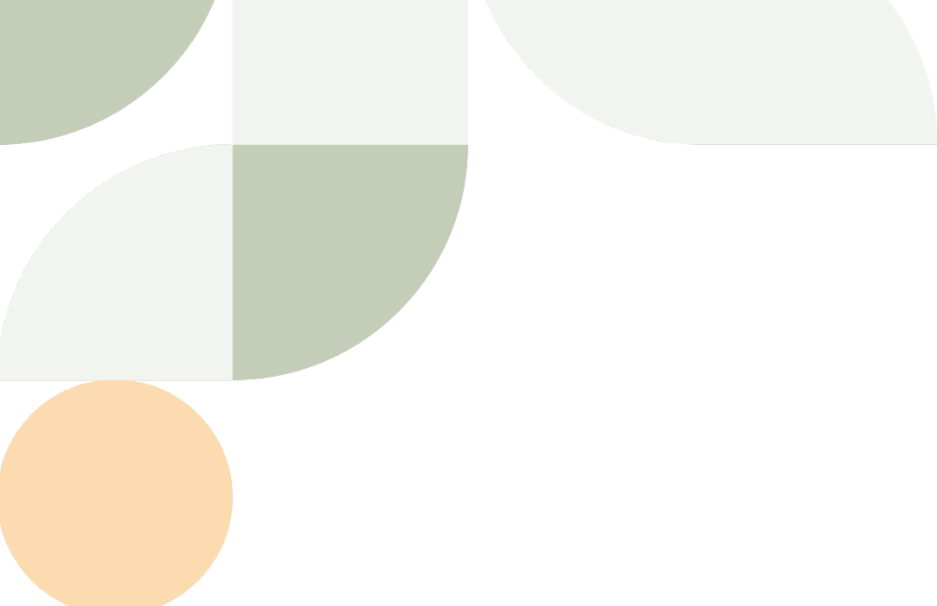




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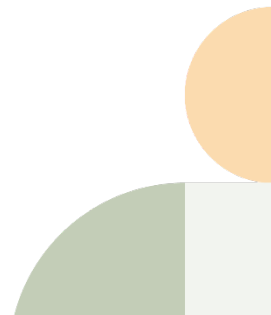
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# Reference of Terms

## Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)

The AEP is the chance or probability of a natural hazard event (usually a rainfall or flooding event) occurring annually and is usually expressed as a percentage.

## Aquifers

- Principal Aquifers are layers of rock or drift deposits that have high intergranular and/or fracture permeability - meaning they usually provide a high level of water storage. They may support water supply and/or river base flow on a strategic scale.
- Secondary A Aquifers are 'permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale, and in some cases forming an important source of base flow to rivers. These are generally aquifers formerly classified as minor aquifers'.
- Secondary B Aquifers are 'predominantly lower permeability layers which may store and yield limited amounts of groundwater due to localised features such as fissures, thin permeable horizons and weathering. These are generally the water-bearing parts of the former non-aquifers'.
- Secondary Undifferentiated Aquifers are assigned in 'cases where it has not been possible to attribute either category A or B to a rock type. In most cases, this means that the layer in question has previously been designated as both minor and non-aquifer in different locations due to the variable characteristics of the rock type'.
- Unproductive Strata are 'rock layers or drift deposits with low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply or river base flow'.

## Canal Failure

Canal failure can occur due to high-intensity rainfall or structural failure and can be dangerous due to the rapid release of large volumes of water. It is typically limited to raised canal reaches and can result in a rapid peak in flow followed by a gradual reduction.

## Climate Change

A change in global or regional climate patterns. For flood risk, climate change is assessed in terms of allowances which are predictions of anticipated change for peak river flow, peak rainfall intensity, sea level rise and offshore wind speed and extreme wave height. Climate change scenario data exists across different epochs (time periods) to determine the needs for climate resilience measures. Climate change data is requested as part of an EAPD request. If a separate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Flood Risk and Climate Change Assessment is needed, additional climate change data will be required.

## Environment Agency (EA) and EA Product Data (EAPD)

The EA is the lead organisation for providing flood and coastal risk management and warnings of flooding from Main Rivers and on the coast. For sites within or in close elevational proximity to Flood Zone 2 or Flood Zone 3, EAPD is ordered to obtain more detailed flood risk data such as flood depths, breach and overtopping mapping and fluvial/tidal risks associated with climate change.

## Fluvial Flooding

Fluvial flooding typically occurs when a river's capacity is exceeded, and the excess water overtops the riverbanks. It can also occur when the watercourse has a high level downstream, perhaps due to structures or blockage, thus limiting conveyance. This creates a backup of water which can overtop the banks. Typical



flooding issues occur when the natural floodplain has been urbanised and the river has been confined. EA mapping defines three zones of different flood risk, the third of which is subdivided into two categories:

- 🌈 Zone 1 “Low probability of flooding” – This zone comprises land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding (<0.1%);
- 🌈 Zone 2 “Medium probability of flooding” – This zone comprises land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding (1% – 0.1%), or between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of sea flooding (0.5% – 0.1%) in any year;
- 🌈 Zone 3a “High probability of flooding” – This zone comprises land assessed as having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding (>1%), or a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of flooding from the sea (>0.5%) in any year; and
- 🌈 Zone 3b “Functional floodplain” – A sub-part of Zone 3, this zone comprises land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood. This zone is not normally included within the national Flood Map for Planning and is calculated where necessary using detailed hydraulic modelling.

### Groundwater Flooding

Groundwater flooding is caused by the emergence of water from beneath the ground at either point or diffuse locations when the natural level of the water table rises above ground level. This can result in deep and long-lasting flooding of low-lying or below-ground infrastructure such as underpasses and basements. Groundwater flooding can cause significant damage to property, especially in urban areas, and can pose further risks to the environment and ground stability.

### Sewer Flooding

Flooding from sewers primarily occurs when flow entering a system exceeds available capacity or if the network capacity has been reduced through blockage or collapse. In the case of surface water sewers that discharge to watercourses, the same effect can be caused as a result of high-water levels in the receiving watercourse. As a result, water can begin to surcharge the sewer network, emerging at ground level through gullies and manholes and potentially causing flooding to highways and properties. If this occurs flooding can represent a significant hazard to human health due to the potential for contaminants in flood water.

### Source Protection Zones

Source Protection Zones (SPZs) are areas of land through which water infiltrates into a groundwater borehole, well or spring that is used for public drinking water supply. These zones show the risk of contamination from potential pollution. SPZ's have been created as public facing boundaries where discrete groundwater bodies within SPZ's have been dissolved on zone number where common boundaries and overlaps have been removed. SPZs are defined around large and public potable groundwater abstraction sites. The purpose of SPZs is to provide additional protection to safeguard drinking water quality through constraining the proximity of an activity that may impact upon a drinking water abstraction.

- 🌈 Zone 1 (Inner Protection Zone) is defined by a travel time of 50-days or less from any point within the zone at, or below, the water table. Additionally, the zone has as a minimum a 50-metre radius.
- 🌈 Zone 2: (Outer Protection Zone) - This zone is defined by the 400-day travel time from a point below the water table. Additionally, this zone has a minimum radius of 250 or 500 metres, depending on the size of the abstraction.
- 🌈 Zone 3: (Total catchment) - This zone is defined as the total area needed to support the abstraction or discharge from the protected groundwater source. A further Zone 4, or ‘Zone of Special Interest’ was previously defined for some groundwater sources.



### **Surface Water Runoff**

Surface water runoff is defined as water flowing over the ground that has not yet entered a drainage channel or similar. It usually occurs because of an intense period of rainfall which exceeds the infiltration capacity of the ground. Typically, runoff occurs on sloping land or where the ground surface is relatively impermeable. The ground can be impermeable either naturally due to the soil type or geology, or due to development which places impervious material over the ground surface (e.g. paving and roads).

### **Tidal Flooding**

Tidal flooding is caused by high tides coinciding with a low-pressure storm system which raises sea and tidal water levels, overwhelming coastal and river defences. This may be made worse by gale-force winds blowing the raised body of water up tidal river basins some distance from the coast, due to floodwater being forced up the tidal reaches of rivers and estuaries. Such flooding may become more frequent in future years due to rising sea levels.

### **Reservoirs Failure**

Reservoir failure can be a particularly dangerous form of flooding as it results in the sudden release of large volumes of water that can travel at high velocity, causing deep and widespread flooding. The likelihood of this occurring is low as large reservoirs are managed in accordance with the Reservoirs Act 1975. The EA's online reservoir inundation map illustrates the maximum flood extents that could occur in the event of a reservoir.



# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Acknowledgement

- 1.1.1 This report has been prepared for the sole and exclusive use of Lime Down Solar Park in accordance with the scopes of work presented via email by Arthian, dated 14/10/2024 and 24/04/2026. This report is based on information and data collected by Arthian. Should any of the information be incorrect, incomplete, or subject to change, Arthian may wish to revise the report accordingly.
- 1.1.2 Arthian has been instructed to provide hydraulic modelling support to inform the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy for **ES Volume 3, Appendix 11-6: Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy - Lime Down D [REP4-031]**. This modelling forms part of the wider suite of Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy documents submitted in support of the Lime Down Solar Park DCO application.

## 1.2 Project Understanding

- 1.2.1 The development comprises solar PV sites, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and the associated cable route corridor. It is divided into five areas (Lime Down A–E) plus the cable route corridor, with the BESS located within Lime Down D.
- 1.2.2 For Lime Down A, B, C and E, the developable areas have been positioned using relevant strategic Environment Agency (EA) datasets, including the Flood Map for Planning (FMfP) and NaFRA2<sup>1</sup>. All development lies outside the current and future fluvial flood extents indicated by these datasets, and strategic mapping is considered sufficient to assess fluvial flood risk. Detailed hydraulic modelling is therefore not required for these parts of the site.
- 1.2.3 In contrast, the developable area within Lime Down D, which includes the proposed BESS, intersects Flood Zones 2 and 3 in both the current and future Flood Map for Planning. The fluvial flood risk to the site is associated with Gauze Brook, an EA main river flowing through the site.
- 1.2.4 No EA hydraulic model is available for the Gauze Brook, therefore a new site-specific hydraulic model has been built to refine the fluvial flood risk classification for this area and is detailed within this report.
- 1.2.5 This report takes into account the following guidance documents:
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-modelling-for-flood-risk-assessments> - Using modelling for flood risk assessments (2023);
  - TUFLOW manual (2026)<sup>2</sup>.

## 1.3 Project Limitations

- 1.3.1 The wider Arthian limitations are contained within Appendix A.

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<sup>1</sup> EA National Flood Risk Assessment 2 – a significant update on national flood risk that delivers enhanced flood modelling, high-resolution mapping, and improved climate change projections.

<sup>2</sup> <https://docs.tuflow.com/classic-hpc/manual/2026.0/>



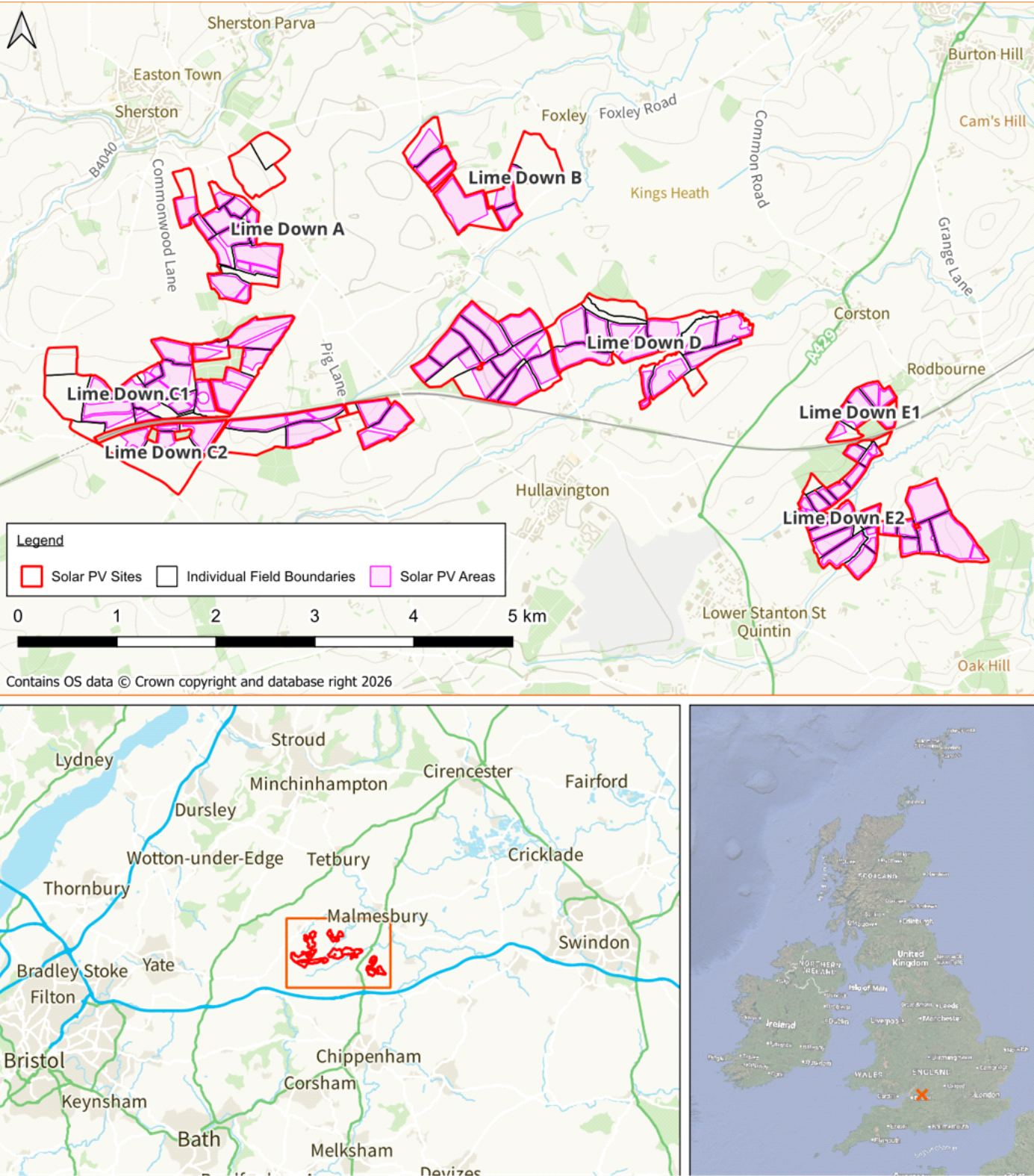


Figure 1: Site location

## 2. Model Build and Testing

### 2.1 Model Requirements

2.1.1 A site-specific hydraulic model was developed to quantify fluvial flood behaviour along Gauze Brook within the study area and to generate outputs suitable for Flood Risk Assessment purposes.

2.1.2 The key requirements of the model were to:

- Simulate water levels and flow conveyance along the watercourse for a range of design events;
- Produce flood extents and depths across the model domain;
- Represent in-channel and overbank flow mechanisms influencing floodplain behaviour;
- Assess sensitivity to climate change allowances in accordance with current guidance; and
- Generate mapping and data outputs suitable for informing development layout and flood risk management measures.

2.1.3 The model domain, resolution and parameterisation were selected to provide a stable and hydraulically representative simulation of the watercourse and adjacent floodplain, while remaining proportionate to the scale and purpose of the assessment.

2.1.4 The following section describes the model build, including topographic representation, hydrological inputs, boundary conditions and simulation setup.

### 2.2 Conceptual Model

2.2.1 The conceptual understanding of flood behaviour at Lime Down D is that fluvial flooding is driven by exceedance of in-channel capacity within Gauze Brook during higher magnitude rainfall events. Overtopping of the channel banks results in shallow floodplain inundation, with flow conveyed along existing topographic depressions and natural overbank storage areas. A potential hydraulic control within the study reach is the culvert beneath the South Wales Main Line, which may influence upstream water levels during larger magnitude events. No formal flood defences are present. Receptors comprise the proposed BESS and associated infrastructure within Lime Down D. The model has therefore been configured to represent in-channel conveyance, culvert control, overbank spill mechanisms and floodplain storage processes in sufficient detail to inform assessment of risk to the developable area.



