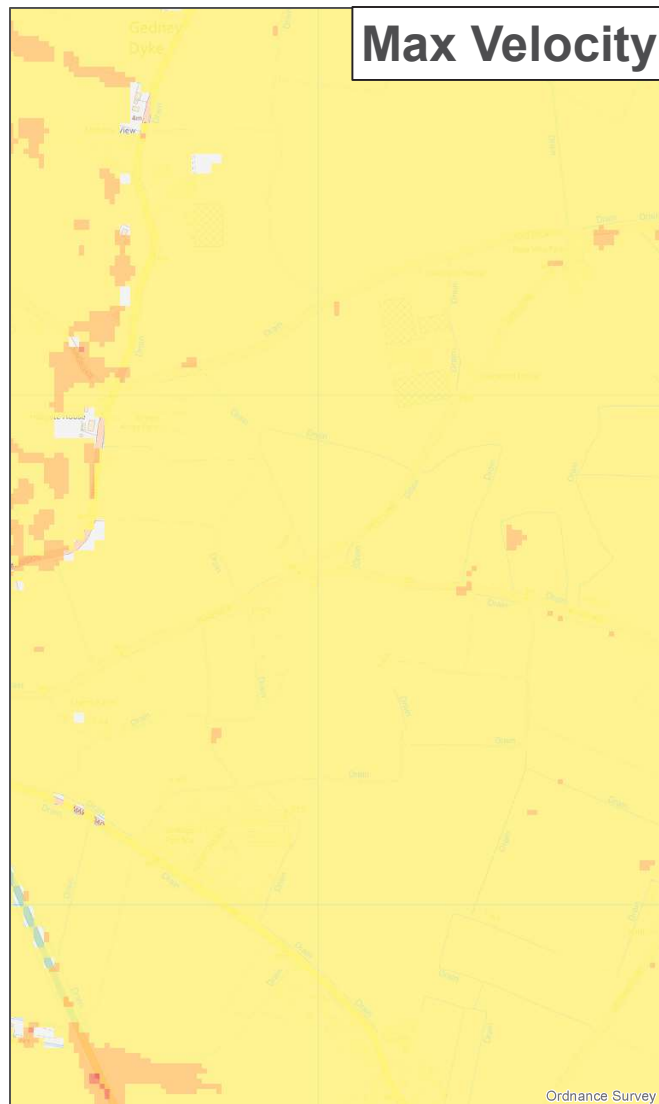
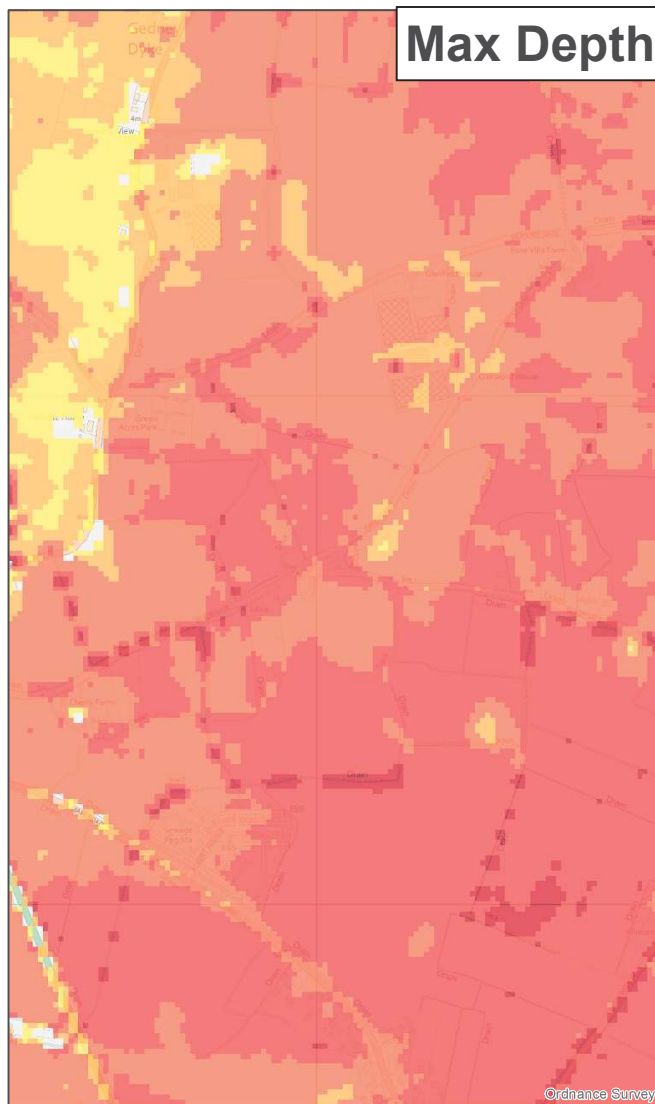
