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Executive Summary

Level 1 control documents will either be certified under the DCO at grant or annexed to the Deed of Obligation (DoO). All are secured and legally enforceable. Some Level 1 documents are compliance documents and must be complied with when certain activities are carried out. Other Level 1 documents are strategies or draft plans which set the boundaries for a subsequent Level 2 document which is required to be approved by a body or governance group. The obligations in the DCO and DoO set out the status of each Level 1 document.

This strategy is a Level 1 document. Requirement 5 of the **draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)** (Doc. Ref. 3.1(J)) requires that no part of the authorised development may be commenced until a Drainage Strategy Update has, after consultation with the Lead Local Flood Authority, been submitted to and approved by East Suffolk Council. The drainage strategy update must be in general accordance with this strategy.

~~This strategy is a Level 1 document. Requirement 5 of the **Draft Development Consent Order** (Doc. Ref. 3.1(I)) requires that Further, no part of the development (with limited exceptions) may be commenced until details of the surface and foul water drainage system for that part (including management and maintenance arrangements, means of pollution control, sewage treatment works and a programme of construction and implementation) have been submitted to and approved by East Suffolk Council, following consultation with the Environment Agency, the relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Body, the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board, the Lead Local Flood Authority, the sewerage undertaker and the drainage authority. The purpose of this document is to inform the detailed design proposals for surface and foul water drainage. As such, the surface and foul water drainage proposals must be based on sustainable drainage principles and must be in accordance with ~~this~~ the Drainage Strategy Update. Once approved, the details of the approved management and maintenance arrangements and means of pollution control must be provided to Suffolk County Council and no part of the authorised development may be commenced until Suffolk County Council have endorsed the approval of the details for that part. Any approved surface and foul water drainage system must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.~~

Requirements 13A and 22 of the **dDCO** require that no part of the road developments may be commenced until details of the surface and foul water drainage system for that part have been submitted to and approved by Suffolk County Council. The surface and foul water drainage proposals must be based on sustainable drainage principles and must be in accordance with ~~this~~ the Drainage Strategy Update. Any approved surface and foul water drainage system must be constructed and maintained in

accordance with the approved details. All general arrangement layouts shown in this document are indicative and subject to further consideration.

In the event that notice is served under Article 5 of the **dDCO, Annex 2A.1** Sizewell B Relocated Facilities Drainage Strategy must be complied with in respect of the relocated facilities works.

Where separate Level 1 or Level 2 control documents include measures that are relevant to the measures within this document, those measures have not been duplicated in this document, but cross-references have been included for context. Where separate legislation, consents, permits and licences are described in this document they are set out in the **Schedule of Other Consents, Licences and Agreements** (Doc Ref. 5.11) ~~(REP7-280)~~ (C) (Schedule of Other Consents, Licences and Agreements - Revision 3.0).

For the purposes of this document the term 'SZC Co.' refers to NNB Nuclear Generation (SZC) Limited (or any other undertaker as defined by the dDCO), its appointed representatives and the appointed construction contractors.

Storm and surface water approach

This **Drainage Strategy** has been developed (see **Section 1.1**) in such a way that it will not adversely affect the hydraulic performance of the existing environment, nor will it materially affect overland flow paths and will protect areas of Sizewell Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and other sensitive receptors.

The main drainage principle (see **Section 2**) for the Sizewell C construction site is to mimic the existing environmental runoff patterns. The Drainage Strategy has been developed in line with industry standards, guidance and best practice regarding the safe and sustainable management of surface water run-off.

The overarching surface water drainage philosophy will follow the conventional Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) steps / hierarchy presented below, moving from each stage to the next only when the current stage is deemed not practicable within the Sizewell C Project:

- store rainwater for later use (e.g. rainwater harvesting);
- use infiltration techniques (e.g. porous surfaces, swales, trenches);
- attenuate rainwater in basins or open water features for gradual release;
- attenuate rainwater by storing in tanks for gradual release through an outlet; and
- discharge rainwater direct into watercourse or sea.