## 2.3 Data Sources

**Table 1: Data sources used during model development**

| Data Source            | Provider | Date/Age      | Comments                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Topographic survey     | Client   | March 2025    | Good agreement with underlying LiDAR<br>LiDAR used primarily owing to higher resolution                                                               |
| Channel survey         | Arthian  | June 2026     | Good coverage of Gauze Brook and relevant tributaries throughout the model extent<br>Structure details such as culvert inverts and diameters included |
| EA Composite LiDAR DTM | EA       | November 2020 | Full coverage of study/model area at 1m resolution<br>Good agreement with the topographic survey coverage noted                                       |

## 2.4 Model Setup

**Table 2: Model details, methodology, and parameters**

|                                             |                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Arthian Model Reference and Version:</b> | 317212_EA/26_v2                                                                                                      |
| <b>Simulation Type:</b>                     | Fluvial                                                                                                              |
| <b>Model Type:</b>                          | 2D with embedded 1D structures                                                                                       |
| <b>Software Builds:</b>                     | TUFLOW HPC 2026.2.0 – including Quadtree and sub-grid sampling<br>(latest build available at the time of simulation) |
| <b>Number of Domains and Extent:</b>        | Single domain – the model extent is shown in Figure 2.                                                               |



| <b>DTM Data Sources:</b>              | <p>LiDAR flown for the EA in March 2020 provided the baseline 1m DTM across the full model extent.</p> <p>To fully leverage the high-resolution topographic and channel survey, the model was upgraded to a pure 2D TUFLOW HPC Quadtree setup. With sinuous rural channels like Gauze Brook, traditional 1D-2D linked models can introduce localised mass-balance errors, artificial boundary oscillations, and stability constraints along bank lines during overbank spill. Furthermore, during high flow scenarios where overbank storage and floodplain conveyance dominate, enforcing an artificial 1D channel constraint can misrepresent the true 2D hydrodynamics. Eliminating 1D-2D bank links ensures strict momentum conservation and seamless hydraulic transitions between the channel and floodplain.</p> <p>Cross-section survey data was processed using custom Python scripts to interpolate and triangulate a continuous pseudo-bathymetric channel grid. This surface smoothly blends surveyed thalweg and bank elevations into the surrounding LiDAR DTM, providing a realistic 2D bed profile without artificial steps or link boundaries. The resulting channel DTM was cross-checked against the raw survey data and found to match very well.</p> |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
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| <b>Cell Size:</b>                     | TUFLOW Quadtree module used to vary cell size from 4m through wide, flat floodplain areas, whilst increasing the resolution 1m along key flowpaths. This is considered suitable to represent key flow paths without significantly impacting model run times                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| <b>Building Representation:</b>       | Very few buildings are present within the model domain, however, OS MasterMap data was used to define land use, including building footprints. High roughness applied to all buildings to represent internal walls and contents – $0.5\text{s/m}^{1/3}$ .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| <b>Existing Flood Defences:</b>       | No known formal flood defences were present within the study area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| <b>Roughness Approach and Values:</b> | <p>Manning's n based on Chow (1959)<sup>3</sup>, survey, photographs, and aerial imagery.<br/>Land use based on OS MasterMap data.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Land Use Type</th><th>Roughness (<math>\text{s/m}^{1/3}</math>)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General surface .....</td><td>0.030</td></tr> <tr> <td>Industrial land.....</td><td>0.030</td></tr> <tr> <td>Land/gardens .....</td><td>0.060</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rough ground/scrub .....</td><td>0.080</td></tr> <tr> <td>Roads, tracks, and paths.....</td><td>0.020</td></tr> <tr> <td>Buildings .....</td><td>0.500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Inland waters .....</td><td>0.030</td></tr> </tbody> </table>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Land Use Type | Roughness ( $\text{s/m}^{1/3}$ ) | General surface ..... | 0.030 | Industrial land..... | 0.030 | Land/gardens ..... | 0.060 | Rough ground/scrub ..... | 0.080 | Roads, tracks, and paths..... | 0.020 | Buildings ..... | 0.500 | Inland waters ..... | 0.030 |
| Land Use Type                         | Roughness ( $\text{s/m}^{1/3}$ )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| General surface .....                 | 0.030                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| Industrial land.....                  | 0.030                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| Land/gardens .....                    | 0.060                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| Rough ground/scrub .....              | 0.080                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| Roads, tracks, and paths.....         | 0.020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| Buildings .....                       | 0.500                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |
| Inland waters .....                   | 0.030                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                  |                       |       |                      |       |                    |       |                          |       |                               |       |                 |       |                     |       |

<sup>3</sup> Chow, V.T. (1959) Open Channel Hydraulics. McGraw-Hill, New York.



**Boundary Conditions:**

Design inflows were derived from a site-specific hydrological assessment for Gauze Brook and a northern tributary using ReFH2 rainfall-runoff and Flood Estimation Handbook (FEH) Statistical methods in line with current EA guidance, with FEH Statistical peaks being higher and therefore taken forward as a more conservative estimate of flood risk at the site. The FEH depth duration frequency (DDF) 22 rainfall dataset has been used in the assessment. Peak flows and hydrographs were calculated at the downstream extent of the delineated catchments and distributed to upstream inflow locations using proportional catchment area weighting. The FEH Calculation Proforma detailing the full assessment and methodology is provided in Appendix C.

Inflow boundaries were applied at key upstream points along Gauze Brook and the modelled tributaries.

Climate change uplifts for the Avon Bristol and North Somerset Streams Management Catchment are presented below, with the 2080s higher value of +39% being used to inform the design event for this scheme:

| Scenario      | 2020s     | 2050s      | 2080s       |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Central ..... | +10%..... | +12% ..... | +26%        |
| Higher .....  | +15%..... | +19% ..... | <b>+39%</b> |
| Upper .....   | +27%..... | +38% ..... | +71%        |

Flows are presented in Table 3. Downstream conditions were defined using a normal depth boundary based on channel bed gradient.

A separate Flood Estimation Calculation (FEC) Record is available upon request and provides full details of the hydrological assessment, including catchment descriptors, donor station selection, QMED estimation, pooling group composition and ReFH2 design hydrograph derivation.

**Structures:**

All structures identified during the channel survey were reviewed as part of the model build and included within the model using ESTRY 1D channels embedded in the 2D domain. Features considered likely to influence conveyance and water levels were represented within the model using surveyed or estimated dimensions as appropriate.

A large culvert conveying Gauze Brook beneath the South Wales Main Line railway (survey node GAU01\_04753) could not be fully accessed during the channel survey due to the Network Rail boundary constraint. While access to the downstream face was restricted, a detailed survey of the upstream face was successfully undertaken as part of the June 2026 channel survey. The surveyed upstream face geometry, soffit level, and brick barrel details, combined with the measured tunnel length (41.20m) and local bed slope, were used to inform the downstream face parameters and invert levels within the model.

The model also incorporates an overland flowpath through a railway underpass located along the railway embankment parallel to Gauze Brook, representing potential secondary hydraulic connectivity to an adjacent topographic depression during extreme events. Detailed survey data for the structure (nodes GAU04\_00013 downstream face and GAU04\_00026 upstream face) confirms a dry, brick-built railway underpass with a tunnel length of approximately 13.3m. This structure has been represented directly within the 2D domain using TUFLOW HPC Quadtree mesh refinement to ensure sufficient geometric detail and hydraulic resolution are retained.



|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Post-Development Layout:</b> | Discussed in Section 2.5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Other DTM Adjustments:</b>   | None required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Timestep:</b>                | Both 1D and 2D timesteps were set to 1s initially. TUFLOW HPC uses an adaptive timestep to ensure numerical stability and solution efficiency, automatically adjusting the simulation timestep throughout the run based on local Courant number criteria ( $C_r \leq 1.0$ ) and shallow water wave celerity. This adaptive approach maintains strict convergence and mass conservation, dynamically reducing the timestep during sudden high-velocity or rapidly varying flow transitions while optimizing runtime during steady phases of the hydrograph. |
| <b>Initial Conditions:</b>      | Consistent initial conditions for all simulations were generated using a single preceding run with constant inflow applied at all upstream boundaries. This allowed water levels and channel storage to establish across the model domain prior to the design event simulations, improving numerical stability and reducing model warm-up effects. Outputs from this constant flow run were then used to initialise each subsequent event simulation.                                                                                                      |
| <b>Non-Default Parameters:</b>  | None required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Further Comments:</b>        | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



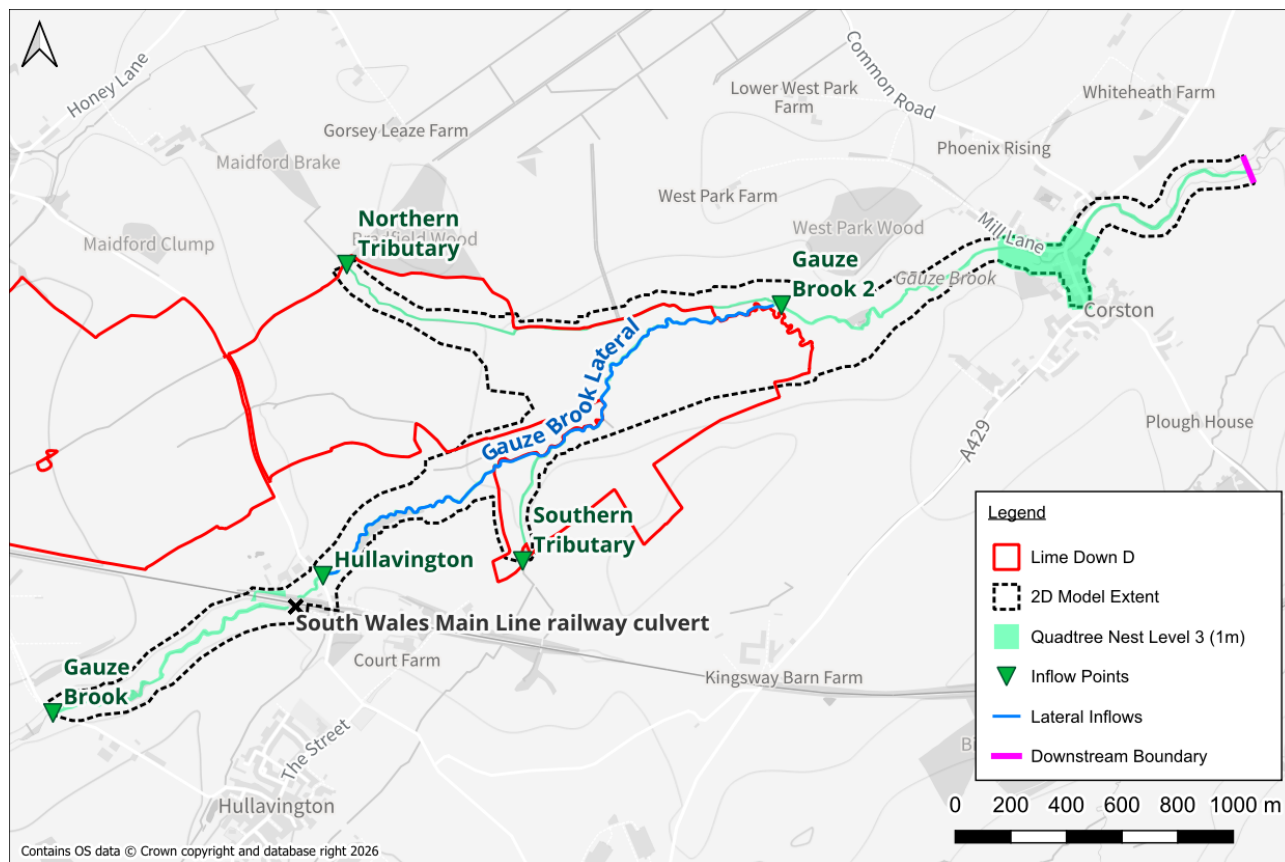


Figure 2: Model extent

Table 3: Modelled inflows (FEH Statistical)

| Fluvial Event (AEP)       | Full Catchment Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 3.3%                      | 10.54                                   |
| 1%                        | 13.75                                   |
| 0.1%                      | 22.24                                   |
| <b>1% +39%CC (higher)</b> | <b>19.11</b>                            |
| 1% +71%CC (upper)         | 23.51                                   |
| 0.1% +39%CC (higher)      | 30.92                                   |
| 0.1% +71%CC (upper)       | 38.04                                   |



## **2.5 Simulated Flood Events and Scenarios**

- 2.5.1 The model was used to simulate three present-day fluvial events: 3.3%, 1%, and 0.1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) as well as the same three events for the central (+26%), higher (+39%), and upper (+71%) climate change scenarios (2080s epoch).
- 2.5.2 Only the baseline (pre-development) scenario was modelled, as the proposed solar development and BESS does not involve significant changes to topography, land use, or drainage characteristics that would affect the modelled flood response. As such, the development is not expected to materially alter flood risk within the model domain.

### **Hydraulic Model Resolution – Purpose and Application**

- 2.5.3 Hydraulic models are typically developed at a scale appropriate to the study objectives, balancing representation of flood behaviour across catchments and floodplains with computational stability and simulation time. As such, models commonly utilise grid resolutions in the order of 2m to 15m (or greater in some applications), depending on the level of detail required and available data.
- 2.5.4 This scale of modelling is appropriate for:
- Defining flood extents, levels and depths across large areas;
  - Supporting planning-level Flood Risk Assessments (FRAs); and
  - Identifying broad flow routes and floodplain behaviour.
- 2.5.5 However, by definition, hydraulic models do not resolve very small-scale features. Elements with dimensions significantly smaller than the model cell size, such as individual solar panel support posts and associated infrastructure, fall below the effective resolution of the model and are not explicitly represented, even where relatively fine grids (e.g. 1-2m) are applied.
- 2.5.6 This is an inherent and accepted limitation of all hydraulic modelling. Model resolution is selected to balance accuracy, stability and computational practicality, and is not intended to capture sub-grid scale features.
- 2.5.7 Accordingly, hydraulic models remain entirely suitable for site-specific flood risk assessment where the objective is to define flood levels and inform development design, provided their limitations are appropriately understood and accounted for.

### **Use of Baseline Model Outputs**

- 2.5.8 The baseline (pre-development) hydraulic model setup provided for this assessment has been used to extract flood levels and depths across the site for the relevant design events.
- 2.5.9 Baseline outputs from this modelling have been used to:
- Inform the layout of the solar development, both panels and BESS;
  - Position infrastructure outside of higher-risk areas where practicable;



- Set finished levels and panel elevations, typically with an appropriate freeboard above the design flood level; and
- Confirm that the panels themselves remain above the modelled flood surface and do not interact with flood flows under design conditions.

2.5.10 This approach is consistent with standard practice and ensures that the primary development elements do not introduce obstruction to floodplain storage or conveyance.

### **Limitations of Post-Development Modelling**

2.5.11 Explicitly modelling the post-development scenario within the hydraulic model is not considered appropriate or proportionate for the following reasons:

#### **Scale Mismatch**

2.5.12 The characteristic dimensions of solar panel support posts (typically on the order of 0.1m) are an order of magnitude smaller than the model grid resolution (2m). As such:

- The supports cannot be resolved explicitly within the model grid; and
- Any attempt to represent them directly would be numerically meaningless.

#### **Use of Proxy Methods**

2.5.13 Alternative approaches sometimes used include:

- Storage reduction factors;
- Artificial flow constrictions; and
- Increased roughness coefficients.

2.5.14 Whilst each of these methods appears simple initially, they often bring significant assumptions and uncertainty.

- They operate at the scale of the model cell and can therefore vastly over-represent the physical obstruction;
- They may introduce disproportionate and non-physical changes to flow behaviour;
- They can be highly sensitive to subjective parameter selection such as roughness increases and therefore lack robustness; and
- They are likely to significantly overestimate impacts rather than provide a realistic representation as a result.

2.5.15 Given the extremely small scale of the supports relative to the floodplain and model resolution, these methods would reduce model reliability rather than improve it.



### **Quantitative Assessment of Displacement**

2.5.16 In lieu of inappropriate model manipulation, a direct volumetric assessment of displacement has been undertaken where necessary.

2.5.17 The methodology used in this assessment is as follows:

**1) Identification of Locations**

Proposed panel support locations are overlaid onto the baseline model outputs.

**2) Extraction of Flood Depths**

Flood depths at each support location are obtained from the baseline results.

**3) Calculation of Displaced Volume**

The flood depth at each location is multiplied by the cross-sectional area of the support to determine the displaced volume.

**4) Summation and Conservatism**

The total displaced volume is summed across all supports and conservatively rounded up.

**5) Redistribution of Volume**

The total volume is distributed across an appropriate flooded area, selected based on local hydraulic conditions (e.g. areas of comparable flood level or the wider flood extent within the development boundary).

**6) Resulting Level Change**

The predicted change in flood level is calculated as:

$$\text{Level increase} = \frac{\text{Displaced Volume}}{\text{Flooded Area}}$$

2.5.18 This approach provides a transparent, physically representative and conservative estimate of potential impact.

## **2.6 Model Assumptions and Limitations**

2.6.1 The hydraulic model has been developed using industry-standard methods in accordance with current EA guidance. Nevertheless, all models are simplifications of real-world systems, and several assumptions and limitations apply.

2.6.2 **Topography and survey data:** The model DTM is constructed using detailed topographic and channel cross-section survey data provided by Storm Geomatics, merged with EA 1m Composite LiDAR DTM elsewhere. A continuous pseudo-bathymetric channel grid generated via Python spatial interpolation



scripts from the survey data has been stamped directly into the DTM to accurately reflect in-channel conveyance and bank geometry. Ground levels are assumed to be representative of current baseline conditions. Small-scale features such as minor embankments, field boundaries, or micro-topographic drainage channels outside the direct survey coverage and below the effective resolution of the DTM may not be fully resolved. However, desktop catchment reviews and comparison against strategic flood mapping datasets confirm that the overall hydraulic model performance and floodplain routing are realistic and appropriate.

**2.6.3 Hydrological inputs:** Hydrological inflows were derived using ReFH2 rainfall-runoff modelling and FEH Statistical analysis in line with current EA guidance, with ReFH2 used to define hydrograph shape and FEH methods used to inform peak flow estimation. Catchment losses were accounted for within the hydrological assessment and not represented explicitly within the hydraulic model. Design flows were applied at model inflow locations and distributed using proportional catchment area weighting, which is considered appropriate given the relatively small, predominantly rural catchment and the proportionate scope of the assessment.

