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Executive Summary

UK Flood Risk Consultants has been commissioned to prepare this Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)/ Basement Screening Assessment in support of a proposal consisting of a mix use development with 2 no. two-bedroom flats and 1 no. one-bedroom flat along with one commercial unit with a basement following demolition of existing bungalow located at 139 North Hyde Road, Hayes UB3 4NR.

The main sources of information to undertake flood risk assessment are the flood maps and data of the Environment Agency and the previous flood studies by the Local Authority.

The proposed development for residential use is categorised as 'more vulnerable'. The proposed basement will be used for general storage purpose and therefore it is categorised as 'more vulnerable'.

The nearest main river from the site is the River Crane, however, the site is located outside the floodplain of this watercourse.

According to the information available from the SFRA and the Environment Agency, there were no records of flooding events at the site.

The Environment Agency's Flood Maps show that the site lies within the Flood Zone 1 (low probability flooding). The Environment Agency's flood risk map indicates that the site is located outside of the flood risk zone.

The overall risk of surface water flooding to the site is low.

The flood risk from other sources including underground water, sewer and reservoir is low.

Flood resilient measures will be implemented for the proposed building with the basement.

The surface runoff will be improved by implementing appropriate SuDS measures. The landowners will be fully responsible for the repair and management of the implemented SuDS throughout the lifetime of the proposed development.

The development will not give rise to backwater affects or divert water towards other properties. This report demonstrates that the proposal will be safe, in terms of flood risk, for its design life and will not increase the flood risk elsewhere.

From the screening assessment for the proposed basement, it is concluded that the proposed basement will have negligible impact on the area's subterranean characteristics, land stability and flood risk and drainage. Therefore, further assessment will not be required.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
mAOD	Metres Above Ordnance Datum
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs
EA	Environment Agency
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
PFRA	Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems

1.0 Background

UK Flood Risk Consultants has been commissioned to prepare this Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)/ Basement Screening Assessment in support of a proposal consisting of a mix use development with 2 no. two-bedroom flats and 1 no. one-bedroom flat along with one commercial unit with a basement following demolition of existing bungalow located at 139 North Hyde Road, Hayes UB3 4NR.

This FRA/ Basement Screening Assessment has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, updated February 2019) and the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) Guidance Notes and the best practices in flood risk management.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out planning policy in order to avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding by directing development away from areas at highest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere.

2.0 FRA/Basement Screening Requirements and Objectives

The site-specific FRA/ Basement Screening Assessment should address the following:

- how flood risk affects the proposed basement,
- whether the development type is appropriate for the proposed location,
- whether the site's flood risk is too great for the proposed basement,
- whether the proposed basement will increase flood risk elsewhere,
- meet the additional flood resistance and resilience requirements where necessary.

The objectives of this site-specific flood risk assessment are to establish:

- whether the proposed basement is likely to be affected by current or future flooding from any source,
- whether the proposed basement will increase flood risk elsewhere,
- whether the measures proposed to deal with these effects and risks are appropriate,

3.0 General Description of the Site and the Proposals

3.1. Description of the site

The proposal site is located at 139 North Hyde Road, Hayes UB3 4NR approximately centred on the OS NGR TQ 10132 78864 (**Appendix A Figure 1**). The site is located within the administrative boundary of London Borough of Hillingdon, which is the Local Planning Authority.

The site occupies an area of approximately 442m². The area of building footprint is approximately 100m² and the area of hardstanding pavement is approximately 23m². Approximately 291m² area is covered by soft landscaping.

The access to the site is via North Hyde Road. The surrounding area consists of predominantly residential use (**Appendix A Figure 2**).

The British Geological Survey's geological maps show that the bedrock of the site comprises London Clay Formation with Clay, Silt and Sand which formed approximately 48 to 56 million years ago in the Palaeogene Period (**Appendix A Figure 3**). The superficial deposits consist of Lynch Hill Gravel Member with Sand and Gravel, which formed up to 2 million years ago in the Quaternary Period.

