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### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Foul and Surface Water Due Diligence report has been produced by Hydrock Consultants Limited (Hydrock) on behalf of Mr and Mrs Parks in support of representations to the East Devon District Council Local Plan. Information reviewed and summarised within this document has been acquired through desktop means. As such, discrepancies may be present between the information provided within this document and the physical conditions on site.



### 2. EXISTING SITE INFORMATION

#### 2.1 Site Location

The site is identified as site GH/ED/72 in the working draft local plan for East Devon District Council. It is located in the north of Lympstone and bordered to the north by agricultural fields, to the east by properties fronting Exmouth Road (A376), to the south by existing residential development and Meeting Lane and to the west by Nutwell Road.

A copy of the site boundary plan taken from the Draft Local Plan is included in Appendix A.

The site is predominantly 'greenfield' however, it is noted that two new large buildings complete with concrete hardstanding areas have been built in the centre of the site.

The site information including address and Ordnance Survey reference is included in Table 1 with the site location shown in Figure 1.

Table 1: Site Referencing Information

Site Referencing Information		
Site Address	Land north of Meeting Lane	
	Lympstone	
	EX8 5HR	
Grid Reference	SX994847	
	299414, 84759	

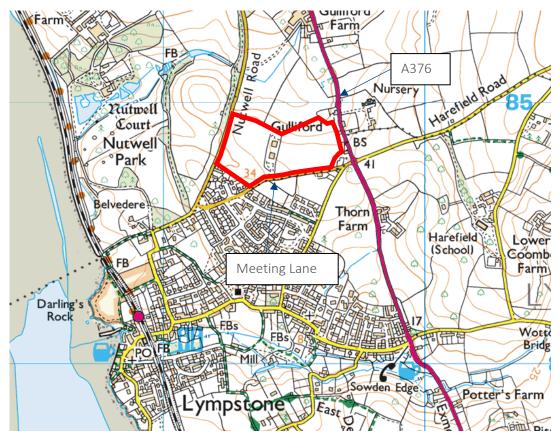


Figure 1: Site Location



# 2.2 Topography

In lieu of a topographic survey, LiDAR data has been used which shows the site to lie at an elevation of 40m AOD in the east of the site sloping to 24m AOD in the west of the site and 23.5m in the north-east.

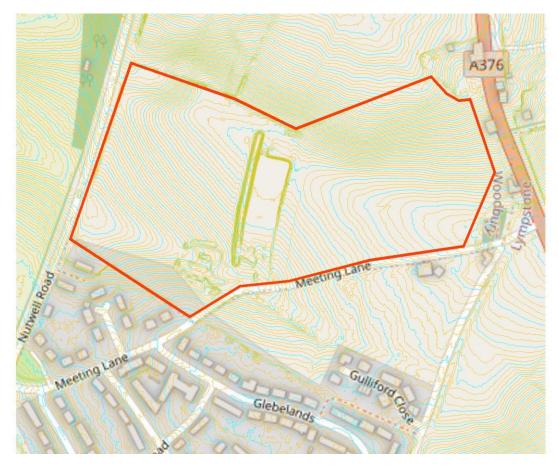


Figure 2: LiDAR Data

# 2.3 Geology and Hydrogeology

Referring to the British Geological Society online data, the site is underlain by bedrock of the Exmouth mudstone and sandstone formation suggesting that there is little likelihood of groundwater flooding. No superficial deposits are recorded.

#### 2.4 Surface Water Flooding

The Environment Agency Surface Water Flood Risk Map shows the majority of the site to be at low to medium risk of surface water flooding on the southern edge of the site, as shown in Figure 3 below. The medium risk is confined to the eastern side of Nutwell Road.

The flows appear to be generated within the site boundary and not from outside the site, therefore these should be able to be dealt with within the development proposals through an appropriate drainage strategy.



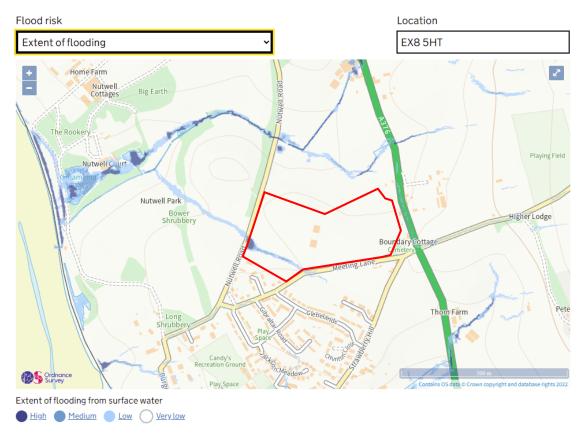


Figure 3. EA Surface Water Risk Mapping

#### 2.5 Existing Drainage

The site falls within the operational area of South West Water in terms of public drainage.

A copy of the sewer record plans is included in Appendix A.

The plan indicates that there are no public sewers adjacent to the site in Nutwell Road, Meeting Lane, Strawberry Hill or in the A376 Exmouth Road. There is a 150mm diameter combined sewer in Glebelands serving the existing residential development to the south of the site. In addition, there is a 150mm diameter foul sewer and an unknown size surface water sewer at the eastern end of Glebelands which drain south along Huanton Close.

