

Flood Risk Assessment

Site:

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Introduction

Origin Design Studio Ltd have been appointed by Mr L C Dobney to prepare a Flood Risk Assessment to accompany a planning application to South Holland District Council for a residential development.

The site is contained within in three flood zones. It's partial containment in flood zone 2 and 3 is the basis upon which a Flood Risk Assessment is required. The approach to flood risk is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), refer to Appendix A with more local planning policy set out in the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (SELLP), refer to Appendix B. This Flood Risk Assessment assesses the site in accordance with the policy requirements of the NPPF and the SELLP.

The Site

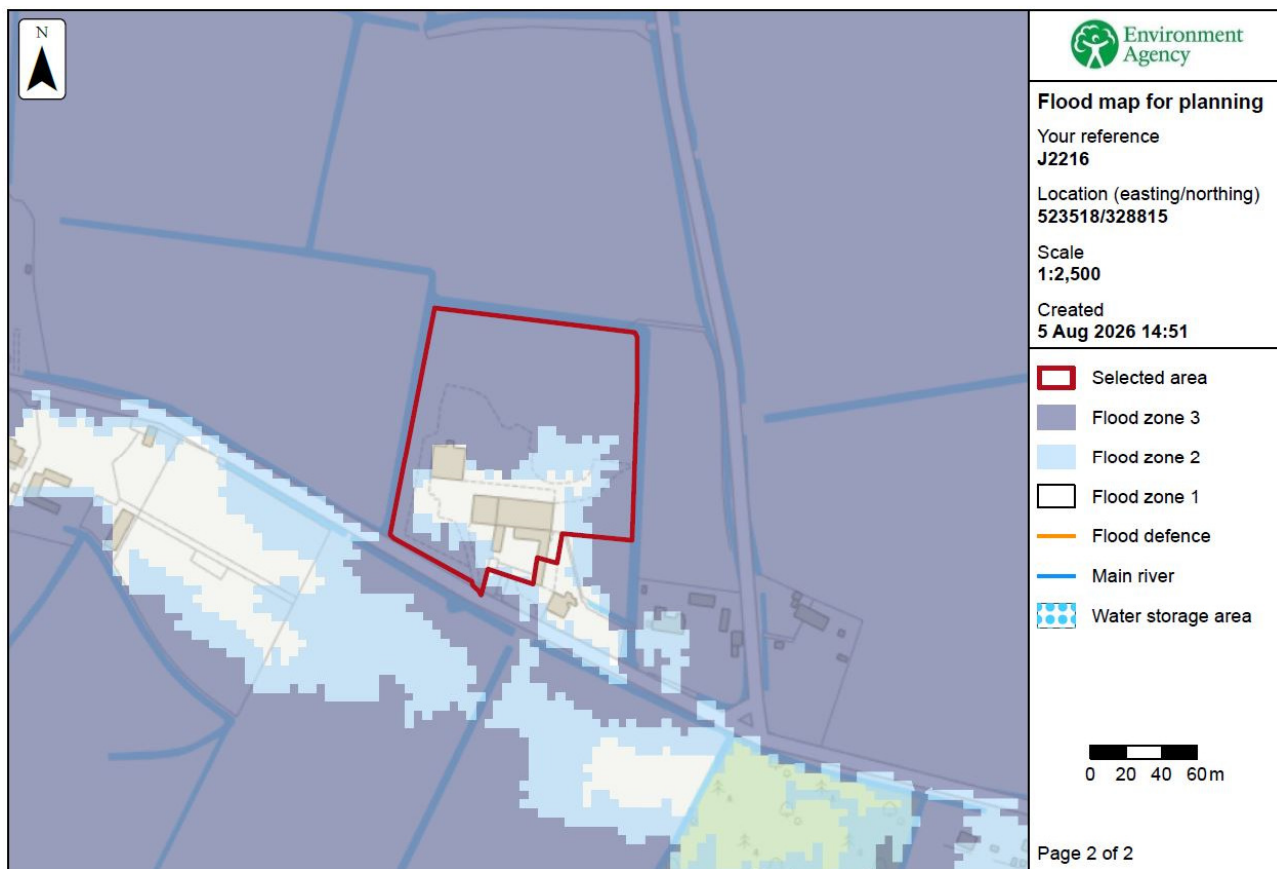
The site is located to the north of Cheal Road approximately 1.5km to the west of Surfleet. The wider site has a number of agricultural buildings on it. These include a traditional range, potentially 19th Century to the southeast and more modern 20th Century buildings including that on the site, subject of this application. Generally, the site is surrounded by agricultural fields although there are two dwellings located to the southeast and east of the site. The proposed development is for the conversion of the existing agricultural buildings to form 3 No. two storey dwellings.

Findings

Risk of Flooding from River and Seas

Flood Zone

The site is contained mainly within a Flood Zone 3 with parts in a Flood Zone 2 and parts located in a Flood Zone 1. Flood Zone 3 shows the area at risk of flooding for an undefended flood event with: a 1% or greater probability of flooding from rivers or 0.5% or greater probability of flooding from the sea.



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Figure 1 - Flood zone map (the site is marked with a red line).

Historic Flooding

The Environment Agency do not have any information about historical flooding on the site, refer to Appendix E.

Sequential & Exception Test

The proposed development is residential and will result in 3No. dwellings. This is from the conversion of the existing agricultural building. Therefore, flood risk is considered on this basis.

Developments need a sequential test when the development is in flood zone 2 or 3 and a sequential test hasn't already been done for a development of the type planned on the proposed site.

The purpose of the sequential test is to direct development to land of lower flood risk. The sequential test compares the proposed development site with other available sites to find out which has the lowest flood risk.

The residential use is classified as "more vulnerable" in accordance with Table 2 – Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification.

Flood Zones	Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification				
	Essential infrastructure	Highly vulnerable	More vulnerable	Less vulnerable	Water compatible
Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zone 2	✓	Exception Test required	✓	✓	✓
Zone 3a †	Exception Test required †	X	Exception Test required	✓	✓
Zone 3b *	Exception Test required *	X	X	X	✓*

Key:

✓ Development is appropriate

X Development should not be permitted.

Figure 2 - Table 3 – Flood Risk Vulnerability and Flood Zone Compatibility (www.gov.uk)

In accordance with Table 3 where a site is located in a Flood Zone 3 with a vulnerability classification of “more vulnerable” development is considered to be compatible providing the exception test is satisfied. Therefore, the development will need to pass both a sequential test and exception test.

In this case the proposed development is for a ‘Change of Use’, accordingly it will pass both the Sequential and Exception Test.

