This report is issued for the site described as: **Sample Site**

Report Reference 109755687_1

Customer Reference **Sample Site_SCF**

Report produced on **9 January 2017**

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**Sitecheck Flood**

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### Overall Opinion

**Passed**

The site is not considered to be at significant risk of flooding. No further action is considered necessary. However, it would be prudent to consider the measures outlined in the Recommendations section.

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### Flood Risks

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<td><strong>Undefended Flood Risk</strong></td>
<td>What is the overall risk of flooding, assuming defences fail or are absent or over-topped?</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td><strong>Flood Defences</strong></td>
<td>Are there existing flood defences that might benefit the site?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Effect</strong></td>
<td>What is the risk of flooding when these defences are operational?</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Development Risk</strong></td>
<td>If development is proposed would a detailed Flood Risk Assessment be required?</td>
<td>No</td>
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### Flood Risk Gauges

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*includes historic flood events, geological indicators of flooding, proximity to surface water features and elevation above sea level

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### Insurance

The flood risk identified is unlikely to affect obtaining buildings and contents insurance.

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Understanding this report

This is a flood risk screening report. It is designed to help property professionals assess the risk of flooding at commercial sites. It examines three areas: How flood risk affects the availability of insurance for a site; how flood risk affects the potential to redevelop a site; and the overall risk of flooding at a site.

A summary of flood risks is provided on the front page. It is split into:

- **Overall Opinion**
  The overall flood risk rating is an assessment of all the data within this report. This opinion is followed by a number of flood risk considerations.

- **Undetermined Flood Risk and Flood Defences**
  The first question concerns whether or not flood defences present could protect the site (data provided by the Environment Agency to a distance of 500m). If flood defences present then a second question indicates what the flood risk is when they are in place.

- **A Drainage Impact Assessment may be required to demonstrate that development of the site will not adversely affect flood risk elsewhere.**

- **Flood Risk Gauges**
  The flood risk gauges provide a more detailed analysis of the risk from each of the four main types of flooding – river, coastal, groundwater, and surface water. A fifth gauge provides an analysis of other factors (i.e., historical flood events, geological deposits, proximity to surface water features and elevation above sea level).

  For surface water flooding, only the risk rating generated from the 1:200 year rainfall event data is included in the overall risk assessment. The data for 1:75 year and 1:1000 year rainfall events is provided for information only.

  The gauges take into account any existing flood defences and assumes they work as designed. The analysis also takes into account the other information contained in those data sections of the report which are relevant to that particular type of flooding. The assessment of the risk as shown in the flood gauge should therefore take priority over the information in the individual data sections of the report.
Aerial Photograph
This photograph enables you to check the location used for this report
Recommendations

We recommend these next steps

1. You should speak to the seller to confirm whether the property or the surrounding area has flooded before. If it has, please contact us for advice.

2. Prior to exchanging contracts, establish the terms of buildings and contents insurance for the property.
Additional Considerations
You may wish to consider the following potential liabilities that fall outside the scope of our flood risk screening methodology.

Riparian Ownership
Riparian ownership applies when someone owns a site with a watercourse inside or next to it.
A riparian owner has rights and responsibilities under common law relating to the stretch of watercourse. Their primary responsibility is to keep it free of obstructions that could hinder normal water flow. Failure to carry out these responsibilities could result in civil action.
A riparian owner should check before carrying out any works near to the edge of a river, as such works may be subject to byelaws. If infringed, this could lead to enforcement action by The Environment Agency.
There is a presumption that the boundary between properties abutting a watercourse is the centre line of that watercourse. A solicitor should check the deeds or the Index Map to confirm whether this is the case.
The Environment Agency published a useful guide called “Living on the Edge” for owners of land or property alongside a watercourse.
Sometimes, The Environment Agency or other organisations managing flood risk have statutory rights of access to properties. This is for maintaining, repairing, or rebuilding parts of a watercourse. Or for accessing, or repairing monitoring equipment.

Development Control
A redevelopment site which is close to, but not adjoining, a watercourse may be subject to planning controls. The Environment Agency are normally consulted regarding any development within 20m of a main river and internal drainage boards should be contacted about developments close to drainage channels. Navigation authorities are normally consulted regarding any development within 250m of a canal, although this varies on a site by site basis.
The Environment Agency should be contacted with regards to development (other than minor development) in Flood Zones 2 and 3.