The nearest main river from the site is the River Crane, however, the site is located outside the floodplain of this watercourse.

The site topography is relatively flat and level with the general elevation of 30.50mAOD. Further details about the existing site are provided in **Appendix B**.

3.2. Proposed Development

The proposal consists of a mix use development with 2 no. two-bedroom flats and 1 no. one-bedroom flat along with one commercial unit, with a basement following demolition of existing bungalow. The total footprint area of the proposed building is approximately 135m² and the footprint area of the proposed basement is approximately 147m². Further details about the proposals have been provided in **Appendix B**.

4.0 Development and Flood Risk Policy

4.1. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, updated February 2019) sets out the government's planning policies for England. The NPPF sets out planning and policies related to development planning and flood risk using a sequential characterisation of risk based on planning zones and the Environment Agency's Flood Maps. The aim of the flood risk assessment is to identify which Flood Zones the site is located in and vulnerability classification relevant to the proposed development, based on an assessment of current and future conditions.

4.2. Flood Zones

The Flood Zones refer to the probability of river and sea flooding which ignores the presence of defences. The national flood maps have been developed by the Environment Agency that shows the risk of tidal and/or fluvial flooding across England and Wales for different return period events. The Environment Agency's Flood Maps are the maps which have been developed using broad scale hydraulic modelling. It is therefore important to understand that the flood maps may not be very accurate at a site-specific level which may need further field observation and measurements. The Flood Zones do not take into account of the climate change impacts which must be considered in any flood risk assessment as required by the NPPF.

4.3. Sequential and Exception Tests

As set out in the NPPF, the overall aim of the Sequential Test should be to steer new development to Flood Zone 1 (Low Probability Flooding). Where there are no reasonably available sites in Flood Zone 1, the Local Authority should take into account the flood risk vulnerability of land uses and consider reasonably available sites in Flood Zone 2, applying the Exception Test if required. Where there are no reasonably available sites in Flood Zones 1 or 2, the suitability of sites in Flood Zone 3 should be considered, taking into account the flood risk vulnerability of land uses and applying the Exception Test if required.

As the site is located in Flood Zone 1, the Sequential Test will not be required.

The Exception Test, as set out in paragraphs 159, 160 and 161 of the Framework, is a method to demonstrate and help ensure that flood risk to people and property will be managed satisfactorily, while allowing necessary development to go ahead in situations where suitable sites at lower risk of flooding are not available. There are two

requirements to meet for the Exception Tests. The proposed development will provide wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk, and that it will be safe for its lifetime, without increasing flood risk elsewhere and where possible reduce flood risk overall.

4.4. Vulnerability of Use and Flood Risk Assessment

The proposed development with the basement used for storage purpose is categorised as ‘more vulnerable’ (**Table 2**). The site is located in Flood Zone 1 (low probability flooding). The proposed development with the basement is therefore considered appropriate at this location (**Table 3**). It should be ensured that all types of flood risk are considered as part of the Flood Risk Assessment: ‘A *site-specific Flood Risk Assessment must demonstrate that the development will be safe for its lifetime taking account of the vulnerability of its users, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, and, where possible, will reduce flood risk overall*’.

This FRA aims to demonstrate that the proposal will remain safe for its lifetime and will increase flood risk elsewhere.

4.5. NPPF Flood Zones

Table 1 below shows the NPPF Flood Zones and the requirements and policy aims in terms of undertaking site-specific flood risk assessment.

