



Environment Agency data

Becky Davies
GeoSmart

Our ref: SSD211547

Date: 31/03/2021

Dear Becky Davies,

Enquiry Regarding Product 4 for a Flood Risk Assessment for 25 River Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5BZ.

Thank you for your enquiry which was received on 9th March 2021.

We respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The information is attached.

The information on Flood Zones in the area relating to this address is as follows:

The site is in an area located within Flood Zone 1, 2 & 3 as shown on our Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea).

Note - This information relates to the area that the above named property is in and is not specific to the property itself as it is influenced by factors such as the height of door steps, air bricks or the height of surrounding walls. We do not have access to this information and is not currently used in our flood modelling.

Flood Zone definitions can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change#Table-1-Flood-Zones

Flood Defences

There are flood defences in the form of a flood wall, the Asset ID is 154862.

Model Information

The model used was the Arun to Adur Coastal Modelling which was completed by JBA Consulting in 2012, with updated defended modelling (2017).

Flood History

We hold no record of previous flooding events affecting this site.

Please note our records are not comprehensive and may not include all events. I recommend contacting the Lead Local Flood Authority, **West Sussex County Council** or the Local Authority, **Arun District Council** for a more comprehensive flood history check.

[FRA advisory text](#)

Name	Product 4
Description	Detailed Flood Risk Assessment Map for 25 River Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5BZ.
Licence	Open Government Licence
Information Warnings	The flood risk data provided is based on existing EA hydraulic models for existing 0.5% annual probability events with an allowance for climate change. Please note the climate change allowances provided are not up to date. These were updated on 17 December 2019. You should refer to ' Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances ' for the most up to date allowances. You will 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.
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Data Available Online

Many of our flood datasets are available online:

- Flood Map For Planning ([Flood Zone 2](#), [Flood Zone 3](#), [Flood Storage Areas](#), [Flood Defences](#), [Areas Benefiting from Defences](#))
- [Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea](#)
- [Historic Flood Map](#)
- [Current Flood Warnings](#)

Please get in touch if you have any further queries or contact us within two months if you'd like us to review the information we have sent.

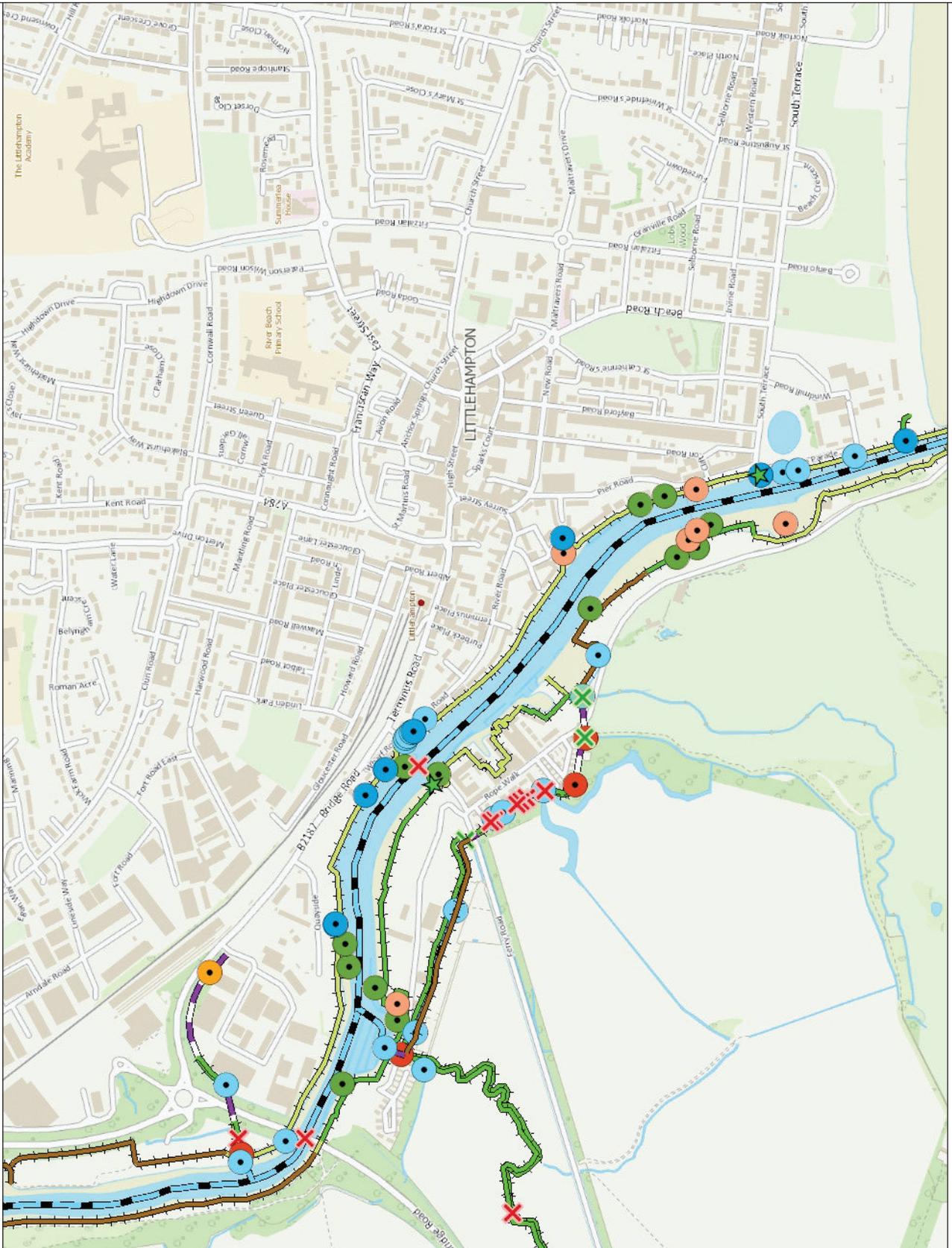
Yours sincerely,

Tom Lamboo

FCRM Officer, Partnership & Strategic Overview West Sussex, Solent and South Downs

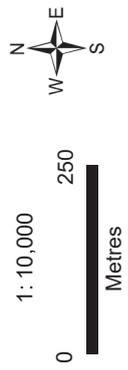
Environment Agency, Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1LD

Flood Defence Locations. Centred BN17 5BZ. Created 31/03/2021.