Sewer Flooding
In times of extreme rainfall events sewers can overflow and cause local flooding. Ofwat’s ‘DG5 - At Risk Registers’ record properties that have flooded from sewers and are at risk of flooding again, with separate registers for internal and external flooding. The At Risk Registers are maintained by each of the ten water and sewerage companies in England and Wales and details of properties subject to sewer flooding are normally kept for between two and five years. These registers are not necessarily complete as not all episodes of past flooding may be recorded. The relevant water and sewerage provider can answer specific enquiries. The response provided is based on the information held. Sometimes, the water and sewerage provider is unable to confirm whether the site has flooded, but provides a response based on all properties connected to a local sewer network (normally up to ten houses). This is due to the way in which the data is collected.
Risk Management Options
Simple, practical steps to prepare for the event of flooding

Flooding can often be managed by the installation of flood protection measures either on/within the building(s) or across the site. Flood protection measures can be divided into two categories; flood resistance and flood resilience.

Both flood resistance and flood resilience solutions can be integrated with design proposals for new build properties or retro-fitted to existing properties. Specific flood protection packages can often include both resistance and resilience measures. What is suitable will depend on a number of factors including flood source, likely flood depths, property design and age.

Research conducted by CLG Sustainable Buildings Division and The Environment Agency revealed that installing flood resistance measures may be inappropriate where likely flooding will be deep. Certain types of building construction are unable to resist the pressure load placed on the exterior skin of the building by retained flood waters. Generally a flood depth between 0.6m and 1.0m above ground level is used as a benchmark to decide whether to consider flood resilience measures rather than rely on flood resistance measures. This is dependent on the age and construction of the property.

The costs below are for indicative budget purposes only. They are based on installing components of a standard design and colour. If the site requires bespoke products, these are likely to cost more (for example, if the site is in a conservation area, different colours may be required).

Guideline Costs for Resistance Measures

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Building feature</th>
<th>Cost estimate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Standard 900mm single door</td>
<td>£750 + vat</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard 1800mm double entrance door</td>
<td>£950 + vat</td>
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<td>Large roller shutter door up to 2745mm span</td>
<td>£1420 + vat including channel</td>
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<td>Standard garage door</td>
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<td>Standard window up to 1240mm span</td>
<td>£750</td>
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<td>Large window 1240mm to 2150mm span</td>
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<td>Single air brick</td>
<td>£60 - £90</td>
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<td>Double air brick</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tanking of basement, walls, or floors</td>
<td>£25 - £50 per metre²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Simple non-return valve</td>
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<td>Sophisticated non-return valve</td>
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River and Coastal Flooding

Flood Zones and Defences
This map shows The Environment Agency’s model of flood zones and physical defences

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- Client Site
- Main/Minor River
- Flood Defences
- Flood Storage
- Flood Zone 3
- Defended Areas
- Flood Zone 2

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River and Coastal Flooding

**Flood Zones**

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<td>Are there any flood plains (Flood Zone 2) within 500m?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Are there any flood plains in the event of an extreme flood (Flood Zone 3) within 500m?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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</table>

**What is it?**

The Environment Agency model for river or sea flooding. This model does not take flood defences into account and is therefore an indicator of the worst case scenario where flood defences fail.

River flooding mainly happens when the river catchment (that is the area of land that feeds water into the river and the streams that flow into the main river) receives greater than usual amounts of water (for example through rainfall or melting of snow). The amount of run-off depends on the soil type, catchment steepness, drainage characteristics, agriculture and urbanisation as well as the saturation of the catchment. The extra water causes the level of the water in the river to rise above its banks or retaining structures.

Coastal flooding is the inundation of land areas along the coast caused by sea water rising above normal tidal conditions. Coastal flooding can arise from a combination of high tides, wind induced tidal surge, storm surge created by low pressure and wave action.

The Environment Agency split the country into ‘flood zones’:

- **Flood Zone 1** - The area where flooding from rivers or sea is very unlikely. There is less than 0.1% (1 in 1000) chance of flooding occurring each year.
- **Flood Zone 2** - The area of medium probability of flooding – a flood with an annual chance of occurring of between 1% (1 in 100) to 0.1% (1 in 1000) for river flooding and 0.5% (1 in 200) to 1% (1 in 1000) for coastal flooding.
- **Flood Zone 3a** - The area of high probability of flooding – a flood with an annual chance of occurring of 1% (1 in 100) or greater for river flooding and 0.5% (1 in 200) or greater for coastal flooding.
- **Flood Zone 3b** - The boundary between 3a and 3b is a planning decision made by the Local Authority. This information is usually in the strategic flood risk assessment. This area is a functional floodplain. It is an area which is designed to flood – a flood return period of 1 in 20 or less.