Table 1 - NPPF Flood Zones and Requirements (NPPF Technical Guidance Table 1)

Zone 1: Low Probability Flood Zone	This is defined as the land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1000 annual probability of river or sea flooding in any year (<0.1%).
Appropriate uses	All uses of land are appropriate in this zone.
FRA requirements	For development proposals on sites comprising 1 ha or above the vulnerability to flooding from other sources as well as from river and sea flooding, and the potential to increase flood risk elsewhere through the addition of hard surfaces and the effect of the new development on surface water run-off, should be incorporated in a FRA.
Policy aims	Developers and local authorities should seek opportunities to reduce the overall level of flood risk through the layout and form of the development, and

	the appropriate application of sustainable drainage techniques.
Zone 2: Medium Probability Flood Zone	This is defined as the land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of river flooding (1% - 0.1%) or between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of sea flooding (0.5% - 0.1%) in any year.
Appropriate uses	The water-compatible, less vulnerable and more vulnerable uses of land and essential infrastructure in Table 2 are appropriate in this zone. Highly vulnerable uses in Table 2 are only appropriate in this zone if the Exception Test is passed.
FRA requirements	All proposals in this zone should be accompanied by a FRA.
Policy aims	Developers and local authorities should seek opportunities to reduce the overall level of flood risk through the layout and form of the development, and the appropriate application of sustainable drainage techniques.
Zone 3a: High Probability Flood Zone	This is defined as the land assessed as having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding (<1%) or a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of flooding from the sea (>0.5%) in any year.
Appropriate uses	The water-compatible and less vulnerable uses of land in Table 2 are appropriate in this zone. The highly vulnerable uses (Table 2) should not be permitted in this zone. The more vulnerable and essential infrastructure uses in Table 2 should only be permitted in this zone if the Exception Test is passed. All proposals in this zone should be accompanied by a FRA.
FRA requirements	
Policy aims	Developers and local authorities should seek opportunities to:

	❖ reduce the overall level of flood risk through the layout and form of the development and the appropriate application of sustainable drainage techniques; ❖ relocate existing development to land with a lower probability of flooding; ❖ create space for flooding to occur by allocating and safeguarding open space for flood storage.
Zone 3b: Functional Floodplain	This is the land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood. This zone is generally defined as the land which would flood with an annual probability of 1 in 20 (5%AEP) or greater in any year. The Local Council may define the Functional Floodplain area with a different annual probability of event.
Appropriate uses	Only the water-compatible uses and the essential infrastructure listed in Table 2 that has to be there should be permitted. It should be designed and constructed to: ❖ remain operational and safe for users in times of flood; ❖ result in no net loss of floodplain storage; ❖ not impede water flows; ❖ not increase flood risk elsewhere.
FRA requirements	All proposals in this zone should be accompanied by a FRA.
Policy aims	In this zone, developers and local authorities should seek opportunities to: ❖ reduce the overall level of flood risk through the layout and form of the development and the appropriate application of sustainable drainage techniques; ❖ relocate existing development to land with a lower probability of flooding.

Table 2 - Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification (NPPF Technical Guidance Table 2)

Essential Infrastructure	Essential transport infrastructure and strategic utility infrastructure, including electricity generating power stations and grid and primary substations.
Highly Vulnerable	❖ Police stations, Ambulance stations and Fire stations and Command Centres and telecommunications installations and emergency dispersal points. ❖ Basement dwellings, caravans, mobile homes and park homes intended for permanent residential use. ❖ Installations requiring hazardous substances consent.
More Vulnerable	❖ Hospitals, residential institutions such as residential care homes, children's homes, ❖ Social services homes, prisons and hostels. ❖ Buildings used for: dwelling houses, student halls of residence, drinking establishments, nightclubs, hotels and sites used for holiday or short-let caravans and camping. ❖ Non-residential uses for health services, nurseries and education. ❖ Landfill and waste management facilities for hazardous waste.
Less Vulnerable	❖ Buildings used for shops, financial, professional and other services, restaurants and cafes, offices, industry, storage and distribution, and assembly and leisure. ❖ Land and buildings used for agriculture and forestry. ❖ Waste treatment (except landfill and hazardous waste facilities), minerals working and processing (except for sand and gravel). ❖ Water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants (if adequate pollution control measures are in place).

