

# SITESOLUTIONS

## Residence

 Contaminated Land  
**PASSED** ✓

 Flooding  
**PASSED** ✓

 Subsidence & Ground Instability  
**FURTHER ACTION** 

 Masts and Power Lines  
**NOT IDENTIFIED** ✓

 Radon  
**IDENTIFIED** 



Report on:

**Byways, Brickfield Road, Barham, CANTERBURY,  
Kent, CT4 6LQ**

**Report prepared for:**

Not provided

**Client Reference:**

N/A

**Report Reference:**

Residence

**National Grid Reference:**

620760,149360

**Report date:**

13th June 2012



## Site Location

### Report prepared on

Byways, Brickfield Road, Barham, CANTERBURY, Kent,  
CT4 6LQ

### Site Area (m<sup>2</sup>)

1974.02

### Current Use

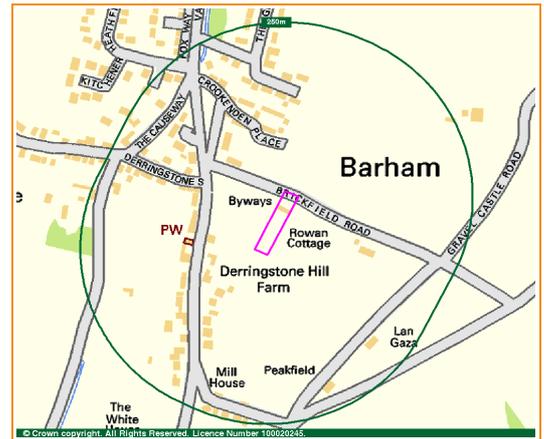
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### Proposed Use

Residential

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# Summary of Contamination Risk and Liabilities

Risk	Evaluation
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Contaminated Land



Passed



## Liability Assessment

Within the scope of this assessment no Liabilities have been identified. No further action is required.

What is the overall on-site risk?	Low
What is the overall off-site risk?	Low
What is the environmental sensitivity rating?	High
Has a plausible contaminant linkage been identified?	No



## Recommendations

None required.

Risk	Evaluation
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Flooding



Passed



## Consultant's Comment

The Site is not considered to be at a significant risk of flooding. Insurance is likely to be available at standard terms.

Is the Site likely to be insurable at standard terms?	Yes
If development is proposed would a detailed Flood Risk Assessment be required?	No
What is the overall risk of flooding, assuming defences fail or are absent or over-topped?	Low
Are there existing flood defences that might benefit the Site?	Yes



## Recommendations

1. It would be prudent to ask the vendor to confirm whether or not they are aware of any previous flooding at the Site.
2. You may wish to obtain insurance terms prior to completion of this transaction.



Subsidence<sup>1</sup> &  
Ground  
Instability



Further Action



### Consultant's Comment

Low - The level of subsidence risk associated with this site is low as it is equal to or below the insurance subsidence incidence profile for England and Wales. This is based on analysis of historic insurance subsidence incidence data within 0.5 kilometres of this postcode.

**The Site may be susceptible to ground instability from man-made or natural sources.**

What is the risk of subsidence at the Site?	<b>Low Risk</b>
Could the Site be susceptible to ground instability from natural sources?	<b>No</b>
Could the Site be susceptible to ground instability from man-made/mining activities?	<b>Yes</b>



### Recommendations

As the Site lies in an area subject to mining instability, you may wish to consult a local RICS accredited surveyor and/or review any available geotechnical surveys. Further information may be available from the minerals and waste officer at the County Council and the local Building Controls Officer. British Geological Survey GeoHazard reports ([www.bgs.ac.uk/georeports](http://www.bgs.ac.uk/georeports)) may also provide more detailed information.

<sup>1</sup>The Subsidence risk rating is based on the postcode and is not specific to the property. It is the largest geohazard in the UK and accounts for over 75% of Building Insurance subsidence incidents. It is particularly related to the influence of tree roots in clay shrinkage soil (60% of the total incidents) or leakage from drains (15% of the total incidents).



# Contaminated Land Risk Analysis

Investigation	Commentary
 <p><b>On-site sources</b></p> <p><b>Argyll's Comment</b> </p>	<p>No potentially contaminative historical land uses were identified at the Site from 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 scale maps.</p> <p>We have been informed by the client that the Site is currently in residential use and that it will continue in this use without redevelopment.</p> <p>As a result of the historical and current use of the Site, there is a <b>low risk</b> of contaminants being present.</p>
 <p><b>Off-site sources</b></p> <p><b>Argyll's Comment</b> </p>	<p>The following potentially contaminative historical land uses were identified in proximity to Site from 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 scale maps: clay bricks &amp; tiles [manufacture] 1876-1908 (54m south east).</p> <p>The historical and current use of the surrounding area is therefore considered to present a <b>low risk</b> of affecting the Site.</p>
 <p><b>Pathways and receptors</b></p> <p><b>Argyll's Comment</b> </p>	<p>With reference to Environment Agency data, the superficial hydrogeology underlying the Site is classified as an Unproductive Stratum (deposits of negligible permeability) and the bedrock hydrogeology is classified as a Principal Aquifer (highly permeable formations). In terms of the overlying soils, these are given a H1 (class H1) vulnerability classification. According to the Environment Agency the Site lies within a Zone III Source Protection Zone (SPZ). An SPZ is a protection zone placed around a well or borehole that supplies groundwater of potable quality. There are no abstraction licences located within 500m. The nearest water feature is located 226m north west. Residential properties are located on-site comprising housing without open areas. No designated eco-receptors were identified within a 500m radius of the Site.</p> <p>Overall, the Site is therefore considered to have a <b>high environmental sensitivity</b>.</p>
<p><b>Additional Sources of Information</b></p>	<p>No additional materials have been used in this assessment.</p>



## Argyll's Conclusion

Considering the information reviewed during this assessment, no significant contaminant linkages have been identified. Accordingly soil and groundwater liabilities are unlikely to occur.

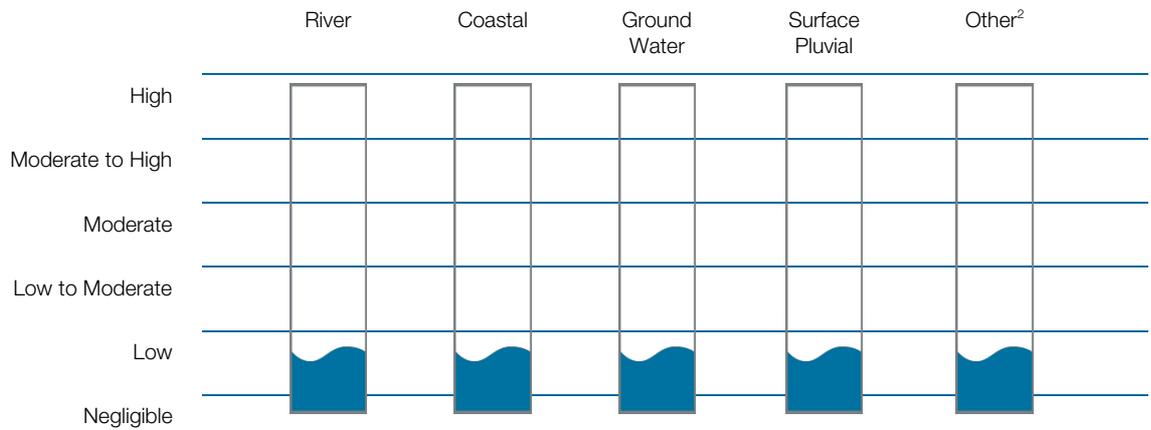
Please refer to risk analysis methodology section for further guidance and definition of terms.



# Flood Risk Screening

	Risk	Issue	Evaluation
1.	Insurability	Is the Site likely to be insurable at standard terms?	Yes
2.	Flooding	What is the overall risk of flooding, assuming defences fail or are absent or over-topped?	Low
3.	Flood Defences	Are there existing flood defences that might benefit the Site?	Yes
4.	Effect	What is the risk of flooding when these defences are operational?	Low

## Flood Analysis



Argyll's  
Comment



No commentary required.



## Recommendations

1. It would be prudent to ask the vendor to confirm whether or not they are aware of any previous flooding at the Site.
2. You may wish to obtain insurance terms prior to completion of this transaction.

<sup>2</sup>Other factors influencing flood risk include historic flood events, geological indicators of flooding, proximate surface water features and elevation above sea level.