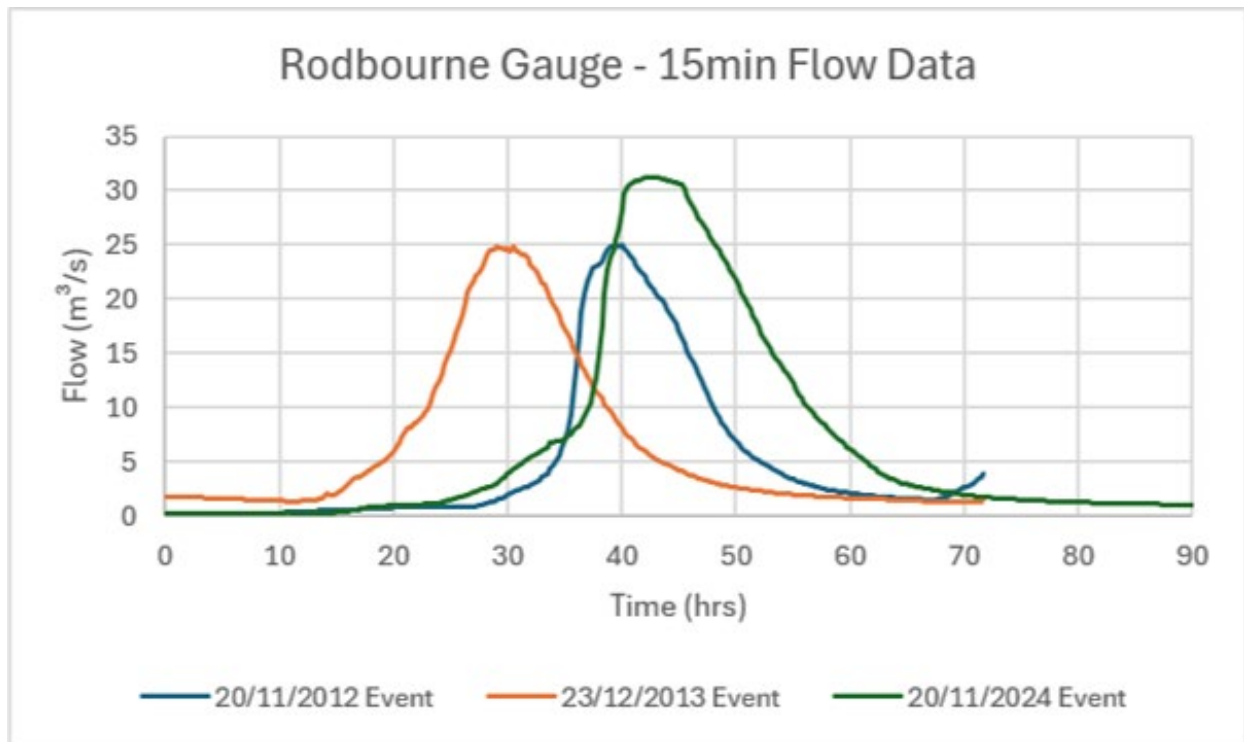
**Rodbourne gauge data:** The NRFA identifies the Gauze Brook gauging station at Rodbourne (station 53020), downstream of the model domain, as having a maximum measured capacity of approximately 0.566 m<sup>3</sup>/s. This is equivalent to approximately 12% of the estimated QMED and is substantially lower than the predicted flows for the less frequent design events considered in this assessment. Flows above this threshold are estimated rather than measured directly, and the 15-minute flow dataset identifies these higher-flow records as being of suspect quality.

Given the limited confidence in the high-flow measurements, the Rodbourne gauge was not considered suitable for enhanced single-site analysis, inclusion in a pooling group, or direct comparison between recorded and predicted peak flows. Although more reliable low-flow records are available, these cannot reliably represent catchment behaviour during flood events, when floodplain storage, hydraulic interaction and runoff routing exert a greater influence on the hydrological response.

A qualitative review of three notable events nevertheless indicates a broadly single-peaked hydrograph response during elevated flows that is consistent with the adopted ReFH2 hydrograph shape (see Figure 3). This qualitative comparison provides additional confidence that the adopted hydrograph profile is representative of the catchment response during higher-flow conditions.

Calibration of the ReFH2 model to the limited high-flow records was not considered appropriate because of the severe rating curve limitations. Any recorded flood peaks rely on extreme extrapolation far beyond the validated data range. Tuning ReFH2 parameters to match these peak values would effectively mean fitting the model to an unverified, extended line of best fit, creating a false impression of accuracy while risking significant distortion of genuine catchment response. Retaining standard, catchment-derived ReFH2 parameters was therefore considered the more robust and proportionate approach.





**Figure 3: Estimated flow hydrographs for three elevated-flow events at Rodbourne gauge (station 53020)**

**2.6.4 Downstream boundary condition:** Downstream water levels are controlled using a normal depth boundary condition derived from the local channel slope at the downstream extent of the model. This approach was adopted due to limited survey coverage beyond the model domain and the absence of known hydraulic controls further downstream. Sensitivity testing was undertaken to assess the influence of reasonable variations in the assumed slope on modelled water levels and flood extents. Results indicated no material change within the study area, and the adopted boundary condition is therefore considered appropriate and proportionate for the purposes of this assessment.

**2.6.5 Railway culvert:** The culvert conveying Gauze Brook beneath the South Wales Main Line railway (survey node GAU01\_04753) could not be fully accessed during the channel survey due to Network Rail boundary constraints. While the downstream face was inaccessible, a detailed survey of the upstream face was completed. The surveyed upstream geometry, barrel details, and measured tunnel length were used to project the downstream parameters and invert levels.

## 2.7 Model Health and Stability

**2.7.1** A review of the log files confirms that there are no comments, warnings or errors warranting attention.

**2.7.2** Cumulative mass balance error statistics confirm excellent volume conservation across all primary simulations, remaining well within  $\pm 1\%$  throughout the design events. Because TUFLOW HPC utilises a finite volume solver scheme, the 2D domain achieves near-zero mass balance error. Minor, localised mass balance fluctuations are restricted to the 1D culvert structures, as can be expected.



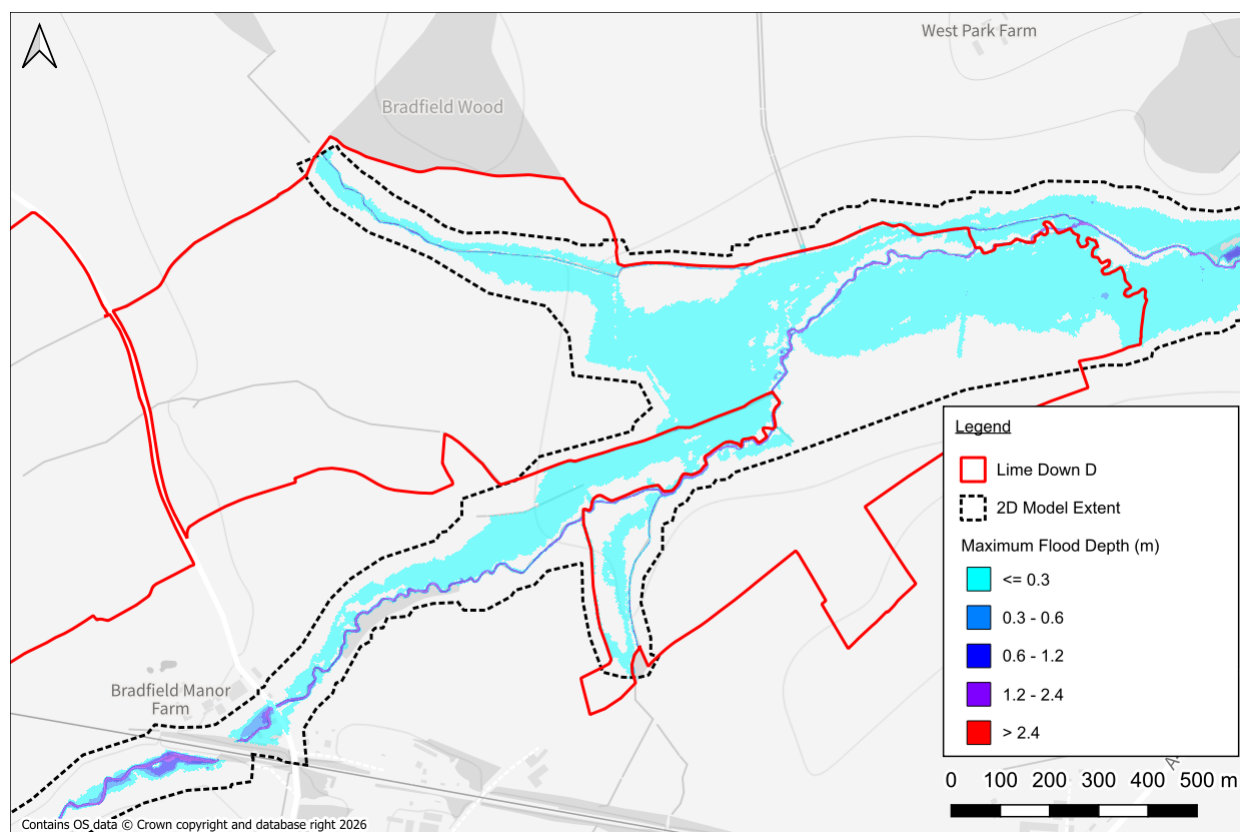
- 2.7.3 The simulation logs record a negligible number of adaptive timestep control adjustments across localised cells (WARNING 2550, with a maximum of 9 instability timestep corrections recorded at isolated cells). These minor automated timestep reductions are standard behaviour within TUFLOW HPC when resolving localised, high-velocity flow transitions through complex geometry. They occur without impacting computational progression or mass conservation.
- 2.7.4 There are no noticeable water surface oscillations or negative depths reported in any primary simulations. Overall, the model demonstrates high numerical stability and provides a robust, reliable technical basis for assessing flood risk across the site.

## **2.8 Results Summary**

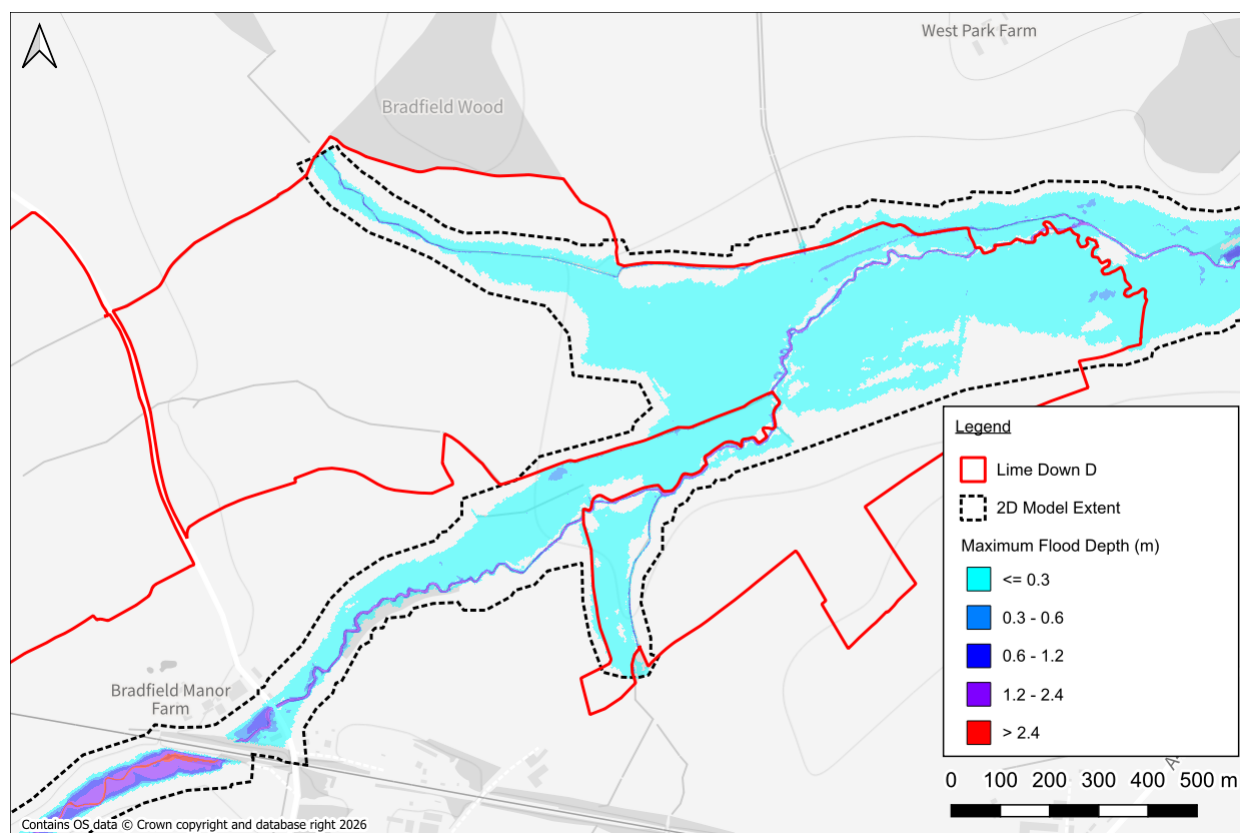
- 2.8.1 Shallow depth flooding (<300mm) is present across Lime Down D during the present day 3.3% AEP event, showing parts of Lime Down D to lie within the functional floodplain.
- 2.8.2 During the 1% AEP +39% climate change event (the design event – higher climate change scenario), floodplain inundation across Lime Down D remains generally shallow, with depths typically less than 300mm over much of the site. Areas of greater depth are largely confined to the main watercourse corridor and immediate overbank margins. Predicted flow velocities across the wider floodplain are generally low (typically <0.5 m/s), with only localised increases within the channel and defined conveyance routes where velocities marginally exceed 1.0 m/s. The overall hydraulic response across the developable area is therefore characterised by shallow, low-energy overbank flow rather than deep or fast-flowing conditions.

Maximum flood depths during the 3.3% AEP and 1% AEP +39%CC events are presented in Figure 4 and Figure 5 respectively.





**Figure 4: Maximum flood depths at Lime Down D, 3.3% present day fluvial event, baseline site layout**

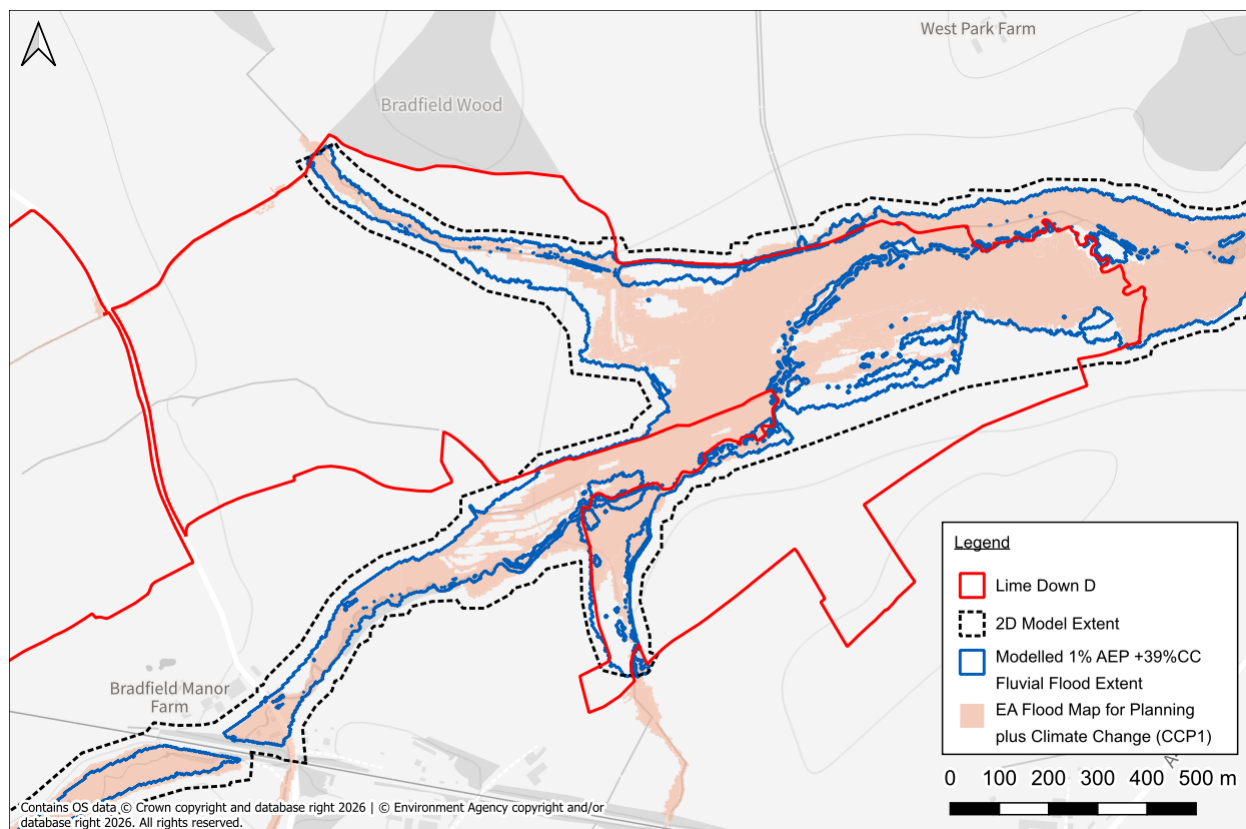


**Figure 5: Maximum flood depths at Lime Down D, 1% AEP +39%CC fluvial event, baseline site layout**



## 2.9 Model Verification and Sensitivity Testing

A comparison has been undertaken between the 1% AEP +39% climate change modelled flood extent and the EA FMfP + climate change extent. The results demonstrate a good overall level of agreement in terms of the spatial distribution of flooding and the general extent of inundation along the main watercourse corridor. Minor localised differences are present, which are expected given differences in model resolution, topographic representation and underlying hydraulic assumptions. However, there is no material divergence in the predicted floodplain behaviour across Lime Down D, and the site-specific modelling is considered to provide a robust and proportionate refinement of the strategic Flood Map for Planning dataset. This comparison can be seen in Figure 6.