Water-compatible Development	❖ Flood control infrastructure, water transmission infrastructure and pumping stations. ❖ Sewage transmission infrastructure and pumping stations. ❖ Sand and gravel workings. ❖ Docks, marinas and wharves, navigation facilities. ❖ MOD defence installations. ❖ Ship building, repairing and dismantling, dockside fish processing and refrigeration and compatible activities requiring a waterside location ❖ Water-based recreation (excluding sleeping accommodation). ❖ Lifeguard and coastguard stations. ❖ Amenity open space, nature conservation and biodiversity, outdoor sports and recreation. ❖ Essential sleeping or residential accommodation for staff required by uses in this category, subject to a warning and evacuation plan.
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Table 3 - Flood Risk Vulnerability and Flood Zone 'compatibility'

Vulnerability Classification (Refer Table 2)		Essential Infrastructure	Water Compatible	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable
Flood Zones	Flood Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Flood Zone 2	✓	✓	Exception Test	✓	✓
	Flood Zone 3a	Exception Test	✓	✗	Exception Test	✓
	Flood Zone 3b	Exception Test	✓	✗	✗	✗

✓ Development is appropriate

✗ Development should not be permitted

5.0 Assessment of Flood Risk

5.1. History of Flooding

The west London boroughs of Brent, Barnet, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow have commissioned Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, SFRA (<https://westlondonsfra.london/>) has provided brief information about past flooding events in the area. The SFRA reported some past flooding incidents in the area, however, there were no records of any flooding event at the site.

Information on historic flood events was obtained from Environment Agency's online historic flood records. However, there were no information on any flooding events around the site.

Information on the past flooding event was also obtained from the landowner. They were not aware of any flooding issues at the site.

5.2. Risk of Fluvial Flooding

The nearest main river from the site is the River Crane, however, the site is located outside the floodplain of this watercourse. The Environment Agency's Flood Map around the site is shown in **Appendix A Figure 4** which shows that the site lies within the Flood Zone 1 (low probability flooding). Flood Zone 1 is an area where flooding from rivers and the sea is very unlikely. There is less than a 1 in 1000 chance of flooding occurring in any one given year (i.e. a less than 0.1% annual probability of flooding). **Figure 5** shows the Environment Agency's flood risk map which indicates that the site is located outside of the flood risk zone.

5.3. Risk of Tidal Flooding

The watercourses are not influenced by tidal waves at this location. The risk of tidal flooding is therefore low.

5.4. Risk of Flooding From Artificial Water Bodies

There were no known flood risks from any artificial water bodies near the site.

