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Our Ref: NC13-086

Dear Steve

### **INFORMATION REQUEST: Historical flooding, Onshore Elements of the Dogger Bank Offshore Windfarm (Teesside Projects A&B)**

Thank you for your request for information, forwarded to me by Lucy Mo on 21 February 2013. We have no records of historic flooding at the above site. This does not mean that the area has never flooded, only that we currently don't have any records. Currently we can only supply flood risk information relating to main rivers. You may want to check with the Local Authority and/or Water Company to see if they have any records of flooding from other sources, such as surface water. In addition, the Environment Agency is not aware of any relevant environmentally sensitive receptors.

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Good morning

Please find below the comments from the Councils drainage engineer with regard to the information received.

*The consultants are correct that the proposed route of these works are within a Flood Zone 1, I have studied our Strategic Flood Risk Assessment with regards to flooding of the proposed route of the High Voltage Cables and can confirm that the works will not be affected by surface water flooding and I am also satisfied that these works will not increase the flood risk to the area. I can also confirm that we hold no records of flooding in the areas highlighted, however the Converter Station sites is within the boundaries of Wilton Complex and I am unable to advise on any flooding issues within the Wilton site.*

*The only other comment I would make is, the proposed route will cross a number of water course and any works, on, in or near a watercourse will require our consent.*

Kind Regards

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1. General**

- 1.1.1. In 2010, Forewind, a consortium of four leading energy companies, was awarded the exclusive right to develop wind farms in the Dogger Bank Round 3 Offshore Wind Farm Zone. The Dogger Bank Wind Farm Zone is located in the North Sea off the east coast of Yorkshire. Electricity generated offshore will be transmitted via High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) submarine cables and underground terrestrial cables to onshore converter stations where the current will be converted to alternating current so that it can be connected into the National Grid. The second project to be developed is called Dogger Bank Teesside and will connect to the national grid at the Tod Point and Lackenby Substations near Redcar in Teesside. It will generate around 4GW of power.
- 1.1.2. It is proposed that two sets of onshore converter stations (four in total) are constructed which will be located within the Wilton Complex, close to both substations. Appendix A includes a plan which indicates the proposed location of the converter station sites. The site locations were selected by Forewind taking account of a broad range of factors.
- 1.1.3. Each converter station has an area of around 2.0ha, based on the preliminary designs received from Forewind.
- 1.1.4. This report is based on the following information:
- Typical arrangement of onshore converter station, as provided by Forewind;
  - Environment Agency Flood Risk maps;
  - Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (JBA, 2010);
  - Northumbrian Water sewer records (not available at the time of writing);
  - National Planning Policy Framework.

#### **1.2. Limitations**

- 1.2.1. This report has been prepared for Forewind and shall not be relied upon by any third party unless that party has been granted a contractual right to rely on this report for the purpose for which it was prepared.
- 1.2.2. The findings and opinions in this report are based upon information derived from a variety of information sources. Ramboll cannot accept any liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information derived from third party sources; however, reasonable measures have been taken to confirm the accuracy of third party data where it is used.
- 1.2.3. This report has been prepared on the basis of the proposed size and function of the converter stations as defined by the Client. If this is amended then it may be necessary to review the findings of this report.

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1.2.4. It should be noted that some of the aspects considered in this study are subject to change with time. Therefore, if the development is delayed or postponed for a significant period then it should be reviewed to confirm that no changes have taken place, either at the site or within relevant legislation.

### **1.3. Scope and Objectives**

1.3.1. This report will cover the following:

- Options available for the collection and disposal of foul and surface water drainage from the converter stations;
- Indicative volume of surface water storage (attenuation) required;
- Sustainable drainage solutions for attenuation prior to discharge off site; and
- Consultations that will be required with external statutory bodies.

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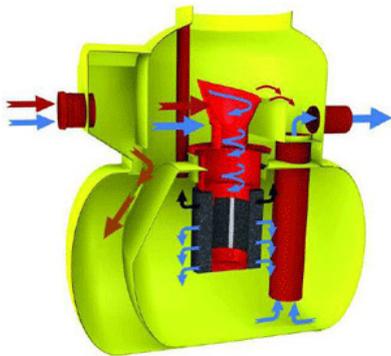
### 2. SURFACE WATER RUNOFF