Site Levels

A topographical survey has been undertaken to inform the design for the proposed development, refer to Appendix C. The topographical survey records the wider site not just the application site. The site is generally flat although as parts of the site lies in all three flood zones, parts of the existing site are elevated sufficiently to not be at risk of flooding. On site levels vary from around +2.3mAOD where the land begins to taper into the surrounding ditches to +3.74mAOD as a high point in the yard. Bunding in the northwest corner reach heights of around +5.60m. The lowest levels feature around the site, with the road featuring at around +3.00mAOD and slightly above and recorded inverts of the surrounding ditches at around +1.48mAOD. The concrete hardstanding in front of the building to be converted measures between approximately +3.6mAOD and +3.7mAOD and this generally corresponds with land in Flood Zone 1. The average ground level of the building to be converted using the four corner levels is around +3.61mAOD.

Calculating the Flood Level

Where possible all habitable floors should be above the flood level. Where the accommodation is proposed to be two storeys the 1 in 100/200-year flood level plus climate change will be used to ensure habitable floors are above the flood level. In the case where a single storey building is proposed habitable floors should be above the 1 in 1000-year flood level plus climate change. In both cases a safe point of refuge can be established and therefore provide protection to the inhabitants of the building.

In this case it is proposed to create a 1No. two-storey dwelling. To determine the flood level the fluvial and tidal sources will be looked at to determine the worst case and an appropriate floor level.

Tidal Flood Sources

The site is not at risk from tidal sources of flooding.

Fluvial Flood Sources

The site is at risk of fluvial flooding from main rivers. The main risk to the site is the River Glen approximately 1.4km to the southeast of the site at its nearest point.

The site is protected by fluvial flood defences from the River Glen. These include earth embankments. They are in a fair condition and reduce the risk of flooding (at the defence) to a 1% (1 in 100) chance of occurring in any year.

Data from the Environment Agency includes in channel data for the River Glen in the Welland Glen Model, refer to Appendix D. It does not contain Hazard mapping for modelled breaches or overtopping which may affect the site.

A simplistic breach model using the in-channel levels of the River Glen offer a basic way to establish a 1:100-year flood level including climate change for the site. The nearest levels for the River Glen local to the site are from node 4749.14 & 4825.07. A topographical survey profiling the watercourse has not been undertaken of the River Glen however information available on OS maps suggest the embankment levels are around 3-4m. The simplistic model only considers an oncoming wave depth and assumes the land downstream of the breach to be taken down to 1.7m. The breach of the River Glen is discussed in this section. It also assumes the defences have been raised to meet the calculated in-channel level, thus creating a larger head for the purposes of calculating the flood depth on site.

Global warming is now recognised that it is likely to affect the frequency and severity of extreme events such as both tidal and fluvial flooding. The climate change allowances in the NPPF Guidance were updated on the 19th February 2016 and again on 17th December 2019. The site lies within the Welland Management Catchment and allowances for climate change should be made on the following basis. For a worst-case scenario, the site shall be considered to be in a Flood Zone 3a and the use classification is 'more vulnerable' therefore Peak River flows use the higher central and upper end to assess a range of allowances.

The adjustments for peak flows can be seen in the table below. Under guidance of the Planning Practice Guidance for developments that are 'more vulnerable' in a flood zone 3 the central allowance shall be used for design. It will be tested for sensitivity using the upper allowance.

River basin district	Allowance category	Total change for the '2020s' (2015 to 2039)	potential anticipated for the '2020s' (2015 to 2039)	Total change for the '2050s' (2040 to 2069)	potential anticipated for the '2050s' (2040 to 2069)	Total change for the '2080s' (2070 to 2115)	potential anticipated for the '2080s' (2070 to 2115)
Welland	Upper		22%		26%		53%
	Higher		10%		10%		28%
	Central		5%		4%		17%

Figure 3 - Table 1 peak river flow allowances by river basin district (use 1961 to 1990 baseline)

A flow discharge curve can be established using the increase in flow to calculate and establish in-channel levels of the River Glen for the additional climate change scenarios.

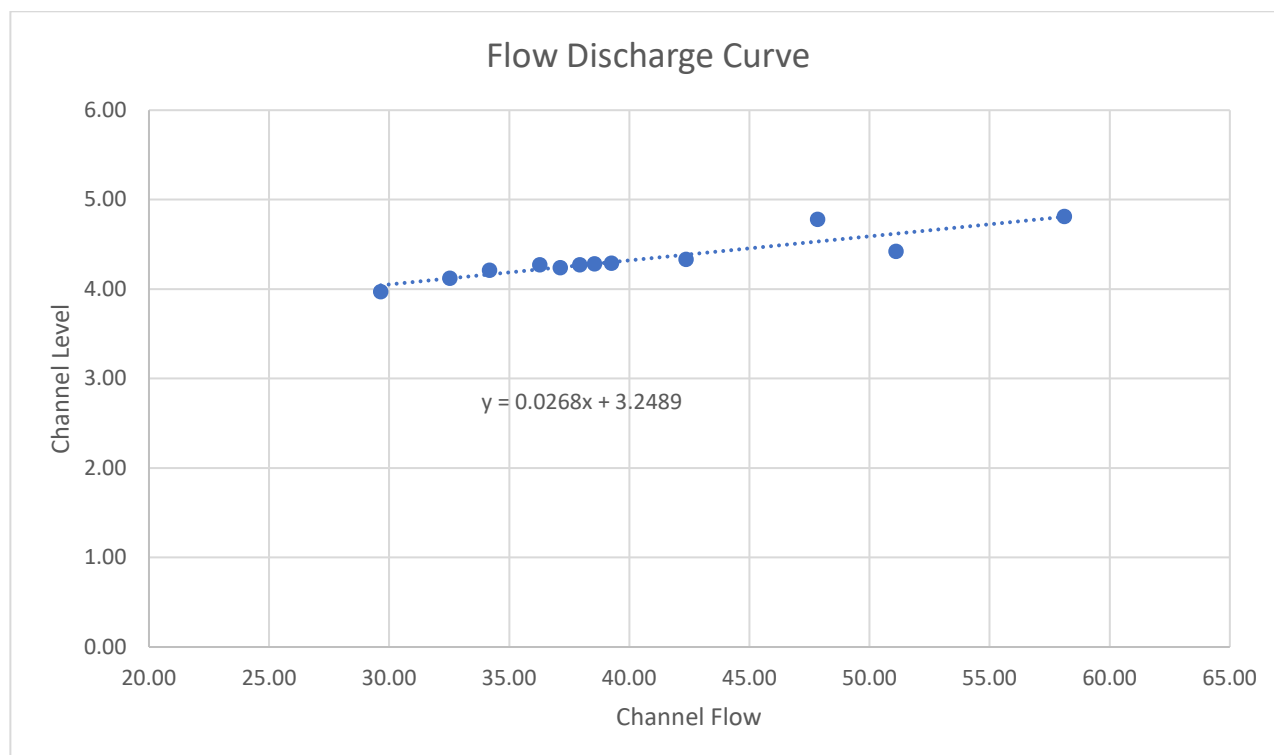


Figure 4 - Flow discharge curve for River Glen nodes 4949.14 & 4825.07

Event & Climate Change (%)	Flow (m³)	Level (m)
1% +17%CC	46.53	4.54
1% +53%CC	61.98	4.85
0.1% +17%CC	57.05	4.78
0.1% +53%CC	69.67	5.12