# Current Flood Risk



## Flood Risk and Groundwater Susceptibility

-  Client Site
-  Area at risk of flooding from one source
-  Area at risk of flooding from more than one source
-  Area susceptible to groundwater flooding



\* - Not all features in legend may be present in above map

Nominal scale at A4 paper size - 1:4,000

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## Additional Considerations

Item	Summary
<b>Riparian Ownership</b>	<p>A riparian owner describes anyone who owns a property where there is a watercourse within or adjacent to the boundaries of their property.</p> <p>Under common law, a riparian owner has rights and responsibilities relating to the stretch of watercourse that falls within or beside the boundaries of their land. Their primary responsibility is to keep the watercourse free of any obstructions that could hinder normal water flow. If the riparian owner fails to carry out their responsibilities, this could result in civil action.</p> <p>A riparian owner should also 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.</p> <p>There is a presumption that the boundary between properties abutting a watercourse is the centre line of that watercourse. To confirm whether this is the case, a solicitor should check the deeds or the Index Map.</p> <p>The Environment Agency has published useful guidance "Living on the edge" for owners of land or property alongside a watercourse. Sometimes, the Environment Agency or other organisations managing flood risk, may have statutory rights of access to properties which adjoin a watercourse. This may be for maintenance, repair or rebuilding of any part of the watercourse or for access to or repair of monitoring equipment.</p>
<b>Development Control</b>	<p>Sites which lie close to (but do not adjoin) a watercourse, may be subject to planning controls should redevelopment be considered. The Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Boards are normally consulted regarding any development within 50m of a Main River or drainage channel. Navigation authorities are normally consulted regarding any development within 250m of a canal, although this varies on a site by site basis.</p>
<b>Sewer Flooding</b>	<p>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 answer to this question is based on replies given by the relevant water and sewerage provider to 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.</p>

### Argyll's Comment



Whilst this assessment is primarily a flood risk screening report, you may wish to consider the above potential liability considerations that fall outside the scope of the Flood Risk Screening Methodology.

Argyll can provide additional information on riparian ownership, development control and sewer flooding. The cost of this additional information is from £50 + VAT and any disbursements.

## Risk Management Options

Flooding can usually 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.

## Guideline Costs for Residence Measures

Building Feature	Cost Estimate for Baffles (+ VAT)
Standard (900mm) single door	£725 - £875
Standard (1800mm) double entrance door	£850 - £1,000
Large roller shutter door (up to 2,745mm span)	£1,600 - £1,750
Standard garage door	£1,400 - £1,575
Standard window (up to 1,240mm span)	£350 - £500
Large window (1,240mm to 2,150mm span)	£550 - £700
Single air brick	£70 - £220
Double air brick	£80 - £230
Building Feature	Cost Estimate for Tanking (+ VAT)
Tanking (of basement, walls or floors)	£25 - £50 per metre <sup>2</sup>
System Component	Cost Estimate for Plumbing (+ VAT)
Simple non-return valve	£50
Sophisticated non-return valve	£660 - £800

The costs above 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).

If you require a property specific assessment of which measures are suitable, and a more accurate cost appraisal, Argyll will need to complete a FLOODSOLUTIONS Consult Report. This report normally costs from £500 to £1,000 (plus VAT) and provides more detailed information on the likelihood and, in particular, the depth of all potential types of flooding. Argyll can also arrange for one of a panel of specialist contractors to provide a tailored estimate for flood protection measures.



## Subsidence Risk and Other Environmental Hazards

	Risk	Recommendation
	<b>Radon between 5 and 10%</b>	Employers are required by the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 to assess risks from radon in workplaces. You may therefore wish to contact the Health Protection Agency for further information regarding radon monitoring.
	<b>Radon Protection Measures</b>	If redevelopment or building extensions are proposed, radon protection may be required. As the data provided in this report is not site specific, it would be prudent to order a more detailed radon report from the British Geological Survey ( <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/georeports">www.bgs.ac.uk/georeports</a> ) or contact the local Building Controls Officer to clarify the level of radon protection required (if any) in accordance with Building Research Establishment report BR211.
	<b>Mining Instability</b>	As the Site lies in an area subject to mining instability, you may wish to consult a local RICS accredited surveyor and/or review any available geotechnical surveys. Further information may be available from the minerals and waste officer at the County Council and the local Building Controls Officer. British Geological Survey GeoHazard reports ( <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/georeports">www.bgs.ac.uk/georeports</a> ) may also provide more detailed information.
	<b>COMAH</b>	No Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) sites are located within 500m.
	<b>Masts and Power Lines</b>	No telecommunication base stations are located within 100m of the Site.

### Argyll's Comment



This report is primarily a desktop assessment of potential soil and groundwater liabilities. We also comment whether the above Environmental Hazards are relevant. Contact details are provided at the end of this report.



## Additional Considerations

Item	Summary	Suggested Action
<b>Asbestos</b>	If the buildings at the Site were constructed or renovated during the period between 1950 and 1999, then the fabric of these buildings may contain asbestos in a variety of forms. No legislation is currently in place for residential properties that are privately owned (i.e. have no managed communal areas), however risk from asbestos exposure may remain particularly if renovation or refurbishment work is proposed.	Consider carrying out an Asbestos Survey
<b>Energy Performance Certificate</b>	Under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008, there is a requirement for all buildings to have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) upon their construction, sale or lease (and in some cases when the building is modified).	Check for EPC or conduct energy assessment
<b>Oil Storage</b>	Any above-ground storage facility of greater than 200 litres capacity may fall within the Oil Storage Regulations 2001.	Check tanks for secondary containment
<b>Electrical Equipment</b>	Prior to 1986 Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) were used as a fire retardant in cooling oils for electrical equipment. Under the Environmental Protection (Disposal of PCB and other Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2000, PCB containing equipment has been banned.	Confirm removal of PCBs or test equipment
<b>Additional Information Sources</b>	Additional sources of information in the form of previous environmental and other reports may be available for the Site.	Review supplementary reports
<b>Sensitive Land Uses</b>	If areas subject to statutory designations are located either on or in proximity to the Site, there may be land management implications or restrictions to planned developments. You are located inside/within 500m of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Kent Downs.	Contact local planning authority or speak with a planning consultant
<b>Military Land</b>	Due to its former military use, if redevelopment of the Site were proposed, a desktop threat assessment would be prudent to assess the risk from unexploded ordnance.	Consider desktop threat assessment
<b>Change of Use Redevelopment</b>	Proposed changes in land use require permission from the Local Authority and are subject to conditions as part of the statutory planning process.	Contact local planning authority or speak with planning consultant



### Argyll's Comment

Whilst this assessment is primarily a desktop assessment of potential soil and groundwater liabilities, the above potential liability considerations that fall outside the scope of the Risk Analysis Methodology have been identified.

Additional sources of information may be available for the Site. These sources could include previous environmental reports (including audits, contaminated land investigation and remediation reports), valuation reports (including property observation checklists), a Land Quality Record, and property deeds. Argyll Environmental would be pleased to review any reports that are available and revise this report accordingly. This may entail additional fees depending upon the volume and complexity of information available. Please contact us for further information.

## Contents of the Data Section

Section	Description
<b>Tabular Summary</b>	<p>This section presents a tabular summary of information found for the Site and surrounding area. The data is presented in three buffer zones for ease of reference: data found at the Site, from 1-250m and from 251-500m.</p> <p>If a database has been searched the number of records found will be displayed under the relevant search band. If a database is not available or has not been searched, this will be represented by the abbreviation N/A under the relevant search band.</p>
<b>Current Land Use Mapping</b>	<p>This section provides information on current land uses and is divided into three sections, statutory information, waste and current industrial uses. It is preceded by a map.</p>
<b>Statutory Information</b>	<p>This section presents detailed statutory information for the Site and surrounding area (up to 500m depending upon dataset). The Map ID of each feature is indicated (where applicable) followed by specific information on each feature and its distance and direction from the Site.</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Waste</b>	<p>This section presents detailed information on waste and landfill sites for the Site and surrounding area (up to 500m depending upon dataset). The Map ID of each feature is indicated (where applicable) followed by specific information on each feature and its distance and direction from the Site.</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Current Industrial Land Use</b>	<p>This section presents detailed information on current land use for the Site and surrounding area (0-250m). The Map ID of each feature is indicated (where applicable) followed by specific information on each feature and its distance and direction from the Site.</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Historical Land Use Mapping</b>	<p>The Historical Land Use Map presents 1:10,000 scale and selected 1:2,500 scale (tanks and energy facilities) historical land use information within 250m of the Site boundary.</p>
<b>Historical Land Use</b>	<p>This section presents selected information on historical land use for the Site and surrounding area (0-250m). The Map ID of each feature is indicated (where applicable) followed by specific information on each feature and its distance and direction from the Site.</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Aquifer Designations and Geology</b>	<p>This section is preceded by two maps that present information relating to the aquifer designations beneath the Site. The first of these maps indicates the designation of the Superficial geology. The second map presents the aquifer designation of the solid geology.</p> <p>These maps are followed by detailed information in relation to aquifer designations/groundwater vulnerability and geology at the Site and surrounding area (0-500m).</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Environmental Sensitivity</b>	<p>This section presents detailed information on the environmental sensitivity of the Site and surrounding area (up to 500m depending upon dataset) and is preceded by two maps. The first shows areas with statutory designations, the second shows source protection zones. The Map ID of each feature is indicated (where applicable) followed by specific information on each feature and its distance and direction from the Site.</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Natural and Mining Related Hazards</b>	<p>This section contains information on natural and mining related hazards which may affect the Site. These include subsidence, radon and mining.</p> <p>If no data is identified then the section will be omitted.</p>
<b>Flooding</b>	<p>This section contains information on the risks associated with flooding. It includes maps and data associated with Flooding from Rivers or Sea, the Environment Agency National Flood Risk Assessment (NaFRA), Groundwater Flooding Susceptibility, Surface Water Flooding, Historical Flooding and Other Information such as the Detailed River Network.</p>