**Figure 6: Modelled 1% AEP +39%CC maximum flood extent vs EA Flood Map for Planning (+CC)**

2.9.1 Sensitivity testing was undertaken on key model parameters to assess the robustness of results. The following variations were applied to the 1% AEP +39% climate change simulation:

- ST1 and ST2 – roughness:  $\pm 20\%$
- ST3 and ST4 – inflows:  $\pm 20\%$
- ST5 and ST6 – downstream boundary condition slope:  $\pm 30\%$
- ST7 and ST8 – TUFLOW control number factor:  $\pm 20\%$

2.9.2 The adopted sensitivity ranges ( $\pm 20\%$  for roughness, inflows, and stability factors and  $\pm 30\%$  for downstream boundary slope) are considered proportionate and representative of reasonable uncertainty in hydrological estimation and roughness parameterisation for a rural catchment of this scale. A larger variation was applied to the downstream boundary slope to reflect the greater uncertainty

associated with extrapolating channel gradient beyond the surveyed model extent. As slope influences the stage–discharge relationship through the square root term within Manning’s equation, a modest increase in slope can produce a proportionally smaller change in conveyance; the  $\pm 30\%$  range was therefore selected to provide a meaningful test of boundary condition sensitivity while remaining within realistic hydraulic bounds.

2.9.3 The model outputs were not found to be particularly sensitive to any of the tested parameters, with relatively minor variations observed in peak flow and flood extent for all tests across much of the model. This suggests that the model is reasonably robust to typical uncertainties in input data and configuration.

2.9.4 Key statistics from the sensitivity tests are presented in Table 4.

**Table 4: Sensitivity test outcomes vs baseline**

| Sensitivity Test | Differences in Water Level<br>Whole Model<br>(mm) |                                               | Differences in Water Level<br>Within 50m of Lime Down D(mm) |                                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                  | Maximum                                           | 10 <sup>th</sup> -90 <sup>th</sup> %ile range | Maximum                                                     | 10 <sup>th</sup> -90 <sup>th</sup> %ile range |
| ST1              | +345                                              | +1 to +50                                     | -327                                                        | <b>+1 to +26</b>                              |
| ST2              | -378                                              | -2 to -55                                     | +349                                                        | <b>-1 to -28</b>                              |
| ST3              | +736                                              | +2 to +71                                     | +302                                                        | <b>+1 to +28</b>                              |
| ST4              | -764                                              | -2 to -75                                     | +359                                                        | <b>-2 to -39</b>                              |
| ST5              | +130                                              | 0                                             | +134                                                        | <b>0</b>                                      |
| ST6              | +177                                              | 0                                             | +136                                                        | <b>0</b>                                      |
| ST7              | -238                                              | 0 to +2                                       | -238                                                        | <b>0</b>                                      |
| ST8              | -709                                              | -3 to 0                                       | -209                                                        | <b>-1 to 0</b>                                |

2.9.5 The sensitivity testing shows that model results respond to changes in key parameters, with roughness and flow uplifts having the greatest influence on flood depths across the model as expected. However, the magnitude and spatial extent of these changes are generally limited, particularly within and adjacent to Lime Down D, where variations in predicted depths are typically small and localised. The downstream boundary condition was also shown to have negligible influence on flood levels across the site.

2.9.6 Flood mapping comparing the sensitivity tests flood extents against baseline is presented in Appendix B.

2.9.7 Overall, the sensitivity testing demonstrates that the model responds in a hydraulically realistic manner to changes in key parameters, while the principal conclusions regarding flood behaviour and depth across Lime Down D remain consistent. The model is therefore considered robust and appropriate for informing the **Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy for Lime Down D (Appendix 11-6, EN010168/APP/6.3)**.



## 3. Conclusions and Recommendations

### 3.1 Conclusions

- 3.1.1 A site-specific 2D hydraulic model has been developed to assess fluvial flood risk to Lime Down D, where the proposed solar infrastructure and BESS intersect Flood Zones 2 and 3 associated with Gauze Brook. The model has been constructed using detailed topographic and channel survey data, supported by EA LiDAR, and represents the hydraulic behaviour of the main watercourse and adjacent floodplain at a resolution proportionate to the scale of the catchment and development.
- 3.1.2 Hydrological inputs were derived using ReFH2 rainfall-runoff modelling and FEH Statistical methods in accordance with current EA guidance, with conservative FEH Statistical peak flows adopted. Inflows were applied using a catchment-based approach and the model configuration incorporates appropriate boundary conditions, structures and parameterisation to simulate both in-channel and overbank processes. Model health checks, mass balance performance and numerical stability testing indicate that the model performs reliably and is suitable for assessment purposes.
- 3.1.3 Predicted flooding across Lime Down D during the 1% AEP +39% climate change design event is generally shallow, with depths typically less than 300mm across much of the site and low velocities (typically <0.5m/s) across the floodplain. Areas of deeper or faster flow are largely confined to the existing watercourse corridor and localised low-lying areas. The overall hydraulic response across the developable area is therefore characterised by shallow, low-energy overbank flooding rather than deep or fast-flowing conditions.
- 3.1.4 Comparison of the modelled flood extent with the EA FMfP + climate change extents shows good overall agreement, indicating that the model provides an appropriate refinement of the strategic mapping for this location. Sensitivity testing demonstrates that the model responds realistically to variations in key parameters, while the principal conclusions regarding flood behaviour and depth across Lime Down D remain consistent.
- 3.1.5 On this basis, the hydraulic modelling provides a robust and proportionate technical evidence base for assessing fluvial flood risk to the proposed development and informing the Flood Risk Assessment.

### 3.2 Recommendations

- 3.2.1 The site-specific hydraulic model and associated outputs should be used to inform **ES Volume 3, Appendix 11-6: Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy - Lime Down D [REP4-031]**, including refinement of Gauze Brook flood extents, depth mapping and consideration of the proposed BESS location within Lime Down D.
- 3.2.2 The modelling results indicate that flood risk across the developable area is dominated by shallow floodplain interaction. It is recommended that the development layout continues to consider these findings, including appropriate siting, finished levels and management of residual flood risk in accordance with national planning policy and EA guidance.



**Appendices**

**Appendix A – Limitations**

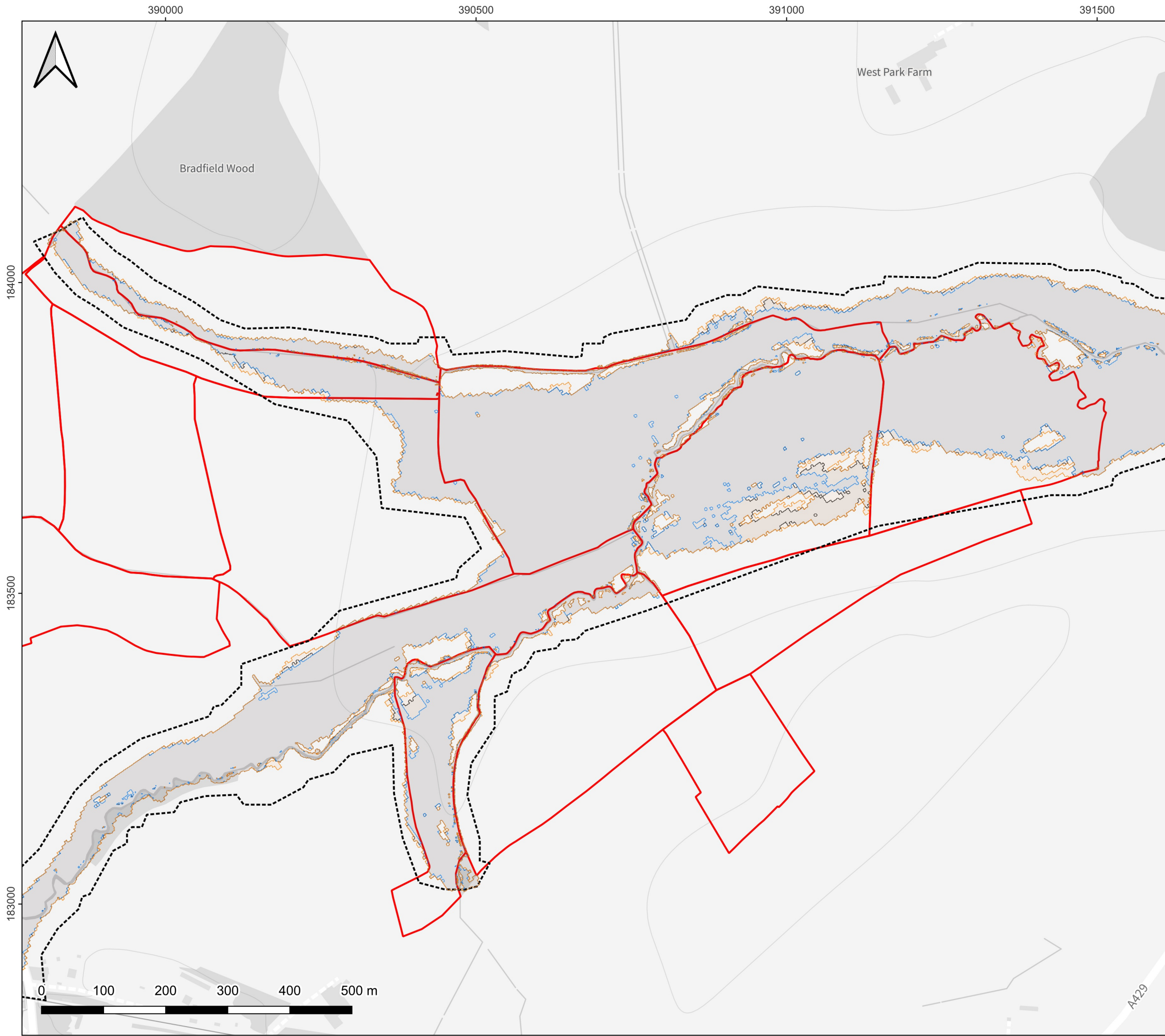
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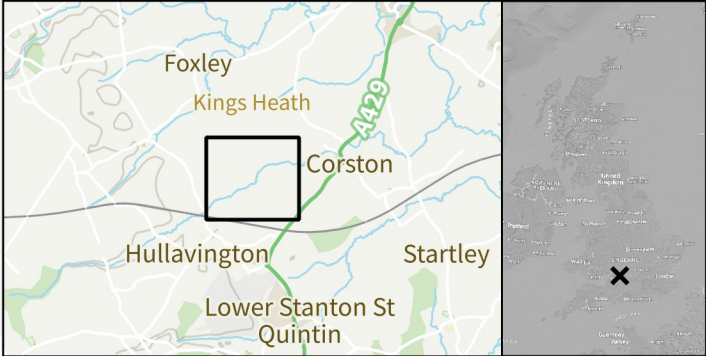


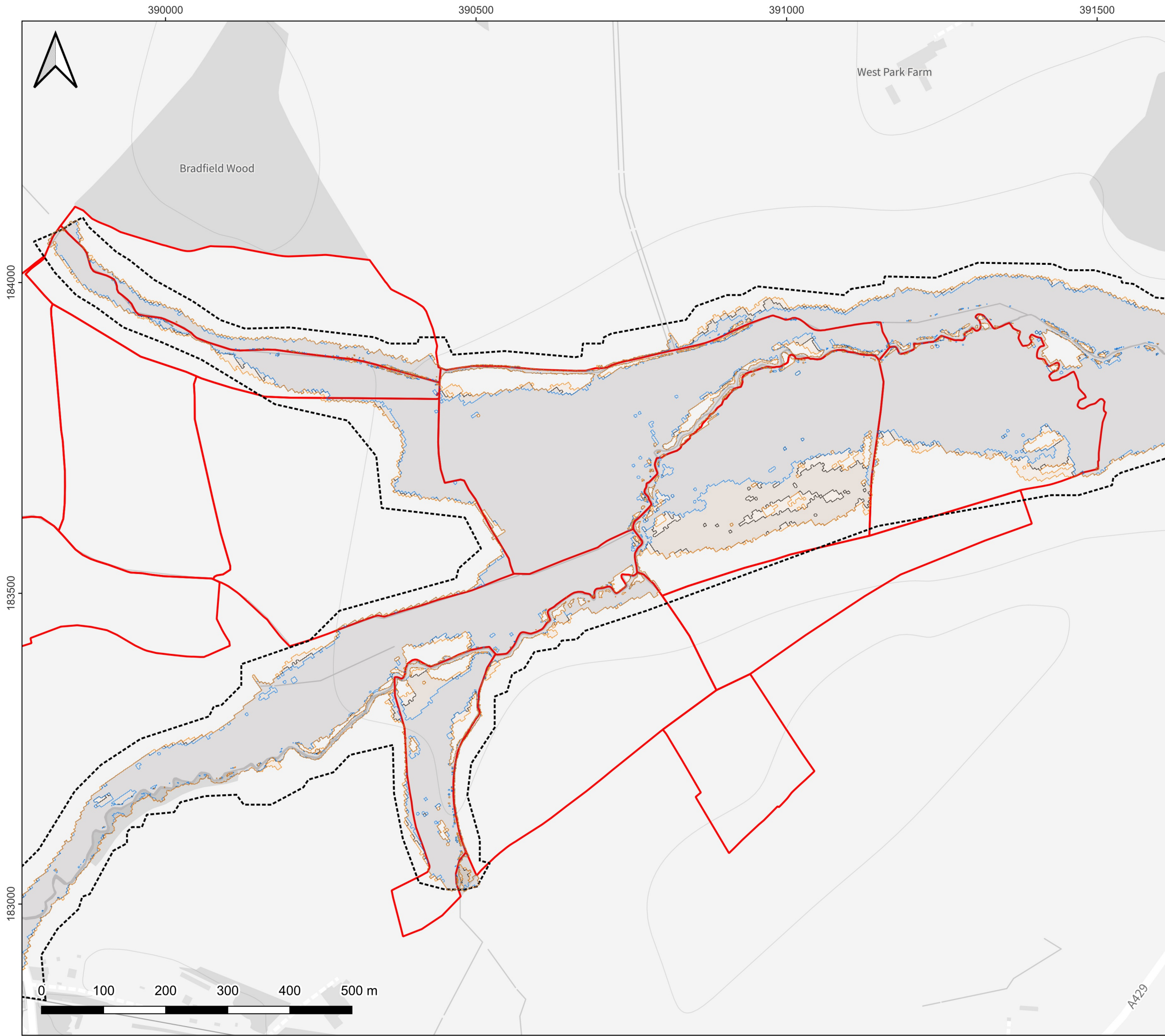
**Appendix B – Sensitivity Test Mapping**



