

Kelly Lynch

Our ref: SSD348850

Date: 27/02/2024

Dear Kelly,

Enquiry Regarding Product 4 for Flood Risk Assessment for Unit 21, The Wren Centre, Westbourne Road, Emsworth, PO10 7SU.

Thank you for your enquiry which was received on 23 February 2024.

We respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The information is attached.

The information on Flood Zones in the area relating to this address is as follows:

The site is in an area located within Flood Zones 1, 2 and 3 as shown on our Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea).

Note - This information relates to the area that the above named property is in and is not specific to the property itself as it is influenced by factors such as the height of door steps, air bricks or the height of surrounding walls. We do not have access to this information and is not currently used in our flood modelling.

Flood Zone definitions can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change#Table-1-Flood-Zones

Flood Defences

There are flood defences within the vicinity of this site in the form of two Simple Culverts (Asset ID: 19245 and 10978), which are maintained by the Local Authority and a private third party respectively. There is also a weir to the north-east of the site (Asset ID: 232789), which is maintained by the Environment Agency.

Model Information

The model used was JFLOW Improvements which was completed by JBA Consulting in 2009.

Flood History

An area close to this site experienced flooding in the winter of 2013/14 (Flood Event ID: 4156), caused by groundwater/a high water table.

Please note our records are not comprehensive and may not include all events. I recommend contacting the Lead Local Flood Authority, **Hampshire County Council** or the Local Authority, **Havant District Council** for a more comprehensive flood history check.

[FRA advisory text](#)

Name	Product 4
Description	Detailed Flood Risk Assessment Map for Unit 21, The Wren Centre, Westbourne Road, Emsworth, PO10 7SU.
Licence	Open Government Licence
Information Warnings	The flood risk data provided is based on existing EA hydraulic models with an allowance for climate change. Please note the climate change allowances provided are not up to date. These were updated on 27 July 2021. You should refer to 'Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances' for the most up to date allowances. You will need to undertake further assessment of future flood risk using different allowances to ensure your assessment of future flood risk is based on best available evidence.
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Data Available Online

Many of our flood datasets are available online:

- Flood Map For Planning ([Flood Zone 2](#), [Flood Zone 3](#), [Flood Storage Areas](#), [Flood Defences](#), [Areas Benefiting from Defences](#))
- [Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea](#)
- [Historic Flood Map](#)
- [Current Flood Warnings](#)