#### 2.1. General Surface Water Strategy

- 2.1.1. The National Planning Policy Framework promotes sustainable management of surface water run-off from any new development and the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) is recommended.
- 2.1.2. The Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (produced by JBA in 2010), states that “for Greenfield developments, the aim is not to increase runoff from the undeveloped situation and for Brownfield re-developments, to reduce existing runoff rates”. The converter stations will be located upon Greenfield land.
- 2.1.3. Given the location of the converter station sites on the Wilton complex with the site history and potential for contaminated soils, infiltration measures may not be appropriate or desirable for drainage. Notwithstanding this, the bedrock geology is Mudstones and drift deposits are Glacial Till, therefore infiltration techniques may not be feasible. The bedrock geology beneath the site is classified as a Secondary B aquifer. It is therefore likely that discharge of surface water from the sites will need to be to a surface watercourse. Consultation with Sembcorp, Redcar and Cleveland Council, and potentially Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency will be required to agree the locations for discharge – although there are drainage ditches adjacent to both converter station sites.
- 2.1.4. The collection of surface water from each converter station site should ideally be split into two underground networks, one to collect clean water from the roof drainage and one to collect external hardstanding and possible landscape drainage.
- 2.1.5. The Water Framework Directive and planning policy guidance requires that water quality is assessed in the design. Further consultation will be required regarding water quality discharge with the Environment Agency; however, it is likely that water from external hardstanding areas will be required to pass through a water quality treatment system. This will need to remove silt, debris and other possible sources of contamination from the water prior to it leaving site for discharge.
- 2.1.6. Different forms of sustainable drainage techniques (SuDS) can be used to treat runoff, including permeable paving, swales and detention basins. These are discussed later in this report.
- 2.1.7. Where SuDS options are not possible then the inclusion of a proprietary treatment system may be required within the underground drainage network. The inclusion of an oil separator within the external hardstanding drainage could be used to remove any hydrocarbons from water off parking areas and access roads. The design of oil separation will need to comply with the Environment Agency’s Pollution Prevention Guidelines (PPG 3) and Building Regulations, Approved Document H (Drainage and Waste Disposal).

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- 2.1.8. If additional treatment is required then a proprietary filtration system can be installed within the underground drainage system. This will remove any heavy particles, silt and heavy metals such as copper, zinc and cadmium. The installation of silt trap manholes can also be incorporated within the scheme to collect larger silt and debris particles. A typical separator tank/filtration system is shown in Figure 1.
- 2.1.9. Water arising from any hardstanding areas where permeable paving is not possible will need to be collected prior to the treatment system. This will be either via traditional road gullies and/or drainage channels. Where proposed external levels are flat combined kerb drainage can be used as indicated in Figure 2.



**Figure 2 - Typical oil separator tank**

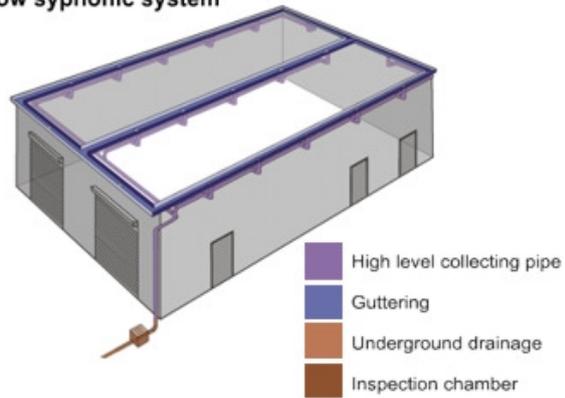


**Figure 1 - Combined kerb drainage**

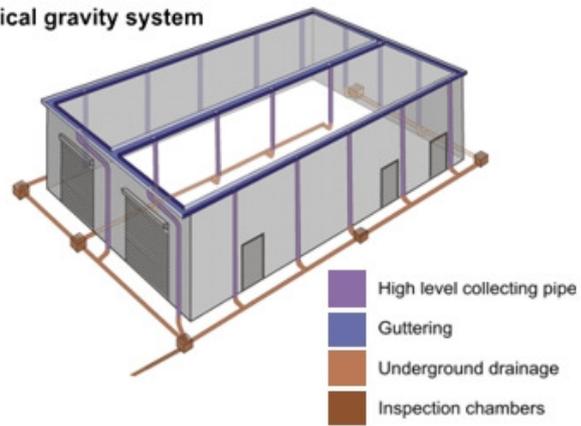
- 2.1.10. The collection of roof drainage can either be by traditional rainwater guttering and downpipes or via a syphonic system. A syphonic system collects the water from the roof at high level within the building and discharges it at a minimal number of locations to the below ground system. The reduction in the number of downpipes in such a system would reduce the depth of the underground pipework and make it easier to route the water to any attenuation or rainwater harvesting.
- 2.1.11. An indicative schematic of both traditional and syphonic drainage is given in Figure 3 below.

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Fullflow syphonic system



Typical gravity system



**Figure 3 - Roof drainage system**

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### **2.2. Surface Water Runoff Rates**

- 2.2.1. Based on the plans provided by Forewind, each converter station will have a total plan area of 2.02ha, of which some 1.26ha is likely to be impermeable. Therefore for both proposed converter stations, surface water runoff from a total of some 2.52ha of roof and hardstanding area will need to be collected and discharged off site.
- 2.2.2. It is proposed that the surface water attenuation will be sized for the 1 in 100 year storm event plus an allowance of 30% for climate change. Attenuation is the storage of surface water above or below ground on the site prior to discharge at a restricted rate.
- 2.2.3. Greenfield runoff rates have been calculated for both converter stations (using the Institute of Hydrology Report 124 methodology) as 16.2l/s (See Appendix B).
- 2.2.4. Although this figure is considered to be appropriate and has been calculated in line with current best practice and EA requirements, consultation with Sembcorp, Northumbrian Water and potentially the EA and Redcar and Cleveland Council will be required at the detailed design stage to confirm that this is acceptable discharge rate and the exact point of discharge.

### **2.3. Surface Water Storage Volumes**

- 2.3.1. Based on this allowable discharge rate of 16.2l/s and combined impermeable area of 2.52ha per converter station site (ie for two converter stations), surface water storage volumes have been calculated per site (See Appendix B). Volume ranges are given at this stage until the detailed design of the system can be undertaken.