Figure 5 - Calculated Levels for Climate Change for nodes 4949.14 & 4825.07

The climate change levels for the central allowance i.e. 17% are lower than the 20% increase allowed for in the EA model. Therefore, the central allowance will use the 20% value for both the 1% and 0.1% for design purposes, which is 4.78m and 4.81m respectively. The climate change levels for the 53% scenario using a growth curve result in a higher levels than the 1 in 1000 year plus 20% for climate change. Consequently, the in-channel level for the 53% climate change breach analysis will use the levels in Figure 5 above and test the resulting design.

A breach analysis using data for nodes 4949.14 & 4825.07 is contained in Appendix D. The 1:1000-year level including 17% climate change for the buildings is +0.116m above ground level respectively. These will be the design events for the proposed dwellings.

The 1:1000-year level including 53% climate change for the buildings is +0.135m above ground level respectively. These levels will be used to test the flood resilience of the proposed dwellings.

Given the significant distance between the fluvial source and the site and the simplistic nature of the calculation it is considered the breach scenario is a worst case and flood routing may not result in the site being flooded to the extent indicated by simple breach calculation.

Drainage Board Flood Sources

The site is located in an area of an Internal Drainage Board (IDB). In this case Welland & Deepings IDB who maintain drains near to the site. The nearest board-maintained drain is the Risegate Eau, located approximately 380m to the south of the site along Gubbole's Drove and the site lies in the catchment area of Surfleet Village. Historic data from the IDB indicates that the level of the Risegate Eau for the 1:100-year level would be +1.79m. No further information about more extreme events i.e. 1 in 1000 year including climate change scenarios are held by the IDB. It is not considered the IDB drains would present risk to the site.

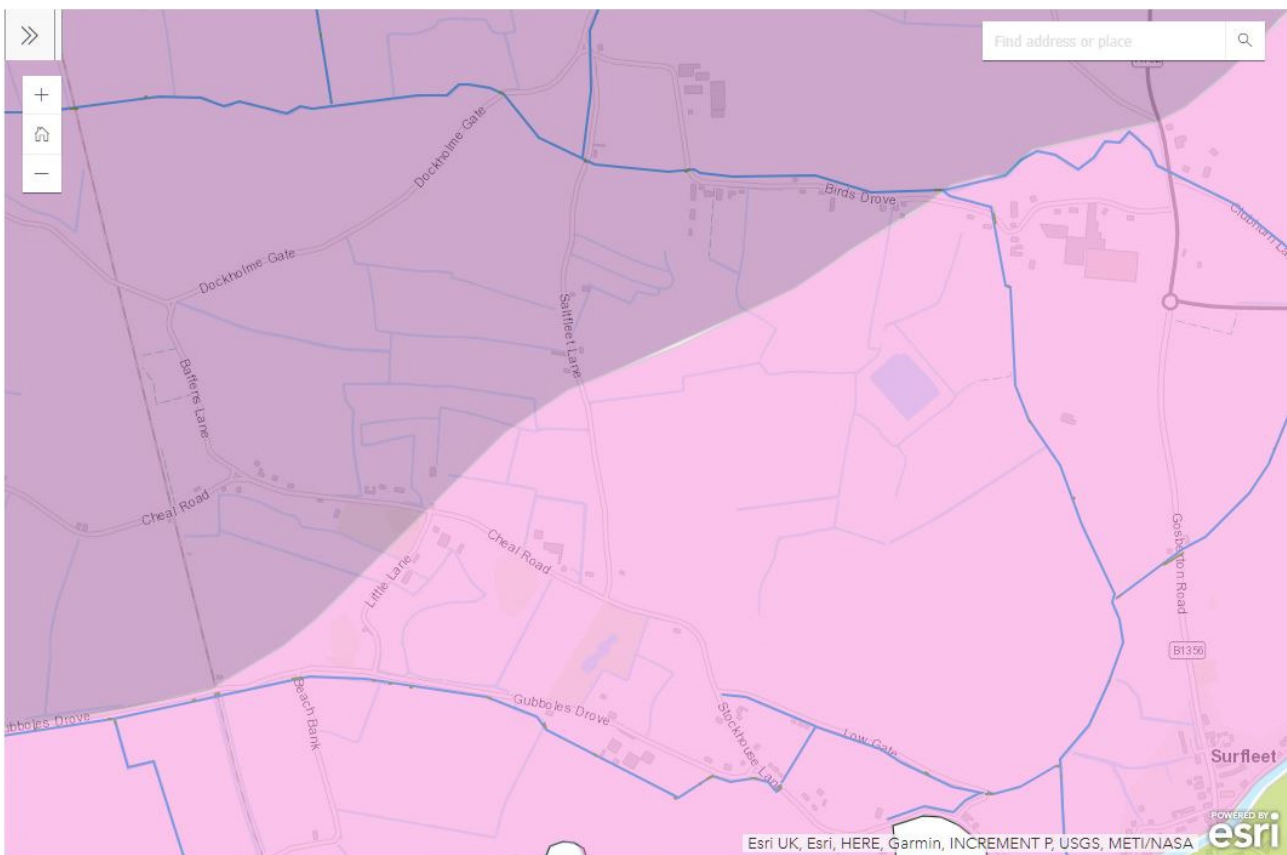


Figure 6 - Map of Welland & Deepings Drains

Risk of Flooding from Surface Water

The risk of flooding from surface water is generally very low across the site. There are small areas of medium surface water flood risk around the perimeter of the wider site but not in the areas of the proposed dwellings, according to the surface water flood map shown in Figure 7.