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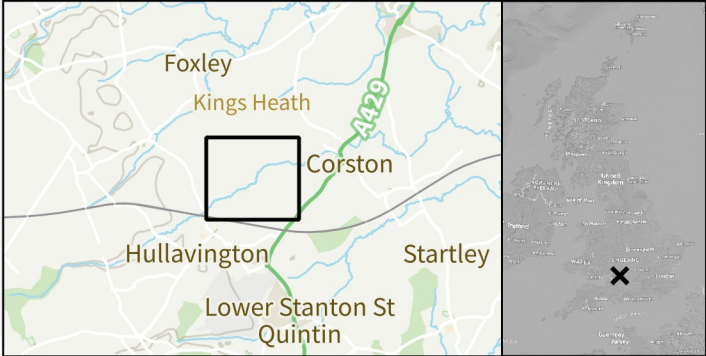
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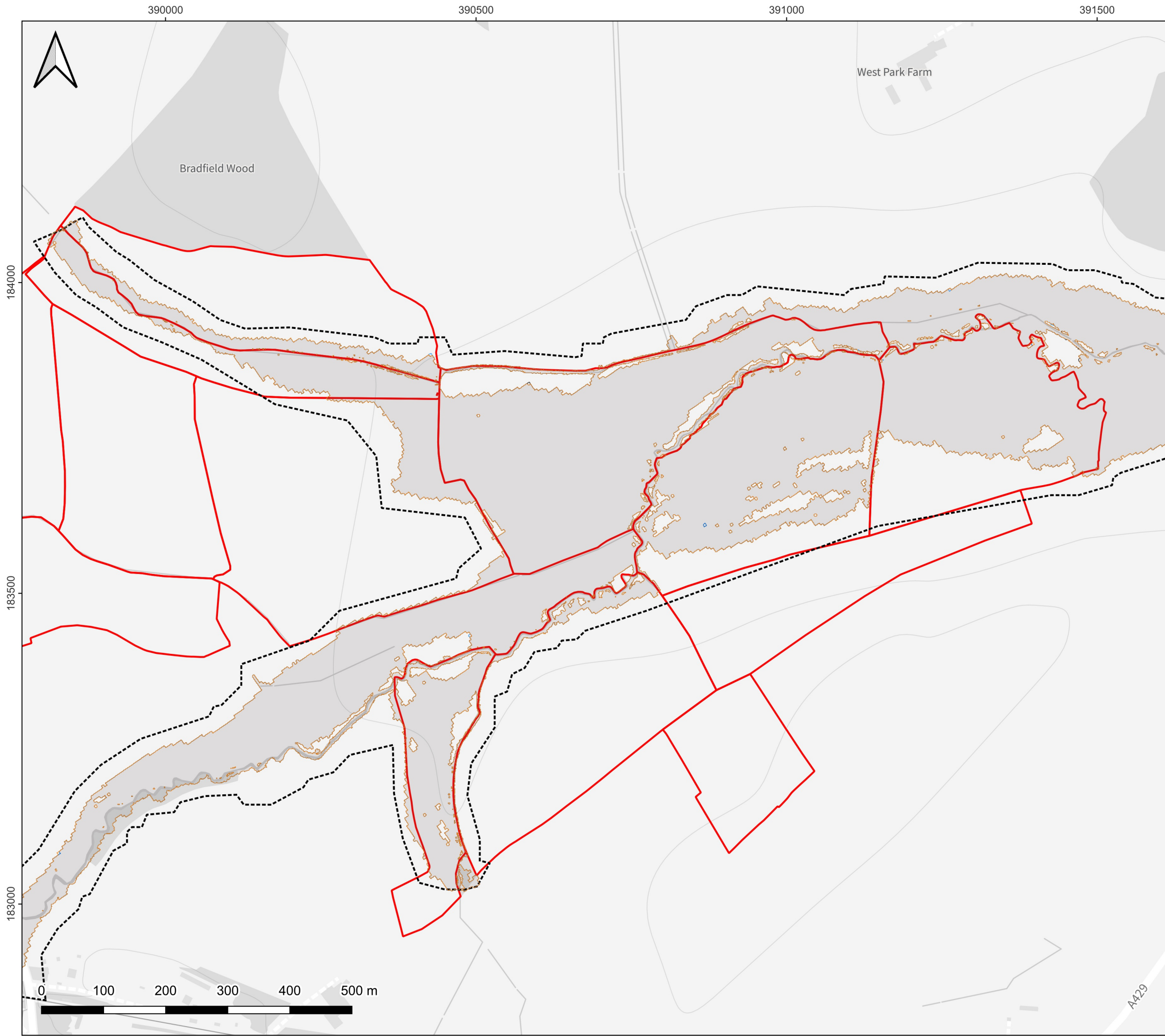




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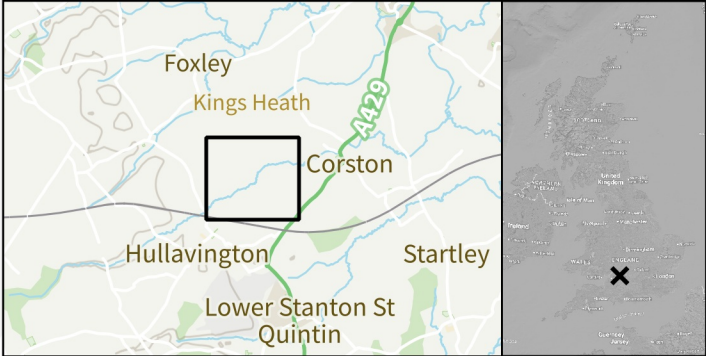
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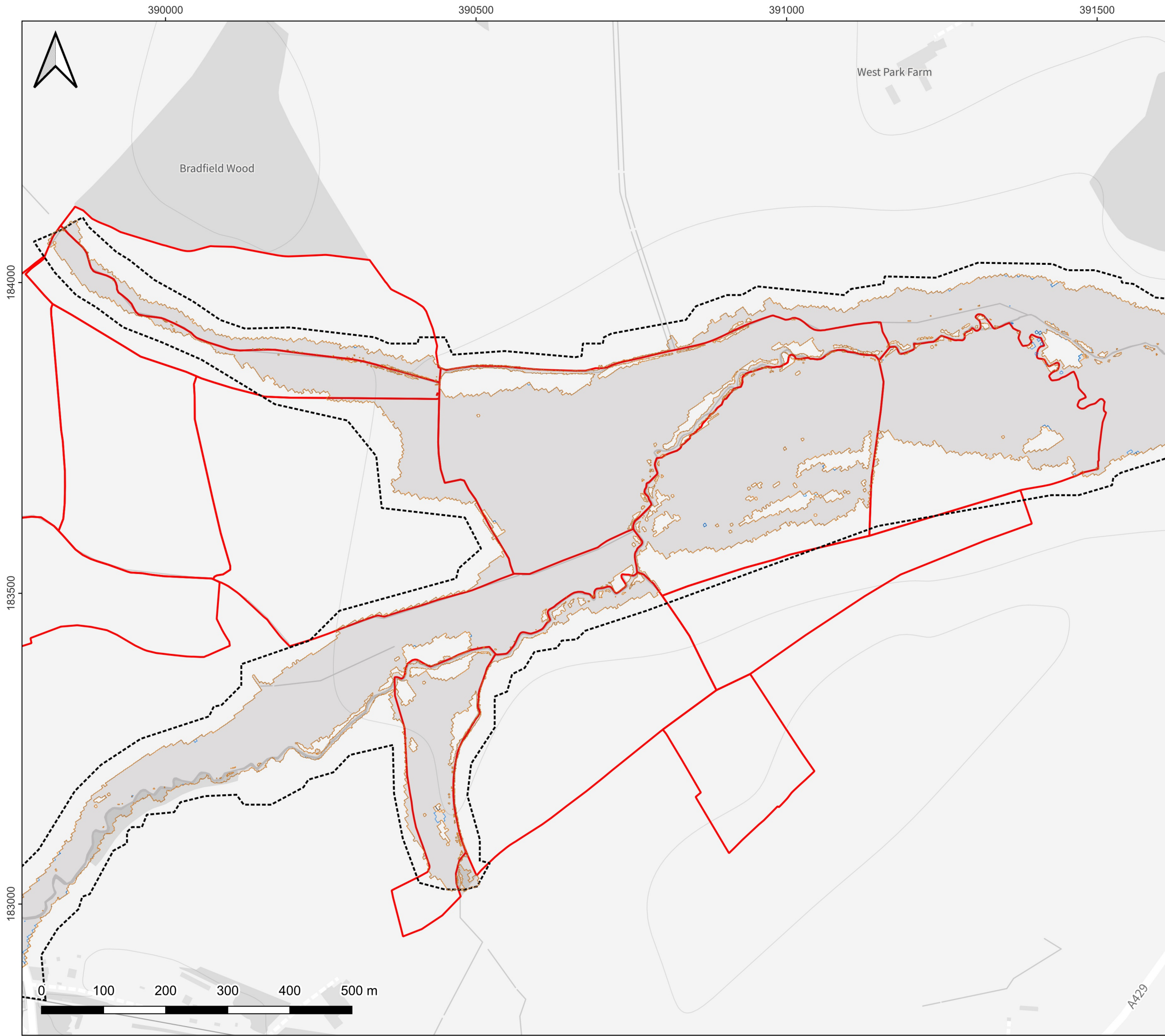




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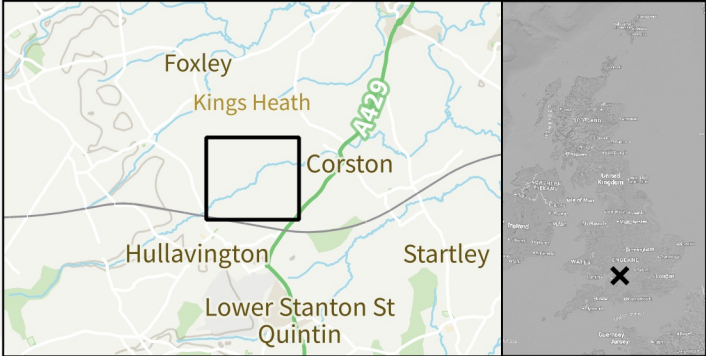
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## **Appendix C – FEH Calculation Method**



# Hydrology Assessment

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# Abbreviations

|            |                                                                       |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AEP        | annual exceedance probability                                         |
| AM         | Annual Maximum                                                        |
| AREA       | Catchment area (km <sup>2</sup> )                                     |
| BFI        | Base Flow Index                                                       |
| BFIHOST    | Base Flow Index derived using the HOST soil classification            |
| CPRE       | Council for the Protection of Rural England                           |
| FARL       | FEH index of flood attenuation due to reservoirs and lakes            |
| FEH        | Flood Estimation Handbook                                             |
| FSR        | Flood Studies Report                                                  |
| HOST       | Hydrology of Soil Types                                               |
| NRFA       | National River Flow Archive                                           |
| OS         | Ordnance Survey                                                       |
| POT        | Peaks Over a Threshold                                                |
| QMED       | Median Annual Flood (with return period 2 years)                      |
| ReFH       | Revitalised Flood Hydrograph method                                   |
| ReFH2      | Revitalised Flood Hydrograph 2 method                                 |
| SAAR       | Standard Average Annual Rainfall (mm)                                 |
| SPR        | Standard percentage runoff                                            |
| SPRHOST    | Standard percentage runoff derived using the HOST soil classification |
| Tp(0)      | Time to peak of the instantaneous unit hydrograph                     |
| URBAN      | Flood Studies Report index of fractional urban extent                 |
| URBEXT1990 | FEH index of fractional urban extent                                  |
| URBEXT2000 | Revised index of urban extent, measured differently from URBEXT1990   |
| WINFAP-FEH | Windows Frequency Analysis Package – used for FEH statistical method  |

# 1. Summary of Assessment

## 1.1 Summary

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Catchment location</b>         | The study catchment for Gauze Brook is located in the Avon Bristol and North Somerset Streams Management Catchment, northeast of Bristol and west of Swindon. The catchment flow estimation point is located at National Grid Reference (NGR) ST 93083 84428, a short distance downstream of Corston.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Purpose of study and scope</b> | Hydrological analysis has been carried out to derive peak flow estimates for flow estimation points along Gauze Brook. This study aims to derive peak flow estimates for a range of AEP events to inform hydraulic modelling of the watercourse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Key catchment features</b>     | <p>Key catchment characteristics for Gauze Brook are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The catchment predominantly consists of rural land. Hullavington and Corston fall within the catchment and make up the majority of the small extent of urban area;</li><li>• Smaller tributaries split off from Gauze Brook upstream of Corston, with two sub-catchment areas identified within the study catchment;</li><li>• The catchment is moderately steep with a consistent gradient along its length;</li><li>• Catchment geology comprises a mix of moderately permeable and impermeable soils, consisting of a mix of slowly permeable seasonally wet loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage or shallow soils over limestone; and,</li><li>• No notable reservoirs or larger waterbodies are located in the catchment.</li></ul> |
| <b>Flooding mechanisms</b>        | Flood mapping from the EA's NAFRA2 dataset indicates that flooding along Gauze Brook and its tributaries is largely confined to the low lying land immediately adjacent to the channels, reflecting the generally channelised nature of the watercourses and the capacity of the adjoining functional floodplain to contain out of bank flows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Gauged / ungauged</b>                          | The Rodbourne river gauge station (53020 Gauze Brook @ Rodbourne) is located a short distance downstream of the study area; however, this is designated as a low flow station to monitor the impact of groundwater abstraction/recharge on river flow and is not indicated as being suitable for QMED estimates or pooling. Gauze Brook is therefore considered to be ungauged within the study area. |
| <b>Final choice of method</b>                     | The statistical method is preferred for the catchment and sub-catchment peak flow estimates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Key limitations / uncertainties in results</b> | As the catchment is ungauged and there is inherent uncertainty in the estimated QMED value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## 1.2 Note on Flood Frequencies

The frequency of a flood can be quoted in terms of a return period, which is defined as the average time between years with at least one larger flood, or as an annual exceedance probability (AEP), which is the inverse of the return period.

The results presented in this document are quoted in terms of return period. The table below provides a quick conversion between return periods and annual exceedance probabilities.

|                            |    |    |    |    |    |      |    |      |     |     |     |      |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| <b>AEP (%)</b>             | 50 | 20 | 10 | 5  | 4  | 3.33 | 0  | 1.33 | 1   | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1  |
| <b>Return Period (yrs)</b> | 2  | 5  | 10 | 20 | 25 | 30   | 50 | 75   | 100 | 200 | 500 | 1000 |

## 2. Method Statement

### 2.1 Requirements for Flood Estimates

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Overview</b>      | <p>This study aims to derive peak flow estimates for flow estimation points along Gauze Brook. This study aims to derive peak flow estimates for a range of AEP events to inform hydraulic modelling of the watercourse. The study catchment for Gauze Brook is located in the Avon Bristol and North Somerset Streams Management Catchment, northeast of Bristol and west of Swindon</p> <p>The content and level of detail provided in this section will depend on the scope of the study. The following should be included as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purpose of study</li><li>• Peak flows or hydrographs?</li><li>• Design events for which flow estimates are to be made given as AEP (%)</li><li>• Climate change allowances with reference to relevant guidance</li><li>• Potential number of locations for flow estimation</li><li>• The purpose of the document</li></ul> |
| <b>Project Scope</b> | <p>The catchment flow estimation point (GB01) is located at NGR ST 93083 84428, a short distance downstream of Corston. Additional sub-catchment estimation points have been defined to generate flows at the confluence of the unnamed watercourse (GB02) and Gauze Brook (GB03), situated at NGR ST 91550 83897, the area of interest and proposed hydraulic modelling within the study catchment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• • Review of existing studies?</li><li>• • Rating reviews / updates?</li><li>• • Simple / detailed flood history review?</li><li>• • ReFH model parameter estimation?</li><li>• • Joint probability?</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### 2.2 The Catchment

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Description | <p>The FEH derived catchment for Gauze Brook and its tributaries drains an area of 23.17km<sup>2</sup>. The FEH catchments for the flow estimation points are illustrated in Annex A.</p> <p>The Gauze Brook catchment predominantly consists of rural land. Hullavington and Corston fall within the catchment and make up the majority of the small extent of urban area.</p> <p>Smaller tributaries split off from Gauze Brook upstream of Corston, with two distinct sub-catchment areas identified within the study catchment.</p> <p>The catchment is moderately steep with a consistent gradient along its length.</p> <p>Catchment geology comprises a mix of moderately permeable and impermeable soils, consisting of a mix of slowly permeable seasonally wet loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage or shallow soils over limestone.</p> <p>No notable reservoirs of large waterbodies are located in study catchment.</p> |
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2.3 Source of Flood Peak Data

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|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Overview | NRFA peak flows dataset, Version 14.0.1, released August 2025. This contains data up to water year 2024. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

2.4 Gauging Stations (flow or level)

| Watercourse | Station Name | Gauging Authority Number | NRFA Number | Catchment area (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Type (rated / ultrasonic / level...) | Start of record and end if station closed |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|

The Rodbourne river gauge station (53020 Gauze Brook @ Rodbourne) is located a short distance downstream of the study area; however, this is designated as a low flow station to monitor the impact of groundwater abstraction/recharge on river flow and is not indicated as being suitable for QMED estimates or pooling. Gauze Brook is therefore considered to be ungauged within the study area.

## 2.5 Data Available at Gauging Stations

| Station Name             | Start and end of NRFA flood peak record | Updated for this study? | Suitable for QMED? | Suitable for Pooling? | Data quality check needed? | Other comments on station and flow data quality |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| No gauge data available. |                                         |                         |                    |                       |                            |                                                 |

## 2.6 Rating Equations

| Station Name             | Type of rating | Rating review needed? | Comments and link to any rating reviews |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| No gauge data available. |                |                       |                                         |

## 2.7 Other Data Available

| Type of data                                       | Data relevant to this study? | Data available? | Source of data | Details |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Check flow gaugings (if planned to review ratings) | Yes.                         | No.             | N/A.           | N/A.    |

|                                            |      |     |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| <b>Historical flood data</b>               | Yes. | No. | N/A. | N/A. |
| <b>Flow or river level data for events</b> | Yes. | No. | N/A. | N/A. |
| <b>Rainfall data for events</b>            | Yes. | No. | N/A. | N/A. |
| <b>Potential evaporation data</b>          | No.  | No. | N/A. | N/A. |
| <b>Results from previous studies</b>       | Yes. | No. | N/A. | N/A. |
| <b>Other data or information</b>           | No.  | No. | N/A. | N/A. |

## 2.8 Hydrological Understanding of Catchment

|                                                    |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Plots of flow data and interpretation</b>       | No gauge data available. |
| <b>Plots of flood peak data and interpretation</b> |                          |

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| <b>Unusual catchment features</b> | Gauze Brook is predominantly rural, covers an area with soils of mixed permeability, is moderately steep with a consistent gradient along the length of the catchment, and no notable reservoirs of large waterbodies are located within the catchment. No unusual catchment features are noted for the study area. |
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## 2.9 Initial Choice of Approach

|                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Is FEH appropriate?</b>                                         | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Initial choice of method(s) and reasons</b>                     | Both the ReFH2 and Statistical methods are appropriate noting no significant influence from attenuation within the catchment.                                                          |
| <b>How will hydrograph shapes be derived if needed?</b>            | A lumped sum peak flow estimates have been produced for Gauze Brook (GB01). Peak flow estimates have also assessed for two sub catchment areas (GB02 and GB03) illustrated in Annex A. |
| <b>Will the catchment be split into subcatchments? If so, how?</b> | Catchment and Sub-catchment flow estimates have also been assessed and used to derive flow for the intervening area illustrated in Annex A.                                            |
| <b>Software to be used (with version numbers)</b>                  | FEH Web Service <sup>1</sup> / WINFAP 5.3 <sup>2</sup> / ReFH2.3.                                                                                                                      |

<sup>1</sup> CEH 2015. The Flood Estimation Handbook (FEH) Online Service, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford, UK.