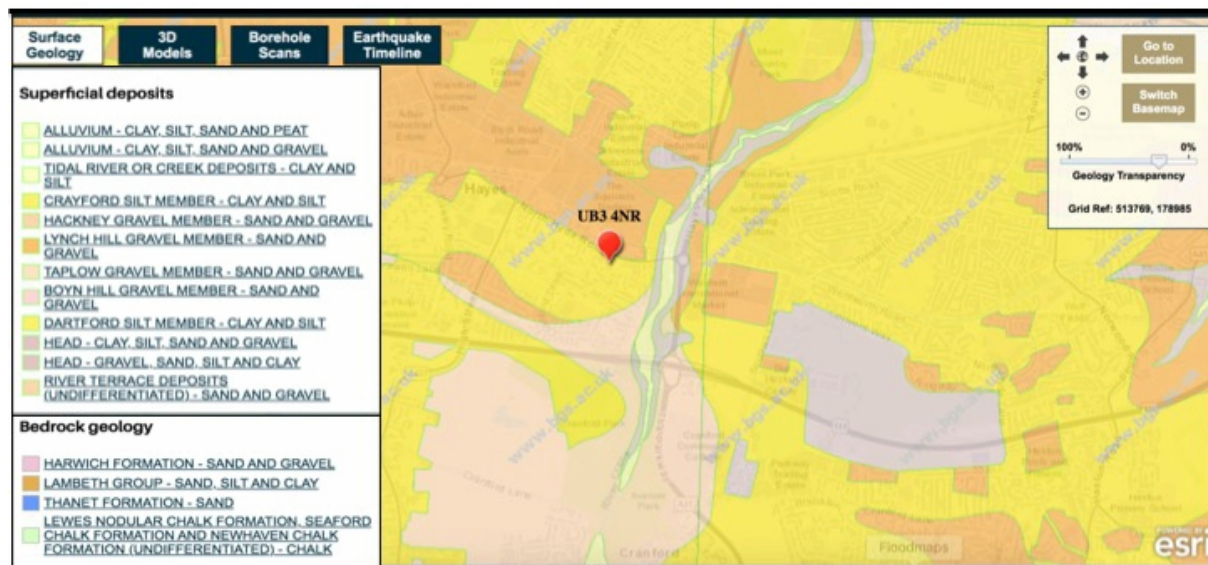
5.5. Risk of Groundwater Flooding

In recent years groundwater has been recognised as a significant source of flooding in the UK. According to the British Geological Survey, groundwater flooding occurs

when the water table in permeable rocks rises to enter basements/cellars or comes up above the ground surface. Groundwater flooding is not necessarily linked directly to a specific rainfall event and is generally of longer duration than other causes of flooding (possibly lasting for weeks or even months).

The British Geological Survey's geological maps show that the bedrock of the site comprises London Clay Formation with Clay, Silt and Sand which formed approximately 48 to 56 million years ago in the Palaeogene Period (**Figure 1**). The superficial deposits consist of Lynch Hill Gravel Member with Sand and Gravel.

Figure 1. Geological Map around the site



Site Geology

1:50 000 scale bedrock geology description: London Clay Formation - Clay, Silt And Sand. Sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 48 to 56 million years ago in the Palaeogene Period. Local environment previously dominated by deep seas.
1:50 000 scale superficial deposits description: Lynch Hill Gravel Member - Sand And Gravel. Superficial Deposits formed up to 2 million years ago in the Quaternary Period. Local environment previously dominated by rivers (U).

Evidence of historical groundwater flooding within the SFRA is very limited, however it is important to recognise that the risk of groundwater flooding is highly variable and heavily dependent upon local conditions at any particular time.

According to the information available from the landowner, there were no records of any groundwater flooding incidents around the site. Based on these evidences and information, it is reasonable to consider that the risk of groundwater flooding to the site is low.

5.6. Risk of Surface Water Flooding

The surface water flooding arises when the infiltration capacity of land or the drainage capacity of a local sewer network is exceeded and the excess rainwater flows overland. The severity of surface water flooding depends on several factors such as the degree of saturation of the soil before the event, the permeability of soils and geology, hill slope steepness and the intensity of land use.

Information on the risk of surface water flooding is held by the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency's Surface Water Flood Risk Maps are provided in **Appendix A Figure 6 and Figure 7** which indicate that the risk of surface water flooding to the site is 'low'.

5.7. Risk of flooding from Reservoirs

The Environment Agency's reservoir flood map in **Appendix A Figure 8** indicated that the proposal site is located outside of the maximum extent of flooding from reservoir. According to the Environment Agency, the reservoir flooding is extremely unlikely to happen and reservoirs in the UK have an extremely good safety record; indeed there has been no loss of life in the UK from reservoir flooding since 1925. The Environment Agency is the enforcement authority for the Reservoirs Act 1975 in England and Wales. All large reservoirs must be inspected and supervised by reservoir panel engineers on a regular basis. It is therefore assumed that these reservoirs are regularly inspected and essential safety work is carried out. These reservoirs therefore present a managed residual risk.

5.8. Flood Risk from Sewers

Sewer flooding is often caused by excess surface water entering the drainage network causing sewers to surcharge. The SFRA has provided very limited information on sewer flooding within the area, however, there were no records of sewer flooding incidents at the site. It is important to note that previous sewer flood incidents or the lack thereof do not indicate the current or future risk to the site as upgrade work could have been carried out to alleviate any issues or conversely in areas that have not experienced sewer flooding incidents the local drainage infrastructure could deteriorate leading to future flooding.