The maps for surface water define the risk as High, Medium, Low and Very Low. The chance of flooding for the area defined in any given year is shown below:

- High: greater than 1 in 30 (3.3%).
- Medium: between 1 in 100 (1%) and 1 in 30 (3.3%).
- Low: between 1 in 1000 (0.1%) and 1 in 100 (1%).
- Very Low: less than 1 in 1000 (0.1%)



Figure 7 - Surface Water Flood Map (www.gov.uk) 1 in 100 year plus climate change

Unlike the fluvial mapping, which is based on a detailed hydraulic model, this mapping is based purely on applying rainfall to a digital terrain model. As such this mapping serves to represent a worst-case scenario which may well overstate the actual probability of flooding in this area.

There is a caveat on the Defra Data website, as to the use of these maps and that they are not to be used to identify that an individual property will flood. Because of the way they have been produced and the fact that they are indicative, these maps are not appropriate to act as the sole evidence for any specific planning or regulatory decision or assessment of risk in relation to flooding at any scale without further supporting studies or evidence.

The Environment Agency and the Lead Local Flood Authority (custodians of the surface water flood risk dataset) have subsequently confirmed that the published high-level data should not be used on a site-specific basis and that mapping is only suitable for National to County Scale use.

The detailed surface water design will ensure that people and property are adequately protected.

Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs

There is no risk of flooding from reservoirs when river levels are normal or when there is flooding from rivers. The following map shows this on the Environment Agency's Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs map:

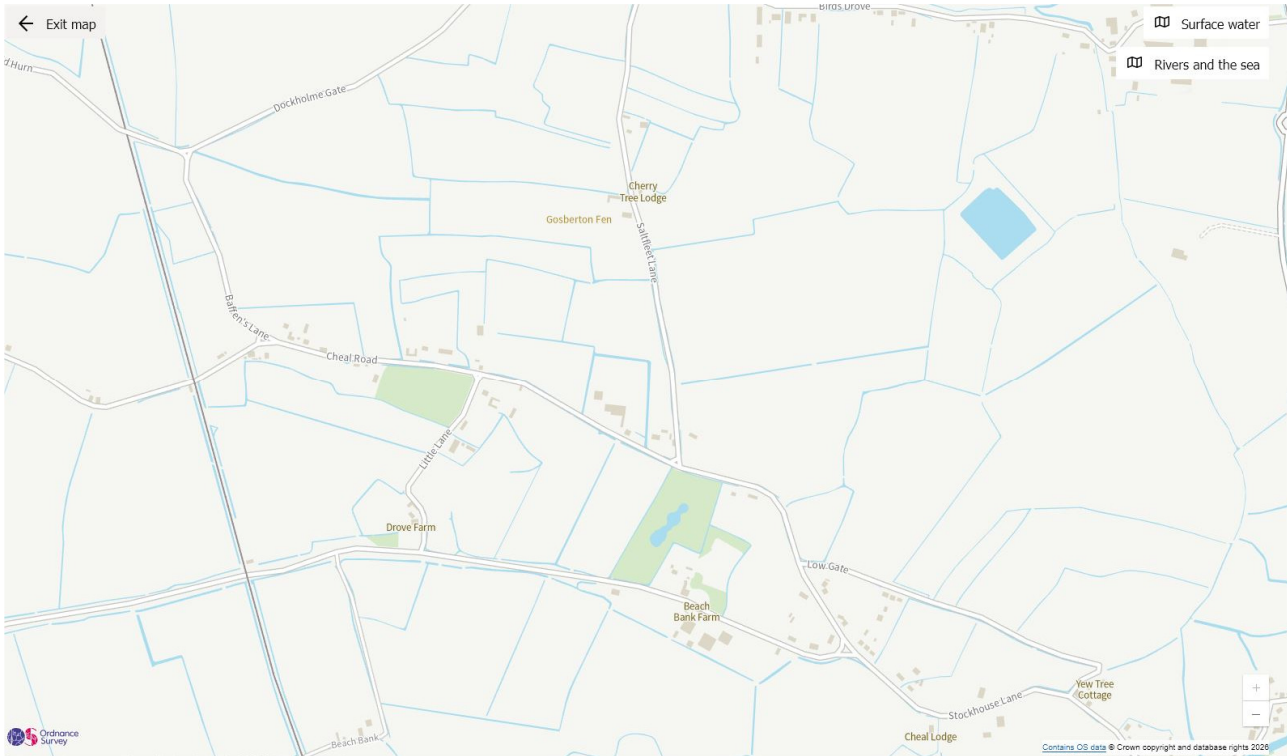


Figure 8 - Reservoir Flood Map (www.gov.uk)

No further action is required.

Risk of Flooding from Sewers

There are no known public surface water and foul water sewers that currently exist on the site that are known to suffer from sewer surcharging. All new infrastructures to service the dwelling shall be appropriately designed to the relevant standards to ensure failures do not present a problem.

Safe Access & Egress

The proposed ground floor level will be above the predicted worse case flood level and provide a safe refuge. The road to the front of the site may remain passable allowing for safe passage along Harrison's Drove away from the site.

Setting the floor level

Standing advice requires finished floor levels (FFL) should be a minimum of whichever is higher of 300mm above the:

- Average ground level of the site
- Adjacent road level to the building
- Estimated river or sea flood level

In this case, all dwellings are two storey, it is proposed that the minimum FFL should be set at a minimum of +0.3m above the existing ground level which provides sufficient freeboard for the predicted 1 in 100-year flood level plus 17% climate change for the site (+0.116m).

Based on an average ground level of 3.61mAOD the floor should be set at +3.9mAOD for all buildings.

Conclusion

The proposed development is for 3No. two-storey dwellings. The site is contained within all three Flood Zones with the building shown to be in flood zone 3.

The site is not at risk from tidal flooding but is at risk from fluvial flooding. The site is protected by adequate tidal and fluvial flood defences which are maintained by the Environment Agency. A residual risk to breaching of these defences exist and this has the potential to impact the site.

The residential use falls within "more vulnerable" uses of land in Table 2 Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification and Table 3 shows that developments of this nature are appropriate in flood zone 3 subject to passing the Sequential and Exception Test.

In this case the proposed scheme is for a change of use. Therefore, it is considered to pass the Sequential and Exception Test.

The predicted fluvial flood depth for the design event (1 in 100-year plus climate change) for the site is +0.116 above existing ground level. Therefore, minimum floor level of +3.9mAOD is to be used for all dwellings. Flood resilient construction to a height 300mm above the predicted flood depth shall also be installed.