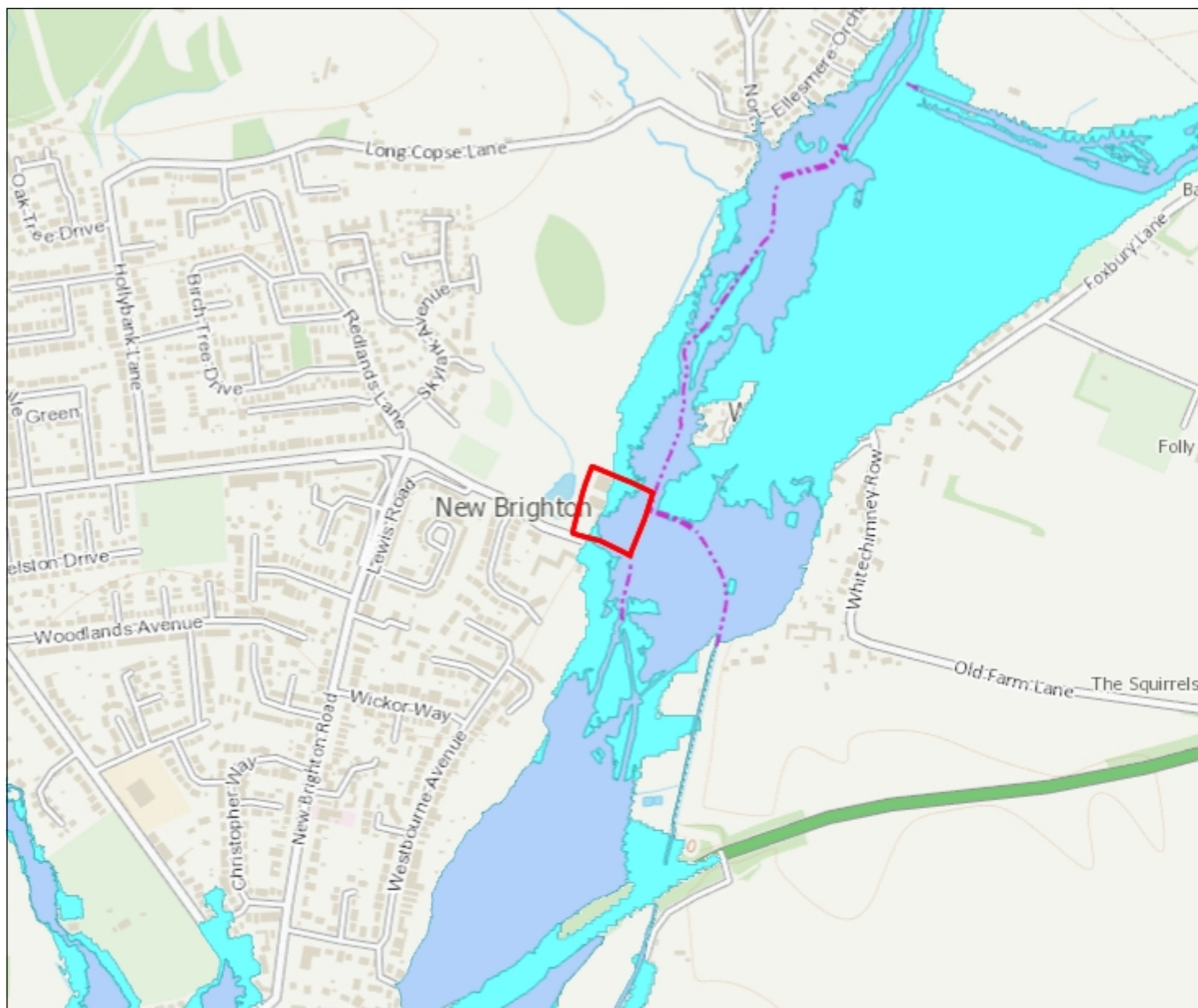
Please get in touch if you have any further queries or contact us within two months if you'd like us to review the information we have sent.

Yours sincerely,

Amy O'Donnell

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Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea). Centred PO10 7SU. Created 27/02/2024.



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Flood Map for Planning (Rivers & Sea)

- Defences
- Flood Storage Areas
- Flood Zone 3
- Flood Zone 2

Flood Map Areas (assuming no defences)

Flood Zone 3 shows the area that could be affected by flooding:

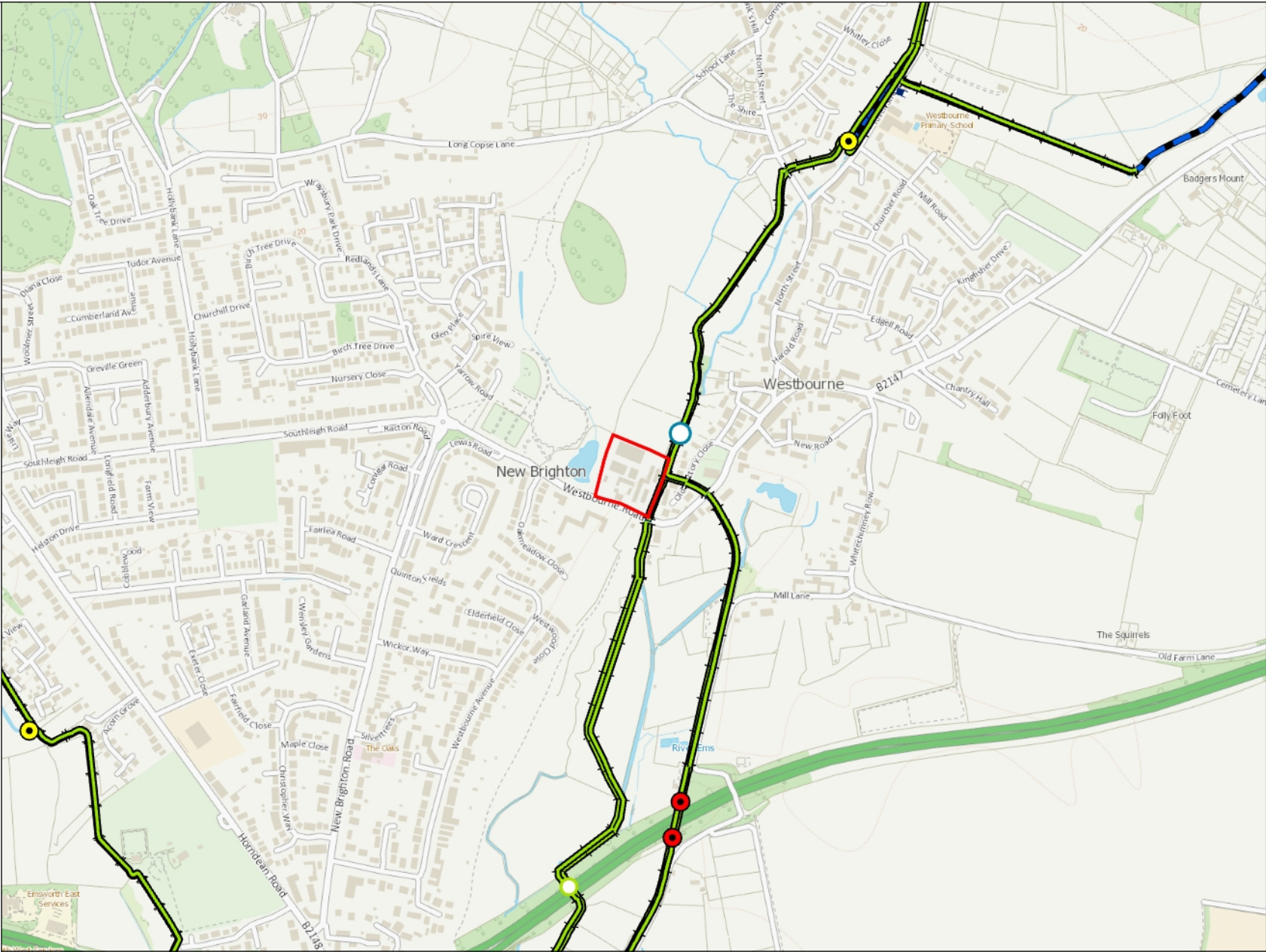
- from the sea with a 1 in 200 or greater chance of happening each year
- or from a river with a 1 in 100 or greater chance of happening each year.

Flood Zone 2 shows the extent of an extreme flood from rivers or the sea with up to a 1 in 1000 chance of occurring each year.

Legend

Please see page 2 for asset symbology

- Stilling Well
- Water Baffles
- Water Distribution Pipeline
- Well
- Stilling Well
- Water Baffles
- Water Distribution Pipeline
- Well



Use of Environment Agency Information for Flood Risk Assessments

Important

The Environment Agency are keen to work with partners to enable development which is resilient to flooding for its lifetime and provides wider benefits to communities. If you have requested this information to help inform a development proposal, then we recommend engaging with us as early as possible by using the pre-application form available from our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-planning-application-enquiry-form-preliminary-opinion>

We recognise the value of early engagement in development planning decisions. This allows complex issues to be discussed, innovative solutions to be developed that both enables new development and protects existing communities. Such engagement can often avoid delays in the planning process following planning application submission, by reaching agreements up-front. We offer a charged pre-application advice service for applicants who wish to discuss a development proposal.