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# Tabular Summary

## Statutory Information

Authorisations	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Controls	0	0	N/A
Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention and Controls	0	0	N/A
Integrated Pollution Controls	0	0	N/A
Integrated Pollution Prevention And Control	0	0	N/A
Registered Radioactive Substances	0	0	N/A
Discharges	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Discharge Consents	0	0	N/A
Water Industry Act Referrals	0	0	N/A
Control of Major Accident Hazards Sites	0	0	0
Explosive Sites	0	0	0
Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances	0	0	0
Planning Hazardous Substance Consents	0	0	0
Contraventions	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Contaminated Land Register Entries and Notices	0	0	N/A
Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control Enforcements	0	0	N/A
Enforcement and Prohibition Notices	0	0	N/A
Planning Hazardous Substance Enforcements	0	0	0
Substantiated Pollution Incident Register	0	0	0
Prosecutions Relating to Authorised Processes	0	0	N/A
Prosecutions Relating to Controlled Waters	0	0	N/A

## Waste

Waste/Landfill Sites	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
BGS Recorded Landfill Sites	0	0	0
Integrated Pollution Control Registered Waste Sites	0	0	N/A
Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Landfill Boundaries)	0	0	N/A
Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Locations)	0	0	0
Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites	0	0	0
Registered Landfill Sites	0	0	0
Registered Waste Transfer Sites	0	0	N/A
Registered Waste Treatment or Disposal Sites	0	0	N/A
Historical Landfill Sites	0	0	0

## Current Land Use

Current Potentially Contaminative Uses	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Contemporary Trade Directory Entries	0	2	N/A
Fuel Station Entries	0	0	N/A
Other Features	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Telecommunication Base Stations	0	0 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Overhead Transmission Lines	0	0	N/A

<sup>1</sup>Telecommunication base stations are only searched to a radius of 100m from the Site boundary.

## Historical Land Use

Historical Potentially Contaminative Uses	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Use)	0	2	N/A
Historical Tanks And Energy Facilities	0	0	N/A
Potentially Infilled Land	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Former Marshes	0	0	N/A
Potentially Infilled Land (Non-Water)	0	1	N/A
Potentially Infilled Land (Water)	0	6	N/A

## Groundwater Vulnerability

Hydrogeology	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Superficial Aquifer Designations	1	4	0
Bedrock Aquifer Designations	1	0	0
Groundwater Vulnerability	1	0	N/A
Geology	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Low Permeability Drift Deposits	1	N/A	N/A
BGS 1:625,000 Solid Geology	1	N/A	N/A

## Environmental Sensitivity

Environmental Sensitivity	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	1	0	N/A
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	0	0	N/A
Forest Parks	0	0	N/A
Local Nature Reserves	0	0	0
Marine Nature Reserves	0	0	0
National Nature Reserves	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	N/A
National Scenic Areas	0	0	N/A
Nitrate Sensitive Areas	0	N/A	N/A
Nitrate Vulnerable Zones	0	N/A	N/A
Ramsar Sites	0	0	0
Nearest Surface Water Feature	0	1	N/A
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	0	0	0
Special Areas of Conservation	0	0	0
Special Protection Areas	0	0	0
Water Abstractions	0	0	0
Source Protection Zones	1	0	N/A

## Natural and Mining Related Hazards

Subsidence	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Collapsible Ground Stability Hazards	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	N/A
Compressible Ground Stability Hazards	1	0	N/A
Ground Dissolution Stability Hazards	1	1	N/A
Landslide Ground Stability Hazards	1	0	N/A
Running Sand Ground Stability Hazards	1	0	N/A
Shrinking or Swelling Clay Subsidence Hazards	1	1	N/A
Non-Coal Mining Hazards	1	1	N/A
Radon	On-site	1-250m	251-500m

<sup>3</sup>Ground stability hazards are only searched to a radius of 50m from the Site boundary.

## Natural and Mining Related Hazards

Radon Potential	1	N/A	N/A
Radon Protection Measures	1	N/A	N/A
<b>Mining</b>	<b>On-site</b>	<b>1-250m</b>	<b>251-500m</b>
Brine Compensation Areas	0	N/A	N/A
Coal Mining Affected Areas	0	N/A	N/A
Natural and Mining Cavities	0	0	N/A
Mining Instability	1	0	N/A
BGS Recorded Mineral Sites	0	1	N/A

## Flooding

Current Flood Risk	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Flooding From Rivers or Sea	0	1	0
Flooding From Rivers or Sea (in an Extreme Event)	0	3	0
Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences	0	0	0
Flood Water Storage Areas	0	0	0
Flood Defences	0	0	0
NAFRA Data	0	4	0
Groundwater Flooding Susceptibility	0	4	1
Surface Water Flooding (1:75 year rainfall event)	0	2	0
Surface Water Flooding (1:200 year rainfall event)	0	2	1
Surface Water Flooding (1:1000 year rainfall event)	0	3	0
Historical Flooding	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Historical Flood Events	0	2	0
Geological Indicators of Flooding	0	1	0
Other Flood information	On-site	1-250m	251-500m
Height of Site Above Sea Level	59.07m	N/A	N/A
Distance of Site Boundary to Nearest Water Feature	254.2m	N/A	N/A

### Tabular Summary Explanation

Argyll has carefully selected a range of datasets which are considered appropriate for the intended use of this report. Each dataset is searched to a set radius from the Site boundary and the tabular summary is divided into different search bands accordingly. If a database is searched and information is found, then the number of records available are detailed in the table above. If the database was searched and no data was found, then a zero will be present. If a database was not searched then the abbreviation N/A will be found, indicating this information was not available at the radius searched.

### Landfill Site Information

Registered landfill site boundaries (where available), are shown on the map as a red diagonal hatched polygon and referred to in the map legend as Registered Landfill Sites. At present no complete national dataset exists for landfill site boundaries, therefore a point grid reference provided by the data supplier is used for some landfill sites. The point grid references supplied provide only an approximate position, and can vary from the site entrance to the centre of the site. A point cannot properly define landfill boundaries therefore Landmark constructs a 250 metre or 100 metre "buffer" zone around the point to warn of the possible presence of landfill. The "buffer" zone is shown on the map as an orange crosshatched area and is referred to in the map legend as Potential Landfill Buffer.

Local Authority landfill data is sourced from individual local authorities that were able to provide information on sites operating prior to the introduction of the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) in 1974. Appropriate authorities are listed under Local Authority Landfill Coverage with an indication of whether or not they were able to make landfill data available. Details of any records identified are disclosed. You should be aware that if the local authority had landfill data but passed it to the relevant Environment Agency office, it does not necessarily mean that local authority landfill data is now included in our other Landfill datasets. In addition if no data has been made available for all or part of the search area, you should be aware that a negative response under 'Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites' does not necessarily confirm that no local authority landfills exist.

### Subsidence Hazards

Information on subsidence hazards is provided by the British Geological Survey (BGS). Information present within 250m of the Site is reported under Natural and Mining Related Hazards. Due to the level of detail of this data and the complexities of the real world, the BGS recommends a precautionary approach when using this information and advises taking the worst reading noted for each dataset within the vicinity of a property. Therefore, Argyll reports the presence of a ground stability or non-coal related mining hazard in the Risk Analysis section based on the highest reading found within 50m of the Site boundary.