<sup>2</sup> WINFAP 5.3 © Wallingford HydroSolutions Limited 2012.

### 3. Locations of Flood Estimates

#### 3.1 Summary of Subject Sites

The table below lists the locations of subject sites. The site codes listed below are used in all subsequent tables.

| Site code | Type of estimate<br>L: Lumped catchment<br>AW: Area Weighted <sup>3</sup> | Watercourse         | Description of site | Easting | Northing | AREA on FEH Webservice (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Revised AREA if altered |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GB01      | L                                                                         | Gauze Brook         | Rural catchment     | 393083  | 184428   | 23.17                                     | 26.53                   |
| GB02      | L (Sub-catchment)                                                         | Unnamed Watercourse | Rural catchment     | 391347  | 183964   | 2.07                                      | 2.27                    |
| GB03      | L (Sub-catchment)                                                         | Gauze Brook         | Rural catchment     | 391348  | 183935   | 15.86                                     | 20.23                   |

#### 3.2 Important Catchment Descriptors at Each Site

| Site code | FARL2015 | PROPWET | BFIHOST2019 Scaled | DPLBAR <sup>4</sup> (km) | DPSBAR (m/km) | SAAR 9120 (mm) | URBEXT2015 | FPEXT |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| GB01      | 1.00     | 0.34    | 0.619              | 6.79                     | 24.4          | 865            | 0.012      | 0.117 |
| GB02      | 1.00     | 0.34    | 0.535              | 1.85                     | 20.0          | 872            | 0.0        | 0.122 |
| GB03      | 1.00     | 0.34    | 0.642              | 6.23                     | 25.9          | 876            | 0.010      | 0.112 |

<sup>3</sup> Proxy site used for area weighting detailed in Annex A

<sup>4</sup> Where FEH Webservice catchment area has been updated, DPLBAR has been updated using the Adjusting DPLBAR Values formula, FEH Volume 5

### 3.3 Check Catchment Descriptors

|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p><b>Record how catchment boundary was checked and describe any changes</b></p>            | <p>Initial catchment extents were generated by FEH web service. Rolling ball analysis, using 1m EA LiDAR data, was performed in QGIS to confirm the rural extents for the catchment and sub catchments.</p> <p>This assessment showed a moderate increase in catchment area for GB01 and sub-catchment areas GB02 and GB03, with an additional elongated section of catchment being shown to drain to Gauze Brook from the west. A small increase in area was also observed to the north in the lower reach of the Gauze Brook catchment. The FEH catchment and updated catchment area are illustrated in in Annex A.</p> <p>Given the rural nature of the study catchment, the catchment boundary has been validated against available topographical data, which should reasonably represent the true contributing area. In the absence of significant urban development, sewer networks are unlikely to extend or reduce the topographic catchment, and therefore are not expected to materially influence the delineation.</p> <p>Given the mix of permeable and impermeable geological conditions across the catchment, flow behaviour is not expected to be materially influenced by groundwater conditions or by any potential differences between the topographic catchment and the groundwater body catchment. As such, the delineated surface water catchment is considered an appropriate representation of the contributing area for hydrological assessment.</p> |
| <p><b>Record how other catchment descriptors were checked and describe any changes.</b></p> | <p>As updates to the catchment area have resulted in a more elongated catchment form, the mean distance to the outlet is correspondingly affected. The DPLBAR parameter has therefore been revised to reflect the increased distance to the catchment outlet, ensuring that the hydrological descriptors remain consistent with the updated catchment geometry.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                      | Aerial mapping, LiDAR data and British Geological Survey mapping were used to reaffirm the existing catchment descriptor values. As the extended catchment areas exhibit similar gradients and geological characteristics, updates to DPSBAR and BFIHOST were not considered necessary. All remaining descriptors continue to provide a reasonable fit to the updated catchment extent. |
| <b>Source of URBEXT</b>              | URBEXT2015.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Method for updating of URBEXT</b> | URBEXT2015 was updated to 2025 using the formula outlined in The FEH 2025 Statistical Method Update (v1.2).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## 4. Statistical Method

### 4.1 Application of Statistical method

#### What is the purpose of applying this method?

Brief summary of the reasons, specific to this study, for applying the method. For example, lumped estimates at key locations for the purpose of checking modelled peak flow estimates.

To derive peak flow estimates for a range of AEP events for Gauze Brook and for comparison against ReFH2 peak flow estimates.

### 4.2 Overview of estimation of QMED at each subject site

| Site code                                    | QMED (rural) from CDs (m³/s) | Final method | Data transfer                          |                                                 |                                                      |                                                                                     | Urban Adjustment Factor, UAF               | Final estimate of QMED (m³/s) |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                              |                              |              | NRFA numbers for donor sites (see 4.3) | Distance between centroid, d <sub>sg</sub> (km) | Moderated QMED adjustment factor, (A/B) <sup>a</sup> | If more than one donor                                                              |                                            |                               |
|                                              |                              |              |                                        |                                                 |                                                      | Weighted ave. adjustment                                                            |                                            |                               |
| GB01                                         | 4.03                         | DT           | 8                                      | -                                               | -                                                    | 1.176                                                                               | Study catchment is rural. UAF not applied. | 4.74                          |
| GB02                                         | 0.71                         | DT           | 8                                      | -                                               | -                                                    | 1.164                                                                               |                                            | 0.82                          |
| GB03                                         | 3.0                          | DT           | 8                                      | -                                               | -                                                    | 1.185                                                                               |                                            | 3.55                          |
| Are the values of QMED spatially consistent? |                              |              |                                        |                                                 |                                                      | Yes. Catchment estimate (GB01) larger than sub catchment estimates (GB02 and GB03). |                                            |                               |

**Method used for urban adjustment for subject and donor sites**WINFAP v5.3<sup>5</sup>**4.3 Search for donor sites for QMED (if applicable)****Comment on potential donor sites**

Provide details regarding how potential donors were selected and the reasons why they were chosen / rejected.

Include a map if necessary, which shows the location of the study catchment and donor stations under consideration.

Section 4 of the Flood Estimation Guidelines provides guidance on selecting a donor(s) for data transfer.

WINFAP5 was used to identify suitable donors. A review of WINFAP's initial donor selection for the catchment and sub catchments, and the potential donor sites were considered.

For GB01, GB02 and GB03, station 53008 (Avon @ Great Somerford) was initially considered as the sole donor station due to its close proximity, its location within the same wider watershed catchment, and its broadly comparable SAAR, FARL2015 and BFIHOST19Scaled values. However, although the station shares similar catchment characteristics, its catchment area is substantially larger than both the main study catchment and its sub-catchments.

As the default donor station selection provides a set of gauges with a range of contributing areas closer to the study catchment and its sub-catchments, this provides greater confidence that a QMED adjustment ratio appropriately reflecting local hydrological behaviour is captured. Retaining the default set of eight donor stations also represents a precautionary approach, as it results in a larger adjusted QMED estimate, ensuring conservatism in subsequent flow calculations.

Noting the above, WINFAP's default donor station selections have been retained. Default donor sites are outlined in Section 4.4 below.

**4.4 Donor sites chosen and QMED adjustment factors**

When QMED is estimated from POT data, it should also be adjusted for climatic variation; this is not the same as climate change. Climatic variability can result in flood-rich or flood-poor periods. A short record might only include flood-rich years or flood-poor years, this will distort the QMED estimate.

<sup>5</sup> WINFAP 5.3 Urban adjustment procedures.

FEH Volume 3, Chapter 20, provides the methodology to adjust QMED for climatic variation. It is recommended that this carried out if the station record is shorter than 14 years.

QMED from catchment descriptors is the 'as rural' value (for rural donors), i.e. with no urban adjustment factor applied.

The adjustment ratio is the adjustment in full, with no distance factor applied.

| NRFA no. | Method (AM or POT) | Adjustment for climatic variation? | QMED from flow data (A) | QMED from catchment descriptors (B) | Adjustment ratio (A/B) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 53008    | AM                 | No                                 | 39.241                  | 29.495                              | 1.291                  |
| 53023    | AM                 | No                                 | 7.396                   | 6.610                               | 1.086                  |
| 53028    | AM                 | No                                 | 10.703                  | 8.252                               | 1.236                  |
| 53017    | AM                 | No                                 | 13.946                  | 9.856                               | 1.363                  |
| 39037    | AM                 | No                                 | 3.183                   | 3.180                               | 0.941                  |
| 43017    | AM                 | No                                 | 5.486                   | 2.967                               | 1.726                  |
| 43014    | AM                 | No                                 | 3.844                   | 4.416                               | 0.821                  |
| 43028    | AM                 | No                                 | 1.965                   | 1.783                               | 1.087                  |
| 53004    | AM                 | No                                 | 21.413                  | 14.471                              | 1.431                  |
| 39020    | AM                 | No                                 | 3.610                   | 5.411                               | 0.645                  |

#### 4.5 Derivation of Pooling Groups

| Name of group | Site code from whose descriptors group was derived | Subject site treated as gauged?<br>(enhanced single site analysis) | Changes made to default pooling group, with reasons                                                                                                                                                   | Weighted average L-moments<br>L-CV and L-skew<br>(before urban adjustment) |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GB01          | GB01                                               | No                                                                 | Several sites removed due to high BFIHOST values, negative skew, and high discordancy. Additional gauges with a low number of data years were also excluded, as they were not required to achieve the | L-CV: 0.255<br>L-SKEW: 0.189                                               |

|                                                                                                                                               |      |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                               |      |    | recommended 800 years of pooled data. Adjusted pooling group gives improved distribution fit with a negligible change in growth curve values.                                                                                                                          |                              |
| GB02                                                                                                                                          | GB02 | No | Adjusted pooling group reviewed, removing stations with high BFIHOST values, negative skew, and high discordancy. However, distribution fit did not improve and adjusted pooling group results in lower growth curve values. Default pooling therefore group retained. | L-CV: 0.266<br>L-SKEW: 0.232 |
| GB03                                                                                                                                          | GB03 | No | Adjusted pooling group reviewed, removing stations with high BFIHOST values, negative skew, and high discordancy. However, distribution fit did not improve and adjusted pooling group results in lower growth curve values. Default pooling therefore group retained. | L-CV: 0.270<br>L-SKEW: 0.189 |
| <b>Note:</b> Pooling groups were derived using the redeveloped pooling method outlined in The FEH 2025 Statistical Method Update (June 2025). |      |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |

#### 4.6 Derivation of flood growth curves at subject sites

| Site code | Method (SS, P, ESS, J) | If P, ESS or J, name of pooling group | Distribution used and reason for choice              | Note any urban adjustment or permeable adjustment | Parameters for distribution (location, scale and shape after adjustments) | Growth factor for 100-year return period |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| GB01      | P                      | GB01                                  | General logistic – gives larger growth curve values. | NA                                                | Location: 1<br>L-CV: 0.255<br>L-SKEW: 0.189                               | 2.902                                    |
| GB02      | P                      | GB02                                  | General logistic – gives larger growth curve values. | NA                                                | Location: 1<br>L-CV: 0.266<br>L-SKEW: 0.232                               | 3.215                                    |
| GB03      | P                      | GB03                                  | General logistic – gives larger growth curve values. | NA                                                | Location: 1<br>L-CV: 0.270                                                | 3.029                                    |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |  |  |               |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---------------|--|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |  |  | L-SKEW: 0.189 |  |
| <b>Notes:</b><br>Methods: SS – Single site; P – Pooled; ESS – Enhanced single site; J – Joint analysis. Urban adjustments are all carried out using the method of Kjeldsen (2010). Growth curves were derived using the procedures from Science Report SC050050 (2008). |  |  |  |  |               |  |

#### 4.7 Flood Estimates from Statistical Method

| Site code | Flood peak (m <sup>3</sup> /s) for the following return periods (in years) |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|           | 2                                                                          | 5    | 10   | 20   | 25    | 30    | 50    | 75    | 100   | 200   | 1000  |
| GB01      | 4.75                                                                       | 6.69 | 8.09 | 9.59 | 10.10 | 10.54 | 11.82 | 12.92 | 13.75 | 15.94 | 22.24 |
| GB02      | 0.82                                                                       | 1.19 | 1.46 | 1.76 | 1.87  | 1.96  | 2.23  | 2.47  | 2.65  | 3.14  | 4.62  |
| GB03      | 3.55                                                                       | 5.11 | 6.23 | 7.43 | 7.84  | 8.18  | 9.21  | 10.09 | 10.75 | 12.50 | 17.55 |

| Site code | Flood peak (m <sup>3</sup> /s) for the following return periods (in years) |              |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|           | 100 +CC(19%)                                                               | 100 +CC(38%) |
| GB01      | 16.36                                                                      | 18.97        |
| GB02      | 3.15                                                                       | 3.65         |
| GB03      | 12.79                                                                      | 14.84        |

## 5. Revitalised Flood Hydrograph 2 (ReFH2) method

### 5.1 Application of the ReFH2 method

#### What is the purpose of applying this method?

Brief summary of the reasons, specific to this study, for applying the method. For example, lumped estimates at key locations for the purpose of checking modelled peak flow estimates, distributed approach to apply inflows to a hydraulic model, deriving hydrograph shapes only, extending the flood frequency curve out to extreme events (long return periods).

To derive peak flow estimates for a range of AEP events for Gauze Brook and for comparison against ReFH2 peak flow estimates.

### 5.2 Parameters for ReFH2 model

| Site code                                                                                                   | Method | Tp (hours) | Cmax (mm) | PR <sub>imp</sub><br>% runoff for<br>impermeable surfaces | BL (hours) | BR*  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------|
| GB01                                                                                                        | CD     | 7.42       | 560.78    | 70                                                        | 58.76      | 2.41 |
| GB02                                                                                                        | CD     | 3.71       | 447.35    | 70                                                        | 40.20      | 2.41 |
| GB03                                                                                                        | CD     | 7.17       | 590.68    | 70                                                        | 59.56      | 2.48 |
| Brief description of any flood event analysis carried out<br>(further details should be given in the annex) |        | NA.        |           |                                                           |            |      |

Methods: OPT: Optimisation, BR: Baseflow recession fitting, CD: Catchment descriptors, DT: Data transfer (give details)

\* For the 100 year scenario

### 5.3 Design events for ReFH2 method: Lumped catchments

| Site code | Urban or rural | Season of design event<br>(summer or winter) | Storm duration (hours) | Reason for selecting storm duration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GB01      | Rural          | Winter                                       | 13.00                  | An assessment of a range of storm durations for the study catchments shows a small variation in peak flow estimates. GB01 and GB03 both indicate a default critical duration of 13 hours, while GB02 has a shorter default critical duration of 6.5 hours. However, peak flows from this smaller tributary are relatively minor compared with the larger contributing catchment area. Flooding within the study area is therefore expected to be driven primarily by longer duration storm events, consistent with the larger, elongated catchment form. On this basis, a critical duration of 13 hours has been taken forward for subsequent hydraulic assessment. |
| GB02      | Rural          | Winter                                       | 13.00                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| GB03      | Rural          | Winter                                       | 13.00                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### 5.4 Flood estimates from the ReFH2 method

| Site code | Flood peak (m <sup>3</sup> /s) for the following return periods (in years) |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |      |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
|           | 2                                                                          | 5 | 10 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 50 | 75 | 100 | 200 | 1000 |

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| GB01 | 2.62 | 3.43 | 4.05 | 4.78 | 5.05 | 5.28 | 5.99 | 6.65 | 7.16 | 8.53 | 12.19 |
| GB02 | 0.49 | 0.64 | 0.76 | 0.90 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 1.12 | 1.24 | 1.33 | 1.58 | 2.22  |
| GB03 | 1.91 | 2.50 | 2.96 | 3.50 | 3.69 | 3.86 | 4.39 | 4.87 | 5.26 | 6.28 | 9.01  |

| Site code | Flood peak (m³/s) for the following return periods (in years) |              |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|           | 100 +CC(19%)                                                  | 100 +CC(38%) |
| GB01      | 8.52                                                          | 9.89         |
| GB02      | 1.59                                                          | 1.84         |
| GB03      | 6.26                                                          | 7.25         |

## 6. Discussion and summary of results

### 6.1 Comparison of results from different methods

| Site code | 2 year                                    |                                     |                     | 100 year                                  |                                     |                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
|           | Statistical peak flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s) | ReFH2 peak flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s) | Ratio (Stats/ReFH2) | Statistical peak flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s) | ReFH2 peak flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s) | Ratio (Stats/ReFH2) |
| GB01      | 4.75                                      | 2.62                                | 1.81                | 13.75                                     | 7.16                                | 1.92                |
| GB02      | 0.82                                      | 0.49                                | 1.67                | 2.65                                      | 1.33                                | 1.99                |
| GB03      | 3.55                                      | 1.91                                | 1.86                | 10.75                                     | 5.26                                | 2.04                |

### 6.2 Final choice of method

#### Choice of method and reasons

The Statistical method is preferred as it provides more liberal estimates of QMED for GB01, GB02, and GB03, offering a precautionary basis for design. As these estimates are derived from observed gauge data rather than solely from catchment descriptor based estimates, there is greater confidence that they more accurately reflect the catchment's hydrological behaviour.