A full Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is a bespoke report required under the National Planning Policy Framework for any development site within Flood Zones 2 or 3 and/or any development site larger than 1 hectare. These reports are generally prepared following liaison with the Local Planning Authority and the application of the sequential test.

**What could be the impact on the site?**

The site is at a low risk of flooding from rivers or the sea, as defined by the regulatory body’s Flood Map. If the site area is greater than one hectare, any planning application for development would need to be accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment in accordance with NPPF.

**Flood defences**

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<td>Are there any flood defences within 500m?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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</table>
What is it?

The Environment Agency provides data to show flood defences built in the last five years. The defences shown protect against river floods with a 1 percent (1 in 100) chance of happening each year, or floods from the sea with a 0.5 percent (1 in 200) chance of happening each year. These are shown together with some, but not all, older defences and defences which protect against smaller floods. Flood defences that are not yet shown and the areas that benefit from them will gradually be added.

For information on flood defences which are not yet shown on the map contact your local The Environment Agency Office.

What could be the impact on the site?

There are flood defences within 500m of the site. There may therefore be a small residual risk of flooding should the protection standard of the defences be exceeded (and the defences overtopped) or should the defences fail.

Areas Protected by Flood Defences

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<td>Does the site or any area within 500m benefit from flood defences?</td>
<td>No</td>
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What is it?

The Environment Agency provides data to show the areas of land that benefit from the flood defences shown, in the event of a river flood with a 1 per cent (1 in 100) chance of happening each year, or a flood from the sea with a 0.5 per cent (1 in 200) chance of happening each year. If the defences were not there, these areas would be flooded.

Flood defences do not completely remove the chance of flooding, however, and can be overtopped or fail in extreme weather conditions.

What could be the impact on the site?

The site is over 500m from an Area Benefiting from a Flood Defence, as defined by the regulatory body. The residual risk that the site may flood if the protection standard of any flood defences is exceeded, or if the defences fail, is insignificant.

Flood Storage Areas

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<td>No</td>
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What is it?

A flood storage area is a reservoir or field intended to fill with water in the event of a flood. It is designed as a flood resistance measure but their presence indicates that flooding could occur.

What could be the impact on the site?

The site is over 500m from a Flood Storage Area as defined by the regulatory body. These areas store flood water during flood events. It is unlikely that any FSA presents any associated flood risk to the site.
River and Coastal Flooding

Risk of Flooding From Rivers and Sea
This map shows The Environment Agency’s model of flooding taking defences into account.
Risk of River and Coastal Flooding

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<td>What is the flood likelihood category for the site?</td>
<td>Negligible</td>
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What is it?

The data in the Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea Property Flood Likelihood Database is sourced from The Environment Agency’s National Receptor Dataset. The information provided includes the flood likelihood category low, moderate, or significant according to the flood likelihood analysis. Some areas may be classified as having no result. This occurs where there is no output data from the analysis, but the area falls within the extreme flood outline (with a 0.1% or 1 in 1000 chance of flooding in any year).

What could be the impact on the site?

Some areas may be classified as having no result. This occurs where there is no output data from the regulatory body’s risk assessment, but the area falls within the extreme flood outline (with a 0.1% or 1 in 1000 chance of flooding in any year).
Groundwater Flood Risk
This map shows a model of the risk of flooding from groundwater from data provided by GeoSmart Information Ltd.
Groundwater Flooding

Groundwater Flood Risk

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Client Site

High Risk

Moderate Risk

Low Risk

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0 50 100 200

metres
Groundwater Flooding

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<td>What is the risk of groundwater flooding at the site?</td>
<td>Negligible</td>
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What is it?

Groundwater flooding occurs when groundwater levels increase sufficiently for the water table to intersect the ground surface. Groundwater flooding can occur in a variety of geological settings including valleys and in areas underlain by chalk, and in river valleys with thick deposits of alluvium and river gravels.