We can also provide a preliminary opinion for free which will identify environmental constraints related to our responsibilities including flooding, waste, land contamination, water quality, biodiversity, navigation, pollution, water resources, foul drainage or Environmental Impact Assessment.

In preparing your planning application submission, you should refer to the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Standing Advice and the Planning Practice Guidance for information about what flood risk assessment is needed for new development in the different Flood Zones. This information can be accessed via:

<https://www.gov.uk/flood-risk-assessment-standing-advice>
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>

You should also consult the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment or other relevant materials produced by your local planning authority.

You should note that:

1. Information supplied by the Environment Agency may be used to assist in producing a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) where one is required, but does not constitute such an assessment on its own.
2. This information covers flood risk from main rivers and the sea, and you will need to consider other potential sources of flooding, such as groundwater or surface water runoff. Information produced by the local planning authority referred to above may assist here.
3. Where a planning application requires an FRA and this is not submitted or is deficient, the Environment Agency may raise an objection.



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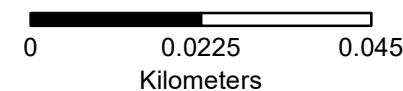
Site Nodes



Site Boundary

Annual Exceedance Probability
(AEP) The probability of a flood of
a particular magnitude, or greater
occurring in any given year.

Scale: 1:1,000



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Product 4 Flood Risk Data Requested by: Kelly Lynch

Site: Unit 21, The Wren Centre, Westbourne Road, Emsworth, PO10 7SU

Table 1: Water Levels: Fluvial Undefended

Node Ref	NGR		Modelled Flood Levels in Metres AOD
	Eastings	Northings	Undefended Annual Exceedance Probability
			0.1%
1	475391	107365	-
2	475432	107347	11.00
3	475472	107331	10.97
4	475378	107324	-
5	475423	107309	10.32
6	475460	107289	9.97
7	475367	107281	-
8	475406	107266	9.95
9	475443	107246	9.97

Table 2: Water Depths: Fluvial Undefended

Node Ref	NGR		Modelled Flood Depths in Metres
	Eastings	Northings	Undefended Annual Exceedance Probability
			0.1%
1	475391	107365	-
2	475432	107347	0.18
3	475472	107331	0.42
4	475378	107324	-
5	475423	107309	0.13
6	475460	107289	0.36
7	475367	107281	-
8	475406	107266	0.24
9	475443	107246	0.35

All levels taken from: JFLOW Improvements (2009) completed by JBA Consulting.