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Please see page 2 for asset symbology



Structures	Instruments	Defences	Land
Control Gate	Active Monitoring	Embankment	Mudflats
Draw Off Tower	Passive Monitoring	Wall	Saltmarsh
Fish Pass	Channel Crossings	Flood Gate	Washland
Hydrobrake	Bridge	Demountable defence	Sites
In Channel Stoplogs	Utility Services	Bridge abutment	Amenity
Inspection Chamber	Aids to Navigation	High Ground	Control Structure
Jetty	Beacon	Beach	Erosion Protection
Outfall	Buoy	Barrier Beach	General
Screen	Dolphin	Promenade	Harbour
Spillway	Signage	Quay	Monitoring
Stilling Basin	Signal	Cliff	Navigation Lock
Weir	Building Assets	Dunes	Pumping Station
Beach Structures	Pump House	Channels	Reservoir
Breakwater	Major Civils	Open channel	Tidal Barrier
Ramp	Abutment	Simple culvert	
Slipway	Central Pier	Complex culvert	
Steps			
Groyne			

Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea). Centred BN17 5BZ. Created 31/03/2021.



Flood Map for Planning (Rivers & Sea)

- Defences
- Flood Storage Areas
- Areas benefiting from flood defences
- Flood Zone 3
- Flood Zone 2

Flood Map Areas (assuming no defences)
 Flood Zone 3 shows the area that could be affected by flooding:
 - from the sea with a 1 in 200 or greater chance of happening each year
 - or from a river with a 1 in 100 or greater chance of happening each year.
 Flood Zone 2 shows the extent of an extreme flood from rivers or the sea with up to a 1 in 1000 chance of occurring each year.

Use of Environment Agency Information for Flood Risk Assessments

Important

The Environment Agency are keen to work with partners to enable development which is resilient to flooding for its lifetime and provides wider benefits to communities. If you have requested this information to help inform a development proposal, then we recommend engaging with us as early as possible by using the pre-application form available from our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-planning-application-enquiry-form-preliminary-opinion>

We recognise the value of early engagement in development planning decisions. This allows complex issues to be discussed, innovative solutions to be developed that both enables new development and protects existing communities. Such engagement can often avoid delays in the planning process following planning application submission, by reaching agreements upfront. We offer a charged pre-application advice service for applicants who wish to discuss a development proposal.

We can also provide a preliminary opinion for free which will identify environmental constraints related to our responsibilities including flooding, waste, land contamination, water quality, biodiversity, navigation, pollution, water resources, foul drainage or Environmental Impact Assessment.

In preparing your planning application submission, you should refer to the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Standing Advice and the Planning Practice Guidance for information about what flood risk assessment is needed for new development in the different Flood Zones. This information can be accessed via:

<https://www.gov.uk/flood-risk-assessment-standing-advice>
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>

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

You should note that:

1. Information supplied by the Environment Agency may be used to assist in producing a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) where one is required, but does not constitute such an assessment on its own.
2. This information covers flood risk from main rivers and the sea, and you will need to consider other potential sources of flooding, such as groundwater or surface water runoff. Information produced by the local planning authority referred to above may assist here.
3. Where a planning application requires an FRA and this is not submitted or is deficient, the Environment Agency may raise an objection.



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- Site_Nodes
- Site_Boundary

Scale: 1:1,000



Product 4 Flood Risk Data Requested by: GeoSmart
Site: 25 River Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5BZ
Table 1: Water Levels: Tidal Undefended

Node Ref	NGR		Modelled Flood Levels in Metres AOD			
	Eastings	Northings	Undefended Annual Exceedance Probability			
			0.5%	0.5% (2065)	0.5% (2115)	0.1%
1	502483	102068	3.77	4.30	4.88	4.03
2	502494	102087	-	4.30	4.88	4.03

Table 2: Water Levels: Tidal Defended

Node Ref	NGR		Modelled Flood Levels in Metres AOD			
	Eastings	Northings	Defended Annual Exceedance Probability			
			0.5%	0.5% (2065)	0.5% (2115)	0.1%
1	502483	102068	-	-	4.36	-
2	502494	102087	-	-	4.55	-

Table 3: Water Depths: Tidal Undefended

Node Ref	NGR		Modelled Flood Depths in Metres			
	Eastings	Northings	Undefended Annual Exceedance Probability			
			0.5%	0.5% (2065)	0.5% (2115)	0.1%
1	502483	102068	0.46	0.99	1.57	0.71
2	502494	102087	-	0.31	0.89	0.05