The three pooling groups produced comparable growth curves, all of which are similar to, but slightly greater than those derived using the ReFH2 method. This provides confidence in the assessment results and supports the selection of the FEH Statistical method as the preferred approach.

Noting that sub-catchment GB02 and GB03 growth curves are slightly steeper than the overall catchment growth curve for GB01, the former have been used to derive peak flow estimates at the respective sub-catchment flow estimation points.

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|                                                                   | <p>Given the rural nature of catchment and sub-catchments, rural peak flow estimates have been taken forwards.</p> <p>Final pooling groups are provided in Annex B. Growth curve and flood frequency curve comparison plots are provided in Annex C.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>How will the flows be applied to a hydraulic model?</b></p> | <p>Peak flow estimates have been used to derive hydrographs for the sub catchments and intervening area, which will be applied to the hydraulic model upstream inflows and lateral inflows.</p> <p>As the Statistical method has been selected as the preferred approach, the associated storm duration and hydrograph profile have been based on those generated by the ReFH2 method for the overall catchment (GB01). Given the rural nature of catchment and sub-catchments, rural peak flow estimates and winter storm duration and profile has been taken forwards.</p> <p>GB02 flow estimates will be applied as lumped sum at the head of the unnamed watercourse tributary to Gauze Brook.</p> <p>The application of GB03 peak flow estimates will be split via area weighting, with flows applied at the head of the Gauze Brook hydraulic model extent and lateral inflows across the watercourse reach for the sub catchment area as required by the hydraulic model schematisation.</p> <p>Flow estimates for the intervening area downstream of GB02 and GB03 will be applied as a lateral inflow along the lower reach of the hydraulic model. Peak flow estimates for this intervening area, provided in Annex C, have been derived by comparing the flows from the main catchment (GB01) with those from the two sub-catchments (GB02 and GB03).</p> <p>A figure illustrating the GB03 area weightings and the extent of the intervening area is included in Annex A. Additional details outlining the application of hydrographs are providing in the hydraulic modelling note.</p> |

### 6.3 Assumptions, limitations and uncertainty

|                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>List the main assumptions made (specific to this study)</b>                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is assumed the default ReFH2 parameters for Tp scaling factor are suitable for this study.</li> <li>• It is assumed that a uniform storm duration is appropriate.</li> <li>• It was not possible to sensibility check catchment boundaries on the ground. It is assumed that the catchment boundaries, checked using LiDAR and OS mapping, are accurate.</li> <li>• It is assumed that all the gauging stations used in the analysis are stationary. Non-stationarity has not been considered in the analysis.</li> <li>• It is assumed the groundwater catchment extent mirrors the topographical catchment.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Discuss any particular limitations</b>                                                                | The lack of gauge data is a limitation to providing confidence in the flow estimates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Provide information on the uncertainty in the design peak flow estimates and the methodology used</b> | The lack of gauge data for the study catchments leads to increased uncertainty in the derived peak flows. Uncertainty in peak flow estimates is discussed further in Section 6.6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Comment on the suitability of the results for future studies</b>                                      | <p>The results could be easily replicated and/or updated for future studies in the study catchments. However, the results of the analysis should be considered in the context of the needs of this study.</p> <p>Future users of this assessment should, at the very minimum, satisfy themselves that the flows are suitable for use in their work. Site specific studies may require new estimates.</p> <p>Additionally, if hydrometric data becomes available or the methods are updated, the estimates should be revisited.</p>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Give any other comments on the study</b>                                                              | No additional comments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## 6.4 Checks

|                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Are the results consistent, for example at confluences?                                                                         | Lumped approach. Combined inflows of sub catchments GB02 and GB03 are realistic for their area and tie in with overall estimates for catchment GB01.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| What do the results imply regarding the return periods / frequency of floods during the period of record?                       | No gauged record for Gauze Brook and its tributaries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| What is the range of 100-year growth factors? Is this realistic?                                                                | 100-year growth factors fall in typical range and realistic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| If 1000-year flows have been derived, what is the range of ratios for 1000-year flow over 100-year flow?                        | <div>The 1000/100 ratio for the statistical method and ReFH2 method are outlined below.</div> <table><tr><td>Site Code</td><td>Statistical 1000/100 ratio</td><td>ReFH2 1000/100 ratio</td></tr><tr><td>GB01</td><td>1.62</td><td>1.70</td></tr><tr><td>GB02</td><td>1.75</td><td>1.66</td></tr><tr><td>GB03</td><td>1.63</td><td>1.71</td></tr></table> | Site Code            | Statistical 1000/100 ratio | ReFH2 1000/100 ratio | GB01 | 1.62 | 1.70 | GB02 | 1.75 | 1.66 | GB03 | 1.63 | 1.71 |
| Site Code                                                                                                                       | Statistical 1000/100 ratio                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ReFH2 1000/100 ratio |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| GB01                                                                                                                            | 1.62                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1.70                 |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| GB02                                                                                                                            | 1.75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1.66                 |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| GB03                                                                                                                            | 1.63                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1.71                 |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| How do the results compare with those of other studies? Explain any differences and conclude which results should be preferred. | No previous study is available for comparison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Are the results compatible with the longer-term flood history?                                                                  | No detailed historic flood data is available for comparison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Describe any other checks on the results,                                                                                       | NA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                      |                            |                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

## 6.5 Final Results

| Site code | Method | Flood peak (m <sup>3</sup> /s) for the following return periods (in years) |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|           |        | 2                                                                          | 5    | 10   | 20   | 25    | 30    | 50    | 75    | 100   | 200   | 1000  |
| GB01      | Stats  | 4.75                                                                       | 6.69 | 8.09 | 9.59 | 10.10 | 10.54 | 11.82 | 12.92 | 13.75 | 15.94 | 22.24 |
| GB02      | Stats  | 0.82                                                                       | 1.19 | 1.46 | 1.76 | 1.87  | 1.96  | 2.23  | 2.47  | 2.65  | 3.14  | 4.62  |
| GB03      | Stats  | 3.55                                                                       | 5.11 | 6.23 | 7.43 | 7.84  | 8.18  | 9.21  | 10.09 | 10.75 | 12.50 | 17.55 |

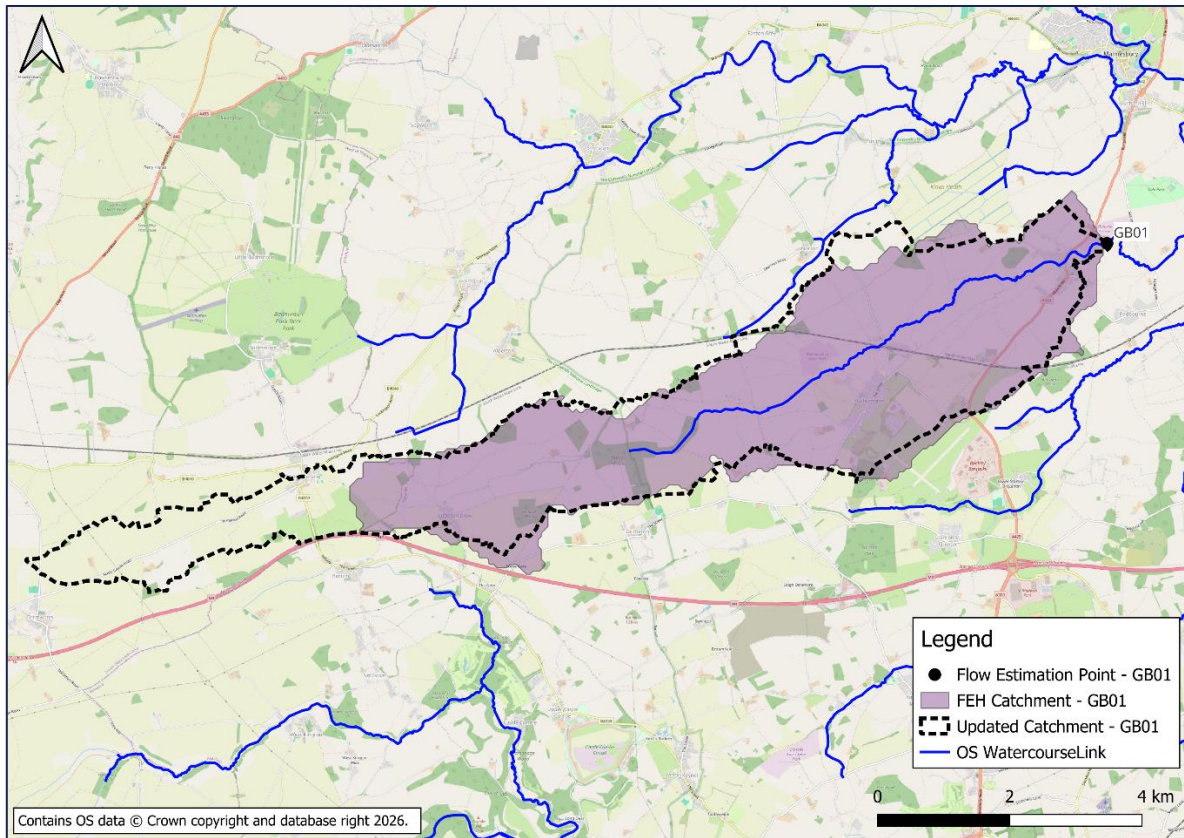
| Site code | Flood peak (m <sup>3</sup> /s) for the following return periods (in years) |              |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|           | 100 +CC(19%)                                                               | 100 +CC(38%) |
| GB01      | 16.36                                                                      | 18.97        |
| GB02      | 3.15                                                                       | 3.65         |
| GB03      | 12.79                                                                      | 14.84        |

## 6.6 Uncertainty

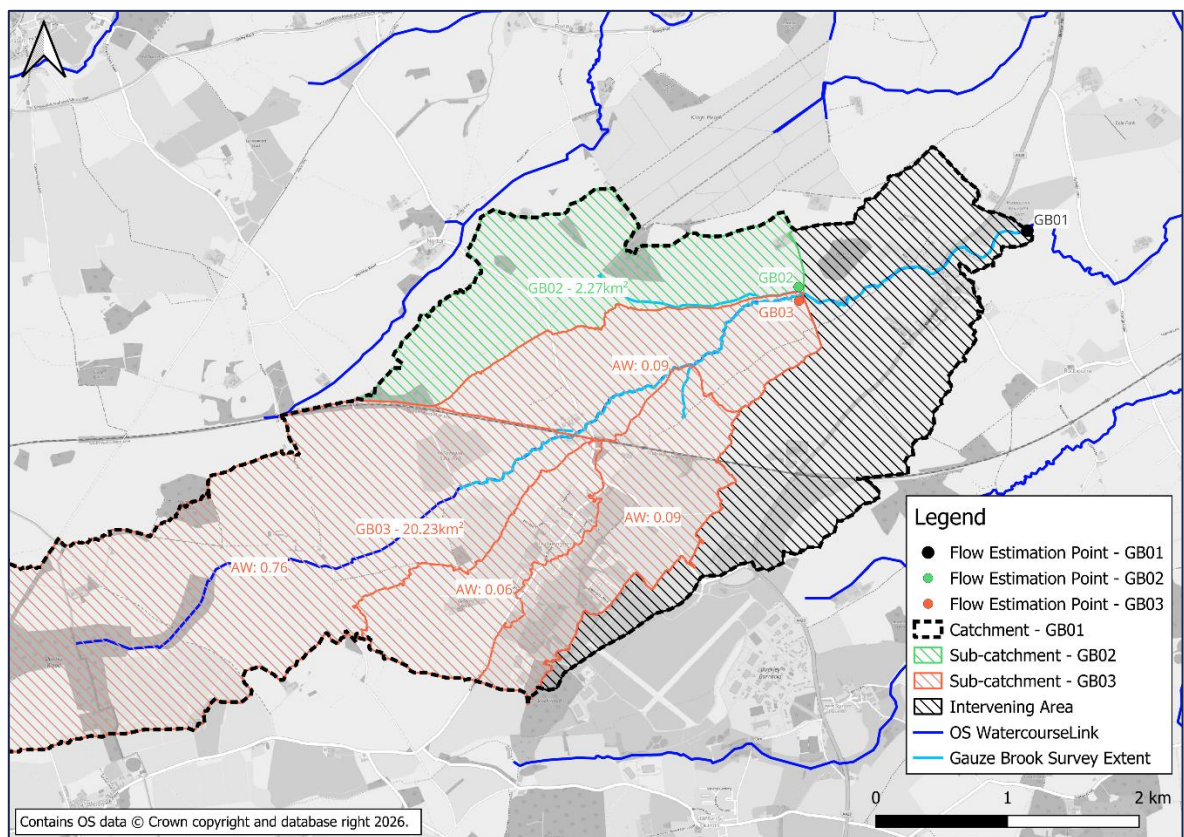
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| <b>Uncertainty in peak flow estimates</b> | <p>Uncertainty is not currently shown for pooled analysis in WINFAP5, except for the factorial standard error (fse) of QMED.</p> <p>As outlined in the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology <i>Uncertainty in FEH Methods</i> (Issue 2), applying the donor transfer method provides a notable reduction in FSE, with the use of multiple donor stations offering a clear advantage over using no donors. In the absence of site-specific gauge data to support single site or enhanced single site analysis, the default eight donor stations have been retained to provide greater confidence in the QMED estimate and the resulting flood frequency curve.</p> |
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|                                                                                                  | While there may be some variation in the ‘true’ peak flow estimate values, those outlined in this report are considered likely to be near the estimates reported in Section 6.5. |
| <b>If flood hydrographs are needed for the next stage of the study, where are they provided?</b> | Full hydrographs are provided in hydraulic modelling files.                                                                                                                      |

## **Annex A – Study Catchments**



**Figure 1: Study Catchment**



**Figure 2: Study Sub-catchments**

## **Annex B – Pooling Groups**

**Table 1: GB01 Adjusted Pooling Group**

| <b>BD01 Adjusted Pooling Group</b>      |                       |                      |                |                      |                         |                        |                           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Station</b>                          | <b>Distance (SDM)</b> | <b>Years of data</b> | <b>QMED AM</b> | <b>L-CV Observed</b> | <b>L-CV Deurbanised</b> | <b>L-SKEW Observed</b> | <b>L-SKEW Deurbanised</b> |
| 7009 (Mosset Burn @ Wardend Bridge)     | 0.995                 | 26                   | 7.486          | 0.358                | 0.358                   | 0.324                  | 0.324                     |
| 53023 (Sherston Avon @ Fosseway)        | 1.383                 | 48                   | 7.396          | 0.231                | 0.232                   | 0.133                  | 0.133                     |
| 7010 (Muckle Burn @ Brodie)             | 1.428                 | 19                   | 17.674         | 0.219                | 0.219                   | 0.153                  | 0.153                     |
| 53017 (Boyd @ Bitton)                   | 1.436                 | 51                   | 13.946         | 0.235                | 0.239                   | 0.084                  | 0.084                     |
| 43014 (East Avon @ Upavon East)         | 1.505                 | 54                   | 3.844          | 0.214                | 0.216                   | 0.08                   | 0.08                      |
| 27073 (Brompton Beck @ Snainton Ings)   | 1.516                 | 44                   | 0.816          | 0.213                | 0.215                   | 0.025                  | 0.025                     |
| 30004 (Lymn @ Partney Mill)             | 1.521                 | 62                   | 7.184          | 0.225                | 0.227                   | 0.029                  | 0.029                     |
| 76019 (Roe Beck @ Stockdalewath)        | 1.55                  | 25                   | 42.852         | 0.251                | 0.252                   | 0.387                  | 0.387                     |
| 41022 (Lod @ Halfway Bridge)            | 1.579                 | 54                   | 16.755         | 0.29                 | 0.292                   | 0.157                  | 0.157                     |
| 39042 (Leach @ Priory Mill Lechlade)    | 1.605                 | 52                   | 3.2            | 0.194                | 0.195                   | 0.064                  | 0.064                     |
| 42003 (Lymington @ Brockenhurst)        | 1.664                 | 29                   | 27.4           | 0.289                | 0.292                   | 0.38                   | 0.38                      |
| 73015 (Keer @ High Keer Weir)           | 1.672                 | 34                   | 12.59          | 0.201                | 0.202                   | 0.174                  | 0.174                     |
| 39033 (Winterbourne Stream @ Bagnor)    | 1.694                 | 62                   | 0.401          | 0.346                | 0.348                   | 0.39                   | 0.39                      |
| 54036 (Isbourne @ Hinton on the Green)  | 1.725                 | 52                   | 13.996         | 0.321                | 0.325                   | 0.298                  | 0.298                     |
| 72014 (Conder @ Galgate)                | 1.746                 | 57                   | 16.912         | 0.227                | 0.229                   | 0.14                   | 0.14                      |
| 44011 (Asker @ Bridport East Bridge)    | 1.765                 | 29                   | 16.566         | 0.216                | 0.218                   | 0.136                  | 0.136                     |
| 41020 (Bevern Stream @ Clappers Bridge) | 1.789                 | 55                   | 13.9           | 0.197                | 0.201                   | 0.161                  | 0.161                     |
| 51001 (Doniford Stream @ Swill Bridge)  | 1.803                 | 56                   | 13.094         | 0.311                | 0.314                   | 0.352                  | 0.352                     |