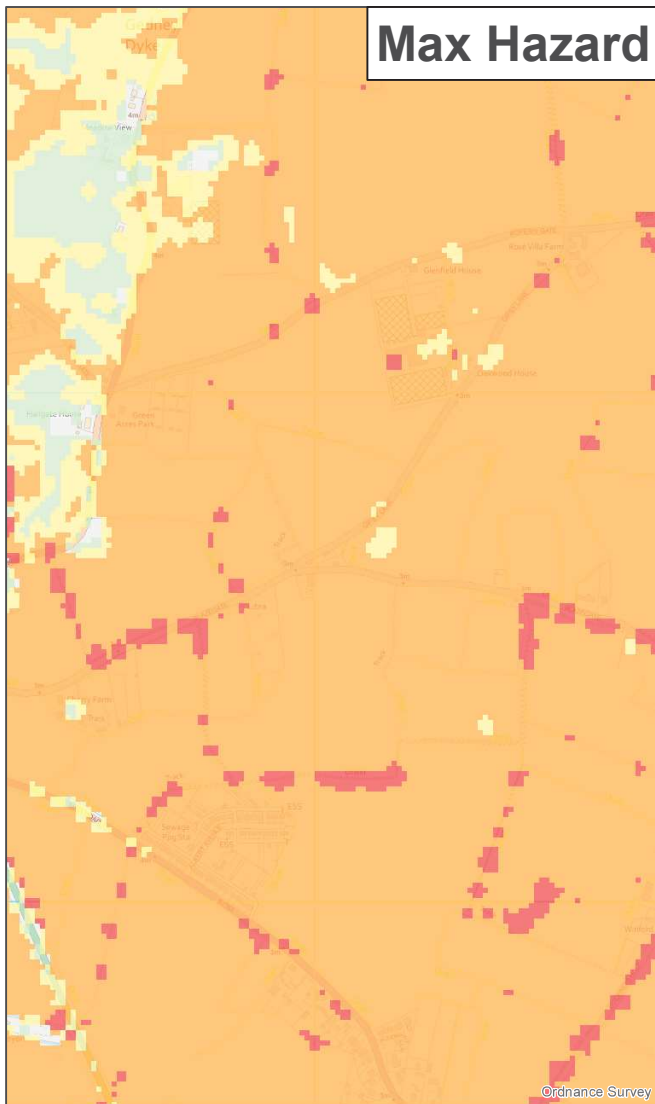
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ATTACHMENT 3