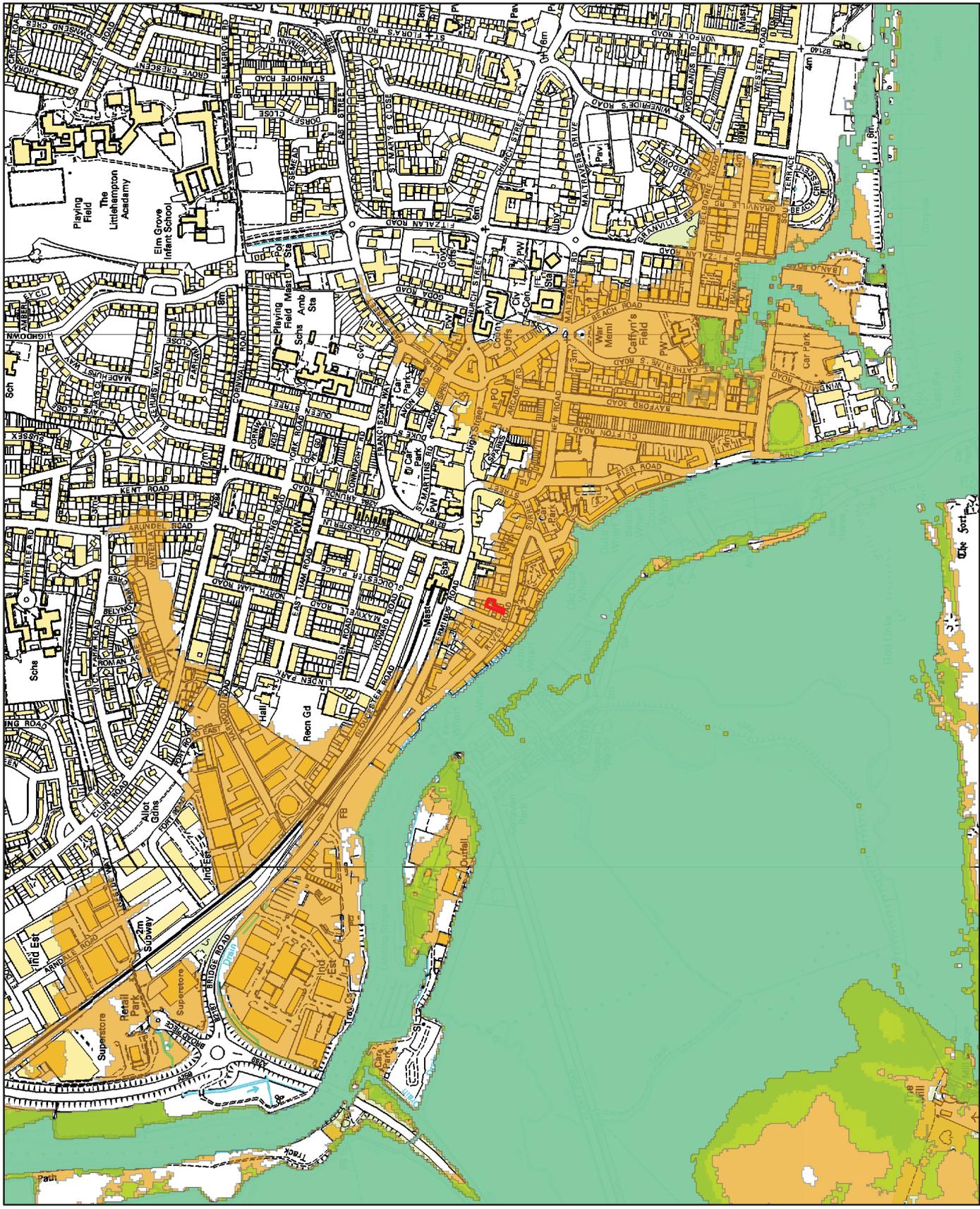
Table 4: Water Depths: Tidal Defended

Node Ref	NGR		Modelled Flood Depths in Metres			
	Eastings	Northings	Defended Annual Exceedance Probability			
			0.5%	0.5% (2065)	0.5% (2115)	0.1%
1	502483	102068	-	-	1.10	-
2	502494	102087	-	-	0.64	-

All levels taken from: Arun to Adur Coastal Modelling (2012) with updated defended modelling (2017)

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There is no additional information or health warnings for these levels/depths or the model from which they have been produced.



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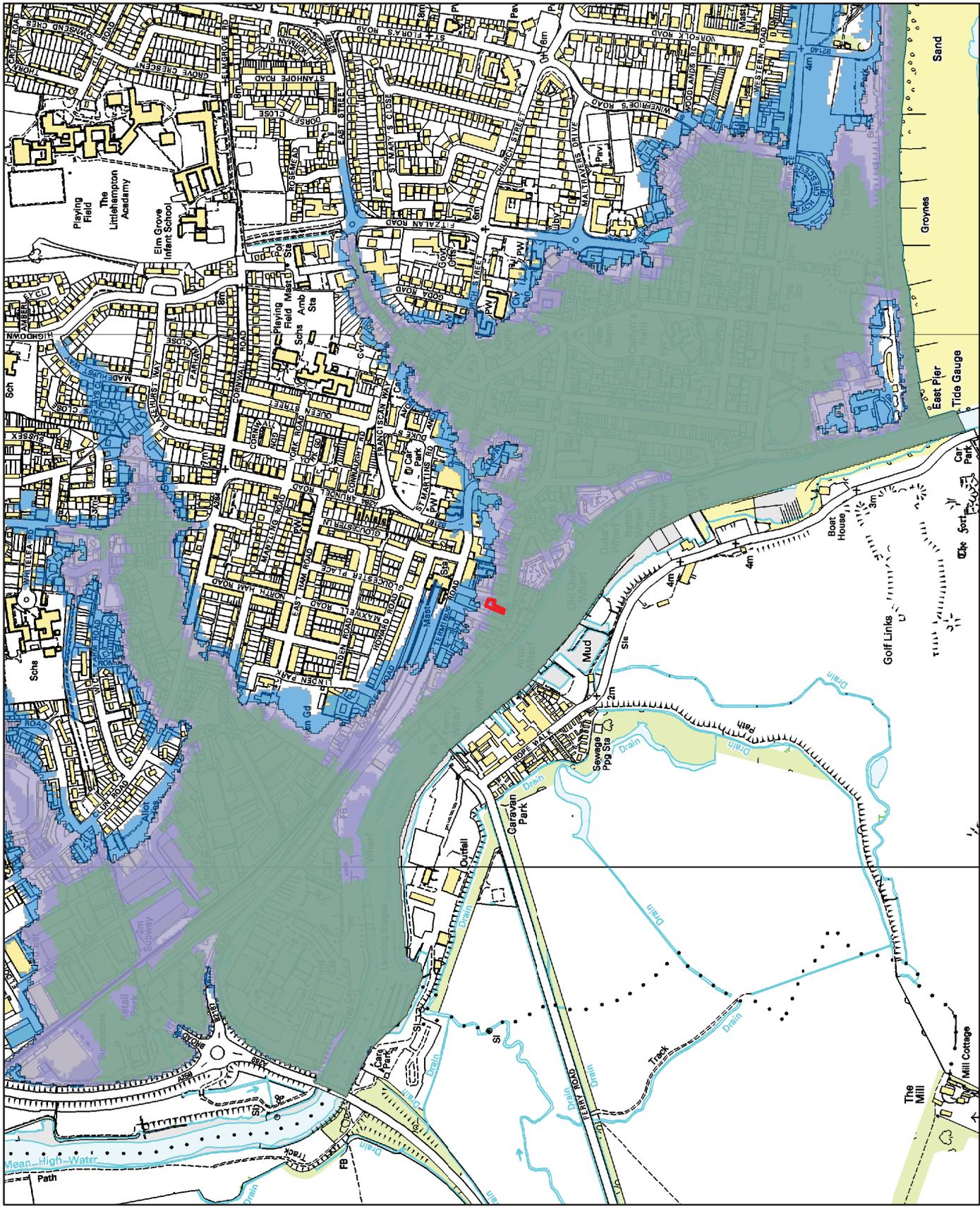
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- 0.5% AEP (2115) Defended Tidal
- 0.1% AEP Defended Tidal

Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) The probability of a flood of a particular magnitude, or greater occurring in any given year.

Scale: 1:10,000



Modelled Flood Outlines (Undefended Tidal). Centred BN17 5BZ. Created 31/03/2021.



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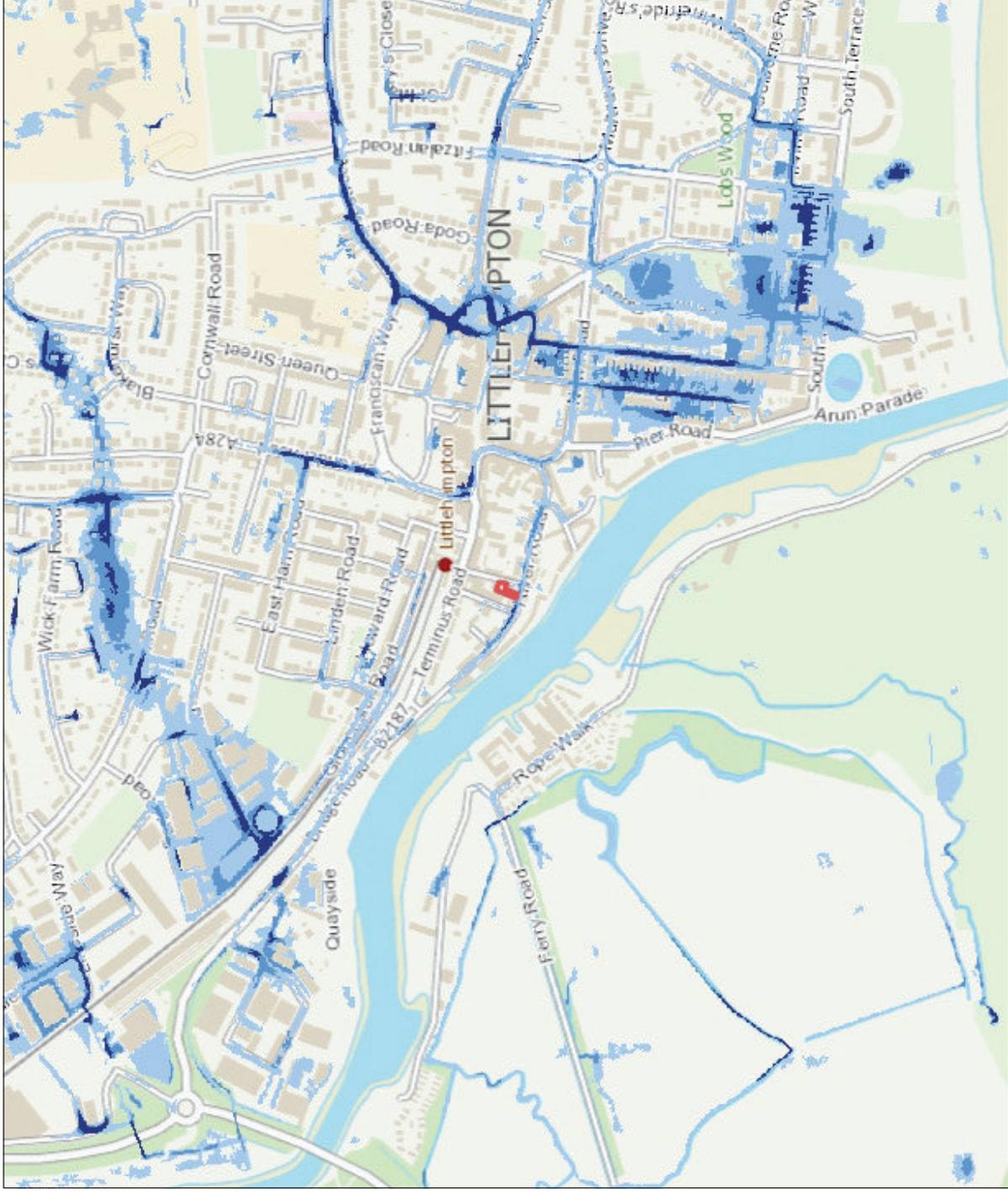
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- 0.5% AEP (2115) (Undefended)
- 0.1% AEP (2012) (Undefended)

Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) The probability of a flood of a particular magnitude, or greater occurring in any given year.

Scale: 1:10,000



Risk of flooding from Surface Water. Centred BN17 5BZ. Created 31/03/2021.



1: 10,000



Likelihood of flooding from Surface Water

- High (>=3.3%)
- Medium (3.3% - 1%)
- Low (1% - 0.1%)
- Very Low
- Flood Extent 1 in 30
- Flood Extent 1 in 100
- Flood Extent 1 in 1000

Likelihood of flooding from Surface Water

- High:** Greater than or equal to 3.3% (1 in 30) chance in any given year
- Medium:** Less than 3.3% (1 in 30) but greater than or equal to 1% (1 in 100) chance in any given year
- Low:** Less than 1% (1 in 100) but greater than or equal to 0.1% (1 in 1,000) chance in any given year
- Very Low:** Less than 0.1% (1 in 1,000) chance in any given year

This information is shown on the Risk of Flooding from Surface Water map on GOV.UK.