It is proposed that rainwater harvesting and reuse will form part of a holistic approach to surface water management, particularly in areas that will have a high-water demand such as the accommodation campus. The viability of rainwater harvesting will be assessed at detailed design stage as part of the design process. There is a variability of groundwater and strata across the Sizewell C construction sites including the main construction area (MCA), the temporary construction area (TCA), the Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate (LEEIE) and the associated development (AD) sites, and as such each area has a flexibility to the approach taken and the approach has been adapted to suit each area.

Strategic design criteria

The surface water drainage network will be designed (see **Section 2.3**) to retain excess storm water which results from a 1 in 100-year return period rainfall event within the site, for both construction and operation phases.

Surface water management

Main Construction Area / Main Platform

The MCA (**Section 3.4**) will require provision of surface water drainage as soon as construction commences. The requirements will change with development and there will be a need to ensure flexibility over time to allow for transition from current undeveloped site, through construction drainage, to the permanent drainage network.

The operational power station site will be provided with a permanent surface water drainage network. It will be designed to drain all impermeable areas which will include roofs, roads, footpaths and car parks, and will discharge through the cooling water tunnel.

Temporary Construction Area

The TCA (**Section 3.4**) is sub-divided into separate Water Management Zones (WMZs) where surface water will be managed in accordance with the uses within each of the WMZs, using SuDS techniques, infiltrating where possible. Detention basins within each WMZ will store excess runoff. Again, there will be a need to ensure flexibility over time to allow for transition from current undeveloped site, through construction drainage, and back to the former uses upon completion of construction.

Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate

The overarching strategy for the surface water run-off associated with LEEIE (**Section 3.4**) is storage with infiltration where possible.

Storage will be used to balance runoff from the LEEIE with outfalls to watercourses at greenfield rates. Extreme storm runoff will be attenuated in an attenuation pond within the main development site to the east of the LEEIE before release to the environment through infiltration or discharged at greenfield runoff rate.

Associated Development sites

The surface water run-off associated with the bypasses, access roads, park and ride sites and freight management facilities will use the same SuDS techniques (see **Section 4**).

The strategy will drain the surface water run-off through infiltration techniques and ensure no additional rainwater runoff area is added to the site wide drainage system.

Where impervious surfacing is necessary, the Drainage Strategy is to convey run-off from these areas into either permeable paving systems (for the car park and laydown areas), infiltration trenches or into discrete soakaways located alongside the operational car parks.

Foul water management

The overarching foul water Drainage Strategy provides conventional drainage through the steps / hierarchy presented below, moving from each stage to the next only when the current stage is deemed not practicable within the Sizewell C Project:

- Transfer flows to Treatment Works.
- Introduce local foul treatment package plant.
- Specialist low flow package plant.
- Tankering to works.

Main Construction Area and Temporary Construction Area

The MCA and TCA (see **Section 3.5**) will be served by temporary Sewage Treatment Plants. The treated effluent will be pumped to the Combined Drainage Outfall (CDO) from where it will discharge to sea.

The permanent sewage treatment plant will receive and treat all domestic foul water generated within the operational site. The treated effluent will be discharged to sea through the cooling water tunnel or used as a resource in construction activities.

Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate

The preferred approach (see **Section 3.5**) is for foul water to be conveyed to Anglian Water Services Leiston Water Recycling Centre should capacity be available. If no capacity is available, foul water could potentially be treated in or close to LEEIE with an outfall connected with Leiston Drain, as infiltration of treated foul water is not a viable solution at LEEIE due to poor infiltration. If this is not possible, the next option in the hierarchy, cess pits with tankering, will be considered.

Associated Development Sites

The park and ride sites and freight management facilities are remote from the main development site. The proposal (see **Section 4.2**) is to introduce local package plants and to drain the effluent to ground through SuDS infiltration devices. There is no link to a local treatment plant as this will be the first option. Very low flow rates can impact on the functionality of a package treatment plant, and a low flow package treatment plant will be used if necessary. Tankering to works is an alternative option should the flow be insufficient for the low-flow package treatment plant.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Drainage Strategy

1.1.1 This document has been prepared to set out the site wide **Drainage Strategy** of the Sizewell C Project.

1.1.2 The scope of this **Drainage Strategy** is to provide the principles for drainage and foul water management at the main construction area (MCA), temporary construction area (TCA), Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate (LEEIE), and associated development (AD) sites, in respect of both the construction and operational phases.