FLOOD WARNING AND EVACUATION PLAN

**FLOOD WARNING AND EVACUATION PLAN
FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT
BLAZEGATE, GEDNEY**

FINAL REPORT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan has been prepared with consideration to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and supporting planning practice guidance (PPG) on Flood Risk and Coastal Change.

Paragraph 163 of NPPF states that development should only be allowed in areas at risk of flooding where it can be demonstrated that any residual risk can be safely managed and that safe access and escape routes are included where appropriate, as part of an agreed emergency plan.

This Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan has been produced on behalf of Mr J McDonagh with respect to a residential development consisting of a change of use from agricultural land to provide 4 gypsy / traveller pitches at Blazegate, Gedney.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location

The site is located at Blazegate, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 9HJ. The National Grid Reference of the site is 54236/32459.

The location of the site is shown in Figure 1.

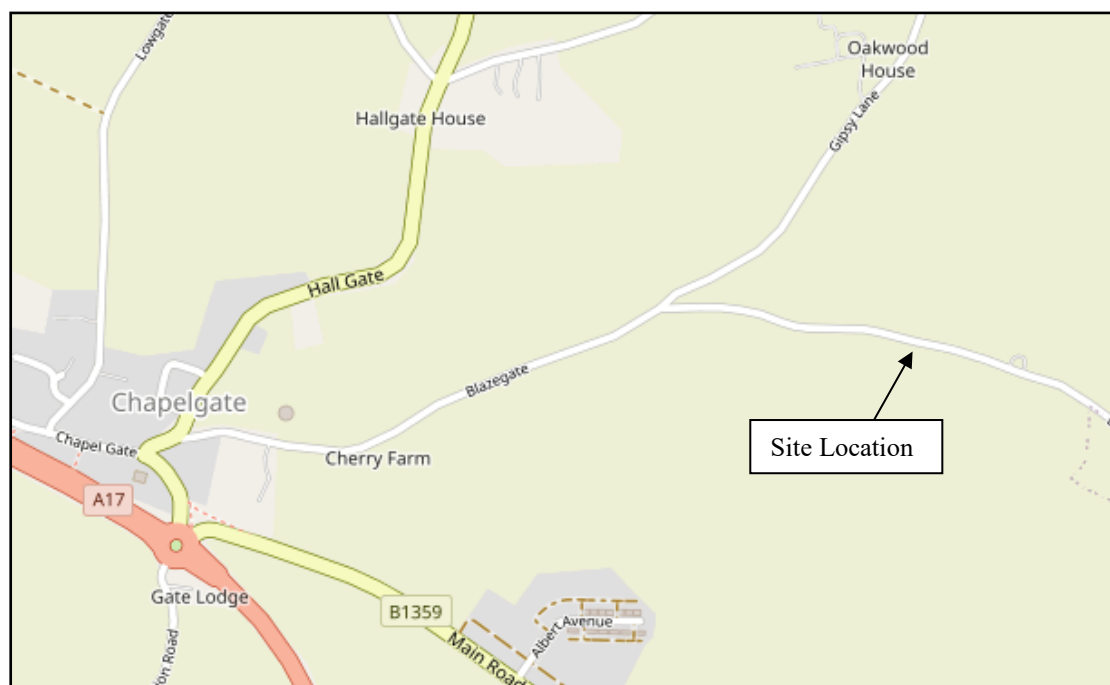


Figure 1 – Location Plan (© OpenStreetMap contributors)

2.2 Site Description

The site is on the southern side of Blazegate approximately 400m east of the junction with Gipsy Lane. The site is an area of agricultural land with an existing access to Blazegate. The area of development is 0.21 hectares.

The site is in the South Holland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) District.

The proposed development consists of the change of use from agricultural land to provide 4 gypsy / traveller pitches. Each pitch will comprise a mobile home, parking for a tourer, and an amenity building. Details of the proposed development are provided in Attachment 1.

3.0 FLOOD RISK AND MITIGATION

3.1 Existing Flood Risk

A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) for the development was prepared by Ellingham Consulting in August 2026. Section 3 of this Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan provides a summary of the flood risk to the site based upon the information presented in the Flood Risk Assessment.

The site is in Flood Zone 3, an area with a high probability of flooding benefitting from flood defences, of the Environment Agency Flood Maps for Planning.

The site is protected by tidal defences on the Wash and the River Nene. The defences provide protection against the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) with climate change event.

There is a residual risk of flooding at the site should a tidal breach occur. The peak depth at the site from direct overtopping together with breach failure is 1.0m - 1.6m. A flood depth up to 1.4m could be anticipated.

3.2 Flood Mitigation Measures

The FRA proposed the following flood risk management measures:

- the caravans will be secured to the ground using a chain and anchor; and
- finished floor levels of the caravans and amenity buildings will be 1.6m above existing ground level.