Solent & South Downs Area

Pre-application Advice Note

September 2019

This document sets out the environmental issues we will consider when providing our planning application consultation advice to Local Councils. It can be used by applicants, developers and consultants at the pre-planning stage.

Fluvial Flood Risk

Development must be safe and should not increase the risk of flooding.

You can view a site's flood zone on the Flood Map for Planning on our website: <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk>

If your proposed development is located within flood zone 2 or 3 you should consult the Flood Risk and Coastal Change pages of the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG)

<http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change/>

Here you can determine whether the flood risk vulnerability of your proposed development and the flood zone are compatible. You can also establish if there are flood risk sequential test and exception test requirements for your proposed development. In the first instance we recommend the developer/applicant liaises with the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to undertake the Sequential Test in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

If your proposed development is located within flood zone 2 or 3 and its vulnerability and flood zone are considered acceptable under the NPPG then a site specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is required to support any subsequent planning application. This is required by paragraph 163 of the NPPF: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

Guidance on the content of a site specific FRA can be found in the NPPG and online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessment-for-planning-applications>

More detailed flood risk modelling data is available to help you produce a FRA please contact our Customers and Engagement team at SSDenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Climate Change Allowances

On 19 February 2016, we published new guidance for planners and developers on how to use climate change allowances in a site-specific FRA: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climatechange-allowances>

Groundwater Quality

Development must not cause pollution to the water environment.

Source Protection Zones

We have defined Source Protection Zones (SPZs) for 2000 groundwater sources such as wells, boreholes and springs used across the country for public drinking water supply. These zones are more sensitive to contamination from activities that might cause pollution in the area. The closer the activity, the greater the risk.



SPZ1s are the areas designated as most at risk from contamination and development activities and in these areas we may consider it inappropriate for development to discharge foul or surface water into the ground.

To see if your proposed development is located within a Source Protection Zone, please use our online map: <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

Contaminated Land

The NPPF takes a precautionary approach to land contamination. Before the principle of development can be determined, land contamination should be investigated to see whether it could preclude certain development due to environmental risk or cost of remediation. Where contamination is known or suspected, a desk study, site investigation, remediation and other works may be required to enable safe development.

Pollution

If the proposed development use has the potential to pollute ground or surface water receptors then an assessment to establish whether the risk of pollution is acceptable or can be mitigated will be required within any planning application.

Foul Drainage

When drawing up wastewater treatment proposals for any development, the first presumption is to provide a system of foul drainage discharging into a public sewer to be treated at a public sewage treatment works (those provided and operated by the water and sewerage companies). This should be done in consultation with the sewerage company of the area prior to the submission of a formal planning application.

If connection to a public sewage treatment plant is not feasible, a package sewage treatment plant may be considered. If you would like further advice please call 03708 506 506.

Cemeteries

The development of new cemeteries in areas where groundwater vulnerability is high should be avoided, except where the thickness and nature of the unsaturated zone, or the impermeable formations beneath the site, protect groundwater; or where the long-term risk is mitigated by appropriate engineering methods.

Main Rivers

Ecology

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), any development proposal should avoid significant harm to biodiversity and seek to protect and enhance it. Opportunities to incorporate biodiversity in and around the development will be encouraged.

Your scheme should be designed with a naturalised buffer zone of at least 8 metres from the main river to protect and enhance the conservation value of the watercourse and ensure access for flood defence maintenance.

This buffer zone should be managed for the benefit of biodiversity for example by the planting of locally appropriate, UK native species. The buffer zone should be undisturbed by development with no fencing, footpaths or other structures. This buffer zone will help provide more space for flood waters, provide improved habitat for local biodiversity and allows access for any maintenance requirements.

To identify any Main Rivers in proximity to your proposed development please see our Main Rivers Consultation Map: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/151293.aspx>

customer service line

incident hotline

floodline

www.gov.uk/environment-agency

Culverting

The Environment Agency is likely to oppose culverting as it is damaging to the ecological integrity of the river channel and its corridor and acts as a barrier to the movement of wildlife, including fish and may also increase flood risk. If the proposal will impact an existing culvert the Environment Agency may oppose planning consent for development either over, or within 8 metres of an existing culvert. Wherever possible, existing culverts should be removed and the river channel and bankside habitat reinstated to restore the ecological continuity of the river channel and its corridor.

Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Any marine works below MHWS require an assessment of possible impacts on Water Framework Directive (WFD) . The assessment should include all elements of the works that fall within, or have the potential to affect, a WFD water body and any of the protected areas therein (including Bathing Waters and Shellfish Waters).

The WFD assessment should follow the 'Clearing the Waters for All' guidance available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/water-framework-directive-assessment-estuarine-and-coastal-waters>

Where appropriate, a WFD Assessment should assess any potential impacts and demonstrate that the required enhancements will be delivered. In some cases the requirements of a WFD assessment can be incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Any development that has the potential to cause deterioration in classification under WFD or that precludes the recommended actions from being delivered in the future is likely to be considered unacceptable to us.

Permits & Consents

Environmental Permitting Regulations

To see if your proposed development requires an Environmental Permit under the Environment Permitting Regulations please refer to our website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-need-an-environmental-permit>

From 6 April 2016 an Environmental Permit is required for any proposed works or structures, in, under, over or within 8 metres of the top of the bank of designated Main River, and within 16 metres of a tidal defence.

Ordinary Watercourse Consent

The prior written consent of the relevant Lead Local Flood Authority is required for the erection of any flow control structures, culverting or diversion of ordinary watercourses, including streams, land drains and ditches.

Marine Licence

A marine licence may be required for any activities at the mean high water spring tide up to the territorial limit. This also includes the waters of every estuary, river or channel where the tide flows at mean high water spring tide.