At the detailed design stage of the development advice contained in "Improving the Flood Performance of New Buildings - Flood Resilient Construction" should be followed.

Further to this the property will register to Floodline to receive advance warning of potential flooding.

New foul and surface water drains will be designed to the relevant standards.

Appendices

Appendix A – National Planning Policy Framework (August 2026)

CHAPTER 18 - MANAGING FLOOD RISK AND COASTAL CHANGE

NATIONAL DECISION-MAKING POLICIES

F4: Assessing flood risk for decision-making

1. To inform the assessment of flood risk and, where relevant, appropriate mitigation, a site-specific flood risk assessment should accompany all development proposals in Flood Zones 2, 3a, and 3b as defined in Annex F, table 1.
2. In Flood Zone 1, a site-specific flood risk assessment should inform and accompany all development proposals involving:
 - a. Sites of one hectare or more;
 - b. Land which has been identified by the Environment Agency as having critical drainage problems; and
 - c. Land identified in a strategic flood risk assessment or the Flood Map for Planning⁵⁵
 - d. as being at risk of flooding from any source, whether now or in the future.
3. Site-specific flood risk assessments should be appropriate to the scale, nature, and location of development and should, where relevant, support an assessment of whether a development proposal satisfies the sequential and exception tests set out in policies F5 and F6.

F5: The Sequential Test

1. The aim of the sequential test is to steer new development to areas with the lowest risk of flooding from any source. Where the test applies, development proposals should not be located in areas at risk of flooding where alternative sites, appropriate for the development, are reasonably available in areas with a lower risk of flooding. The area to which the test is applied should not be greater than the anticipated catchment of the development in terms of its likely occupiers or users.
2. The sequential test should be used in areas known to be at risk now or in the future from any form of flooding, other than for:

⁵⁵ Flood Map for Planning published in: <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>.

- a. Sites allocated in the development plan which were subject to the sequential test during plan preparation;
 - b. Sites where a site-specific flood risk assessment demonstrates clearly that:
 - i. No built development within the site boundary, including access or escape routes, land raising or other potentially vulnerable elements, would be located on an area that would be at risk of flooding from any source, now and in the future (having regard to potential changes in flood risk); or
 - ii. Where the site would be at risk of surface water flooding only, the proposed layout, design, and mitigation measures would ensure that occupiers and users would remain safe from current and future surface water flood risk for the lifetime of the development without increasing flood risk elsewhere in accordance with policy F7.
 - c. For the following types of development:
 - i. Householder development;
 - ii. Small non-residential extensions (with a footprint of less than 250m²); and
 - iii. Changes of use, other than changes of use to a caravan, camping or chalet site, or to a mobile home or park home site.
3. The strategic flood risk assessment covering the area of the proposed development and the Flood Map for Planning should provide the evidential basis for applying the sequential test.

F6: Development in areas at risk of flooding from rivers or the sea

- 1. Development proposals should not present a risk from flooding to potential occupiers, users, or visitors, and should not increase flood risk elsewhere.
 - a. Development proposals should be refused if the use is incompatible with the risk from river or sea flooding, as set out in Annex F, table 3; and
 - b. In certain other circumstances set out in Annex F, table 3, in addition to satisfying the sequential test in policy F5 where applicable, development will only be appropriate where an 'exception test' is satisfied. The exception test involves demonstrating that the development would meet all the following criteria:
 - i. Provide wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh the flood risk;
 - ii. Be safe for its anticipated lifetime in accordance with policy F7; and
 - iii. Not increase flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, reduce flood risk overall

2. The application of the exception test should be informed by a site-specific flood risk assessment⁵⁶. The exception test does not need to be applied:
 - a. To those forms of development, or in those circumstances, where the sequential test is not required, as set out in policy F5; or
 - b. Where development is proposed on a site allocated in the development plan to which the exception test was applied at the plan-making stage, unless there has been a significant increase in the risk of flooding to the site subsequently, or the nature of the development itself has changed significantly from that which was allocated so as to introduce a more vulnerable use (having regard to Annex F, table 2).

F7: Ensuring development is safe from flooding

1. Development proposals should not present a risk from flooding to potential occupiers, users, or visitors, and should not increase flood risk elsewhere).
2. Where development is proposed in a location known to be at risk from any form of flooding, now or in the future, it should be refused unless:
 - a. Within the site, the most vulnerable development is located in areas of lowest flood risk, unless there are overriding reasons which justify a different arrangement;
 - b. The development will be safe throughout its lifetime taking account of the vulnerability of its users;
 - c. Any residual risk can be safely managed, and safe access and escape routes are included where appropriate, as part of an agreed emergency plan;
 - d. The development is appropriately flood resistant and resilient such that, in the event of a flood, it could be quickly brought back into use without significant refurbishment; and
 - e. It can be demonstrated that flood risk will not be increased elsewhere.

F8: Sustainable drainage systems and watercourses

1. Development proposals which could affect drainage on or around the development site should incorporate sustainable drainage systems to control flow rates and reduce volumes of runoff, in ways which are proportionate to the nature and scale of the proposal. The systems employed should provide multifunctional benefits where possible, facilitating improvements in water quality, biodiversity and amenity.

⁵⁶ For the purpose of policy F2, when the exception test is being applied at the plan-making stage, it should be informed instead by an up-to-date strategic flood risk assessment.

2. Sustainable Drainage Systems should:
 - a. Be designed in accordance with the National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems⁵⁷;
 - b. Have maintenance arrangements in place to ensure an acceptable standard of operation for the anticipated lifetime of the development; and
 - c. In the case of proposals for major development, take account of advice from the Lead Local Flood Authority.
3. Development proposals should not enclose existing watercourses where this is not already the case, unless there are compelling reasons to do so; and should where possible remove existing culverts and renaturalise existing river channels, unless to do so would increase flood risk, result in other environmental harm or cause harm to heritage assets.

F9: Sustainable drainage systems and watercourses

1. Development should not take place within a Coastal Change Management Area (or within other areas likely to be subject to coastal erosion or tidal inundation over the next century, accounting for the National Coastal Erosion Risk Map and other up-to-date evidence on coastal change and its management) unless it can be demonstrated that it would:
 - a. Be safe over its planned lifetime;
 - b. Reflect the provisions of the relevant Shoreline Management Plan and not have an unacceptable impact on coastal change processes; and
 - c. Provide wider sustainability benefits which justify the development.
2. Where development proposals meet these requirements, time-limited permissions and site-restoration conditions should be used where appropriate.
3. New residential development (including through changes of use) is inappropriate within an area to which this policy applies, unless it satisfies the tests set out at paragraph 1(a) to 1(c) in this policy.