1 in 30 year	-	between 550m <sup>3</sup> and 800m <sup>3</sup>
1 in 100 year	-	between 750m <sup>3</sup> and 1100m <sup>3</sup>
1 in 100 year + 30%	-	between 1050m <sup>3</sup> and 1550m <sup>3</sup>

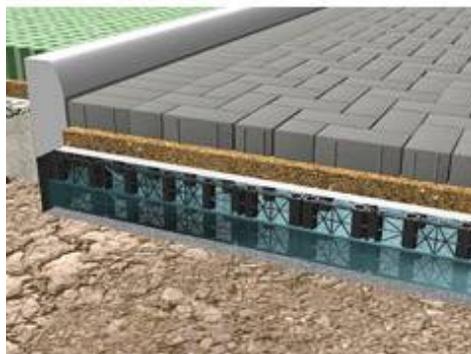
- 2.3.2. The chosen location of the converter station has a bearing on which types of attenuation storage features are appropriate, for instance due to its topography, ground conditions and proximity to nearby watercourses for discharge. An assessment of different SuDS options available is made in the next section of this report, from which the most appropriate features have then been chosen for the concept drainage strategy.

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**3. SURFACE WATER ATTENUATION ASSESSMENT**

**3.1. Assessment of Attenuation Options**

- 3.1.1. Permeable or porous surfaces: Permeable paving systems can take the form of either a block paving system which consists of interlocking paving blocks or alternatively a porous asphalt concrete surface that allows water to infiltrate through to an underlying open-graded sub-base or attenuation crate system (see Figure 4 below for a typical cross-section). The thickness of the underlying sub-base or crates is designed to accommodate the required amount of attenuation storage. From the sub-system, the water can either infiltrate directly into the ground, or where this not appropriate, can be collected and discharged elsewhere.
- 3.1.2. As noted in paragraph 2.1.3 above in the case of the converter stations infiltration is unlikely to be desirable or practicable therefore if a permeable/porous paving system was chosen it would need to take the form of a tanked system with a restricted discharge rate. This option could be feasible in any car parking and access road areas of the site. Since permeable or porous paving provides a degree of treatment to the runoff which passes through it, should this attenuation option be chosen, it would negate the need for an oil separator.



**Figure 4 - Section through permeable paving solution indicating storage within a crate system**

- 3.1.3. Swales: A swale is a grassland depression usually shallower and wider than a conventional ditch (see Figure 5 below for a typical example). Swales generally convey surface water run-off from a drained surface into a storage or infiltration system although they can also provide a storage function if necessary.

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3.1.4. Again, as infiltration is unlikely to be desirable or practicable (paragraph 2.1.3 refers) at the converter stations site, if a swale was chosen within the drainage design it would need to be lined, and potentially contain a throttle to restrict the discharge. Swales are a relatively low-cost solution but can require a large land-take however this option could be feasible for collection of water from the access roads around the perimeter of the converter station, either receiving direct runoff from the roads into the swale or from road gullies or combined kerb drainage. This option can also be used to provide a degree of water treatment, depending on the length of the swale.



**Figure 5 - Swale adjacent to a footpath/road, following a storm event**

3.1.5. Detention Basins: These are above ground storage basins which generally remain dry under normal conditions but which provide attenuation of surface water run-off in storm conditions (typical example shown in Figure 6 below). Like swales, basins can require a large land take and can provide a degree of water treatment. Their maintenance is relatively easy since they are predominantly grassed, however they can incorporate more diverse planting (to enhance biodiversity for instance) as long as their storage volume is maintained and plants not susceptible to being in water are planted. For the converter stations, a detention basin could be a feasible option for the drainage strategy.



**Figure 6 - Detention basin**

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3.1.6. Ponds: these are permanent water features which are designed with additional water storage above their usual water levels to attenuate runoff in storm conditions (typical example shown in Figure 7 below). Ponds can require a large land take although they can have steeper sides than detention basins as they are a defined water feature. Then maintenance and safety implications of a pond would need to be reviewed, and it is unlikely that there would be sufficient rainfall runoff to ensure that they were permanently wetted all year round. Furthermore, the drainage ditches in the area which would be the chosen discharge location for the runoff from the converter stations are relatively shallow, therefore ponds are less likely to be a viable attenuation option in this instance.



**Figure 7 - Pond**

3.1.7. Underground Cellular/Tubular Storage: This is an underground storage system involving the installation of either large diameter tubular pipework or square plastic crates (Figure 8 below shows a typical crate system under installation, and Figure 9 a typical tubular system). These can be used to provide large volumes of storage and have the advantage of having a 95-97% void ratio allowing them to attenuate significantly larger volumes in a smaller area compared to granular storage systems (which typically have only a 30% voids ratio). Underground storage is best situated below lightly trafficked areas and soft landscaping for ease of maintenance. This could be a feasible option and could be provided beneath the roads, car parking or soft landscaped areas, although it would need to be kept shallow to enable gravity discharge into the adjacent watercourses.