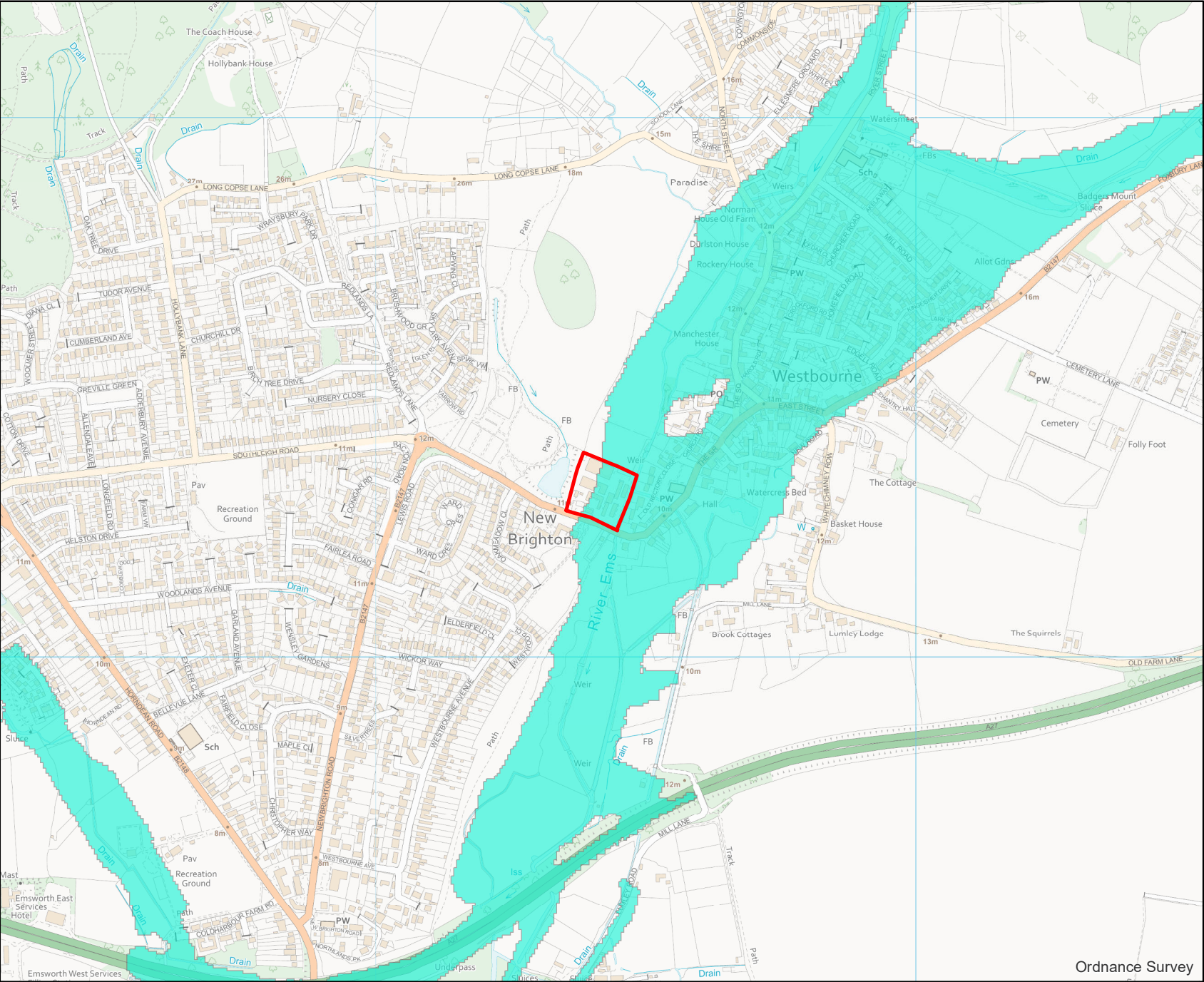
Produced on: 28/02/2024

*** The flood risk data provided is based on existing EA hydraulic models with an allowance for climate change. Please note the climate change allowances provided are not up to date. These were updated on 27 July 2021.**

You should refer to ['Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances'](#) for the most up to date allowances. You will need to undertake further assessment of future flood risk using different allowances to ensure your assessment of future flood risk is based on best available evidence.

There is no additional information or health warnings for these levels/depths or the model from which they have been produced.

Modelled Flood Outlines (Undefended Fluvial). Centred PO10 7SU. Created 28/02/2024.

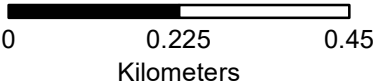


Legend

-  Site Boundary
-  0.1% AEP (Undefended Fluvial)

Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) The probability of a flood of a particular magnitude, or greater occurring in any given year.

Scale: 1:10,000



Recorded Flood Outlines. Centred PO10 7SU. Created 27/02/2024.