Any development must demonstrate how adverse impacts on migratory fish, bathing waters, shellfish waters, designated sites, protected and priority species and habitats will be avoided, minimised, mitigated and if necessary compensated for. Works within or affecting a Water Framework Directive (WFD) waterbody will need to demonstrate that compliance with WFD objectives will be achieved. 'Clearing the Waters for All' provides guidance on how the impacts on WFD should be addressed, and should be used when preparing an assessment, including the screening and scoping of activities. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/water-framework-directive-assessment-estuarine-and-coastal-waters>

Further pre-application options

The information provided above details generic information which may or may not be applicable to your development. We are able to provide more detailed and bespoke advice and answer technical questions for a charged fee of £100 per person per hour +VAT.

If you are interested in finding out more about this service, please email:

[REDACTED]

We can explain this service and provide you with a bespoke quote for further pre-application advice that you may require please see .gov - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-planning-application-enquiry-form-preliminary-opinion>

Please note

Please note that the view expressed in this letter by the Environment Agency is in response to the enquiry only and does not represent our final view in relation to any future planning application made in relation to this site.

We reserve the right to change our position in relation to any such application.

As part of this preliminary response we have not technically reviewed any documents. This opinion is based on the information submitted and current planning policy and guidance.

If you have any questions please contact the Solent & South Downs Sustainable Places team:

To make a request for data

[REDACTED]

Please submit your request for data to ssdenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk. You should get the information within 20 working days. We will tell you when to expect the information if we need more time.

There are many datasets available online at www.data.gov.uk including flood maps, historic landfill, waste exemptions, consented discharges to controlled waters, and much more.

Appendix C



Local Council mapping

Notes

The Historic Flooding Map shows the recorded incidents and flood outlines provided by Arun District Council, West Sussex County Council, Southern Water and Environment Agency. Historical flood extent was obtained from the Environment Agency.

Flooding incidents provided have been categorised based upon the details provided in the records. Unknown flood points could not be determined from the information provided, and therefore could be from a number of sources.

Please note that not all historical records may be shown on this map, and that it is therefore advised you contact Arun District Council for updated information post 2015.

Key Plan



Legend

--- Arun District SFRA boundary

--- Historic flood outline

Source of flooding

- Fluvial
- Coastal
- Tidal
- Surface Water
- Failure
- Unknown

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A	June 2018	-

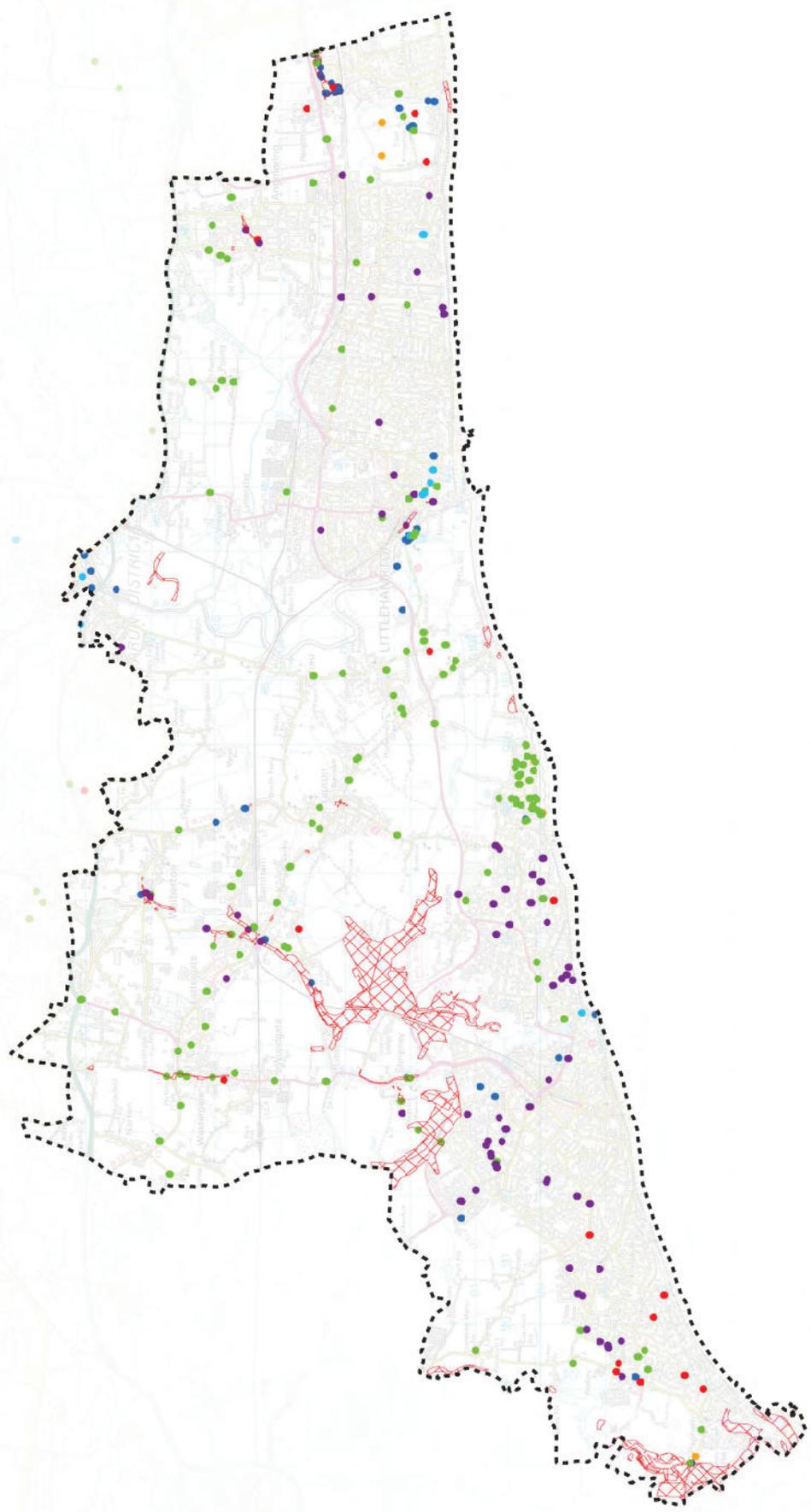


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HISTORIC FLOOD RECORDS**

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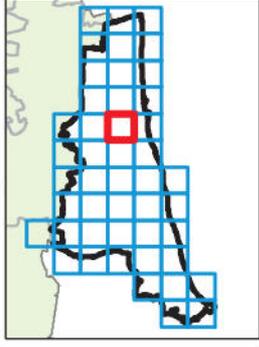
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Key Plan