GeoSmart Information Ltd provides data to Landmark in relation to groundwater flooding. Through research and development, building on their expertise in addressing groundwater flooding issues for The Environment Agency and other clients in the UK, GeoSmart Information Ltd has developed algorithms and calibrated predictions of the risk of groundwater flooding occurring in England and Wales. This differs from other suppliers of data regarding groundwater flooding which only report on the susceptibility of groundwater flooding. Susceptibility merely has to be identified, whereas risk must be quantified. The resulting map is a 50x50m classification of groundwater flooding risk into four categories (Negligible, Low, Moderate and High). GeoSmart Information Ltd’s classifications are based on the level of risk, combining severity and uncertainty that a site will suffer groundwater flooding within a return period of about 100 years.

The map is a general purpose indicative screening tool, and is intended to provide a useful initial view for a wide variety of applications. However, it does not provide an alternative to a site specific assessment, and a detailed risk assessment should be used for any site where the impact of groundwater flooding would have significant adverse consequences.

What could be the impact on the site?

Information from GeoSmart Information Ltd indicates that there is a negligible risk of groundwater flooding in this area and any groundwater flooding incidence will be less frequent than 1 in 100 years return period.

No further investigation of risk is deemed necessary unless the proposed site use is unusually sensitive. However, data may be lacking in some areas, so assessment as ‘negligible risk’ on the basis of the map does not rule out local flooding due to features not currently represented in the national datasets used to generate this version of the map.
Surface Water Flooding

Surface Water Flood Risk
This map shows the JBA model of potential surface water flood depths of a 1 in 200 year flood event.
**Surface Water Flood Risk from JBA**

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<th>Question</th>
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<td>What is the risk of surface water flooding at the site following a 1 in 75 year rainfall event?</td>
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<td>What is the risk of surface water flooding at the site following a 1 in 200 year rainfall event?</td>
<td>Negligible</td>
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<td>What is the risk of surface water flooding at the site following a 1 in 1000 year rainfall event?</td>
<td>Negligible</td>
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**What is it?**

Surface water or ‘pluvial’ flooding results from rainfall running over ground before entering a watercourse or sewer. It is usually associated with high intensity rainfall events (typically greater than 3cm per hour) but can also occur with lower intensity rainfall or melting snow where the ground is already saturated, frozen, developed (for example in an urban setting) or otherwise has low permeability.

Information regarding the risk of natural surface water or pluvial flooding is provided by JBA Risk Management Ltd. The risk is classified by JBA into four categories, negligible, low (more than 10cm), medium (more than 30cm) and high (more than 1m) which reflect varying depths of potential surface water flooding during a range of rainfall events including 1:75 year, 1:200 year, and 1:1000 year.

Return periods are a measure of how likely flooding is to occur. They are commonly expressed as a ratio (for example 1 in 75 or 1:75). This means that this level of flooding is expected once in every 75 years.

**What could be the impact on the site?**

Information from JBA Risk Management indicates that there is not a significant risk of surface water (pluvial) flooding at the site. Any surface water flooding incidence is modelled as being less frequent than anticipated during a 1 in 200 year return period. No further investigation of risk is deemed necessary unless the proposed site use is unusually sensitive, or where development is proposed that may increase the risk of flooding to neighbouring areas. In areas where there are smaller local water courses or drains a risk may still exist due to blockages or poor maintenance which could cause reduced flow.
Historical Flooding

This map shows flood events and geological indications of floods from the past.
### Historical Flood Events

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<td>Has a flood event occurred in the past at or within 500m of the site?</td>
<td>No</td>
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**What is it?**

The Environment Agency has collated extensive records (including outlines) of flooding from rivers, the sea or groundwater which have occurred in England and Wales since c.1950. This information comes from various sources including maps, aerial photographs and private records. It is not necessarily comprehensive.

**What could be the impact on the site?**

The regulatory body’s records have no indication of past flooding within 500m of the site. As these records are not comprehensive, it may still be prudent to ask the relevant authorities and the site owner whether they are aware of any previous flooding at the site or in the surrounding area.