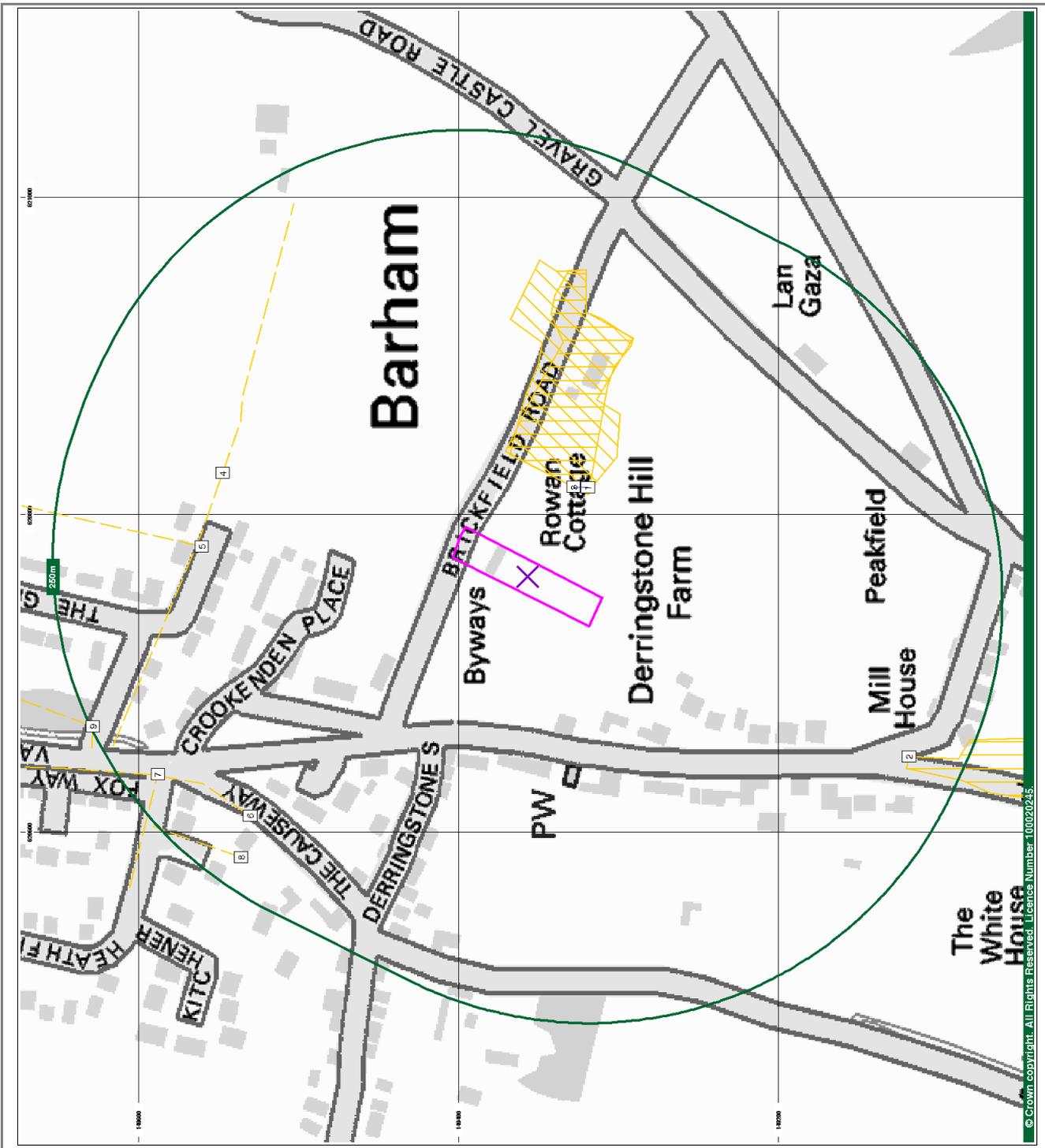
## Statutory Information

### Current Land Use

#### Current Potentially Contaminative Uses

##### Contemporary Trade Directory Entries

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
2	Picture & Picture Frame Renovating & Restoring, Name: Trevor Gallon, Status: Inactive, Location: Monkbarns, Derringstone Hill, Barham, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 6QD, Positional Accuracy: Automatically positioned to the address.	98m	W
3	Garage Services, Name: Keeler & Mullett, Status: Active, Location: Langaza, Gravel Castle Road, Barham, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 6QF, Positional Accuracy: Automatically positioned to the address.	198m	SE



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**Historical Land Uses within 250m**

- General**
- Site Boundary
- Search Buffer
- Bearing Reference Point
- Grid Lines
- Reference Number
- Potentially Contaminative Uses**
- Point Feature
- Area Feature
- Potentially Infilled Land**
- Point Feature
- Area Feature
- Former Marshes**
- Point Feature
- Area Feature
- Historical Tanks and Energy Facilities**
- Point Feature

## Historical Land Use

### Historical Potentially Contaminative Uses

#### Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Use)

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
1	Clay bricks & tiles [manufacture], Date of Mapping: 1876-1908.	54m	SE
2	Quarrying of sand & clay, operation of sand & gravel pits, Date of Mapping: 1940.	216m	SW

### Potentially Infilled Land

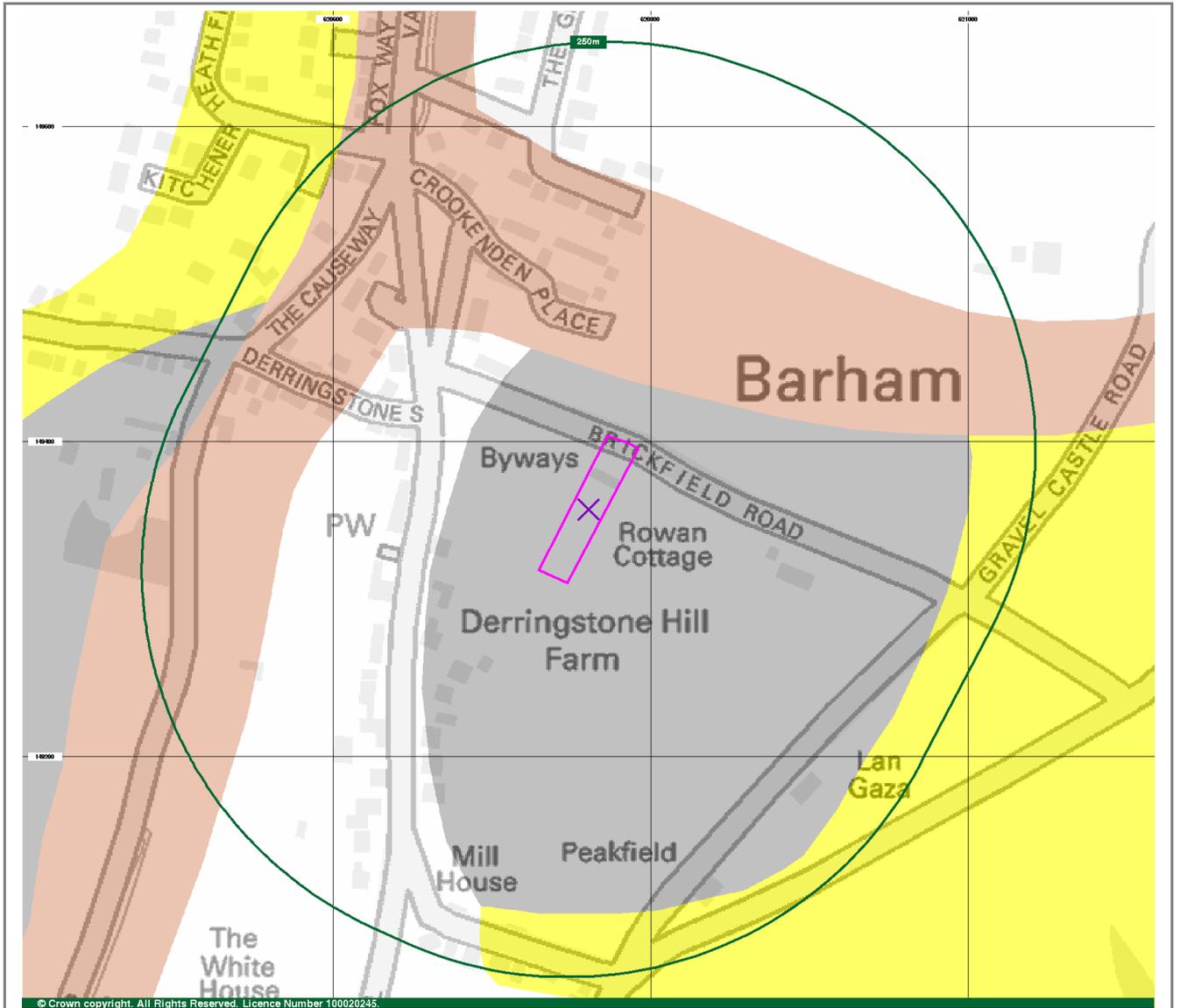
#### Potentially Infilled Land (Non-Water)

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
3	Unknown Filled Ground (Pit, quarry etc), Date of Mapping: 1973.	54m	SE

#### Potentially Infilled Land (Water)

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
4	Unknown Filled Ground (Pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc), Date of Mapping: 1876.	154m	N
5	Unknown Filled Ground (Pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc), Date of Mapping: 1876.	158m	N
6	Unknown Filled Ground (Pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc), Date of Mapping: 1876.	206m	NW
7	Unknown Filled Ground (Pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc), Date of Mapping: 1876.	230m	NW
8	Unknown Filled Ground (Pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc), Date of Mapping: 1876.	231m	NW
9	Unknown Filled Ground (Pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc), Date of Mapping: 1876.	249m	N