Legend

- Arun District SFRA boundary
- Historic flood outline
- Source of flooding: Fluvial
- Source of flooding: Coastal
- Tidal
- Surface Water
- Failure
- Unknown



REF	Date	Comments
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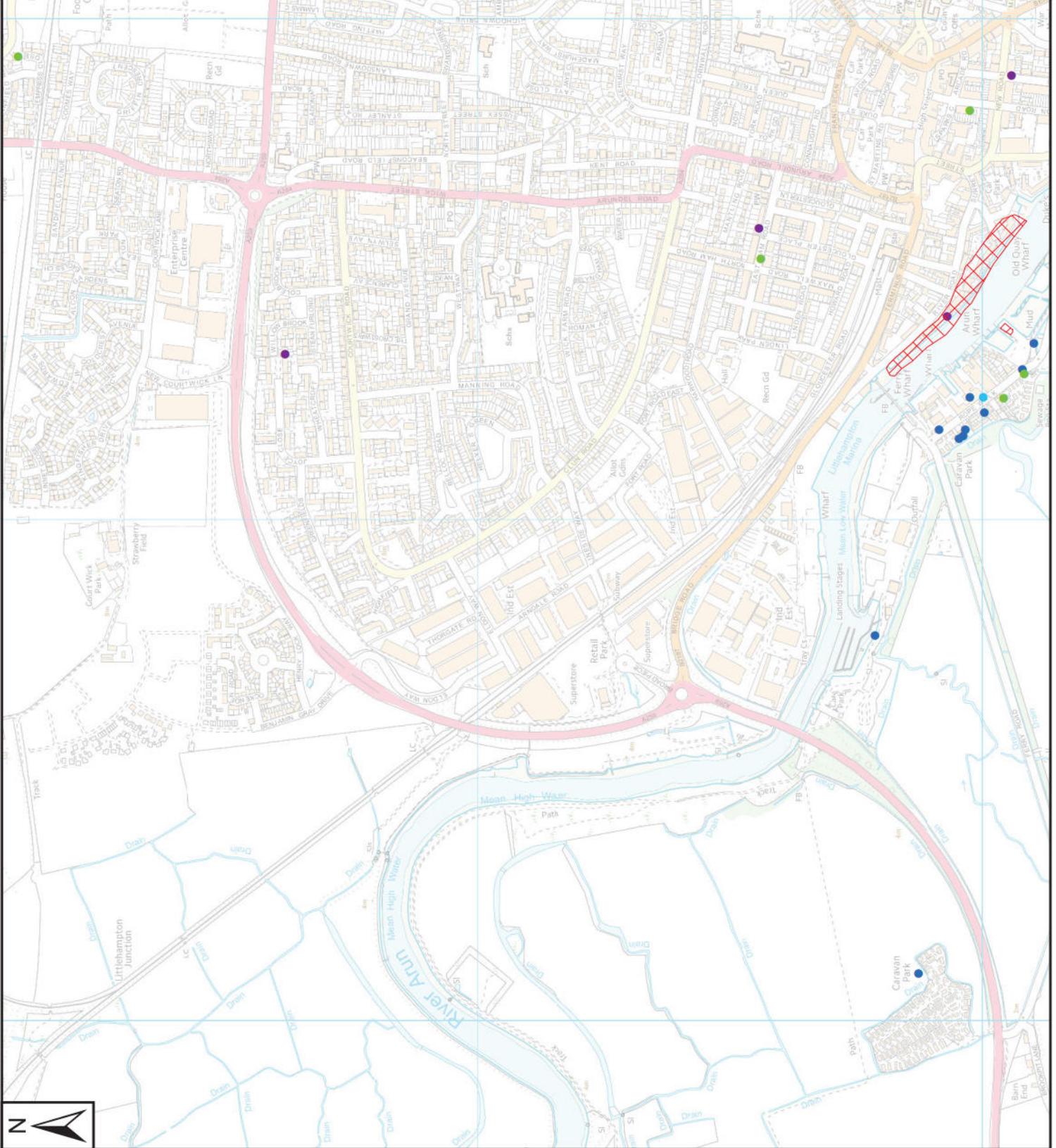
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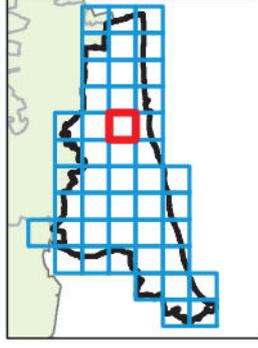
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Hydraulic modelling has been undertaken as part of this SFRA to provide updated climate change flood mapping in the Arun District for Flood Zone 3a. This modelling followed the latest guidance for climate change in FRAS/SFRAs released by the Environment Agency in February 2016 (and updated in April 2016). Climate change for fluvial events has been based on the Higher Central estimates for the years 2031, 2061 and 2111. Present day flood risk information is available for comparison. Arun District is within the South East River Basin District and therefore allowance are:

- 2031 = +15% flows
- 2061 = +30% flows
- 2111 = +45% flows

For tidal/coastal models, undefended case still water level and defended case still water level with wave overtopping simulations have been completed to inform future flood risk within the Arun District. Again, climate change allowance predictions are for the years 2031, 2061 and 2111, with present day outputs for comparison.