**Figure 8 - Underground crate system**

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**Figure 9 - Circular underground pipe tank system**

3.1.8. Green Roofs: A Green roof or sedum roof is a planted roof area which can provide a degree of rainfall attenuation for small return period storms (see Figure 10 below for an example). Well maintained green roofs are able to decrease the volume of surface water runoff by up to 40% in low return period storms. For large storm events sheet runoff is still likely to occur. The roof area of the converter stations, although large would not be enough to store all the receiving rainwater and therefore additional below ground attenuation would still be required if green roofs were chosen. However, they remain a sustainable option and can also provide biodiversity and aesthetic benefits in addition to their attenuation properties.



**Figure 10 - Established Green Roof**

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3.1.9. Rainwater Harvesting: The use of rainwater harvesting to provide a supply for grey-water use within the converter station buildings could decrease the volume and rate of surface water runoff from the roof areas. This will reduce the roof runoff in low return period events; however for larger storms the design has to assume that the rainwater tank is full (and therefore overflowing). Therefore, whilst we promote the use of rainwater harvesting tanks, their volume can't be accounted for when designing the attenuation storage – i.e. other forms of attenuation would still be required in the design. The water which is collected within the harvesting tank can be used for irrigation, flushing of toilets or washdown areas. As the converter stations are likely to have minimal operational requirements, it's possible that stagnation could occur within a rainwater harvesting tank therefore this option may not be appropriate in this case.

### **3.2. Concept Drainage Strategy**

3.2.1. Taking account of the above review of the various SuDS that could be utilised, the concept surface water drainage strategy for each of the converter station sites is included in Appendix C. This will need to be developed at the detailed design stage, in conjunction with any specific requirements from Sembcorp, Northumbrian Water, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and the EA.

3.2.2. For both sites, swales and a detention basin are the most viable methods for conveying and attenuating the surface water runoff from the areas of hardstanding prior to discharge into the adjacent drainage ditches. This is both because the receiving drainage ditch itself is relatively shallow, and therefore surface drainage systems are preferable, and also because the swale and detention basin can provide additional ecological habitat.

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### **4. FOUL WATER DISCHARGE**

#### **4.1. General**

- 4.1.1. There are a number of options for discharge of the proposed foul drainage from the converter station sites and these are discussed below. The final solution will be influenced by the site location, topography, ground conditions and consultation with the Sembcorp, EA, Redcar and Cleveland Council and Northumbrian Water.
- 4.1.2. Foul flows from the converter stations are expected to be minimal due to their minimal operational requirements in terms of site staff.

#### **4.2. Discharge Options**

- 4.2.1. Direct discharge to public sewer: At the time of writing, public sewer records are not available. However, given the development on the Wilton complex it is likely that foul drainage is present in the vicinity – either private or public. Further discussions with Sembcorp and Northumbrian Water will be needed upon review of sewer records and at the detailed design stage to confirm whether direct sewer connection will be a viable solution.
- 4.2.2. Wastewater treatment system with discharge to watercourse: As an alternative it would be possible to treat foul drainage on site and then discharge it to watercourse. The primary wastewater treatment system could be a septic tank or proprietary wastewater treatment plant together with a secondary treatment if required located within the site prior to discharge to the nearest watercourse.

#### **4.3. Primary Treatments**

- 4.3.1. Septic tanks: Septic tanks provide suitable conditions for settlement, storage and partial decomposition of solids and therefore are located at the head of the treatment system (typical example shown in Figure 11 below). Septic tanks need to be emptied at regular intervals by a specialist drainage company to remove any solids collected. The discharge water can still fail to meet the relevant water quality criteria and therefore some form of secondary treatment is normally required. Septic tanks may not be acceptable to the EA above an aquifer.

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Figure 11 - Typical underground septic tank

4.3.2. Proprietary package treatment plant: Package treatment plants are fitted within the underground drainage system and can be used as a primary form of treatment without the need for a secondary treatment as water can be treated to very high quality standards. Maintenance is dependent on the type of plant used although can be checked and regulated more easily than any other system. Due to the low flow rates which are expected from the converter station operatives this may be a suitable solution.

### 4.4. Secondary treatments:

4.4.1. Drainage fields: Drainage fields typically consist of a system of sub-surface irrigation pipes which allow effluent to percolate into the surrounding soils where biological treatment takes place in the natural aerated layers of the soil (see Figure 12 below). Drainage fields will need a relatively large land take and can only be used where the subsoil is sufficiently free draining and therefore may not be suitable for the converter station site. Furthermore, they may not be acceptable to the EA above an aquifer. If maintenance of the primary treatment is not undertaken regularly then solids can be passed onto the secondary treatment causing the requirement for early replacement. This will often mean the provision of a new location for the secondary system.

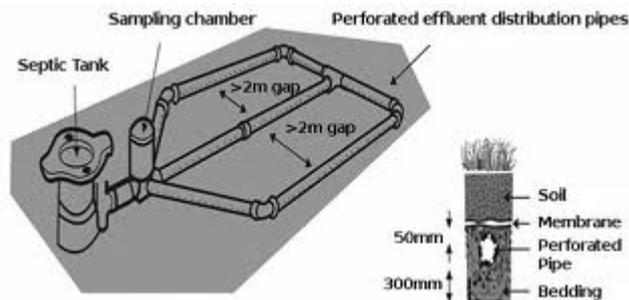


Figure 12 - Typical Schematic of a Drainage Field

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- 4.4.2. Constructed wetlands: Reed beds are man made systems which use the natural treatment capacity of certain wetland plants combined with a gravel bed to purify wastewater by removing the organic matter, oxidising ammonia and reducing nitrate (see Figure 13 below). The area required for construction of a reed bed is dependent on the water quality levels that need to be achieved although they do not normally require as much land as a drainage field. Some maintenance is required over the life of the reed bed with reeds requiring replacing at specific intervals. Due to the low foul flows from the converter stations, reed beds could be a suitable foul drainage solution.