### Geological Indicators of Flooding

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<tr>
<td>Are there any geological deposits on or near to the site that show that it may have flooded in the past?</td>
<td>No</td>
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</table>

**What is it?**

The Geological Indicators of Flooding data set is based on the British Geological Survey’s Digital Geological Map of Great Britain at the 1:50,000 scale (DiGMapGB-50). It was produced by characterising superficial ‘drift’ deposits on DiGMapGB-50 in terms of their likely vulnerability to flooding, either from coastal or inland water flow and reflects areas which may have flooded in the recent geological past.

**What could be the impact on the site?**

Data from the British Geological Survey indicates that the type of deposits in the locality of the site are not of the type normally associated with floodplains. However, this data should only be considered as complementary to the regulatory body’s Flood Map. This BGS data does not indicate the likelihood of flooding. Refer to the other assessments in this report for an overall assessment of flood risk.
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0870 950 1790

For advice on flood insurance

**JBA Risk Management**
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Skipton
North Yorkshire
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01756 799 919
info@jbarisk.com

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| Ordnance Survey                         | • Height of Site Above Sea Level              |
|                                         | • Vector Map District                         |

Overall Opinion

In this section on the front page, we provide an opinion based on the flood risks that have been identified. The following table describes the possible outcomes of the report:
Useful Information

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<th>Assessment</th>
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<td>PASSED</td>
<td>Low and Low to Moderate - The site is not considered to be at significant risk of flooding. No further action is considered necessary. Moderate - Data suggest that there are features which may present a flood risk to the site and its occupants during an extreme flood event. However, buildings and contents insurance should easily be available in most cases.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FURTHER ACTION</td>
<td>Moderate to High and High - This report reveals significant flood risk issues which should be addressed. Further assessment is recommended in order to clarify the risk of flooding at the site and to determine appropriate flood protection measures.</td>
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**Flood Risk Ratings**

We provide an overall flood risk rating based on an assessment of the data provided within this report. It does so by asking the following questions:

1. What is the overall risk of flooding, assuming flood defences fail or are absent or overtopped?
   The answer to this question provides a worst case scenario assuming there are either no defences in the area, that any defences in the area could fail, primarily as a result of river or coastal flooding, or are overtopped by excessive flood volumes.

2. Are there existing flood defences which might benefit the site?
   This is based on the presence of any flood defences in the dataset provided by The Environment Agency within 500m of the site. It should be noted that a residual risk of flooding may be present if such defences failed. Flood defences do not generally protect the site against groundwater and surface water flooding.
   If defences are present within 500m, a further question is asked:

3. What is the risk of flooding when these defences are operational?
   This assesses the risk from flooding, assuming these defences work as intended and neither fail nor are overtopped.

Questions 1 and 3 are answered by one of six standard responses:

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<td>Negligible</td>
<td>The overall flood risk rating for the site is assessed to be 'Negligible'. Existing datasets do not indicate any risk at the site itself, or any feature within the locality of the site, which would be expected to pose a threat of flooding. It is not considered that any further investigations are necessary in regard to flood risk.</td>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>The overall flood risk rating for the site is assessed to be 'Low'. It is not considered necessary to undertake any other further investigations into the flood risk to the site. Sites over 1 hectare would require a Drainage Impact Assessment to accompany any planning application.</td>
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<td>Low to Moderate</td>
<td>The overall flood risk rating for the site is assessed to be 'Low to Moderate'. The presence of such features as flood defences, flood storage areas and watercourses within the locality of the site suggests that there may be a risk of flooding to the site itself. Further investigations could be undertaken to further assess this risk.</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
<td>The overall flood risk rating for the site is assessed to be 'Moderate'. Information from existing datasets suggests that there are certain features which may present a risk to the site and its occupants. Further assessment would normally be suggested as a prudent measure to clarify the risk of flooding at the site.</td>
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<td>Moderate to High</td>
<td>The overall flood risk rating for the site is assessed to be 'Moderate to High'. Information from existing datasets suggests that there are certain features which may present a significant risk to the site and its occupants. Further assessment is usually recommended in order to clarify the risk of flooding at the site.</td>
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High
The overall flood risk rating for the site is assessed to be ‘High’, with a consequent risk to life and property. This means that existing datasets reveal significant flood risk issues which need to be addressed. Further assessment is usually recommended in order to clarify the risk of flooding at the site.

Development Risk
We comment on whether a full or partial Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) would be required in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This is indicative only and is based on the size of the site (as supplied by the client) and the information in the data section of this report.