⁵⁷ National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems published in: [National standards for sustainable drainage systems \(SuDS\) - GOV.UK.](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/national_standards_for_sustainable_drainage_systems.pdf)

Appendix B – South East Lincolnshire Local Plan

POLICY 4: APPROACH TO FLOOD RISK

Development proposed within an area at risk of flooding (Flood Zones 2 and 3 of the Environment Agency's flood map or at risk during a breach or overtopping scenario as shown on the flood hazard and depths maps in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment) will be permitted, where:

1. It can be demonstrated that there are no other sites available at a lower risk of flooding (i.e. that the sequential test is passed). The sequential test will be based on a Borough or District wide search area of alternative sites within the defined settlement boundaries, unless local circumstances relating to the catchment area for the development justify a reduced search area, i.e. there is a specific need for the development in that location. The sequential test is not required for sites allocated in the Local Plan, minor development or change of use (except for a change of use to a caravan, camping or chalet site, or to a mobile home or park home site).
2. It can be demonstrated that essential infrastructure in FZ3a & FZ3b, highly vulnerable development in FZ2 and more vulnerable development in FZ3 provide wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk.
3. The application is supported with a site-specific flood risk assessment, covering risk from all sources of flooding including the impacts of climate change and which:
 - a) demonstrate that the vulnerability of the proposed use is compatible with the flood zone;
 - b) identify the relevant predicted flood risk (breach/overtopping) level, and mitigation measures that demonstrate how the development will be made safe and that occupants will be protected from flooding from any source;
 - c) propose appropriate flood resistance and resilience measures (following the guidance outlined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment), maximising the use of passive resistance measures (measures that do not require human intervention to be deployed), to ensure the development maintains an appropriate level of safety for its lifetime;
 - d) include appropriate flood warning and evacuation procedures where necessary (referring to the County's evacuation routes plan), which have been undertaken in consultation with the authority's emergency planning staff;
 - e) incorporates the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) (unless it is demonstrated that this is not technically feasible) and confirms how these will be maintained/managed for the lifetime of development (surface water connections to the public sewerage network will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances where it is demonstrated that there are no feasible alternatives);
 - f) demonstrates that the proposal will not increase risk elsewhere and that opportunities through layout, form of development and green infrastructure have been considered as a way of providing flood betterment and reducing flood risk overall;
 - g) demonstrates that adequate foul water treatment and disposal already exists or can be provided in time to serve the development;
 - h) ensures suitable access is safeguarded for the maintenance of water resources, drainage and flood risk management infrastructure.

Development in all flood zones, and development over 1 hectare in size in Flood Zone 1, will need to demonstrate that surface water from the development can be managed and will not increase the risk of flooding to third parties.

Change of use of existing buildings will be supported providing they do not pose an increase in risk to people. Change of use that would result in self-contained ground floor residential accommodation in areas of hazard rating 'danger for some', 'danger for most' and 'danger for all' will not be supported. In these areas unrestricted access to a habitable room above the flood level and an emergency evacuation plan will be required.

Caravans, mobile homes and park homes intended for permanent residential use will not be permitted in areas at risk of flooding. Caravan, chalet, log cabin, camping and touring sites at risk of fluvial flooding where there is a 'danger for most' and 'danger for all' will not be permitted. Occupancy of caravan, chalet, log cabin, camping and touring sites at risk of tidal flooding will not be permitted to open between 1st November in any one year and the 14th March in the succeeding year.

No development will be permitted within a 50m buffer from the toe of the raised Witham Haven Banks (flood defences), as shown on the indicative Plan contained in Appendix 10, to allow access for construction and maintenance.

Flood risk management infrastructure shall be provided at the strategic level, where development opportunities allow, to reduce the hazard and probability of flooding.

Appendix C – Topographical Survey

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Point	Easting	Northing	Elevation
s1	523475.470	328740.951	3.112
s2	523442.148	328760.230	3.206
s3	523510.791	328720.819	3.211

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Appendix D – Breach Analysis

River Glen - 1:1000-year event + 17% Climate Change

Defence Crest Levels (h1)	4.82	m
Average Ground Level behind defences (h2)	2	m
1 in 1000 year flood level plus climate change (h3)	4.82	m
Assumed length of breach (B)	40	m
Max head over breach (h)	2.82	m
Peak flow (Q) = $1.7 \times B \times h^{3/2}$	322.0	m ³ s ⁻¹

Peak flow (Q)	322.0	m ³ s ⁻¹
Assuming Energy Grad (S)	0.001	-
Assume % obstructions to flow	0	-
Assuming mannings (n)	0.03	-

	Scenario					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Distance from breach	0	1000	2000	3000	3500	4000
Perimeter of Flood Wave (Assumed Channel Width)	40	3182	6324	9466	11037.0	12608
Effective perimeter (P)	40	3182	6324	9466	11037.0	12608
Normal Depth $y = ((Qn/(b \times S^{0.50}))^{0.6}$	3.387	0.245	0.162	0.127	0.116	0.107

Time to Reach Development

Distance from breach above plus 1.0m	1	1001	2001	3001	3501	4001
Perimeter of Flood Wave (Assumed Channel Width)	43.1	3185.1	6327.1	9469.1	11040.1	12611.1
Normal Depth $y = (Qn/(b \times S^{0.5}))^{0.6}$	3.236	0.245	0.162	0.127	0.116	0.107
Volume in Additional 1.0m	139.6	780.3	1026.8	1206.5	1282.9	1353.0
Speed to cover additional 1.0m (m/s)	2.31	0.41	0.31	0.27	0.25	0.24
Average time to reach radius (secs)	-	2183.0	5742.4	10119.3	12552.9	15129.8
Average time to reach radius (mins)	-	36.4	95.7	168.7	209.2	252.2

River Glen - 1:1000-year event + 53% Climate Change

Defence Crest Levels (h1)	5.33	m
Average Ground Level behind defences (h2)	2	m
1 in 1000 year flood level plus climate change (h3)	5.33	m
Assumed length of breach (B)	40	m
Max head over breach (h)	3.33	m
Peak flow (Q) = $1.7 \times B \times h^{3/2}$	413.2	m ³ s ⁻¹

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Assuming Energy Grad (S)	0.001	-
Assume % obstructions to flow	0	-
Assuming mannings (n)	0.03	-