According to the information obtained from the landowner, there were no records of sewer flooding incidents at the site in the past.

5.9. Impact of Climate Change

The Environment Agency released new climate change guidance for flood risk assessments on 19th February 2016 outlining the allowances for the impact of climate change on peak river flows, peak rainfall intensities, sea level rise, offshore wind speeds and extreme wave height. They are based on climate change projections and different scenarios of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions to the atmosphere. There are different allowances for different epochs or periods of time over the next century.

The range of allowances in **Table 4** below is based on percentiles. A percentile is a measure used in statistics to describe the proportion of possible scenarios that fall below an allowance level. The 50th percentile is the point at which half of the possible scenarios for peak flows fall below it and half fall above it. The central allowance is based on the 50th percentile, higher central is based on the 70th percentile and the upper end is based on the 90th percentile.

Table 4 - Peak river flow allowances by river basin district (use 1961 to 1990 baseline)

River basin district	Allowance category	Total potential change anticipated for the '2020s' (2015 to 2039)	Total potential change anticipated for the '2050s' (2040 to 2069)	Total potential change anticipated for the '2080s' (2070 to 2115)
Northumbria	Upper end	20%	30%	50%
	Higher central	15%	20%	25%
	Central	10%	15%	20%
Humber	Upper end	20%	30%	50%
	Higher central	15%	20%	30%
	Central	10%	15%	20%
Anglian	Upper end	25%	35%	65%
	Higher central	15%	20%	35%
	Central	10%	15%	25%
South East	Upper end	25%	50%	105%
	Higher central	15%	30%	45%
	Central	10%	20%	35%
Thames	Upper end	25%	35%	70%
	Higher central	15%	25%	35%
	Central	10%	15%	25%
South West	Upper end	25%	40%	85%
	Higher central	20%	30%	40%
	Central	10%	20%	30%
Severn	Upper end	25%	40%	70%

	Higher central	15%	25%	35%
	Central	10%	20%	25%
Dee	Upper end	20%	30%	45%
	Higher central	15%	20%	25%
	Central	10%	15%	20%
North West	Upper end	20%	35%	70%
	Higher central	20%	30%	35%
	Central	15%	25%	30%
Solway	Upper end	20%	30%	60%
	Higher central	15%	25%	30%
	Central	10%	20%	25%
Tweed	Upper end	20%	25%	45%
	Higher central	15%	20%	25%
	Central	10%	15%	20%

Using peak river flow allowances for flood risk assessments

The guideline suggests to consider the flood zone and the appropriate flood risk vulnerability classification to decide which allowances applies to the development or plan.

In flood zone 2

Essential infrastructure – use the higher central and upper end to assess a range of allowances

Highly vulnerable – use the higher central and upper end to assess a range of allowances

More vulnerable – use the central and higher central to assess a range of allowances

Less vulnerable – use the central allowance

Water compatible – use none of the allowances

In flood zone 3a

Essential infrastructure – use the upper end allowance

Highly vulnerable – development should not be permitted

More vulnerable – use the higher central and upper end to assess a range of allowances

Less vulnerable – use the central and higher central to assess a range of allowances

Water compatible – use the central allowance

In flood zone 3b

Essential infrastructure – use the upper end allowance

Highly vulnerable – development should not be permitted

More vulnerable – development should not be permitted

Less vulnerable – development should not be permitted

Water compatible – use the central allowance

Assessment of Climate Change Impact for the Site

The site is located within the Thames River Basin District. However, as the site is located in Flood Zone 1, the climate change allowances are not directly relevant for the fluvial flood risk assessment for this site.

6.0 Mitigation Measures

6.1. Recommended Finished Floor Level

In order to afford a level of protection against flooding it is normally recommended that finished floor levels are set a nominal 300mm above the 1 in 100-year annual probability fluvial flood (1% AEP) including an allowance for climate change. However, as the site is located in Flood Zone 1 (i.e. low probability flooding), raising the finished floor level will not be required on the ground of flood risk.