1.1.3 This **Drainage Strategy** focusses on surface water disposal, but also encompasses foul water management and treatment. It has been developed following conventional industry standards, guidance and best practice regarding the safe and sustainable management of surface water run-off and foul drainage. The strategy has also been developed with specific consideration of site issues which will affect the feasibility of specific solutions, such as the availability of land and the nature of the subsoil (allowing for infiltration), the availability of foul drainage facilities (allowing for wastewater disposal emanating from the accommodation campus and temporary buildings during construction) and the normal operation of the site following completion of the construction phase.

1.1.4 This strategy sets out the drainage requirements for each of the Sizewell C Project sites.

1.1.5 Water Management Zones (WMZ) are proposed for construction stage of the main development site (MCA, TCA, LEEIE) and for each of the associated development sites. The proposals have been informed by information from ground investigations, including groundwater levels, infiltration rates, and watercourse connectivity. The Drainage Strategy sets the design parameters such as the design return period.

1.1.6 This report identifies WMZs and covers the MCA, the TCA, the accommodation campus and the LEEIE. In addition, the report considers the Drainage Strategy of AD sites consisting of road and rail schemes, park and ride sites and a freight management facility, to ensure a consistent approach across all areas is maintained.

1.1.7 Within this strategy, there is a move from generic infiltration and detention techniques, to flexible Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) structures and contaminant management.

1.1.8 All general arrangement layouts shown in this document are indicative and will be set out in the details submitted to East Suffolk Council pursuant to Requirement 5 or Suffolk County ~~Council~~ Council pursuant to Requirements 13A and 22.

1.2 Glossary

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
AD	Associated Development
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
CDO	Combined Drainage Outfall
CESWI	Civil Engineering Specification for the Water Industry
CIRIA	Construction Industry Research and Information Association
CKD	Combined Kerb Drain
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges
EDRMS	Electronic Document and Records Management System
EP	Environmental Permit
ESIDB	East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board
FEH	Flood Estimation Handbook
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FSR	Flood Studies Report
HAJ	Construction Sewage Treatment Plant
HPC	Hinkley Point C
HXE	Permanent Sewage Treatment Plant
LEEIE	Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
MCA	Main Construction Area

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
MCERT	EA Monitoring Certification Scheme
MCHW	Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works
MUGA	Multi Use Games Area
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
ONR	Office for Nuclear Regulation
OS	Ordnance Survey
SfA	Sewers for Adoption
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage System
SZA	Sizewell A power station
SZB	Sizewell B power station
SZC	Sizewell C power station
TCA	Temporary Construction Area
TMO	Temporary Marine Outfall
WIMES	Water Industry Mechanical and Electrical Specification
WMZs	Water Management Zones
0SEH	Permanent Local Oily Water Drain
0SEO-EP	Permanent Surface Water Drain
0SEO-EU/EV	Permanent Foul Water Drain

2 STRATEGY APPROACH

2.1 Summary of strategy

2.1.1 This **Drainage Strategy** has been developed in such a way that it will not adversely affect the hydraulic performance of the existing environment. The approach proposed will mitigate adverse impacts on overland flow paths.

2.1.2 The main drainage principle is to mimic the existing environmental runoff patterns where possible. This **Drainage Strategy** has been developed in line with industry standards, guidance and best practice regarding the safe and sustainable management of surface water run-off.

2.1.3 The overarching surface water drainage philosophy provides conventional SuDS through the steps / hierarchy presented below, moving from each stage to the next only when the current stage is deemed not practicable within the Sizewell C Project. The details submitted to East Suffolk Council (Requirement 5) or Suffolk County Council (Requirements 13A and 22) must include the justification for moving to the relevant stage. These stages are:

- store rainwater for later use (e.g. rainwater harvesting);
- use infiltration techniques (e.g. porous surfaces);
- attenuate rainwater in ponds or open water features for gradual release;
- attenuate rainwater by storing in tanks for gradual release through an outlet; and
- discharge rainwater direct into watercourse or sea.