# Aquifer Designation (Superficial)

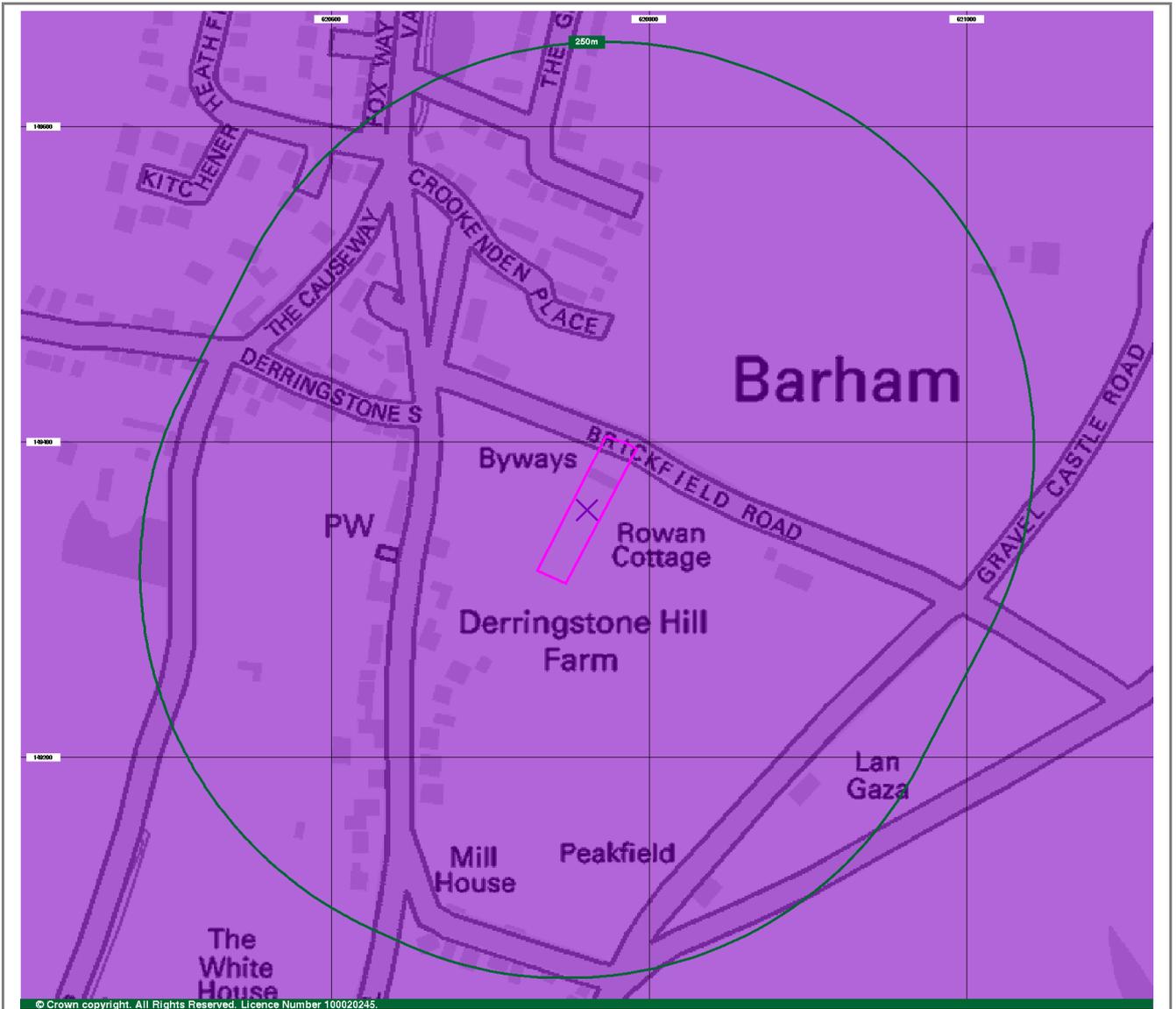


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## Aquifer Designations

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  Site Boundary           |  Principal Aquifer          |
|  Search Buffer           |  Secondary A Aquifer        |
|  Bearing Reference Point |  Secondary B Aquifer        |
|  N                       |  Secondary Undifferentiated |
|   |  Unproductive Strata        |
|   |  Unknown                    |

# Aquifer Designation (Bedrock)



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## Aquifer Designations

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  Site Boundary           |  Principal Aquifer          |
|  Search Buffer           |  Secondary A Aquifer        |
|  Bearing Reference Point |  Secondary B Aquifer        |
|  N                       |  Secondary Undifferentiated |
|   |  Unproductive Strata        |
|   |  Unknown                    |

# Groundwater Vulnerability

## Hydrogeology

### Superficial Aquifer Designations

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Unproductive Strata The rock layers or drift deposits have a low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply or river base flow.	On Site	-
	Secondary Aquifer - A These aquifers are formed of moderately permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local scale, and in some cases forming an important source of base flow to rivers.	38m	N
	Secondary Aquifer - Undifferentiated These aquifers have a variable permeability, yielding varying amounts of groundwater at different locations but not capable of supporting water supplies at a more than a local scale.	208m	E
	Secondary Aquifer - Undifferentiated These aquifers have a variable permeability, yielding varying amounts of groundwater at different locations but not capable of supporting water supplies at a more than a local scale.	227m	NW
	Unproductive Strata The rock layers or drift deposits have a low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply or river base flow.	230m	NW

### Bedrock Aquifer Designations

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Principal Aquifer These aquifers are typically formed of layers of rock or drift deposits that have a high permeability and provide a high level of water storage. They may support water supply and/or base river flow on a strategic scale.	On Site	-

### Groundwater Vulnerability

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Soil Classification: Soils of High Leaching Potential (H1) - Soils which readily transmit liquid discharges because they are either shallow, or susceptible to rapid by-pass flow directly to rock, gravel or groundwater, Map Scale: 1:100,000, Map Name: Sheet 47 East Kent.	On Site	-

## Geology

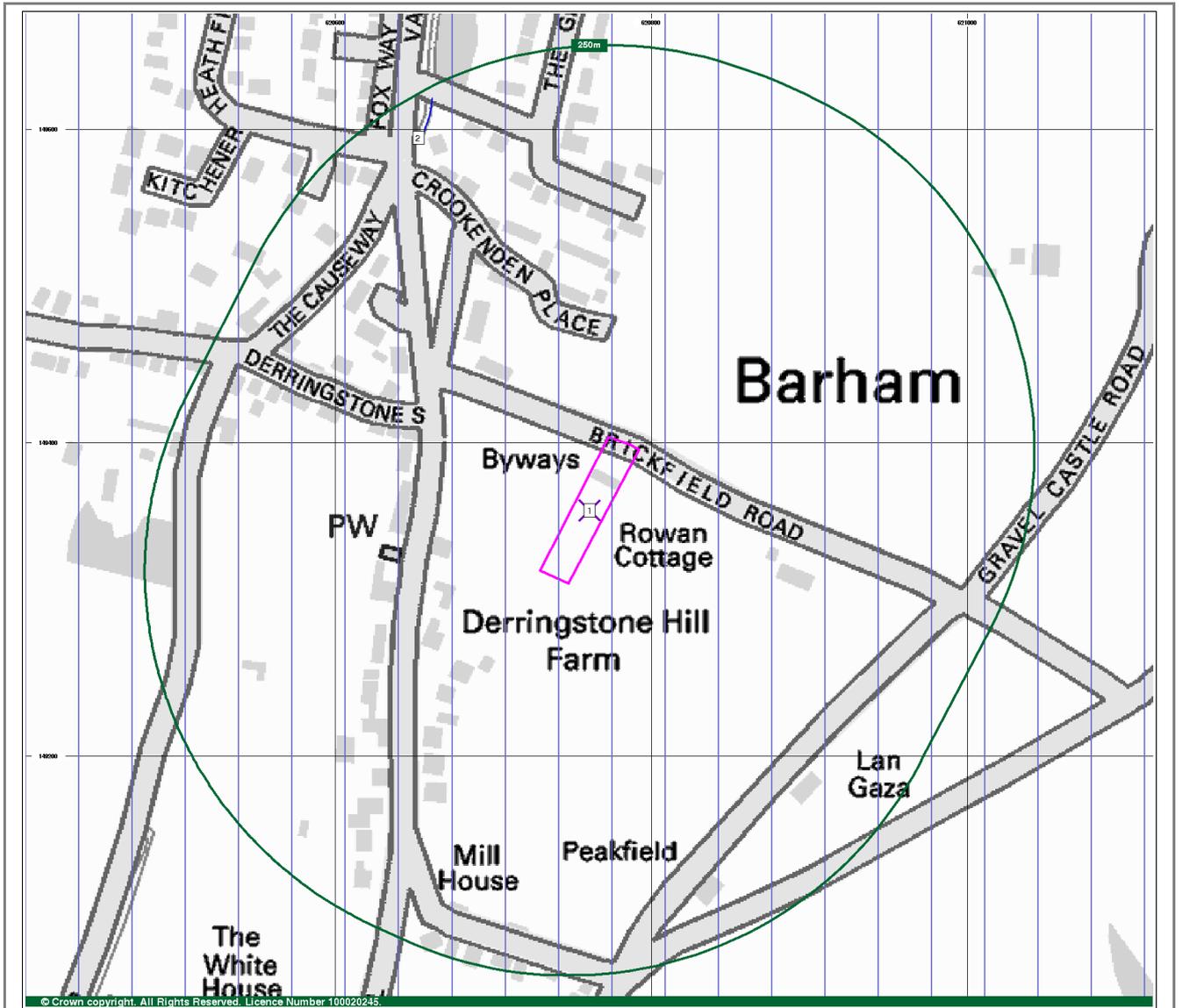
### Low Permeability Drift Deposits

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Low permeability drift deposits occurring at the surface and overlying Major and Minor Aquifers are head, clay-with-flints, brickearth, peat, river terrace deposits and marine and estuarine alluvium, Map Sheet: Sheet 47 East Kent, Scale: 1:100,000.	On Site	-
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### BGS 1:625,000 Solid Geology

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Chalk including Red Chalk.	On Site	-