Figure 13 - Reed Bed

- 4.4.3. Any discharge to watercourse will potentially require consent (depending on ownership) from either the EA, Northumbrian Water, Redcar and Cleveland Council, or Sembcorp (in the case of riparian ownership). Therefore further consultation will be required at the detailed design stage.
- 4.4.4. Cesspools: A cesspool is normally used when no other form of treatment is possible. It is a watertight tank which is installed underground at the end of the foul network to store sewerage. No treatment is involved in this process and the effluent will need taking away on a regular basis by a specialist drainage company. On the basis that the converter stations would be largely unmanned, storage of foul effluent for long periods of time (until the tank is full) may not be acceptable due to the likelihood of septicity occurring.

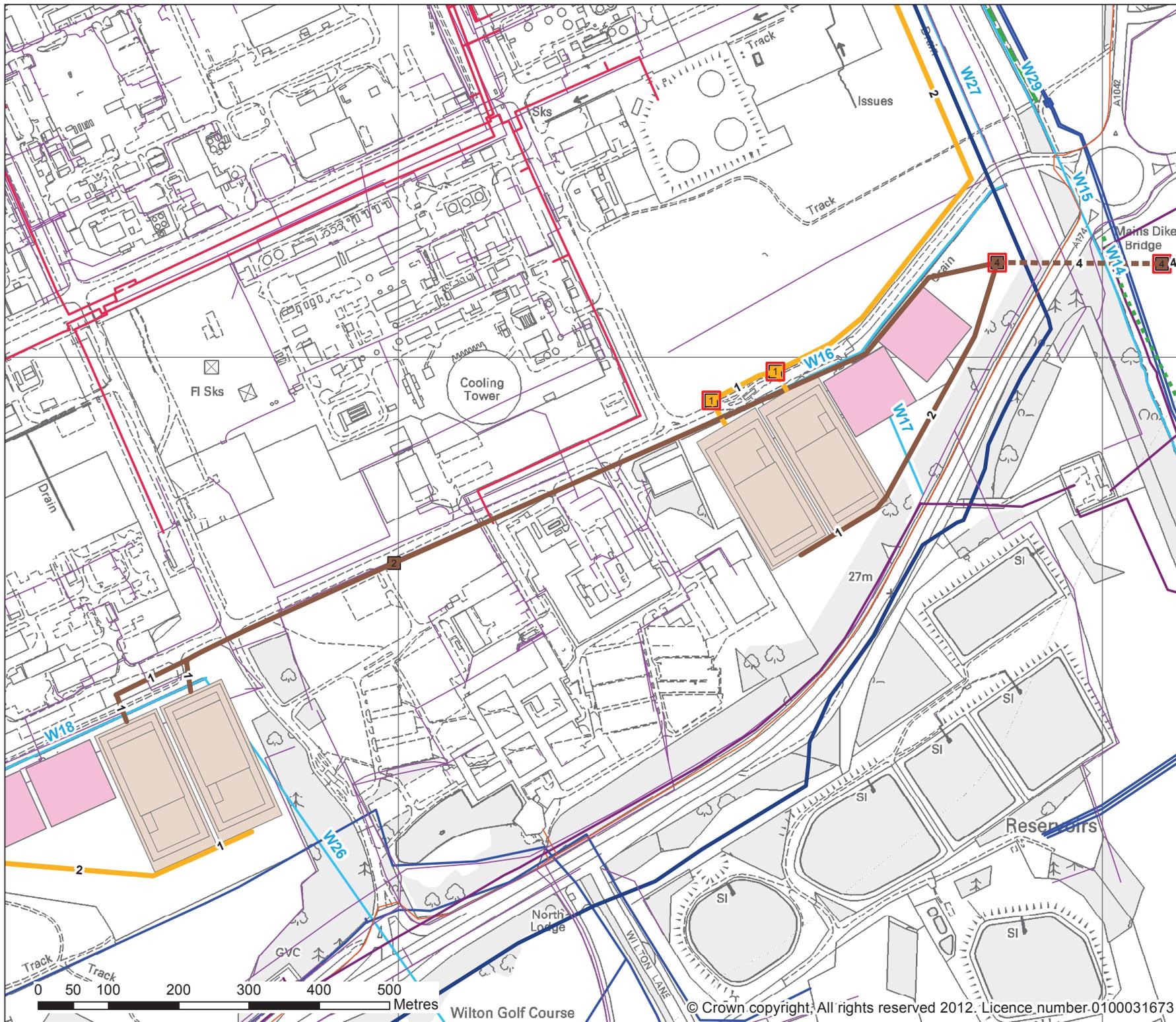
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### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1.1. This report has been written to give initial options for the discharge of foul and surface water drainage from each of the converter station sites.
- 5.1.2. There are viable foul and surface water drainage solutions that could be implemented at each site, and in particular the surface water concept strategy focuses on the use of swales and a detention basin prior to discharge into an adjacent drainage ditch. Not only are these preferred to keep the system shallow, they can also incorporate ecological habitat.
- 5.1.3. As the detailed design progresses, consultation with the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water, Sembcorp, and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will be required to confirm their acceptance of the preferred discharge locations and rates.