As noted in Section 3.1, the site is protected and therefore the proposed measures mitigate against the residual risk to the site in the event of a breach.

4.0 WARNING, EVACUATION AND RECOVERY

4.1 Receiving Flood Warnings

The site lies within the Environment Agency's "Holbeach, Fleet, Gedney and surrounding areas" flood warning area. The area highlighted in blue in Figure 2 identifies the area in the vicinity of the site covered by this flood warning.

Area covered by this alert location

The area bounded in blue on the map shows the area covered by flood alerts and warnings for Holbeach, Fleet, Gedney and surrounding areas.

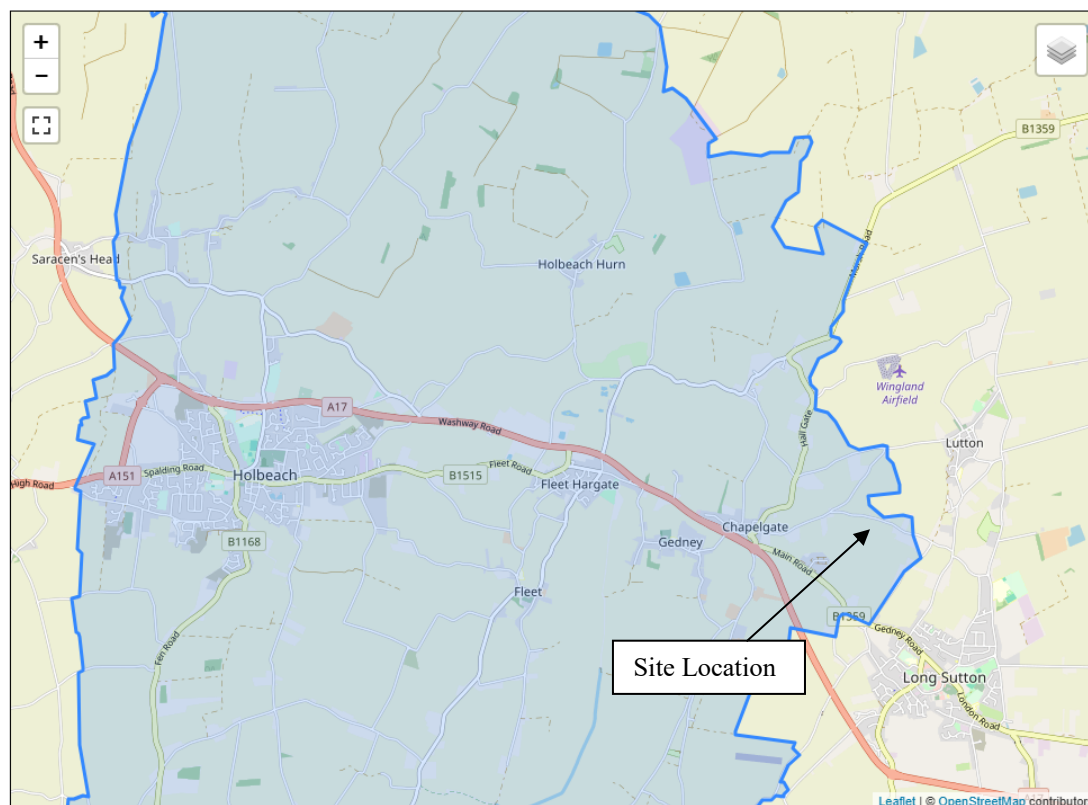


Figure 2 – Flood Warning Area

The flood warden for the site is Mr J Rooney. The flood warden will be signed up to the Environment Agency's Floodline Warnings Direct scheme to be informed of possible flood events.

Signing up to flood warnings is a free service and can be done online by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>. Registration can also be made over the telephone by calling Floodline (a 24-hour service) on: 0345 988 1188. The future owner/occupier will need to provide:

- the address of the property;
- a phone number that is contactable day or night; and
- an email address.