# Sensitive Land Uses

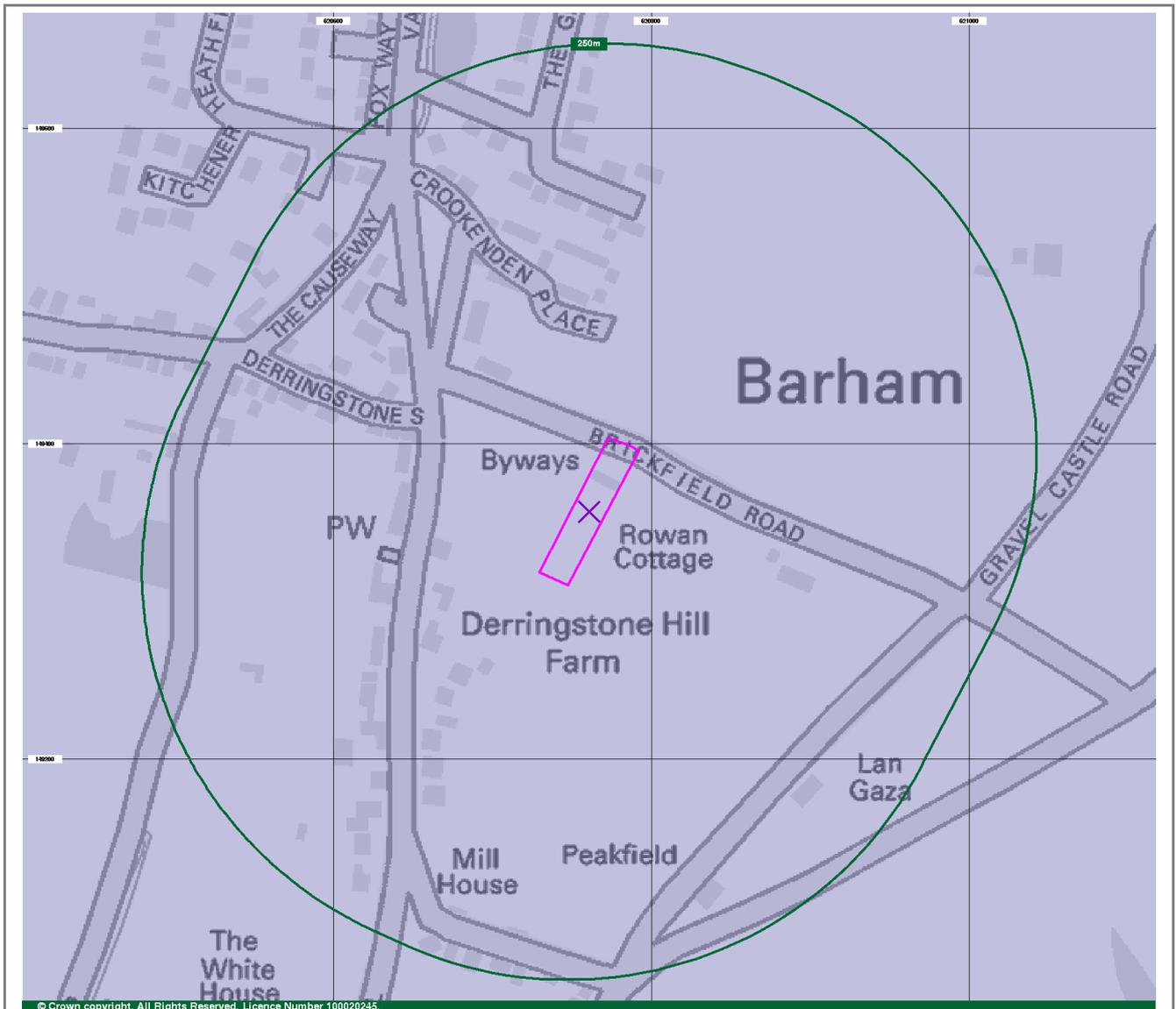


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## Sensitive Land Uses

- |                                    |                         |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Site Boundary                      | Local Nature Reserve    | Ramsar Site                         |
| Search Buffer                      | Marine Nature Reserve   | Nearest Surface Water Feature       |
| Bearing Reference Point            | National Nature Reserve | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| N                                  | National Park           | Special Area of Conservation        |
| Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty | National Scenic Area    | Special Protection Area             |
| Environmentally Sensitive Area     | Nitrate Sensitive Area  | Water Abstraction                   |
| Forest Park                        | Nitrate Vulnerable Zone | Historical Flood Liability          |

# Source Protection Zones



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## Source Protection Zones

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Site Boundary           |  Source Protection Zone I        |
|  Search Buffer           |  Source Protection Zone II       |
|  Bearing Reference Point |  Source Protection Zone III      |
|  N                       |  Zone of Special Interest        |
|   |  Source Protection Zone Borehole |

# Environmentally Sensitive Features

## Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
1	Name: Kent Downs, Multiple Area: Y, Area (m <sup>2</sup> ): , Designation Date: 31st July 1968, Source: Natural England.	On Site	-

## Nearest Surface Water Feature

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
2	Surface water feature identified in proximity.	226m	NW

## Source Protection Zones

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Name: Various, Source: Environment Agency, Head Office, Reference: Not Supplied, Type: Zone III (Total Catchment): The total area needed to support the discharge from the protected groundwater source.	On Site	-

# Natural and Mining Related Hazards

## Subsidence

### Collapsible Ground Stability Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: Low, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-
	Risk: Very Low, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	38m	N

### Compressible Ground Stability Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: No Hazard, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-

### Ground Dissolution Stability Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: Very Low, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-
	Risk: Low, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	38m	N

### Landslide Ground Stability Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: Very Low, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-

### Running Sand Ground Stability Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: No Hazard, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-

### Shrinking or Swelling Clay Subsidence Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: Low, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-
	Risk: No Hazard, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	38m	N

## Non-Coal Mining Hazards

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Risk: Highly Unlikely, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-
	Risk: Highly Unlikely, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	227m	NW

## Radon

### Radon Potential

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	The property is in a radon affected area, as between 5 and 10% of homes are above the action level, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-

### Radon Protective Measures

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Basic, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service.	On Site	-

## Mining

### Mining Instability

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
	Mining Evidence: Inconclusive Coal Mining, Source: Ove Arup & Partners, Boundary Quality: As Supplied.	On Site	-

### BGS Recorded Mineral Sites

Map ID	Details	Distance	Direction
1	Site Name: Barnham Brick Works, Site Location: Brickfield Road, Barham, Canterbury, Kent, Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service, Reference: 116822, Type: Opencast, Status: Ceased, Operator: Unknown Operator, Operator Location: Unknown Operator, Periodic Type: Quaternary, Geology: Head, Commodity: Common Clay and Shale, Positional Accuracy: Located by supplier to within 10m.	111m	E

# Current Flood Risk

## Flooding from River or Sea (Flood Zone 3)

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Are there any indicative flood plains within 500m?	<501m	YES
Type: Fluvial Models, Source: Environment Agency, Head Office, Boundary Accuracy: As Supplied.	157.8m	NW

## Flooding from River or Sea in an Extreme Event (Flood Zone 2)

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Are there any indicative flood plains (extreme events) within 500m?	<501m	YES
Type: Fluvial Models, Source: Environment Agency, Head Office, Boundary Accuracy: As Supplied.	156.9m	NW
Type: Fluvial Models and Fluvial Events, Source: Environment Agency, Head Office, Boundary Accuracy: As Supplied.	191.3m	NW
Type: Fluvial Events, Source: Environment Agency, Head Office, Boundary Accuracy: As Supplied.	222.9m	NW



The Site is at a low risk of flooding from rivers or the sea, as defined by the Environment Agency'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. There should be no difficulty in obtaining flood insurance for properties on the Site. Most insurers will cover risk of less than 1.33% annual probability.

## Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Does the Site or any areas within 500m benefit from flood defences?	<501m	NO



The Site is over 500m from an Area Benefiting from a Flood Defence, as defined by the Environment Agency. 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 Water Storage Areas

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Are there any flood water storage areas within 500m	<501m	NO



The Site is over 500m from a Flood Storage Area (FSA) as defined by the Environment Agency. These areas store flood water during significant flood events. It is unlikely that any FSA presents any associated flood risk to the Site.

## Flood Defences

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Are there any flood defences within 500m?	<501m	YES



The Site is more than 5m above the base level at a flood defence. 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 defence line fail. Reference should be made to the assessment of 'Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences' to ascertain whether the Site could potentially be at risk.

### NaFRA Property Flood Likelihood Database

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
What is the flood likelihood category for the Site?	<501m	-



Some areas may be classified as having no result. This occurs where there is no output data from the analysis used to produce NaFRA, but the area falls within the extreme flood outline (with a 0.1% or 1 in 1000 chance of flooding in any year).

#### Environment Agency Data

The data in the NaFRA Property Flood Likelihood Database is sourced from the Environment Agency's National Property Dataset (NPD2). The information provided includes the flood likelihood category low, moderate, or significant according to the NaFRA flood risk analysis. Some areas may be classified as having no result. This occurs where there is no output data from the analysis used to produce NaFRA, but the area falls within the extreme flood outline (with a 0.1% or 1 in 1000 chance of flooding in any year).

### Groundwater Flooding Susceptibility

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
What is the susceptibility to groundwater flooding at the Site?	<501m	-



Information from the British Geological Survey indicates that the locality has no susceptibility to groundwater flooding. No further action is required.

#### British Geological Survey Data

The BGS Susceptibility to Groundwater flooding hazard dataset identifies where geological conditions could enable groundwater to come close to the surface and cause groundwater flooding. The susceptibility data is suitable for use for regional or national planning purposes where the groundwater flooding information will be used along with a range of other relevant information to inform land-use planning decisions. A high susceptibility does not necessarily mean that the Site is at high risk of groundwater flooding. BGS advise that the data should not be used to assess the precise risk at any particular site.

Argyll consultants therefore analyse this data manually in conjunction with other data (such as detailed geological maps, the relative height of the Site above sea level and infrastructure (presence of cellars/basements etc.). Based on this assessment they may amend the overall groundwater flooding risk rating.