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**APPENDIX A - SITE LOCATION PLAN**



- Legend**
- Joining Bay**
- HVAC
  - HVDC
  - HDD Launch/Receive Points
- Cable Route Sections**
- HVAC, Open trench
  - HVAC, HDD
  - HVDC, Open trench
  - HVDC, HDD
  - Large Construction Compound 100m x 90m
  - Small Construction Compounds 30m x 30m
  - Converter Stations
  - Watercourse
  - Bridleway
  - Footpath
  - Long Distance Path
  - BOC Gas
  - Northern Gas
  - BT Infrastructure
  - Cable and Wireless Network
  - Virgin Media Network
  - National Grid
  - Northern Power Grid
  - Overhead Power Lines Other
  - TPEP
  - Northumbria Water
  - Rail
  - Landfill



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**APPENDIX B - INITIAL SURFACE WATER CALCULATIONS**



## Appendix B – Outline Surface Water Calculations

### Greenfield Runoff Rates

These have been calculated using the Institute of Hydrology Report 124 methodology in WinDes. Note that this methodology is aimed at sites over 50ha in area, therefore in line with best practice Greenfield rates have been calculated for 50ha and then divided accordingly to reflect the smaller site area (4.032ha for two converter stations, therefore each of the two converter station sites).

<u>IH 124 Mean Annual Flood</u>			
Input			
Return Period (years)	100	Soil	0.450
Area (ha)	50.000	Urban	0.000
SAAR (mm)	650	Region Number	Region 3
Results 1/s			
QBAR Rural	201.4		
QBAR Urban	201.4		

Qbar = 201.4l/s for 50ha, therefore Qbar = 16.2l/s for each of the converter station sites.

### Initial Attenuation Sizing

This has been calculated for the 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year and 1 in 100 year (+ climate change) return periods, based upon an allowable discharge rate of 7.35l/s. An increase in rainfall intensity of 30% has been allowed for the 1 in 100 year (+ climate change) scenario.

1 in 30 year scenario:

**Quick Storage Estimate**

Micro Drainage

**Variables**

FSR Rainfall

Return Period (years) 30

Region England and Wales

Map

M5-60 (mm) 19.000

Ratio R 0.350

Cv (Summer) 0.750

Cv (Winter) 0.840

Impermeable Area (ha) 2.052

Maximum Allowable Discharge (l/s) 16.2

Infiltration Coefficient (m/hr) 0.00000

Safety Factor 2.0

Climate Change (%) 0

Analyse OK Cancel Help

Enter Return Period between 1 and 1000

**Quick Storage Estimate**

Micro Drainage

**Results**

Global Variables require approximate storage of between 528 m<sup>3</sup> and 800 m<sup>3</sup>.

These values are estimates only and should not be used for design purposes.

Analyse OK Cancel Help

Select required Rainfall Model from the list

1 in 100 year scenario:

**Quick Storage Estimate**

**Micro Drainage**

**Variables**

FSR Rainfall

Return Period (years)

Region

Map

M5-60 (mm)

Ratio R

Cv (Summer)

Cv (Winter)

Impermeable Area (ha)

Maximum Allowable Discharge (l/s)

Infiltration Coefficient (m/hr)

Safety Factor

Climate Change (%)

Analyse OK Cancel Help

Select required Rainfall Model from the list

**Quick Storage Estimate**

**Micro Drainage**

**Results**

**Global Variables require approximate storage of between 755 m<sup>3</sup> and 1091 m<sup>3</sup>.**

**These values are estimates only and should not be used for design purposes.**

Variables

Results

Design

Overview 2D

Overview 3D

Vt

Analyse OK Cancel Help

Select required Rainfall Model from the list

1 in 100 year (+ climate change) scenario:

**Quick Storage Estimate**

**Micro Drainage**

**Variables**

FSR Rainfall  Cv (Summer)

Return Period (years)  Cv (Winter)

Region  Impermeable Area (ha)

Map M5-60 (mm)  Maximum Allowable Discharge (l/s)

Ratio R  Infiltration Coefficient (m/hr)

Safety Factor

Climate Change (%)

Analyse OK Cancel Help

Select required Rainfall Model from the list

**Quick Storage Estimate**

**Micro Drainage**

**Results**

**Global Variables require approximate storage of between 1068 m<sup>3</sup> and 1533 m<sup>3</sup>.**

**These values are estimates only and should not be used for design purposes.**

Variables

Results

Design

Overview 2D

Overview 3D

Vt

Analyse OK Cancel Help

Select required Rainfall Model from the list

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**APPENDIX C - CONCEPT SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE STRATEGY**