	Scenario					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Distance from breach	0	1000	2000	3000	3500	4000
Perimeter of Flood Wave (Assumed Channel Width)	40	3182	6324	9466	11037.0	12608
Effective perimeter (P)	40	3182	6324	9466	11037.0	12608
Normal Depth $y = ((Qn/(b \times S^{0.50}))^{0.6}$	3.933	0.285	0.189	0.148	0.135	0.125

Time to Reach Development

Distance from breach above plus 1.0m	1	1001	2001	3001	3501	4001
Perimeter of Flood Wave (Assumed Channel Width)	43.1	3185.1	6327.1	9469.1	11040.1	12611.1
Normal Depth $y = (Qn/(b \times S^{0.5}))^{0.6}$	3.759	0.285	0.188	0.148	0.135	0.125
Volume in Additional 1.0m	162.2	906.2	1192.5	1401.2	1489.9	1571.4
Speed to cover additional 1.0m (m/s)	2.55	0.46	0.35	0.29	0.28	0.26
Average time to reach radius (secs)	-	1975.7	5197.3	9158.7	11361.3	13693.5
Average time to reach radius (mins)	-	32.9	86.6	152.6	189.4	228.2

Appendix E – Environment Agency Flood Data

Rob Cole
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Our ref: EIR2026/37511

Date: 21 August 2026

Dear Rob,

Flood Risk Information for Cheal Road, Surfleet

The flood risk information for the above site 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 risks, such as the consequences of a breach in the flood 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 **May 2026**.

1. Flood Map for Planning

The attached map includes the current Flood Map for Planning for your area. The map indicates the Area at Risk of Flooding (Flood Zone 3) and the Extreme Flood Outline (Flood Zone 2) **assuming no flood defences exist**.

The Area at Risk of Flooding shows the land that could be impacted from a flood with a 0.5% or greater chance of occurring in any year for flooding from the sea, or a 1% or greater chance of occurring in any year for fluvial (river) flooding.

The Extreme Flood Outline shows the land that could be impacted from a flood which has between a 1% and 0.1% chance of occurring in any year for fluvial (river) flooding, or between a 0.5% and 0.1% annual probability of sea flooding, 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 for Planning 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 for Planning 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. Recorded Flood 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 (i.e. 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 area.

4. Fluvial Flood Risk Information

The site may be at risk from main rivers in the form of residual risk due to the failure of flood management infrastructure such as a breach of a raised flood defence. You may need to undertake further assessment of this residual risk using the data provided.

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

4.1 Fluvial Defence Information

The existing fluvial defences reducing the risk of flooding from main river to this site consist of earth embankments. They are in fair condition and reduce the risk of flooding (at the defence) to a 1% (1 in 100) chance of occurring in any year. We inspect these defences routinely to ensure potential defects are identified.

4.2 Fluvial Modelled Levels and Flows

Available modelled fluvial flood levels and flows for the model nodes shown on the attached map are set out in the data table attached. This data is taken from the model named on the data table, which is the most up-to-date model currently available.

Please note these levels are “in-channel” levels and therefore may not represent the flood level on the floodplain, particularly where the channel is embanked or has raised defences.

Our models may not have the most up to date climate change allowances. In time we will update our models for the latest allowances. You should refer to ['Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances'](#) to check if the allowances modelled are appropriate for the type of development you are proposing and its location. You may need to undertake further assessment of future flood risk using different allowances to ensure your assessment of future flood risk is based on best available evidence.

4.3 Fluvial Modelled Flood Extents

Our modelled flood extents, which take into account flood defences, do not impact this site.

There may still be a residual risk of fluvial flooding to your site due to the failure of flood management infrastructure such as a breach of a raised flood defence. You may need to undertake further assessment of this residual risk using the data provided.

4.4 Fluvial 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 for fluvial flood risk in Northampton, Lincoln, Wainfleet and some isolated rural locations.

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

At present this site is not covered by any Environment Agency hazard mapping.

Detailed Hazard Mapping is available within the 2017 Update of South Holland Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. This can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://www.southeastlincslocalplan.org/water/>

5. Tidal Flood Risk Information

This site is not considered to be at risk from tidal flooding.

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 offer free preliminary advice. More detailed support—including review of draft Flood Risk Assessments (FRAs) and meetings—is available on a chargeable basis. Our current rate is £119.37 per hour (plus VAT), which covers staff time. Further details can be found on our website: <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>

We have provided information on risk of breach where it is available. If you are intending on using this information to prepare a Flood Risk Assessment you will need to check if the data meets your requirements. You may need to carry out further assessment (or modelling) for sites that are at residual risk (including from breach of defences), or additional locations or scenarios.

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. Permitting Information

Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency for any proposed activities which will take place:

- in, over, under or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culvert (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert for quarrying or excavation
- in a flood plain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if tidal) if planning permission has not already been granted for the works

For further guidance and advice please visit our website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our local Partnerships and Strategic Overview team by email at PSOWN@environment-agency.gov.uk. The team will be able to advise if an environmental permit or exemption registration is required and the fee applicable.

Please note that a permit is separate to and in addition to any planning permission granted. The applicant should not assume that such a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we would advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

8. 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>

Rights of appeal

If you are not satisfied with our decision, you can contact us within two calendar months to ask for the decision to be reviewed. We will then conduct an internal review of our response to your request and give you our decision in writing within 40 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then make an appeal to the Information Commissioner Office, the statutory regulator for EIR and the Freedom of Information Act 2002. The address is: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) | Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: casework@ico.org.uk | Website: www.ico.org.uk

9. 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 Christopher using the email address below and quoting our EIR reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