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 All recorded flood outlines

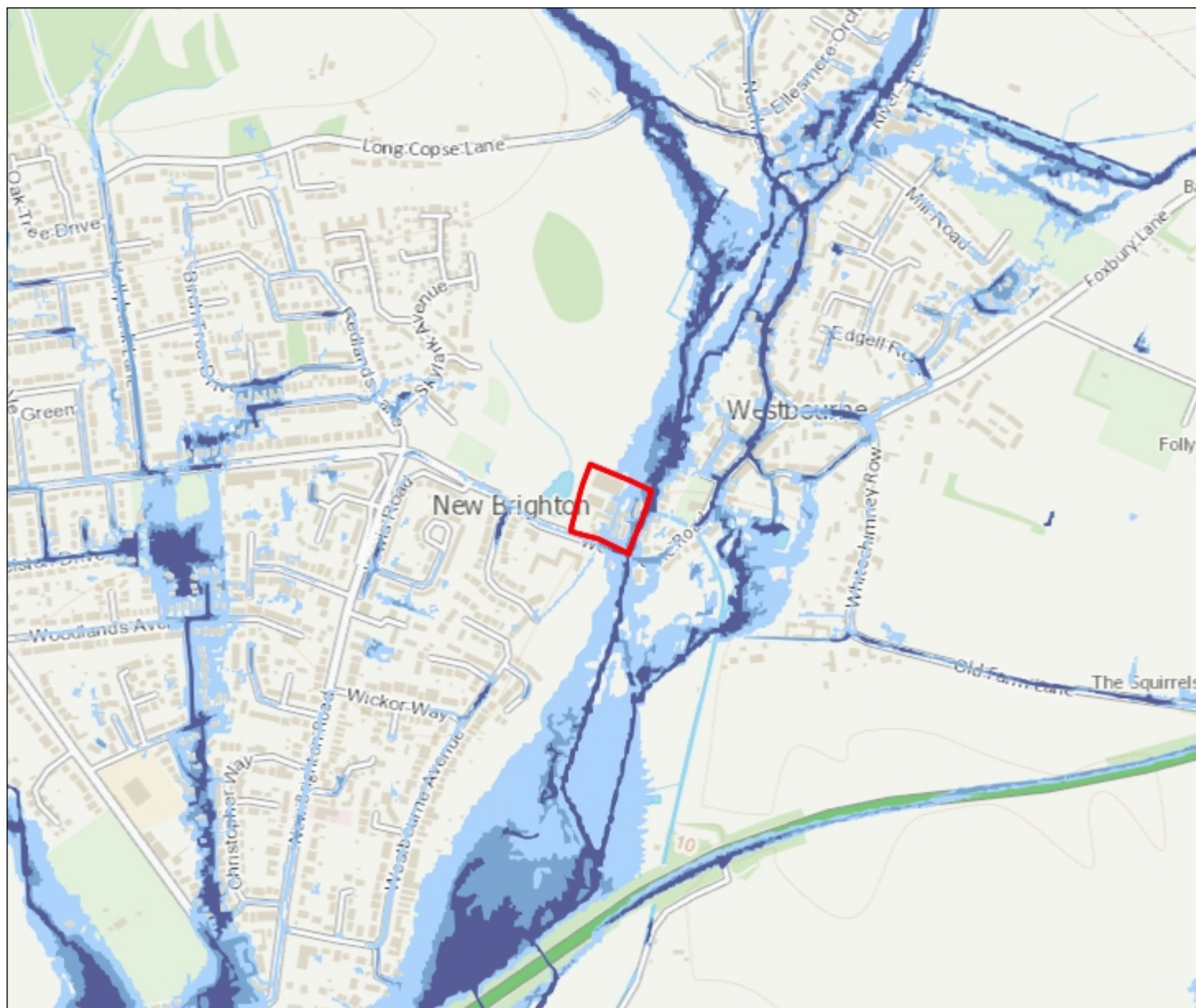


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Metres

Risk of flooding from Surface Water. Centred PO10 7SU. Created 27/02/2024.



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Likelihood of flooding from Surface Water

- High ($\geq 3.3\%$)
- Medium (3.3% - 1%)
- Low (1% - 0.1%)
- Very Low
- Flood Extent 1 in 30
- Flood Extent 1 in 100
- Flood Extent 1 in 1000

Likelihood of flooding from Surface Water

- High: Greater than or equal to 3.3% (1 in 30) chance in any given year
- Medium: Less than 3.3% (1 in 30) but greater than or equal to 1% (1 in 100) chance in any given year
- Low: Less than 1% (1 in 100) but greater than or equal to 0.1% (1 in 1,000) chance in any given year
- Very Low: Less than 0.1% (1 in 1,000) chance in any given year

This information is shown on the Risk of Flooding from Surface Water map on GOV.UK.