The receipt of a flood warning or the forecast extreme rainfall or tidal events should be the trigger for the flood warden and occupier or each caravan to undertake the actions described within this plan.

In addition to receiving flood warnings the occupiers / owners of the dwellings should listen to local radio for the latest information.

Station	Frequency
Radio Lincolnshire	94.9 MHz & 104.7 MHz

Table 1 – Local Radio

4.2 Preparing a Personal Flood Plan

It is recommended that the occupiers of each caravan prepare a Personal Flood Plan, which should include the following:

- a Flood Pack, which should include a torch, waterproof clothing, wellington boots, high visibility jacket, blankets and first aid kit;
- a plan showing the prescribed safe routes to exit the property and find higher ground;
- emergency service contact telephone numbers;
- the Environment Agency's website details to obtain updates regarding the flood level status;
- contact details of alternative location to relocate (e.g., family or friends);
- location of any mains services, to be switched off when the building is evacuated; and
- contact details of the property's insurance company.

4.3 Stages of Flood Warning

The Environment Agency flood warning service comprises four staged warning codes, each indicating the severity of flooding and the level of danger. A generic simple flood plan prepared by the Environment Agency is provided in Attachment 2.

The four codes and the actions to be undertaken are provided in Table 2.

Flood Warning Code	Meaning and Actions
Flood Alert (Flooding is possible) 	<u>Be Prepared</u> • Monitor local news and forecasts; • Prepare to follow the instructions from this Flood Warning Evacuation Plan; • Plan for possible alternative accommodation; and • Be aware of the water levels in the rivers.
Flood Warning (Flooding is Expected) 	<u>Immediate Action Required</u> • Monitor local news and forecasts; • Prepare to follow the instructions from this Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan; • Collect pets, valuables and important documents and move them to safety; • Turn off utility supplies; and • Be aware of the water levels in the rivers.
Severe Flood Warning (Severe Flooding) 	<u>Danger to Life</u> • Act on the instructions in the Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan; • Listen to advice from the Emergency Services; • Evacuate the Site if safe to do so, if in danger call 999; and • Avoid walking or driving through flood water.
Warning No Longer in Force	<u>No Further Flooding Predicted</u> • Return to property once flood waters have receded

Table 2 – Flood Warning Stages and Actions

4.4 Evacuation Procedures

If the site receive a **“Flood Alert”** they must prepare to evacuate. The following actions will be taken:

- the flood warden will inform all occupants;
- an occupancy list will be prepared by the Site Manager;
- vehicles will be checked ready for evacuation.

If the warning code is increased to **“Flood Warning”** evacuation must begin. The Flood Warden will inform all occupants to leave. A system will be in place for recording which guests have been informed. Occupiers must initially undertake a visual check of any floodwater to satisfy themselves that evacuation is safe.

Evacuation from the development should be in a westerly direction towards Gedney village and hence to Holbeach which is in Flood Zone 1. The route is shown in Figure 3.