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for John O'Neill

Welland and Nene Partnerships and Strategic Overview Team Leader

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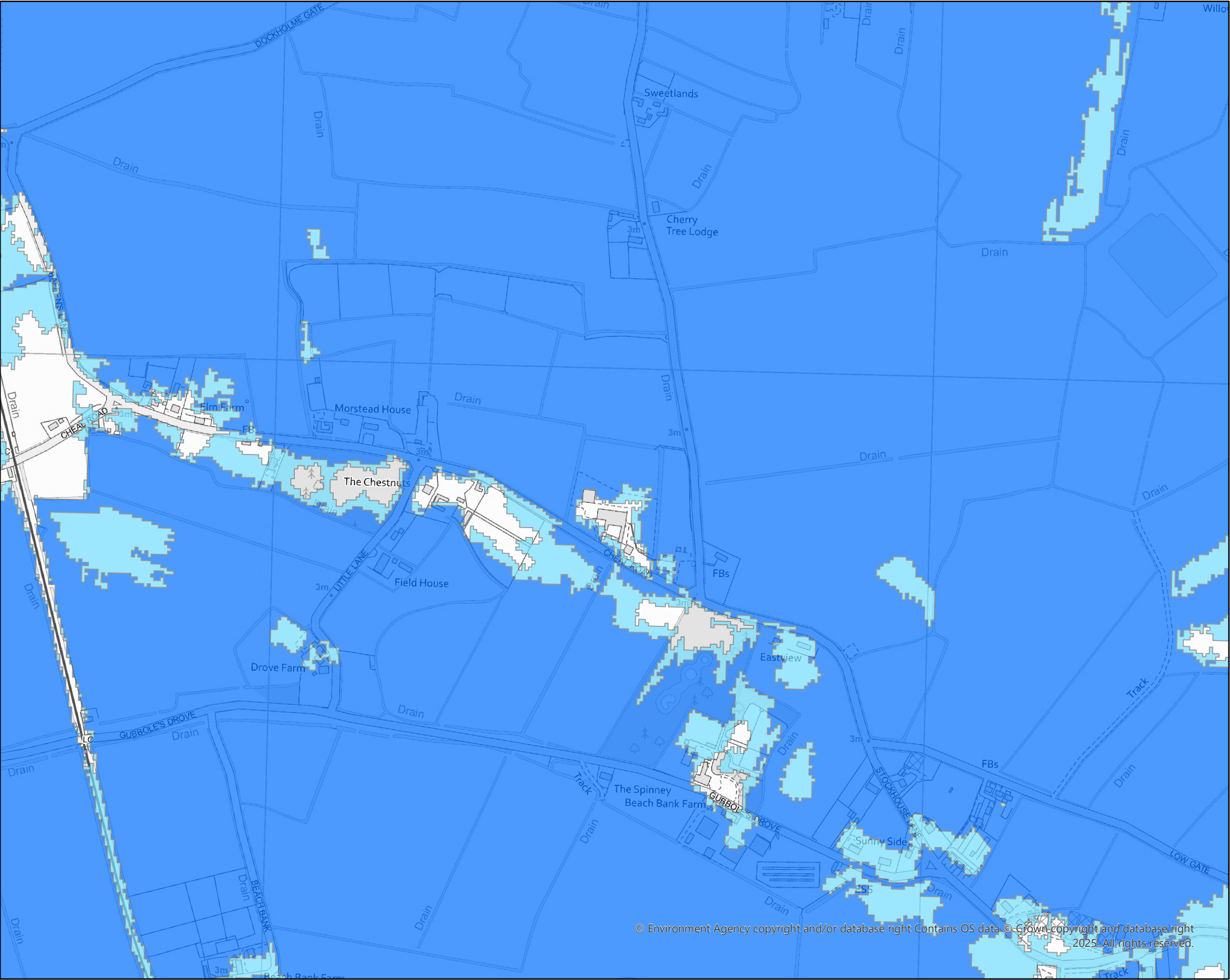
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Flood Map for Planning

Modelled Node Points Map

Modelled Fluvial Levels and Flows Data Sheet

Flood Map centred on TF 23521 28795 - created August 2026 [Ref: EIR2026-37511]



Scale 1:10,000



Legend

- Statutory Main Rivers
- Raised Defences
- Flood Storage Areas

Flood Zones 2 and 3 Rivers and Sea

- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3

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.

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Modelled Levels and Flows Model: Welland Glen (2016)
centred on TF 23521 28795 - created August 2026 [Ref: EIR2026-37511]



Scale 1:24,000



Legend

- Modelled Flows
- Modelled Levels
- Statutory Main Rivers

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Datasheet [Ref: EIR2026-37511]
Model Name: Welland Glen
Model Date: 2016

Fluvial Flood Levels (mODN)

The fluvial flood levels for the model nodes shown on the attached map are set out in the table below. They are measured in metres above Ordnance Datum Newlyn (mODN).

Node Label	Easting	Northing	Annual Exceedance Probability - Maximum Water Levels (mODN)											
			50% (1 in 2)	20% (1 in 5)	10% (1 in 10)	5% (1 in 20)	3.33% (1 in 30)	2% (1 in 50)	1.33% (1 in 75)	1% (1 in 100)	1% (1 in 100) inc 20% Climate Change	0.5% (1 in 200)	0.1% (1 in 1000)	0.1% (1 in 1000) inc 20% Climate Change
GLEN 3817	525080	328118	3.96	4.11	4.17	4.22	4.21	4.23	4.25	4.26	4.78	4.31	4.39	4.81
GLEN 4108	524821	327987	3.97	4.12	4.19	4.24	4.22	4.24	4.25	4.27	4.78	4.32	4.40	4.81
GLEN 4303.44	524685	327850	3.97	4.12	4.20	4.25	4.23	4.25	4.26	4.27	4.78	4.33	4.41	4.81
GLEN 4749.14	524276	327721	3.97	4.12	4.21	4.27	4.24	4.27	4.28	4.29	4.78	4.33	4.42	4.81
GLEN 5099	524209	327404	3.97	4.12	4.21	4.28	4.25	4.28	4.30	4.30	4.79	4.34	4.43	4.83

Fluvial Flood Flows (m³/s)

The fluvial flood flows for the model nodes shown on the attached map are set out in the table below. They are measured in metres cubed per second (m³/s).

Node Label	Easting	Northing	Annual Exceedance Probability - Maximum Flows (m³/s)											
			50% (1 in 2)	20% (1 in 5)	10% (1 in 10)	5% (1 in 20)	3.33% (1 in 30)	2% (1 in 50)	1.33% (1 in 75)	1% (1 in 100)	1% (1 in 100) inc 20% Climate Change	0.5% (1 in 200)	0.1% (1 in 1000)	0.1% (1 in 1000) inc 20% Climate Change
GLEN 3741.5	525139	328163	34.02	37.04	39.05	41.23	41.32	42.76	43.30	43.74	53.47	46.31	55.31	62.52
GLEN 4009	524910	328031	32.93	35.90	37.66	39.68	40.18	40.99	42.07	42.24	52.03	45.28	54.10	61.28
GLEN 4403.1	524597	327804	31.32	34.08	35.50	37.63	38.57	39.38	40.25	40.71	49.93	43.78	52.53	59.59
GLEN 4825.07	524234	327657	29.64	32.51	34.17	36.26	37.11	37.93	38.54	39.24	47.82	42.35	51.09	58.10
GLEN 5198.5	524204	327305	28.41	31.52	33.21	35.41	36.06	36.89	37.55	38.20	46.59	41.34	50.22	57.39