### Surface Water Flooding

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
What is the risk of surface water flooding at the Site following a 1 in 75 year rainfall event?	On Site	negligible
What is the risk of surface water flooding at the Site following a 1 in 200 year rainfall event?	On Site	negligible



#### **JBA Consulting Data**

Surface Water Flooding - Information regarding the risk of natural surface water or pluvial flooding. The risk is classified by JBA into four categories, negligible, low (more than 0.1m), medium (more than 0.3m) 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 1:1,000 year events.

# Historical Flooding

## Historic Flood Events

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Have any historic flood events occurred at the Site or within 500m?	<501m	YES



The Site is more than 5m above a historical flood event, as recorded by the Environment Agency. It is considered that there is only a minimal associated risk to the Site.

### Environment Agency Data

Historic Flood Outlines - The EA 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.

## Geological Indicators of Flooding

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Are there any geological deposits which indicate the Site may have been flooded in the past?	<26m	NO



Data from the British Geological Society (BGS) 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 Environment Agency's Flood Map. This BGS data does not indicate the likelihood of flooding, since such deposits may be due to flood events which occurred thousands of years ago. Refer to the other assessments in this report for an overall assessment of flood risk.

### British Geological Survey Data

Geological Indicators of Flooding – The BGS Geological Indicators of Flooding (GIF) data set is a digital map based on the BGS 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. This normally relates to flooding which happened many thousands of years ago.

## Other Flood Information

### Height Above Sea Level

Details	Direction	Reply or Direction
Maximum height of the Site above sea level	On Site	62.80m
Minimum height of the Site above sea level	On Site	54.00m
Average height of the Site above sea level	On Site	59.07m



The Site is at a relatively high elevation above sea level. However, this is not in itself indicative of the absence of flood risk and reference should be made to other assessments within this report.

### Distance to Water Features

Details	Direction	Reply or Direction
Are there any water features within 500m?	<501m	YES
Surface water feature	254.2m	NW
Surface water feature	298.1m	SW



There is a water feature shown on the Ordnance Survey within 500m of the Site. This does not represent a flood risk in itself, but its presence has been taken into account in the overall risk assessment in this Report.

### Dam or Reservoir Failure

Details	Distance	Reply or Direction
Is there a risk of the Site being affected by the failure of a nearby dam or reservoir?	On Site	NO



Neither the Site nor areas near to it will be likely to flood if a dam or reservoir in the surrounding area failed.

#### JBA Consulting Data

Dam or Reservoir Failure – JBA has modelled approximately 1700 dams and reservoirs across the UK which are considered to pose the greatest risks to people and property. These models are able to predict the areas likely to flood on all sides of a feature, should an element of it fail e.g. a wall, dam or earth bund.

## Useful Contacts

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Argyll Environmental Limited Lees House 21-33 Dyke Road Brighton BN1 3FE <a href="http://www.argyllenvironmental.com">www.argyllenvironmental.com</a>	Telephone 0845 458 5250 Fax 0845 458 5260 info@argyllenviro.com
Ensura Limited (for Environmental Insurance) Lees House 21-33 Dyke Road Brighton BN1 3FE <a href="http://www.ensura.co.uk">www.ensura.co.uk</a>	Telephone 0845 652 8585 Fax 0845 652 8686 info@ensura.co.uk
Canterbury City Council Environmental Health Department Council Offices Military Road Canterbury Kent CT1 1YW <a href="http://www.canterbury.gov.uk">www.canterbury.gov.uk</a>	Telephone 01227 862 000 Fax: 01227 785 705
Kent County Council Waste Management Group Block H The Forstal Beddow Way Aylesford Kent ME20 7BT <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk">www.kent.gov.uk</a>	Telephone 01622 605976
British Geological Survey Enquiry Service British Geological Survey Kingsley Dunham Centre Keyworth Nottingham Nottinghamshire NG12 5GG <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk">www.bgs.ac.uk</a>	Telephone 0115 936 3143 Fax: 0115 936 3276 enquiries@bgs.ac.uk
Environment Agency National Customer Contact Centre (NCCC) PO Box 544 Templeborough Rotherham S60 1BY	Telephone 08708 506 506
Natural England Northminster House Northminster Road Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1UA <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk">www.naturalengland.org.uk</a>	Telephone 0845 600 3078 Fax: 01733 455103 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
Please note that the Environment Agency / SEPA have a charging policy in place for enquiries. When contacting these agencies please mention that this data has been received from the Landmark database, alternatively Argyll Environmental Limited would be pleased to assist with consultation to the above bodies. Please contact us for a quotation.	

## Risk Analysis Methodology

The Site Solutions reports have been designed to assist in making informed decisions during property transactions. The Report is a desktop assessment of direct liabilities (Liabilities) which could affect the owner /occupier of the Site and arise under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and/or equivalent requirements under the planning regime and/or the Water Resources Act 1991<sup>4</sup>. (Relevant Legislation). If a risk is identified, then a number of options for finding out more about the risk, managing it or transferring it are proposed.

The assessment of environmental liability under the Relevant Legislation is based upon the principle of determining the presence of a plausible contaminant-pathway-receptor relationship (a contaminant linkage). A 'contaminant' is a source of contamination, a 'pathway' is a medium through which the contamination can mobilise and 'a receptor' is a person or entity that could be detrimentally affected by the contamination. If all three are identified, then a 'plausible contaminant-pathway-receptor relationship' may be present. By definition, this is one which Argyll believes could result in significant harm, a significant possibility of significant harm or significant pollution or the possibility of significant pollution to Controlled Waters.

In our assessment we use the following test to decide if there is a potential liability affecting the Site. For the purpose of this assessment a site where a potential Liability has been identified is defined as follows:

*A Site which, from the information assessed by Argyll, is considered to have the potential of being affected by contaminative substances present in or under the Site (but excluding potential sources of contamination on or above the land) such that, on the basis of its current or proposed use, there is a reasonable likelihood of a UK regulatory authority, acting in accordance with Relevant Legislation, requiring that remedial measures are taken in order to remedy or mitigate the contaminative substances that are present in or under the land that forms all or part of the Site.*

The term Liabilities is defined within the scope of this assessment to mean, remedial works under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (or where appropriate, equivalent requirements under the planning regime) and/or the Water Resources Act 1991 which may result in direct liability for the site owner/occupier.

The assessment within the Report has been produced and quality checked by a team of qualified environmental professionals. The assessment is based upon a manual review of the data contained within the Data Section of this Report and of 1:2500 and 1:1250 (where available) scale historical mapping.

## Ecological Risk Assessment

The evaluation of ecological risk is becoming an increasingly important input when making risk management decisions. In the Site Solutions Commercial report, Argyll assesses two different drivers for risks and liabilities driven by ecological receptors;

- 1.The Contaminated Land Regime; and
- 2.The Environmental Damage Regulations (EDR) 2009.

The Environment Agency has designed a generic framework for conducting ecological risk assessment (see Assessing Risk to Ecosystems from Land Contamination, R&D Technical Report P299, EA 2002). This recommends a tiered approach in line with best practice for human health and controlled water risk assessment and defines Relevant Ecological Receptors as any of the Relevant Types of Receptor as set out in Table 1 of Defra Statutory Guidance on Contaminated Land dated April 2012.

Argyll assesses Relevant Ecological Receptors as part of its assessment process. To do so it uses the Argyll EcoRisk model which was developed and tested in consultation with leading experts and is based on the Environment Agency framework.

The Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009 were introduced on 1 March 2009 to implement the provisions of the European Commission's Environmental Liability Directive into law in England<sup>5</sup>. The aim of EDR is to prevent and remedy damage to protected species or natural habitats or a site of special scientific interest, surface water, groundwater or to land. 'Environmental damage' has a specific meaning in the Regulations, and covers only the most severe cases. Existing legislation with provisions for environmental liability remains in place. The Regulations apply on land in England and on the seabed around the UK up to the limits set out in the Continental Shelf Act 1964, and to waters in the Renewable Energy Zone, which extends approximately 200 miles out to sea.

Argyll does not consider the standard of current operations, but reports the potential for environmental damage based on the location of EDR Receptors around the Site.

<sup>4</sup> Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) Regulations 2005 where appropriate.

<sup>5</sup> Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) (Wales) Regulations 2009 or Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) (Scotland) Regulations where appropriate.

When conducting either assessment, Argyll will primarily assess information provided in the Data section of the Report. However, in some cases Argyll may choose to supplement this with freely available public information such as that provided by Natural England and/or information provided by the Argyll Europa System.

## Liability Assessment

In this section Argyll will report on any potential soil and groundwater liabilities which it considers are associated with the Site. Our assessment of Liability is based upon the proposed and current use of the Site (as supplied by the client) in line with current Government guidance.