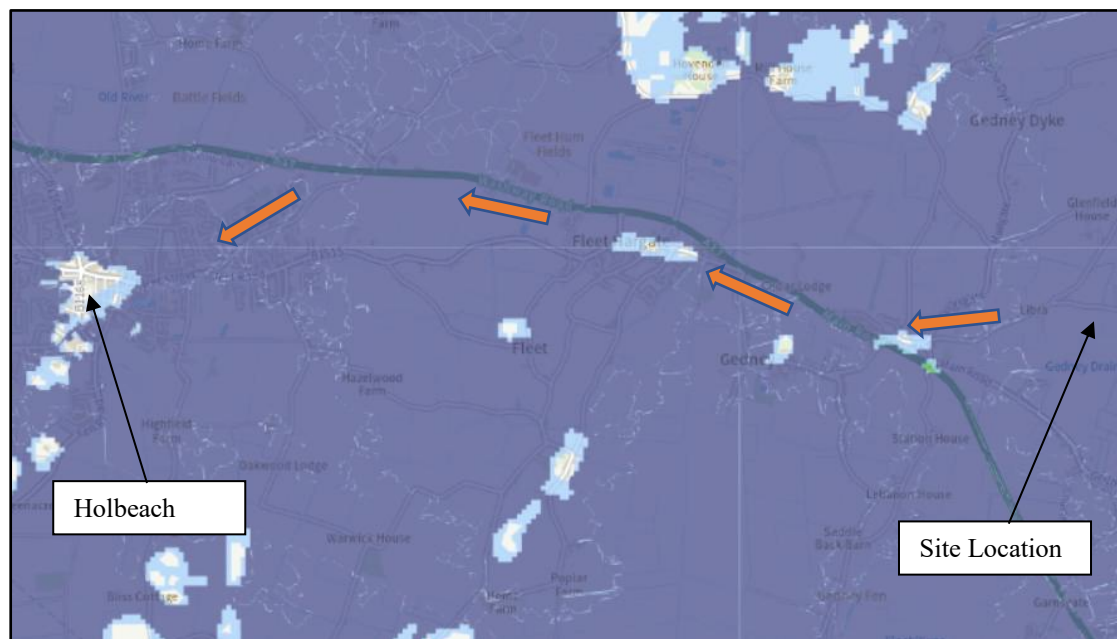


Figure 3 – Evacuation Route

If it is intended to walk through floodwater from the caravans to higher ground then it must be at a safe level to do so i.e., shallow enough to see the ground below.

4.5 FLOOD RECOVERY PLAN

Once the flood event has passed, Environment Agency flood information, local news and media should be monitored to determine when it is safe to access the property again if it has been evacuated.

Flood conditions should be assessed by the Council and emergency services prior to any attempt at reoccupation. There should also be cooperation with representatives from the utilities companies to ensure that there are no unacceptable risks.

Once it is deemed safe to return, a thorough assessment and inventory should be undertaken to assess any health and safety risks due to flood damage. Potential hazards include (but are not limited to):

- debris and foliage;
- standing water;
- silt or residue on the site that may be slippery;
- contaminated or electrified water;
- slip hazards; and
- broken glass / edges.

As a priority, the owner/occupier should contact their insurance company prior to occupation and to also obtain information on submitting any claims. Upon reoccupation, a clean-up operation can commence. Residents may need to:

- commission immediate repair work (including pumping, if necessary) to prevent further damage;
- open doors and windows to provide ventilation to the property;
- contact the Council to find out where residents can obtain help on cleaning up;
- contact the Utilities Providers to make sure it is safe to re-use;
- dispose of any food/drink that may have been in contact with the flood waters; and
- keep a record of any flood damage (e.g., using photographs).

Particular attention must be given that there are no loose or dangling wires or broken service pipes before utilities are connected and power is restored.

The Environment Agency provides further information on flood recovery on its website <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/recovering-after-a-flood>. The website consists of advice about how to clear up after a flood, get help from specially trained Flood Support Officers and how to apply for potential financial aid from the Council.

5.0 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

The response to a major flood event will consist of several organisations working at a local level, including the emergency services, local authority, and the Environment Agency. A table of these principal contacts is below:

Organisation	Number
The Environment Agency	0345 988 1188
South Holland District Council	Tel: 01775 761161
Lincolnshire Prepared	for information on how floods are responded to in Lincolnshire and how to prepare for evacuation www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshire-prepared
Lincolnshire County Council	01522 782244
Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service	Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency: 01522555777

Table 3 – Principal Contacts

6.0 MONITORING

This Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan should be monitored and maintained. It is recommended that this Plan is reviewed at a minimum period of every five years. The Plan should also be reviewed following its implementation in the event of a flood.