JFLOW Outputs Caveat

- Our work to produce Flood Zones followed a 10 year programme which delivered more detailed mapping for 821 locations. However, in order to complete Flood Zones we needed national coverage, hence a generalised approach was used to provide this national coverage within the time available, to fill the gaps between the 821 locations where we had more detailed information. The Flood Zones are therefore not as accurate as we would normally specify for river modelling, but they do provide an adequate indication of the extent of flood risk such that developers can consider flooding as part of their proposals to ensure they are not unknowingly putting additional lives at risk. This is the purpose for which the Flood Zones were produced.
- Neither water depths nor water levels were outputs that were specified when we commissioned this generalised modelling for Flood Zones. Whilst the modelling process does provide some information on depth of water, it would have been possible to produce the flood extents without storing the water depth values, since water depth is only a 'by-product' of the calculation process. As the JFLOW modelling method was developed, tested and reviewed for production of the Flood Zone extents only, we currently have no information on the accuracy of the water depth data.
- The models were run using a Digital Terrain Model (DTM) with a 5m x 5m grid. However the DTM grids were generalised to between 5m and 100m (depending on the type of model and location, for reasons such as processing speed). Fluvial modelling produced depth data which can be processed using the DTM to provide water level data. However the differing grid sizes means that there is a significant potential for inaccuracy in producing level data, because of the DTM generalisation.
- Therefore because of the nature of the model and the DTM, in many cases it will not be possible to confidently assess whether or not a site is above the resulting water level. This is because there are further inherent uncertainties in the depth calculation and within the DTM itself.
- Depth or level outputs from the National Generalised Modelling (JFLOW) are only suitable to be used for decision making at a broad catchment or Shoreline Management Plan coastal cell scale (or larger).
- They are not suitable for use in site specific Flood Risk Assessments or Strategic Flood Risk Assessments and must not normally be used for these studies. However, where in exceptional circumstances Nationalised Generalised Modelling outputs are requested to be used for anything other than at a broad catchment or Shoreline Management Plan coastal cell scale further verification must be undertaken. As part of this verification the outputs must be proven to be suitable and appropriate bearing in mind the conclusions the user wishes to draw from them and this use must be agreed in writing by the local Environment Agency staff.

If any agreement is given by the Environment Agency in pursuance of the above, the User accepts and agrees that such agreement by the Environment Agency that that National Generalised Modelling outputs are suitable for a particular use does not imply agreement that the proposals are appropriate or that the Environment Agency has no further comment on flood risk, rather that following verification the User has proven that the outputs are suitable to help assess the flood risk in the particular circumstances.

- Any assessment of Flood Risk undertaken must be appropriate for the decisions that need to be based upon it, consider the risks and also take into account any limitations of the data used
- Please read the enclosed Notice and be aware that the Environment Agency does not guarantee that this data is suitable for your purposes.
- The consultants employed to deliver JFLOW Flood Zones to the Environment Agency were Jeremy Benn Associates (JBA). I should make you aware that JBA will not release information that either is owned by the Environment Agency or based upon Environment Agency information as they are not licensed to do so. You will need to request any information you require from the Environment Agency.
- Information provided relates solely to flood risk issues and is based on the best available information to date in the Environment Agency. If further information becomes available to the Environment Agency (on flood risk issues or on other environmental issues which affect a FRA) or policy changes, we reserve the right to comment further or to supply further information or to amend information sent.
- If this information is supplied in connection with a flood risk assessment of development proposals and any material amendments made thereto at any stage prior to the submission of a planning application, the User should be aware of the need to consult the Environment Agency further.