Key Plan



Legend

- Arun District SFRA boundary
- Future Flood Zone 3a (2061)
- Present Flood Zone 3a
- Future Flood Zone 3a (2111)



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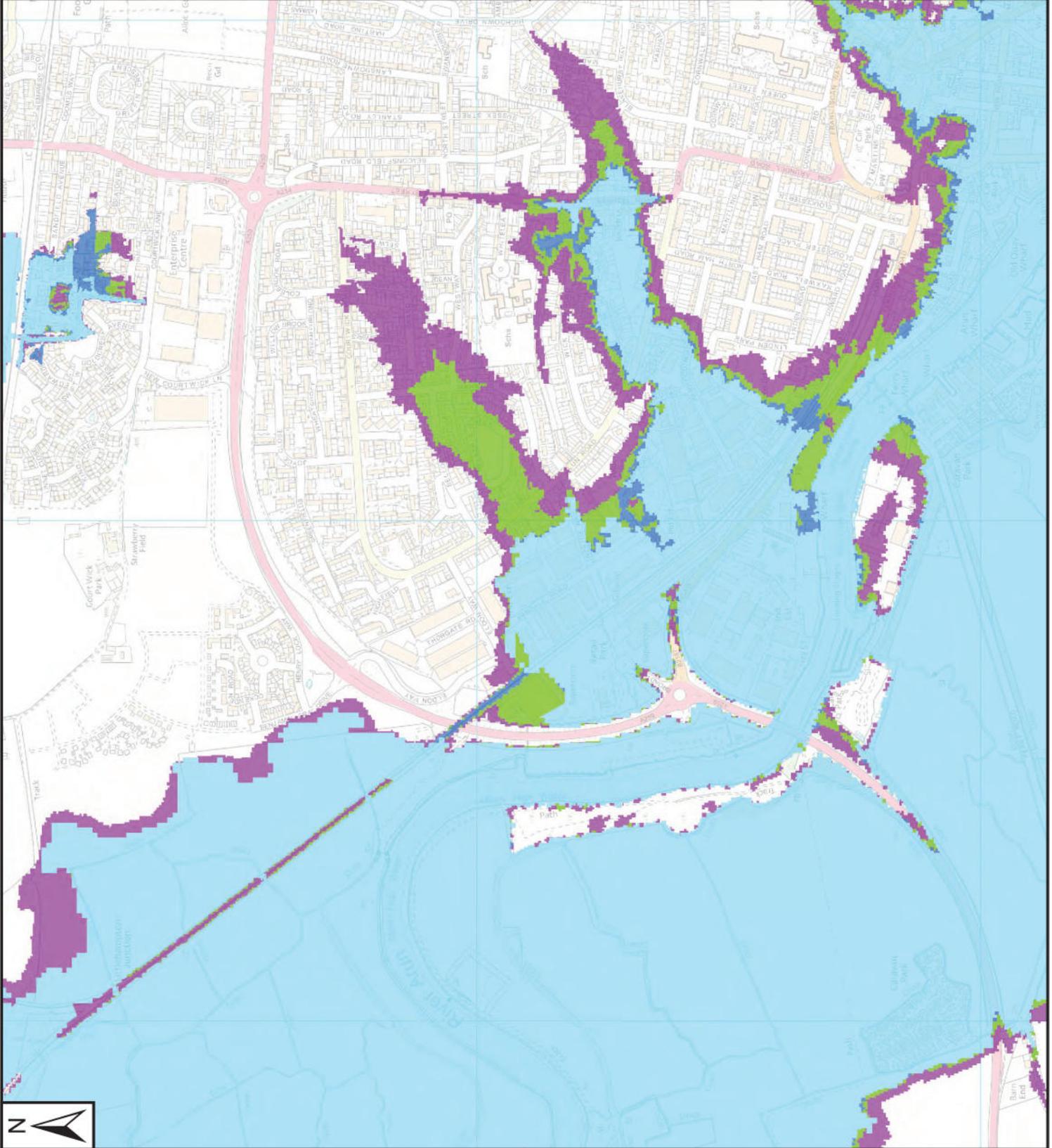
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- monitor their compliance with the Code.

Complaints

If you have a query or complaint about your search, you should raise it directly with the search firm, and if appropriate ask for any complaint to be considered under their formal internal complaints procedure. If you remain dissatisfied with the firm's final response, after your complaint has been formally considered, or if the firm has exceeded the response timescales, you may refer your complaint for consideration under The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPOs). The Ombudsman can award up to £5,000 to you if the Ombudsman finds that you have suffered actual financial loss and/or aggravation, distress or inconvenience as a result of your search provider failing to keep to the Code.

Please note that all queries or complaints regarding your search should be directed to your search provider in the first instance, not to TPOs or to the PCCB.

TPOs contact details:

The Property Ombudsman scheme

Milford House

43-55 Milford Street

Salisbury

Wiltshire SP1 2BP

Tel: 01722 333306

Fax: 01722 332296

Email: admin@tpos.co.uk

You can get more information about the PCCB from www.propertycodes.org.uk. Please ask your search provider if you would like a copy of the search code

Complaints procedure

GeoSmart Information Limited is registered with the Property Codes Compliance Board as a subscriber to the Search Code. A key commitment under the Code is that firms will handle any complaints both speedily and fairly. If you want to make a complaint, we will:

- Acknowledge it within 5 working days of receipt.
- Normally deal with it fully and provide a final response, in writing, within 20 working days of receipt.
- Keep you informed by letter, telephone or e-mail, as you prefer, if we need more time.
- Provide a final response, in writing, at the latest within 40 working days of receipt.
- Liaise, at your request, with anyone acting formally on your behalf.

If you are not satisfied with our final response, or if we exceed the response timescales, you may refer the complaint to The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPOs): Tel: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED].

We will co-operate fully with the Ombudsman during an investigation and comply with his final decision. Complaints should be sent to:

Liz Lloyd

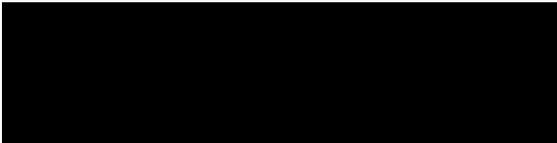
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12. Terms and conditions, CDM regulations and data limitations



Terms and conditions can be found on our website:

<http://geosmartinfo.co.uk/terms-conditions/>

CDM regulations can be found on our website:

<http://geosmartinfo.co.uk/knowledge-hub/cdm-2015/>

Data use and limitations can be found on our website:

<http://geosmartinfo.co.uk/data-limitations/>