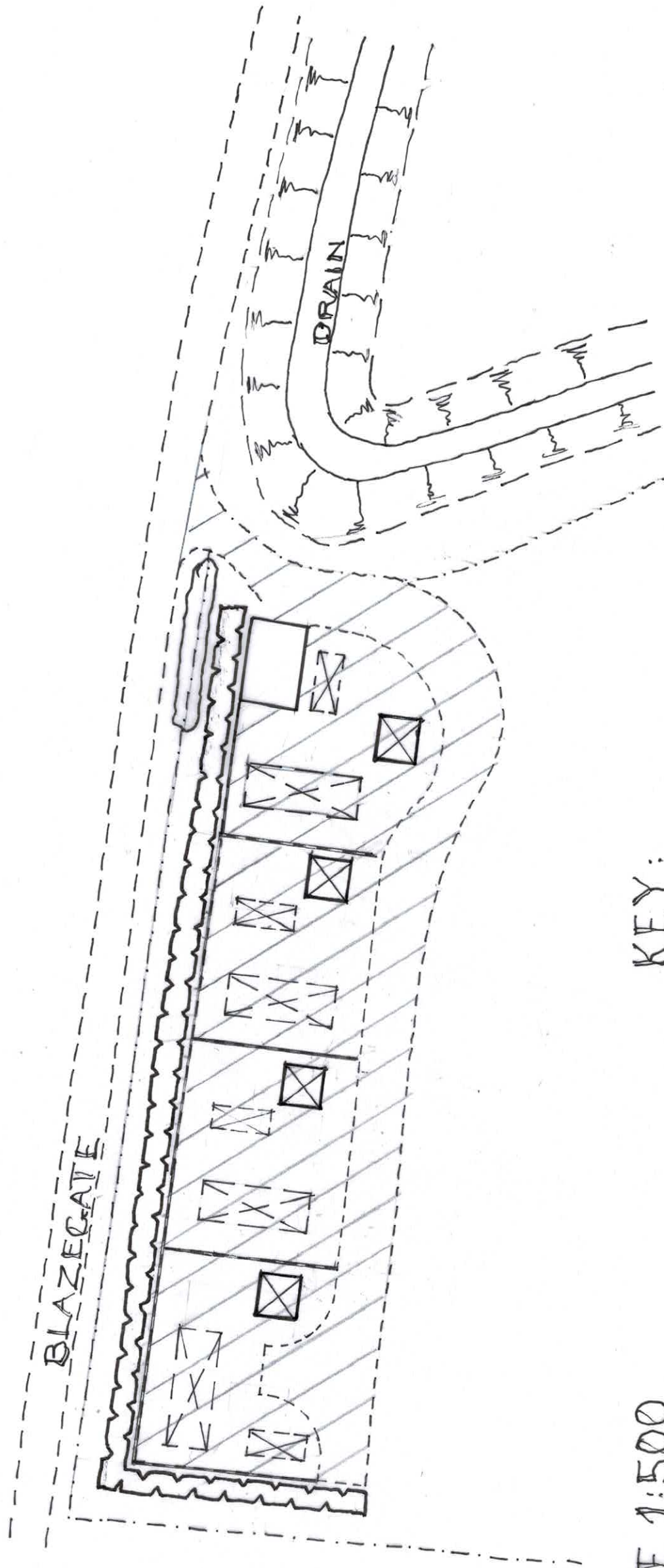
The review should consider any changes to the tidal hazard maps, these are available from the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning should be reviewed to determine if this changes the proposed evacuation routes.

Should any changes to the Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan be made then all recipients of the current Plan must be provided with a copy of the updated Plan.

ATTACHMENT 1

SITE LAYOUT PLAN

SITE LAYOUT PLAN



SCALE 1:500



KEY:

-  MOBILE HOME
-  TOURER
-  HARDSTANDING
-  SCREEN FENCE
-  PROPOSED HEDGEROW
-  EXISTING HEDGE

ATTACHMENT 2

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SIMPLE FLOOD PLAN

Would you know what to do in a flood?



**FLOOD
ALERT**

PREPARE

- Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
- Visit flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk



**FLOOD
WARNING**

ACT

- Turn off gas, water and electricity
- Move things upstairs or to safety
- Move family, pets and car to safety



**SEVERE
FLOOD
WARNING**

SURVIVE

- Call 999 if in immediate danger
- Follow advice from emergency services
- Keep yourself and your family safe