6.2. Flood Warning and Evacuation

As the site is located in Flood Zone 1 (i.e. low probability flooding), the flood warning and evacuation will not be relevant for the site.

6.3. Flood Resilient Measures for the basement

Several types of tanking methods are available for basement construction which will protect the building from the floodwater. CIRIA Report 139 'Water-Resisting Basement Construction – A Guide' (CIRIA, 1995), NHBC Standards (2006) has provided useful guidance on tanking method.

The following flood resilient methods will be implemented, where practicable, in order to mitigate the flood risk:

- All service entries will be sealed (e.g. with expanding foam or similar closed cell material).
- Water, electricity and gas meters will be located above predicted flood level.
- Electrical sockets will be installed above the flood level for ground floors to minimise damage to electrical services and allow speedy re-occupation.
- Non-return valves will be used in the drainage system to prevent back-flow of diluted sewage in situations where there is an identified risk of the foul sewer surcharging.
- Boiler units and ancillary devices will be installed above predicted flood level and preferably on the first floor of two-storey properties.
- Underfloor heating will be avoided on ground floors and controls such as thermostats will be placed above flood level.
- Closed cell insulation will be used for pipes which are below the predicted flood level.
- Wiring for telephone, TV, Internet and other services will be protected by suitable insulation to minimise damage.
- Engineering bricks (Classes A and B) will be used which has 'good' resilience in terms of water penetration, drying ability and retention of pre-flood dimensions and integrity.
- Building materials that are effective for a 'water exclusion strategy' will be used which include: engineering bricks, cement-based materials including water retaining concrete and dense stone.
- Building materials that are suitable for a 'water entry strategy' will be used which include: facing bricks, concrete blocks, sacrificial or easily removable external finishes or internal linings.

6.4. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

A Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) will be undertaken in the next phase of the planning in order to improve the surface runoff from the site and mitigate the risk of surface water flooding.

7.0 Screening Assessment for the proposed basement

A Screening Assessment has been carried out for the proposed basement which is summarised below:

The impact of the subterranean development, and associated construction and temporary works, on the structural integrity and natural ability for movement of existing and surrounding structures, utilities, infrastructure and manmade cavities such as tunnels.

There are no public utilities, infrastructure and manmade cavities and tunnels identified within the site and those within the pavement. The new basement walls are to be designed to satisfy surcharges that may happen at adjacent sites and from existing buildings.

Whether the development will initiate slope instability which may threaten its neighbours.

The development will not initiate any slope instability issues. The walls are to be underpinned to create Lower Ground Floor walls. The underpins will be propped with walings and cross props during bulk excavation. The piecemeal nature of the underpinning process and installation of cross site propping will not create a situation where slope instability could be an issue.

The impact of the subterranean development on drainage, sewage, surface water and ground water flows and levels.

The proposal involves diversion of the existing foul sewer within the site. There is no anticipated impact of drainage/sewage. The Flood Risk Assessment of the site shows that the risk of flooding from sewers, surface water and groundwater sources is low.

The surface drainage will be improved by implementing a range of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) measures which will be further explored while developing a surface drainage strategy for the site.

How any geological, hydrological and structural concerns have been satisfactorily addressed.

The geology was noted on the geology maps as Sand and Gravel. The capacity of the soil increases with depth and hence the settlement of the foundations should be negligible as new foundations are supported on stronger soil than existing. There should not be a negative influence on hydrology from the development. No groundwater issues have been identified within and in the vicinity of the site. Therefore, the groundwater table is expected to be at much lower level than the foundation of the basement. The underground water is therefore free to flow under the Lower Ground Floor.

The impact of the proposed subterranean development on the structural stability of the existing and adjoining buildings, especially listed buildings.