There will be one of the following three responses:

Assessment	Liability Statement & explanation	Defra Category*
<b>PASSED</b> 	<p><b>Within the scope of this assessment no Liabilities have been identified. No further action is required.</b></p> <p>This statement indicates that within the scope of this assessment, no issues have been identified that are likely to result in significant cost liabilities under Relevant Legislation.</p>	3 or 4
<b>PASSED</b> 	<p><b>Within the scope of this assessment no Liabilities have been identified. However, your attention is drawn to the prudent enquiries suggested below.</b></p> <p>This statement indicates that within the scope of this assessment, no issues have been identified that are likely to result in significant cost liabilities under Relevant Legislation. However, a client may wish to obtain further information about other issues disclosed in the Report, which could be material.</p>	3 or 4
<b>FURTHER ACTION</b> 	<p><b>Potential Liabilities have been identified under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (or where appropriate, equivalent requirements under the planning regime) and/or the Water Resources Act 1991<sup>6</sup>. To quantify these you may decide to undertake a more detailed assessment through the recommendation(s) set out below.</b></p> <p>This statement indicates that within the scope of this assessment, an issue or a number of issues have been identified that are likely to result in significant cost liabilities under Relevant Legislation. In this event, recommendations are made, in order that additional information is collected so that the liabilities may be more accurately assessed.</p>	Potentially 1 or 2

\* According to Defra's updated Statutory Guidance on Contaminated Land, Regulators have a four-stage test to decide when land is and is not contaminated. Category 1 and Category 2 sites would encompass land which is capable of being determined as contaminated land, whereas Category 3 and Category 4 sites would encompass land which is not capable of being determined as contaminated land.

## Limitations of the Report

The Site Solutions reports have been designed to satisfy standard environmental due-diligence enquiries, as recommended by the Law Society's contaminated land warning card. It is a 'remote' investigation and reviews only information provided by the client and from the databases of publicly available information that have been chosen to enable a desk based environmental assessment of the Site. The Report does not include a site investigation, nor does Argyll make specific information requests of the regulatory authorities for any relevant information they may hold. Therefore, Argyll cannot guarantee that all land uses or factors of concern will have been identified by the Report.

The information in the Data Section of the Report is derived from a number of statutory and non-statutory sources. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, Argyll cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information or data. Argyll will not accept responsibility for inaccurate data provided by external data providers.

Further information regarding our risk assessment methodology is provided in the Products and Services User Manual which is available free of charge from the client area of our website [www.argyllenvironmental.com](http://www.argyllenvironmental.com). For further information regarding the datasets reviewed within our assessment, please contact one of our technical team on 0845 458 5250. This report is provided under The Argyll Environmental Terms and Conditions for Data Reports, a copy of which is available on our website.

<sup>6</sup>Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) Regulations 2005 where appropriate.

## Flood Risk Screening Methodology

This section of the report is a desktop flood risk screening report, designed to enable property professionals to assess the risk of flooding at residential 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 (taking into account any flood defences present). The report considers current Government guidance including the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the agreement between insurance companies and central Government. The report has been produced and quality-checked by qualified flood risk specialists using the data contained in this report.

### Executive Summary and Consultants Comment

In this section Argyll will summarise in a statement whether any significant flood risks have been identified and whether insurance is likely to be available at Standard Terms.

There will be one of the following three responses:

Assessment	Risk Statement
<b>PASSED</b> 	The Site is not considered to be at a significant risk of flooding. Insurance is likely to be available at standard terms.
<b>PASSED</b> 	The Site is located within an area which is at risk of flooding. In most cases insurance should be available at standard terms. However, this will be dependent on site specific factors and we recommend contacting your insurance broker before proceeding with any transaction.
<b>FURTHER ACTION</b> 	The Site is located within an area which is at risk of flooding and as a result insurance may not be available at standard terms. However, this will be dependent on site specific factors and we recommend contacting your insurance broker before proceeding with any transaction.

### Insurance Availability

Argyll provides an indication of whether the Site is likely to be insurable for flood risk at standard terms. The answer to Question1 is based on consideration of NaFRA data supplied by the Environment Agency and surface water flooding data supplied by JBA Consulting. This data is used by insurance companies to determine the suitability of a Site for insurance, although they may access additional information which could affect their assessment.

Under the Association of British Insurers' Revised Statement of Principles on the Provision of Flooding Insurance (July 2008), the general policy of member companies is that flood insurance for domestic properties and small businesses should continue to be available for as many customers as possible until 1st July 2013, by which time a longer term solution should be implemented. The premiums charged and other terms will reflect the risk of flooding but insurance will be available:

1. for properties where the flood risk is not significant (generally defined as no worse than 1.33% or 1-in-75 years annual probability of flooding); and
2. to existing domestic property and small business customers at significant risk, providing the Environment Agency has announced plans to reduce that risk within five years, such as improving flood defences. (The commitment to offer cover will extend to the new owner of any applicable property subject to satisfactory information about the new owner).

However, for significant risk areas where no improvements in flood defences are planned, and in all cases other than domestic properties and small businesses, insurers cannot guarantee to provide cover, but will examine the risks on a case-by-case basis. The implementation of the revised Statement of Principles depends on action from the Government and is continually reviewed by insurers. In addition, the revised Statement of Principles does not apply to properties built after 1st January 2009. Different guidance applies to these (see Climate Change – Guidance on Insurance Issues for New Developments from [www.abi.org.uk](http://www.abi.org.uk)).

The responses to the question 'Is the Site likely to be insurable at standard terms?' assume the Site is an existing domestic property or small business and makes no allowance for previous claims arising from any type of flooding, nor for non-flood related risks such as subsidence.

Response	Meaning
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Yes	The Site is likely to be considered acceptable by insurance companies at standard terms and flood insurance should not be difficult to obtain. No further action required.
No	The Site is not likely to be considered acceptable by insurance companies at standard terms, on the basis of current information. Further work may be required in order to obtain acceptable insurance terms for the flood risk. This could include a more detailed risk assessment or the use of accredited products, flood resilient materials and temporary defences to defend the property.

## Development Risk

Argyll comments on whether a full or partial Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) would be required in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The answer to Question 2 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.

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.

Response	Meaning
Yes (Full)	If the Site was redeveloped, a full Flood Risk Assessment is likely to be required which should include a Drainage Impact Assessment.
Yes (Drainage)	If the Site was redeveloped, a full Flood Risk Assessment may not be required however, given the size of the Site, a Drainage Impact Assessment may be necessary.
No	If the Site was to be redeveloped, no further flood assessment is likely to be required.

## Flood Risk Rating

Argyll provides an overall flood risk rating based on an assessment of the data provided within this report. It does so by asking two questions:

**3. What is the overall risk of flooding, assuming flood defence fail or are absent or overtopped?**

The answer to Question 3 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.

**4. Are there existing flood defences which might benefit the Site?**

The answer to Question 4 is based on the presence of any flood defences registered by the Environment Agency within 250m 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 250m, a further question is asked:

**5. 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 3 and 5 are answered by one of six standard responses:

Response	Meaning
Negligible	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.
Low	The overall flood risk rating for the Site is assessed to be 'Low'. Although large sites (over 1 hectare) would require a Drainage Impact Assessment to accompany any planning application, it is not considered necessary to undertake any other further investigations into the flood risk to the Site.
Low to Moderate	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.
Moderate	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.
Moderate to High	The overall flood risk rating for 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.
High	The overall flood risk rating for 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.

## Flood Analysis

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. historic 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 1:1,000 year rainfall events is provided for information only. For further information on each of these types of flooding, please refer to the Argyll FloodSolutions User Guide.

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.

## Limitations of the Report

The report has been designed to satisfy basic flood-related environmental due-diligence enquiries for residential 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 (other than local water and sewerage providers). Therefore, Argyll 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 such as the 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.

Environment Agency data 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. Further details are set out in the FloodSolutions User Guide which is available free of charge from our website [www.argyllenvironmental.com](http://www.argyllenvironmental.com) , or by calling one of our technical team on 0845 458 5250.

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## Flood Glossary

### **Business Continuity Plan**

A business continuity plan is a strategic plan of action for a business to implement in an emergency (i.e. flood event). This plan ensures a business can continue to operate during emergency situations and reduces the risk of suffering avoidable losses. For example, it may cover such items as emergency accommodation and computer back up off site.

### **Flood Evacuation Plan**

A flood evacuation plan sets out clear steps to ensure the safe evacuation of staff during a flood. It will form part of the Business Continuity Plan.

### **Coastal Flooding**

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.

### **Flood Resistance Measures**

These measures are designed to prevent flood water from entering the buildings on Site.

### **Flood Resilience Measures**

These measures are intended to make buildings more resilient to flood damage so that they recover more quickly from flooding. They are not designed to prevent flood water entering the property.

### **Flood Risk Assessment**

A full Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) Report is a bespoke report required under NPPF for any development site within Environment Agency 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.

### **Flood Zone 1**

An area of low probability of flooding as defined by the Environment Agency – a flood return period of 1 in 1,000 or more.

### **Flood Zone 2**

An area of medium probability of flooding as defined by the Environment Agency – a flood return period between 1 in 100 to 1 in 1,000 for river flooding and 1 in 200 to 1 in 1,000 for coastal flooding.

### **Flood Zone 3a**

An area of high probability of flooding as defined by the Environment Agency – a flood return period between 1 in 20 to 1 in 100 for river flooding and 1 in 200 for coastal flooding.

### **Flood Zone 3b**

This area is a functional floodplain as defined by the Environment Agency. It is an area which is designed to flood – a flood return period of 1 in 20 or less.

### **Groundwater Flooding**

Groundwater flooding occurs when ground water 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.

### **NPPF**

This relates to the National Planning Policy Framework and the associated Technical Guidance.

### **Pluvial (Surface Water) Flooding**

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 30mm 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.

### **Return Period**

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.

### **River Flooding**

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 runoff 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.



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