|                 |                      |                           |         |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Weighted Means  | 0.0277               |                           |         |
| H2 Value        | 4.8471               |                           |         |
| Goodness of Fit | Generalised Logistic | Generalised Extreme Value | Kappa 3 |

|  |        |         |        |
|--|--------|---------|--------|
|  | 1.5692 | -0.9751 | 0.6395 |
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**Table 2: GB02 Default Pooling Group**

| <b>BD02 Default Pooling Group</b>                    |                       |                      |                |                      |                         |                        |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Station</b>                                       | <b>Distance (SDM)</b> | <b>Years of data</b> | <b>QMED AM</b> | <b>L-CV Observed</b> | <b>L-CV Deurbanised</b> | <b>L-SKEW Observed</b> | <b>L-SKEW Deurbanised</b> |
| 27073 (Brompton Beck @ Snainton Ings)                | 1.655                 | 44                   | 0.816          | 0.213                | 0.215                   | 0.025                  | 0.025                     |
| 45816 (Haddeo @ Upton)                               | 2.54                  | 31                   | 3.456          | 0.283                | 0.283                   | 0.41                   | 0.41                      |
| 25019 (Leven @ Easby)                                | 2.575                 | 46                   | 5.384          | 0.337                | 0.337                   | 0.367                  | 0.367                     |
| 49005 (Bolingey Stream @ Bolingey Cocks Bridge)      | 2.69                  | 14                   | 4.057          | 0.268                | 0.27                    | 0.323                  | 0.323                     |
| 26016 (Gypsy Race @ Kirby Grindalythe)               | 2.745                 | 27                   | 0.101          | 0.314                | 0.314                   | 0.233                  | 0.233                     |
| 7009 (Mosset Burn @ Wardend Bridge)                  | 2.754                 | 26                   | 7.486          | 0.358                | 0.358                   | 0.324                  | 0.324                     |
| 27051 (Crimple @ Burn Bridge)                        | 2.754                 | 52                   | 4.641          | 0.215                | 0.216                   | 0.132                  | 0.132                     |
| 72014 (Conder @ Galgate)                             | 2.995                 | 57                   | 16.912         | 0.227                | 0.229                   | 0.14                   | 0.14                      |
| 73015 (Keer @ High Keer Weir)                        | 3.007                 | 34                   | 12.59          | 0.201                | 0.202                   | 0.174                  | 0.174                     |
| 76011 (Coal Burn @ Coalburn)                         | 3.032                 | 47                   | 1.813          | 0.17                 | 0.17                    | 0.3                    | 0.3                       |
| 28033 (Dove @ Hollinsclough)                         | 3.038                 | 49                   | 4.15           | 0.233                | 0.233                   | 0.359                  | 0.359                     |
| 44008 (South Winterbourne @ Winterbourne Steepleton) | 3.099                 | 33                   | 0.6            | 0.403                | 0.404                   | 0.235                  | 0.235                     |
| 41020 (Bevern Stream @ Clappers Bridge)              | 3.128                 | 55                   | 13.9           | 0.197                | 0.201                   | 0.161                  | 0.161                     |
| 7011 (Black Burn @ Pluscarden Abbey)                 | 3.132                 | 12                   | 4.752          | 0.474                | 0.474                   | 0.558                  | 0.558                     |
| 95004 (Abhainn a'Chnocain @ Elphin)                  | 3.292                 | 16                   | 11.649         | 0.135                | 0.135                   | 0.199                  | 0.199                     |
| 47022 (Tory Brook @ Newnham Park)                    | 3.292                 | 29                   | 6.176          | 0.239                | 0.241                   | 0.142                  | 0.142                     |
| 28058 (Henmore Brook @ Ashbourne)                    | 3.302                 | 13                   | 10.6           | 0.145                | 0.147                   | -0.046                 | -0.046                    |
| 53017 (Boyd @ Bitton)                                | 3.303                 | 51                   | 13.946         | 0.235                | 0.239                   | 0.084                  | 0.084                     |
| 7012 (Lossie @ Ballachraggan)                        | 3.329                 | 10                   | 8.264          | 0.465                | 0.465                   | 0.625                  | 0.625                     |
| 33054 (Babingley @ Castle Rising)                    | 3.365                 | 48                   | 1.132          | 0.253                | 0.255                   | 0.281                  | 0.281                     |
| 41022 (Lod @ Halfway Bridge)                         | 3.383                 | 54                   | 16.755         | 0.29                 | 0.292                   | 0.157                  | 0.157                     |
| 26014 (Water Forlornes @ Driffield)                  | 3.396                 | 26                   | 0.431          | 0.321                | 0.322                   | 0.189                  | 0.189                     |
| 48004 (Warleggan @ Trengoffe)                        | 3.399                 | 55                   | 9.799          | 0.251                | 0.252                   | 0.265                  | 0.265                     |

|                 |                      |                           |         |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Weighted Means  | 0.0316               |                           |         |
| H2 Value        | 3.9572               |                           |         |
| Goodness of Fit | Generalised Logistic | Generalised Extreme Value | Kappa 3 |
|                 | 2.208                | 0.0227                    | 1.444   |

**Table 3: GB03 Default Pooling Group**

| <b>BD03 Default Pooling Group</b>               |                       |                      |                |                      |                         |                        |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Station</b>                                  | <b>Distance (SDM)</b> | <b>Years of data</b> | <b>QMED AM</b> | <b>L-CV Observed</b> | <b>L-CV Deurbanised</b> | <b>L-SKEW Observed</b> | <b>L-SKEW Deurbanised</b> |
| 7009 (Mosset Burn @ Wardend Bridge)             | 0.958                 | 26                   | 7.486          | 0.358                | 0.358                   | 0.324                  | 0.324                     |
| 27073 (Brompton Beck @ Snainton Ings)           | 1.241                 | 44                   | 0.816          | 0.213                | 0.215                   | 0.025                  | 0.025                     |
| 7011 (Black Burn @ Pluscarden Abbey)            | 1.335                 | 12                   | 4.752          | 0.474                | 0.474                   | 0.558                  | 0.558                     |
| 26003 (Foston Beck @ Foston Mill)               | 1.349                 | 63                   | 1.797          | 0.253                | 0.255                   | 0.033                  | 0.033                     |
| 26013 (Driffield Trout Stream @ Driffield)      | 1.379                 | 14                   | 2.778          | 0.268                | 0.269                   | 0.212                  | 0.212                     |
| 33054 (Babingley @ Castle Rising)               | 1.444                 | 48                   | 1.132          | 0.253                | 0.255                   | 0.281                  | 0.281                     |
| 53017 (Boyd @ Bitton)                           | 1.522                 | 51                   | 13.946         | 0.235                | 0.239                   | 0.084                  | 0.084                     |
| 53023 (Sherston Avon @ Fosseway)                | 1.541                 | 48                   | 7.396          | 0.231                | 0.232                   | 0.133                  | 0.133                     |
| 7010 (Muckle Burn @ Brodie)                     | 1.603                 | 19                   | 17.674         | 0.219                | 0.219                   | 0.153                  | 0.153                     |
| 26016 (Gypsy Race @ Kirby Grindalythe)          | 1.611                 | 27                   | 0.101          | 0.314                | 0.314                   | 0.233                  | 0.233                     |
| 33032 (Heacham @ Heacham)                       | 1.616                 | 56                   | 0.442          | 0.3                  | 0.302                   | 0.138                  | 0.138                     |
| 43014 (East Avon @ Upavon East)                 | 1.67                  | 54                   | 3.844          | 0.214                | 0.216                   | 0.08                   | 0.08                      |
| 30004 (Lymn @ Partney Mill)                     | 1.674                 | 62                   | 7.184          | 0.225                | 0.227                   | 0.029                  | 0.029                     |
| 73015 (Keer @ High Keer Weir)                   | 1.675                 | 34                   | 12.59          | 0.201                | 0.202                   | 0.174                  | 0.174                     |
| 9006 (Deskford Burn @ Cullen)                   | 1.692                 | 14                   | 19.727         | 0.293                | 0.293                   | 0.119                  | 0.119                     |
| 76019 (Roe Beck @ Stockdalewath)                | 1.698                 | 25                   | 42.852         | 0.251                | 0.252                   | 0.387                  | 0.387                     |
| 41022 (Lod @ Halfway Bridge)                    | 1.7                   | 54                   | 16.755         | 0.29                 | 0.292                   | 0.157                  | 0.157                     |
| 25019 (Leven @ Easby)                           | 1.702                 | 46                   | 5.384          | 0.337                | 0.337                   | 0.367                  | 0.367                     |
| 49005 (Bolingey Stream @ Bolingey Cocks Bridge) | 1.717                 | 14                   | 4.057          | 0.268                | 0.27                    | 0.323                  | 0.323                     |
| 39033 (Winterbourne Stream @ Bagnor)            | 1.72                  | 62                   | 0.401          | 0.346                | 0.348                   | 0.39                   | 0.39                      |
| 39042 (Leach @ Priory Mill Lechlade)            | 1.755                 | 52                   | 3.2            | 0.194                | 0.195                   | 0.064                  | 0.064                     |
| Weighted Means                                  | 0.029                 |                      |                |                      |                         |                        |                           |

|                 |                      |                           |         |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| H2 Value        | 5.7366               |                           |         |
| Goodness of Fit | Generalised Logistic | Generalised Extreme Value | Kappa 3 |
|                 | 3.1651               | 0.3329                    | 2.1204  |

## **Annex C – Data Comparison**

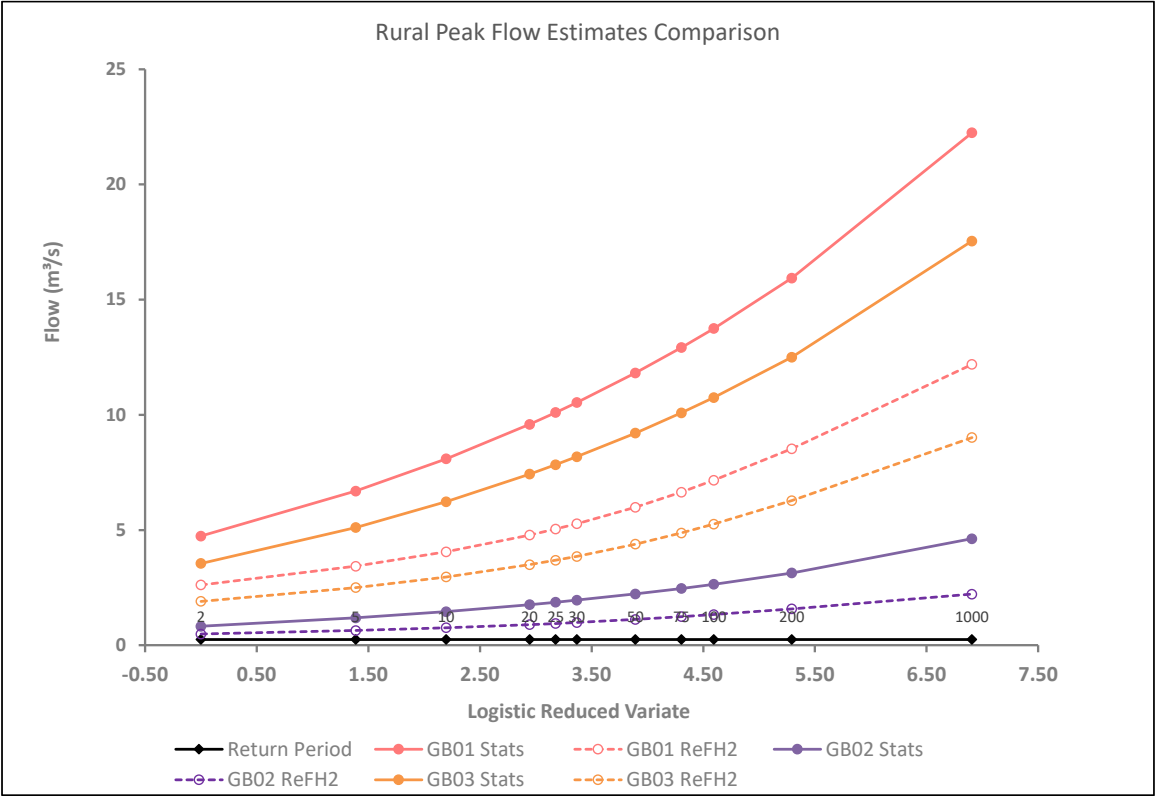


Figure 3: Rural Peak Flow Estimates Comparison

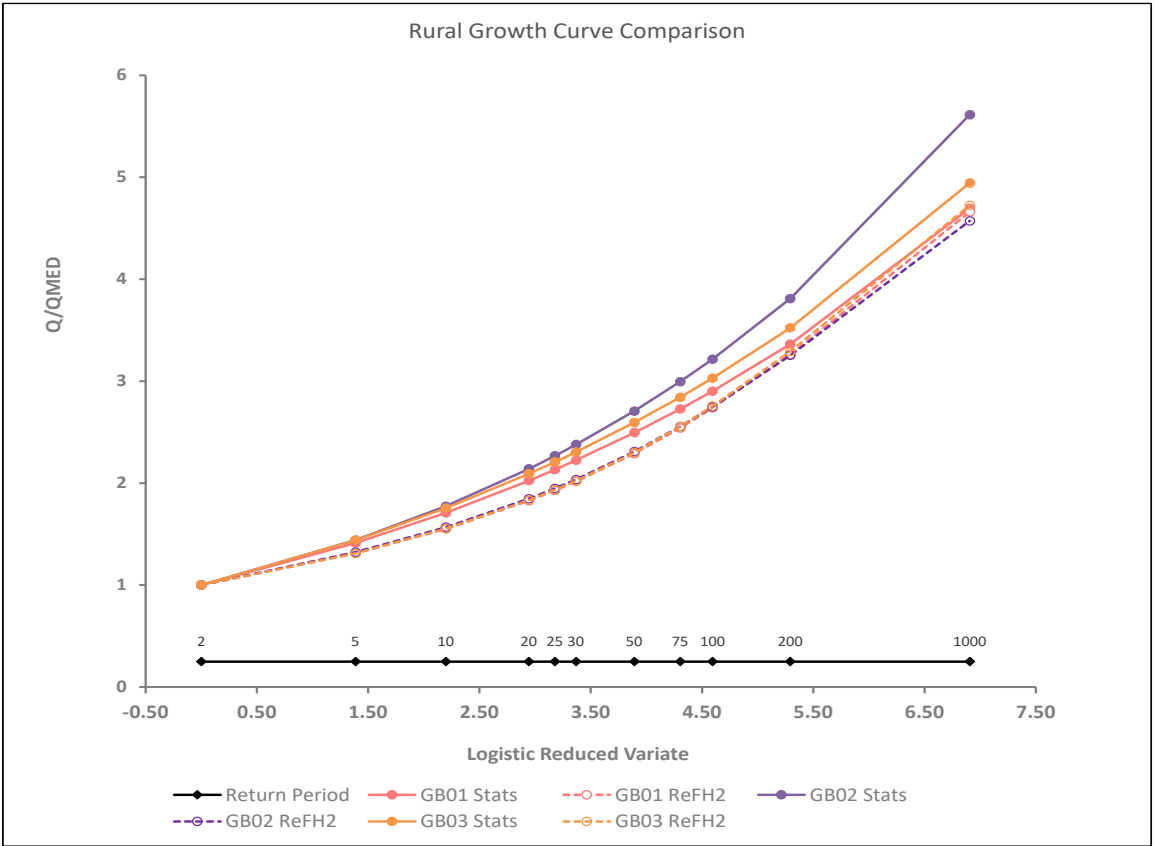


Figure 4: Rural Growth Curve Comparison

**Table 4: Intervening Area Peak Flow Estimates**

| Site code                                  | Flood peak (m <sup>3</sup> /s) for the following return periods (in years) |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                            | 2                                                                          | 5    | 10   | 20   | 25    | 30    | 50    | 75    | 100   | 200   | 1000  |
| GB01 (A)                                   | 4.75                                                                       | 6.69 | 8.09 | 9.59 | 10.10 | 10.54 | 11.82 | 12.92 | 13.75 | 15.94 | 22.24 |
| GB02 (B)                                   | 0.82                                                                       | 1.19 | 1.46 | 1.76 | 1.87  | 1.96  | 2.23  | 2.47  | 2.65  | 3.14  | 4.62  |
| GB03 (C)                                   | 3.55                                                                       | 5.11 | 6.23 | 7.43 | 7.84  | 8.18  | 9.21  | 10.09 | 10.75 | 12.50 | 17.55 |
| Intervening Area<br>(A minus B<br>minus C) | 0.37                                                                       | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40  | 0.40  | 0.38  | 0.37  | 0.35  | 0.30  | 0.07  |