No public sewers are recorded in Gulliford Close to the south-east of the site and therefore any drainage serving these properties must assumed to be private.

The site is predominantly greenfield however there are two large buildings with associated concrete hardstanding areas in the centre of the site. It is not known whether these buildings are served by any formal drainage systems and, if there are, where these may discharge to.

It is reported that a 225mm diameter pipe, installed by the landowner, runs along the base of the valley between Meeting Lane and Nutwell Road and likely continues further to the west, possibly also taking highway runoff from Meeting Lane.



#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DRAINAGE

#### 3.1 Site Proposals

It is understood that the site will be developed for residential use together with associated access roads and open space areas. There are no layout proposals available at the time of the writing of this report.

The gross site area is approximately 8.7 hectares.

## 3.2 Surface Water Drainage

The South West Water sewer record plans indicate that there are no public surface water sewers within or in the vicinity of the site. The existing residential developments to the south appear to be predominantly served by combined sewers.

Any proposed drainage management strategy will be required to adhere to the details set forth by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). As such the proposed drainage system should follow the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) hierarchy in the following preferential order:

- 1. Infiltration to ground
- 2. Discharge to local watercourse.
- 3. Discharge to a local surface water sewer network.
- 4. Discharge to a local combined water sewer network.

Given that the desk top geology information indicates no superficial gravel deposits and underlying bedrock of sandstone and mudstone, it is unlikely that infiltration to ground will be a viable and practical option for disposing of surface water. Site specific testing may be required to prove this assumption...

Given the available LiDAR data, the topography of the site is such that all but the extreme north-east corner of the site naturally drains to the south-west to a point adjacent to Nutwell Road. This conforms with the surface water mapping in Figure 3 above. There is no evidence of a watercourse continuing to the west and it is recommended that further site survey work is carried out to determine if any unmapped features are present.

On the basis that the use of soakaways is not practicable then surface water can be discharged either to a suitable watercourse or to a public surface water sewer. Given the existing undeveloped nature of the site, flows will need to be restricted to greenfield rates to ensure no detrimental impact and compliance with the NPPF. Greenfield discharge rates are shown in the table below, subject to area of impermeability, assumed at 60% (60% of 8.7 ha equating to 5.2 ha impermeable area).

Event	Discharge Rate	
1 Year	1.6 l/s/ha	8.3 l/s
30 Year	3.9 l/s/ha	20.3 l/s
100 Year	4.8 l/s/ha	25.0 l/s
Qbar	2.0 l/s/ha	10.4 l/s

Rates calculated using the Wallingford UK SuDS FEH method.



Any proposed drainage management strategy must ensure no flooding in storm events up to and including the 1 in 30 year event and all flows generated for the 1 in 100 year plus a climate change allowance are managed and contained within the site. Given the residential nature of the proposed development an allowance of 40% for climate change has been accommodated.

Assuming the use of the Qbar discharge rate to the drainage network, an approximate storage volume of 6,260m³ has been calculated.

The site can be split into two catchment areas following the existing topography, west and east, apportioned at 71% and 29% respectively. Splitting the overall storage requirement in the same proportions gives 4,445m³ and 1,815m³ for the west and east basins.

Discharge can be made to the watercourse located approximately 150m to the north of the site as the Developer also owns the land across which outfall sewers would need to be laid.

It is not known at this time as to where the existing large buildings and hardstanding areas within the site boundary drain to however, the landowner reports that a 225 mm diameter drain was laid following the line of the base of the valley between Meeting Lane and Nutwell Road by Devon County Council a number of years ago and is assumed to be a highway drain. It may be necessary to divert this drain to accommodate any future layout proposals.

#### 3.3 Foul Water Drainage

The South West Water sewer record plans indicate that there are no public foul water sewers within the site, however, the existing residential developments to the south appear to be served by combined sewers.

Due to the site topography, the natural fall for any proposed site drainage will be to the south-west corner of the site, outfalling to Nutwell Road where the nearest public combined sewer is located some 200m further south at the junction with Meeting Lane and Burgmanns Hill. The combined sewer is 225mm diameter at this point.

The Draft Local Plan indicates a total anticipated number of dwellings of approximately 100. Based on an allowance of 4,000 litres/dwelling day, as set out in the Water UK guidance document Sewerage Sector Guidance Appendix C, the predicted peak foul flow will be 4.6 l/s. It will be necessary to confirm with South West Water that there is sufficient capacity in the existing system however, under current South West Water Charging Arrangements, any off-site infrastructure upgrades are funded through standard Infrastructure Charges.



### 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 From the above review of available information, it is concluded that any proposed development of the site can be effectively drained, both in terms of foul and surface water.