2.1.4 It is proposed that rainwater harvesting forms part of a holistic approach to integrated water management, particularly in areas that will have a high-water demand such as the accommodation campus. The viability of rainwater harvesting will be assessed at the detailed design stage as part of the design process in order to maximize the economic benefit without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems.

2.2 Aim of the Drainage Strategy

2.2.1 The principal aim of this **Drainage Strategy** is to set out the guiding principles for functional drainage systems which will satisfy the legislative and policy requirements of regulators and relevant organisations including the Highways Authority, the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Environment Agency and the Internal Drainage Board.

2.2.2 In addition, the approach will satisfy the following criteria as detailed in Construction Industry Research and Information Association (CIRIA) 753 (Ref. 1.9) (the 'CIRIA SuDS Manual'), where reasonably practicable:

- control run-off at or close to where it hits the ground;
- reduce the rate of run-off leaving any part of the site and discharging to nearby watercourses (ditches, streams, rivers, sea etc.) to greenfield rates;

- use at, or near-surface drainage features wherever practicable, slowing the rate of run-off entering into below ground drainage attenuation;
- provide stages of water treatment;
- select and combine appropriate drainage features or SuDS components to suit site constraints;
- encourage habitats for wildlife in developed areas and opportunities for biodiversity enhancement; and
- contribute to the ecology and aesthetic value of developed areas.

2.2.3 This strategy demonstrates the variety of SuDS components and design options available allowing the detailed design to consider local land use, land take, and future management scenarios which will be submitted for approval pursuant to Requirements 5, 13A and 22.

2.2.4 Active design decisions will be taken to balance the interests of different stakeholders (Environment Agency, Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, Natural England, NGL) and the risks associated with each design option through consultation and engagement.

2.3 Surface water flood risk design parameters

2.3.1 The surface water drainage networks for all proposed works will be designed to the following requirements, as set out in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Design parameters

Requirement	Description
Design Storm	Proposed designs to be based on Summer/Winter storm events from 15 minutes to 1440 minute duration. It is recognised that SuDS structures performance is to normally drain down to half depth within 24 hours. For extreme storms with low outflow rates it may be necessary to extend storm durations beyond 1440 minutes to ensure the critical performance figure is achieved.

Requirement	Description
Return Period	All return periods will have a climate change allowance applied, in accordance with the Environment Agency Guidance (Ref. 1.11), to allow for anticipated changes in the peak rainfall intensity.
Level of Protection	Any flooding under extreme storm conditions will be directed to locations that avoid damage to critical structures or buildings. To identify these routes a detailed analysis of the digital terrain model needs to be combined with flow path analysis.

a) Environment Agency requirements

2.3.2 As indicated in **Plate 2.1**, the Sizewell C main development site partially lies within Flood Zone 3, equating to land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding; or land having a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of sea flooding.

Plate 2.1: Environment Agency flood map (rivers and sea)



2.3.3 Where the site is within Flood Zone 3, flood resilience measures are required, and the design of the development will keep water out as much

as possible. The platform drainage on the MCA has taken this into consideration. The WMZs also provide compensatory areas into which exceedance events may flow in a controlled manner. Drainage features will be located outside of fluvial floodplains where the design allows.

b) Climate change allowance

2.3.4 In accordance with current Environment Agency guidance (Ref. 1.4) as shown in **Plate 2.2**, it is proposed that a 40% climate change allowance will be accommodated within the design of permanent works.

2.3.5 Infiltration basins within the TCA will be designed to cater for a 100 years flood event plus a 20% allowance for climate change. Flood relief basins will be designed to cater for a 100 years flood event plus a 40% allowance for climate change.

2.3.6 Car parking areas, access roads, the Sizewell link road and the two village bypass will be designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) (Ref 1.10), British Standards and best practice guidance at the time of the design, including allowance for climate change.