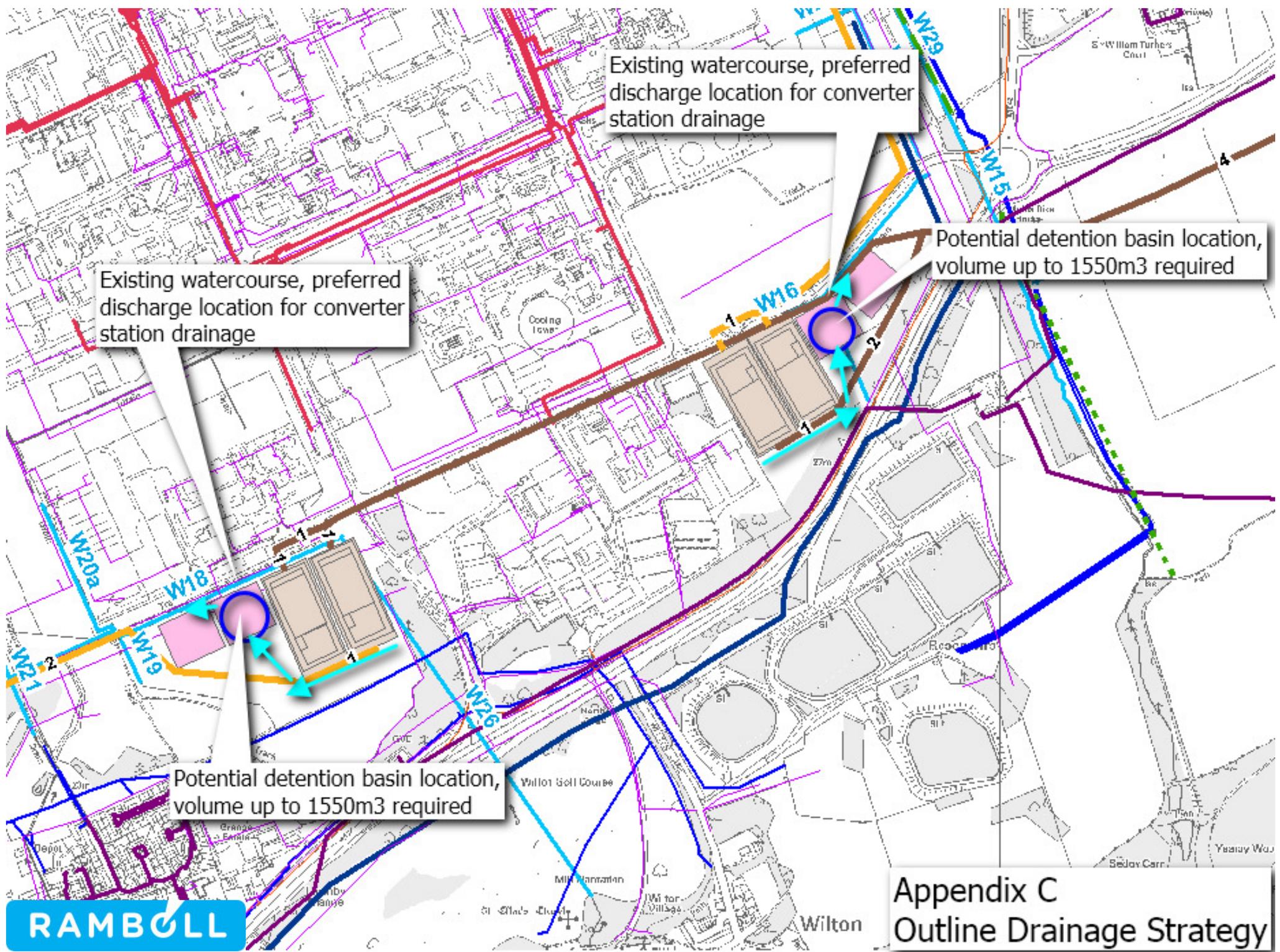


Existing watercourse, preferred discharge location for converter station drainage

Existing watercourse, preferred discharge location for converter station drainage

Potential detention basin location, volume up to 1550m3 required

Potential detention basin location, volume up to 1550m3 required





## Appendix E – National Grid Flood Mitigation Policy



## **FLOOD MITIGATION POLICY**

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### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy document defines National Grid’s declared target levels for flood defence / resilience that should be applied to existing transmission substations, all new build electricity transmission substations and at legacy substations subjected to an expansion or a major refurbishment programme.

Its aim is to ensure that flood risk is a material consideration at all stages of National Grid’s capital planning process.

It draws guidance from the following documents:

- Communities and Local Government, Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25) - Development and Flood Risk
- Planning Policy Wales, Technical Advice Note 15 (TAN15) - Developments and Flood Risk
- The Energy Network Association Engineering Technical Report (ENA ETR138) – Resilience to Flooding of Grid and Primary Substations.
- UK Climate Change Projections 2009 (UKCP09)

### **PART 1 – POLICY**

#### **1 GENERAL POLICY**

As defined in PPS25, TAN15, and ETR138, National Grid needs to ensure that new and existing sites (or key equipment located therein) meet declared flood resilience levels defined within this document.

In doing so, ensuring the site is safe and operational during flooding events with no loss of supply or risk to system stability.

#### **2 FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENTS**

When looking to select a site for a new facility or during consultations with planning authorities for works on existing sites, early consultation with both the local authority and the Environment Agency is advised irrespective of whether planning permission is required. If flood risk is raised as a concern, a detailed Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) shall be undertaken to determine the level of risk. Failure to submit a FRA could result in a planning application being delayed or refused planning permission due to lack of information.