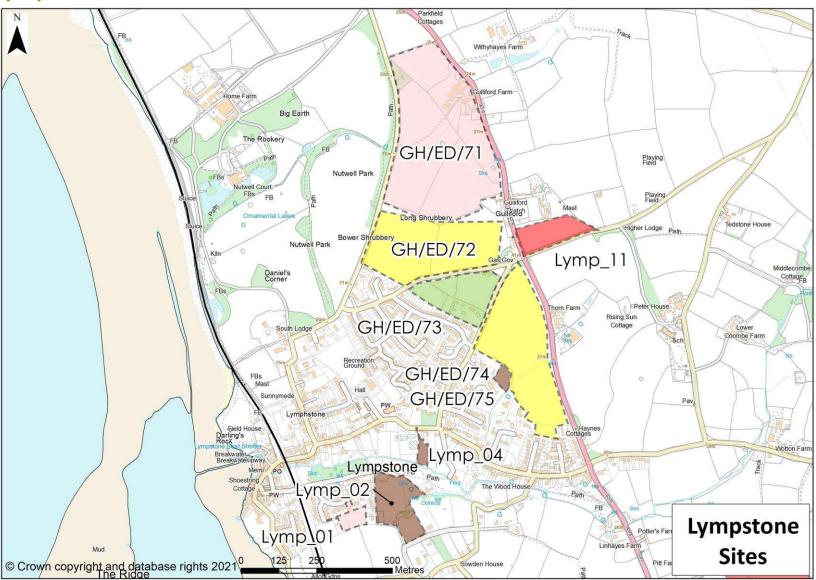
Further investigations will be required at the detailed design stage however, it is evident that appropriate discharge options are available.



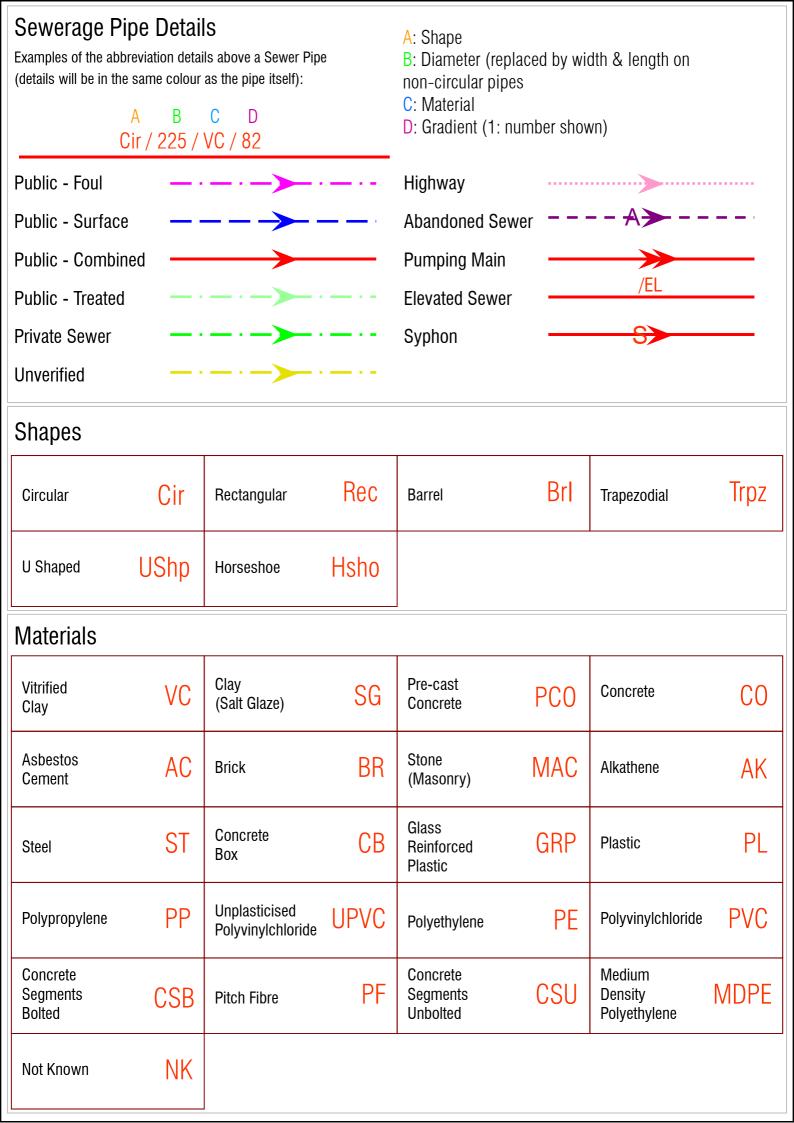
# **APPENDIX A**

Site Location Plan for Draft Local Plan
South West Water Sewer Records

# Lympstone







### Sewerage Structures (shown in common colours) Manhole Manhole Manhole Manhole Foul / Trade Surface Private Combined SK CP WO HB Soakaway Washout Catchpit Hatchbox Tank Tank FC T0 Flushing Lamphole Online Offline Septic Ε Cesspit Header Drain Tank Reflux Sluice Air Venting AV **VP** Valve Valve Valve Pole Undefined Storm Overflow Connection Side **Entry** Outfall Backdrop Sewerage Installations **WWTW Pumping Station Treatment Works Details on Covers** Gas / Water k b **Bolted** Lockable **Tight** Location Unable BL UL **Buried** to Locate



# **APPENDIX B**

Indicative Drainage Plan