The NPPF sets out Government policy on development and flood risk. Its aims are to ensure that flood risk is taken into account at all stages in the planning process to avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding, and to direct development away from areas of highest risk. Where new development is exceptionally necessary, NPPF aims to make it safe, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, and, where possible, reducing flood risk overall.

A separate Drainage Impact Assessment may be required in addition to an FRA to demonstrate that development of the site will not adversely affect flood risk elsewhere.

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<td>If the site is to be redeveloped, a full Flood Risk Assessment is likely to be required which should include a Drainage Impact Assessment.</td>
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<td>Yes (Drainage)</td>
<td>If the site is to be redeveloped, a full Flood Risk Assessment may not be required. However, given the size of the site, a Drainage Impact Assessment may be necessary.</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>If the site is to be redeveloped, no further flood assessment is likely to be required.</td>
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Flood Risk Gauges
The flood risk gauges provide a more detailed analysis of the risk from each of the four main types of flooding – river, coastal, groundwater and surface water. In addition, a fifth gauge provides an analysis of other factors (i.e. historical flood events, geological deposits which are indicative of past flooding, proximity to surface water features and elevation above sea level) that may affect the overall flood risk. For surface water flooding, only the risk rating generated from the 1:200 year rainfall event data is included in the overall risk assessment. The data on 1:75 year and 1:1000 year rainfall events is provided for information only.

This analysis takes into account any existing flood defences that are intended to protect the site and assumes that these work as designed. The analysis also takes into account the other information contained in those data sections of the report which are relevant to that particular type of flooding. The assessment of the risk as shown in the flood gauge should therefore take priority over the information in the individual data sections of the report.

Insurance
Landmark provides an indication of whether the level of flood risk at the site is likely to affect your ability to obtain insurance or if premiums could be high.

This assessment is is Landmark’s opinion, based on:

(a) the assumption that the site is used for commercial purposes (not residential)
(b) consideration of the following datasets and information only:
   • Risk of Flooding from Rivers and the Sea supplied by the Environment Agency
   • Surface water flooding data supplied by JBA Consulting

Our opinion does not take into account any historic episodes of flooding or previous insurance claims arising from flooding at the site.

Since April 2016 insurers of commercial property are all free to decide whether to offer insurance against flooding, at what price, and on what terms. They will have different attitudes to risk. This means there is no set of universal guidelines to whether insurance will be available against flood risk or not. This is why...
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we may have recommended you consult your proposed insurer prior to exchange of contracts, to establish the terms on which flood insurance would be offered.

The Flood Re scheme, which came into operation from April 2016, does not cover commercial property or mixed use property. So it will not assist the buyer or tenant of such sites, who is seeking cheaper or less restricted flood insurance.

For some sites, it is possible to reduce the risk of flooding by installing flood protection measures (either flood resistance or flood resilience measures). If these measures are appropriate to the site, and have been installed properly, then an insurer may offer better terms (lower premium, lower excess or fewer conditions to cover).

Limitations of the Report

The Sitecheck Flood report has been designed to satisfy basic flood-related environmental due-diligence enquiries for commercial properties. It is a desktop review of information provided by the client and from selected private and public databases. It does not include a site investigation, nor are specific information requests made of the regulatory authorities for any relevant information. Therefore, Landmark cannot guarantee that all issues of concern will be identified by this report, or that the data and information supplied to it by third parties is accurate and complete.

This report includes an assessment of surface water flooding which examines the risk of the general drainage network overflowing during periods of extreme rainfall. This report does not make a detailed site-specific assessment of the suitability of the existing drainage on the site. If this is required, then a site survey should be considered. The assessment of pluvial flooding does not take into account particular local or temporary factors that may cause surface water flooding. These could include blockage or failure of structures on or within watercourses, drains, foul sewers, water mains, canals and other water infrastructure; and any history of drains flooding at the site or in the locality. Surface water flooding can occur before surface water reaches the general drainage network, for example on hills and inclines.

The Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea dataset provided by The Environment Agency does take account of failure of flood defences but does not take into account particular local or temporary factors such as blockage. Data from The Environment Agency does not include flood risk from very small catchments as models of such small scale catchments are not considered to be reliable for UK-wide flood risk assessments. The potential impact of climate change on flood risk to the site would require further study.

When answering any questions within this report, current applicable legislation is taken into account. The data used in this report may have inherent limitations and qualifications.

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