### 3 RESILIANCE LEVELS

If a risk is identified it shall be accurately assessed. If no other suitable location can be found then this will be recorded and submitted as part of undertaking a Sequential Test (see PPS25 Practice Guide).

The aim of the Sequential Test is to steer new development towards areas with the lowest probability of flooding (Zone 1). Where this is not possible it must be demonstrated to both the Local Planning Authority and the Environment Agency that there are no reasonably available sites for the type of development proposed in a lower risk category. Only where there are no reasonably available sites in Flood Zones 1 and 2, should sites within Flood Zone 3 be considered.

National Grid infrastructure should be located in a Low Probability Zone 1 (risk less than 1:1000). Where this is not possible the infrastructure shall be located in a medium probability Zone 2 (risk between 1:100 and 1:1000), and must be accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment to demonstrate how flood risks from all sources of flooding to the development itself and flood risk to others will be managed. It will also be necessary to take account of climate change and errors in data when establishing a flood height for any mitigation measures.

#### 3.1 New Sites

Target - 1:1000 flood resilience with suitable allowance for climate change;

- River, surface water, ground water and sewers flooding climate change – refer to PPS25 - 20% increased peak river flow or where unknown add 300mm (Environment Agency standard practice)
- Tidal flooding climate change – refer to PPS25

In addition to climate change add 300mm for errors in data if not already accounted for in information provided.

#### 3.2 Existing sites and extensions to existing sites resilience level

Target - 1:1000 flood resilience with suitable allowance for climate change;

- River, surface water, ground water and sewers flooding - 20% increased peak river flow or where unknown add 300mm (Environment Agency standard practice)
- Tidal flooding risks for existing sites – Expansion beyond the boundary fence line tidal risk sites refer to PPS25 where practicable or add 433mm (UKCP09) if no accurate data can be obtained from the Environment Agency
- Expansion within the boundary fence line tidal risk sites refer to PPS25 where practicable or add 433mm (UKCP09) if no accurate data can be obtained from the Environment Agency and base solution on Design Justification Report (TP146.2)

In addition to climate change add 300mm for errors in data if not already accounted for in information provided.

In circumstances where the 1:1000 + Climate Change + 300mm is not practical due to cost or engineering constraints a lower level of resilience will be acceptable with a minimum standard of resilience to 1:200 + Climate Change + 300mm flooding.

Parameters which may permit a reduction in the target resilience include

- The projected lifespan of the site (< 10 years)
- Engineering constraints on site mean mitigation option cannot be practically accommodated
- Flood defence wall not exceeding 2.4m high
- The cost of the target resilience (1:1000 + CC + 300mm) exceeds the minimum defence option (1:200 +CC + 300mm) by £1m or 50% whichever figure is the greater amount
- The site can be switched out safely at any time and not impact supplies

A suitable cost benefit analysis shall be carried out detailing and recording the decision process.

### **3.3 Shared ownership sites and adjacent DNO / Generator sites**

In accordance with ETR138 Appendix 6 the flood risk assessment and any necessary mitigation works shall ensure the resilience of the site and security of supply.

### **3.4 Off site 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Flood Defences**

Where a site is shown to be at risk from flooding but benefits from defences off site (e.g. EA or local authority owned and maintained river or coastal defences) to the target resilience level there may still be a risk from surface water which may require flood mitigation work this will be established through the FRA.

Where the off site defence is to a lesser standard but above the minimum resilience level, consideration may be given to improving the defence through either on site protection or improving the off site protection.

Where the off site defence is to a lesser standard and below the minimum resilience level, the site defence shall be improved through either on site protection or improving the off site protection.

A suitable cost benefit analysis shall be carried out detailing and recording the decision process.

## **4 FORMS AND RECORDS**

Not applicable.

## **PART 2 - DEFINITIONS AND DOCUMENT HISTORY**

### **5 DEFINITIONS**

Not applicable.

## 6 AMENDMENTS RECORD

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1	January 2011	New document	Doug Dodds Asset Engineering	David Wright Electricity Network Investment Manager

## 7 IMPLEMENTATION

### 7.1 Audience Awareness

Audience	Purpose	Notification Method
	Compliance (C) / Awareness (A)	Memo / letter / fax / e-mail / team brief / other (specify)
Asset Management, UK Construction, Network Operations, Alliances	C	E-mail

### 7.2 Training Requirements

Training Needs	Training Target Date	Implementation Manager
N/A / Informal / Workshop / Formal Course		
N/A	N/A	N/A

### 7.3 Compliance

Compliance will be ensured through the investment scheme process and internal audit.

### 7.4 Procedure Review Date

8 years from publication date.

## PART 3 - GUIDANCE NOTES

### 8 REFERENCES

UKBP/TP 213 Substation flood risk assessment and flood risk monitoring

TGN(E) \*\*\* - Flood Mitigation Technical Guidance

PPS25 – Communities and Local Government, Planning Policy Statement – Development and Flood Risk

ETR138 – Energy Network Association Engineering Technical Report – Resilience to Flooding of Grid and Primary Substations

Planning Policy Wales, Technical Advice Note 15 (TAN15) - Developments and Flood Risk

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