It is not expected that there will be any impact on the stability of the adjacent buildings. This is of course subject to there being a fully developed structural design for the permanent works and an experienced contractor appointed to undertake the work with suitable experience and on-site management systems that ensure the works processed properly sequenced.

The impact of the proposed subterranean development on existing and proposed trees.

The proposed development will not incur into the root protection area of any trees. The excavations are carried out in short sections and with controlled pours of concrete hence there is very limited risk for any trees.

DETAILS OF PORPOSED CONSTRUCTION

Proposed subterranean construction: The underground structures are to be formed in conventional and robust reinforced concrete. Walls, slabs and podium decks are to be connected together to provide monolithic and stiff box. Steel or reinforced concrete

beams and columns are to be adopted as necessary to support the existing structure above and provide lateral stability.

Retaining Walls: The permanent structural works will involve the construction of reinforced concrete walls in short sections. New reinforced concrete walls will be monolithically connected to the new reinforced concrete Lower Ground Floor slabs to provide robust and watertight construction. The new Lower Ground Floor structure is a naturally rigid and will be designed to accommodate the horizontal ground forces imposed via the underpins to the perimeter, potential for upwards and lateral water pressures as well as vertical loads from above.

Ground water Control During Construction: Significant groundwater is not expected to be encountered during excavation as the formation level is within the granular material above the top of the London Clay. Any perched water will be dealt with by local water pumps.

Grade of Basement- Water Resistance / Proofing: Reinforced concrete Lower Ground Floor structure with sealed joints would provide barrier against moisture and water ingress.

Flooding, General: The site is located within Flood Zone 1 as indicated by this report, which is the lowest probability of flooding zone. The new Lower Ground Floor is to be a watertight construction to prevent water entering the site.

Foul Water Drainage: The drainage system will consist of pumps in the lower ground floor. The upper floors will be gravity drained. The development will not impact on any public drainage or existing surface water drainage system.

Mains Sewer Flooding: Positive pumped devices will be installed to reduce the risk of sewer flooding. Non return valve is proposed to prevent overflow from the mains. Moreover, the new retaining walls of lower ground floor structure are to be a monolithic and watertight concrete and any accidental mains flooding is unlikely to penetrate through it and increase risk of flooding to the proposed Lower Ground Floor space.

Surface Water Flooding: The Lower Ground Floor is to be a watertight construction to prevent water entering the site in case there is heavy storm or burst in water-mains.

From this Screening Assessment, it is concluded that the proposed basement will have negligible impact on the area's subterranean characteristics, land stability and flood risk and drainage. Therefore, further assessment will not be required.

8.0 Conclusion

The proposal consists of a mix use development with 2 no. two-bedroom flats and 1 no. one-bedroom flat along with one commercial unit with a basement following demolition of existing bungalow.

The proposed basement will be used for general storage purpose and therefore categorised as 'more vulnerable'.

The nearest main river from the site is the River Crane, however, the site is located outside the floodplain of this watercourse.

According to the information available from the SFRA and the Environment Agency, there were no records of flooding events at the site.

The Environment Agency's Flood Maps show that the site lies within the Flood Zone 1 (low probability flooding). The Environment Agency's flood risk map indicates that the site is located outside of the flood risk zone.

The overall risk of surface water flooding to the site is low.

The flood risk from other sources including underground water, sewer and reservoir is low.

Flood resilient measures will be implemented for the proposed building with the basement.

The surface runoff will be improved by implementing appropriate SuDS measures. The landowners will be fully responsible for the repair and management of the implemented SuDS throughout the lifetime of the proposed development.

The development will not give rise to backwater affects or divert water towards other properties.

It is concluded that the proposed basement will have negligible impact on the area's subterranean characteristics, land stability and flood risk and drainage. Therefore, further assessment will not be required.

This report demonstrates that the proposal will be safe, in terms of flood risk, for its design life and will not increase the flood risk elsewhere.

Appendix A Collection of Flood Maps and Figures

Appendix B Existing Site and Proposed Plans