Plate 2.2: Peak rainfall intensity allowance in small and urban catchments (Environment Agency)¹

Applies across all of England	Total potential change anticipated for the '2020s' (2015 to 2039)	Total potential change anticipated for the '2050s' (2040 to 2069)	Total potential change anticipated for the '2080s' (2070 to 2115)
Upper end	10%	20%	40%
Central	5%	10%	20%

c) The Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation Joint Advice Note

2.3.7 The Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) have published a Joint Advice Note "Principles for Flood and Coastal Erosion

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<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=17cd53dfc524433980cc333726a56386&extent=588430.6725%2C236967.2324%2C699555.8948%2C2>

Risk Management”. The Advice Note sets out the requirements for the protection against flooding at nuclear power stations. Note that this applies only to the main development site because of its proximity to the coast, not the AD sites.

2.3.8 In addition to a “fit for purpose assessment of flood risk”, the Environment Agency and ONR require a flood risk assessment to include information on the potential for flooding due to pluvial, surface water, groundwater, high tides, storm surges and tsunamis; and the probability of failure of flood risk management measures, for example, blocked drainage channels, or the breach / over-topping of flood defences, and the associated consequences. SZC Co. has submitted a series of FRAs for the main development site and associated development sites:

- **Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)** [\[AS-018\]](#) ~~(Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment – Rev 2.0)~~
- **Main Development Site FRA Addendum** [\[AS-157\]](#) ~~(Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – Revision 1.0)~~
- **Sizewell Link Road FRA** [\[APP-136\]](#) ~~(Sizewell Link Road Flood Risk Assessment)~~ and **Sizewell Link Road FRA Addendum Revision 2** [\[REP5-045\]](#) ~~(Sizewell Link Road Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – Revision 2)~~
- **Two Village Bypass FRA** [\[APP-119\]](#) ~~(Two Village Bypass Flood Risk Assessment)~~ and **Two Village Bypass FRA Addendum** [\[AS-171\]](#) ~~(Two Village Bypass Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – Revision 1.0)~~
- **Yoxford Roundabout and Highway Improvements** [\[APP-139\]](#) ~~(Yoxford Roundabout and Other Highway Improvements Flood Risk Assessment)~~
- **Northern Park and Ride FRA** [\[APP-115\]](#) ~~(Northern Park and Ride Flood Risk Assessment)~~
- **Southern Park and Ride FRA** [\[APP-117\]](#) ~~(Southern Park and Ride Flood Risk Assessment)~~
- **Freight Management Facility FRA** [\[APP-141\]](#) ~~(Freight Management Facility Flood Risk Assessment)~~ [FRA \[APP-141\]](#)
- **Rail FRA** [\[APP-143\]](#) ~~(Rail Flood Risk Assessment)~~

2.3.9 The design criteria for more typical events are included in **Table 2.2** below.

Table 2.2: Surface water drainage parameters

Return Period (years)	Drainage Criteria	Description
1	No surcharging above outfall soffits	The highest probability event to be specifically considered to ensure that flows to the watercourse are tightly controlled for frequent events. This criterion aims to ensure the morphological conditions in the stream remain the same.
30	No surface flooding	A useful intermediary event for which to assess on-site system performance, because of its relevance for industry standard design. Surface water will be accommodated within SuDS structures. However, it will be ensured that the surface water level within the structure remains 0.3m below the top of the structure.
100	Controlled flooding to sacrificial external areas	Represents the boundary between high and medium risks of fluvial flooding defined in the NPPF. This limit recognises that it is not practicable to fully limit flows for most exceedance events. Overland flow will be managed through existing and proposed surface topography to ensure that flood flows are directed away from critical site infrastructure.
>100	Exceedance event	When the capacity of the surface water drainage network is exceeded, surface water runoff will cumulate on the surface and be removed by overland flow to lower areas.

d) National Planning Policy Framework and guidance

2.3.10 The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England. The NPPF seeks to ensure that flood risk is considered at all stages of the

planning and development process, to avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding, and to direct development away from areas at highest risk of flooding. Where there are no reasonably available sites in Flood Zone 1, the local planning authority can consider reasonably available sites in Flood Zone 2. Only when there are no reasonably available sites for development in Flood Zones 1 and 2 should the suitability of sites in Flood Zone 3 be considered.

2.3.11 In addition, the NPPF states that “*the development should be made safe for its lifetime without increasing flood risk elsewhere*”. For a development to be considered acceptable with regards to flood risk, the Sequential Test requirements must be satisfied, along with demonstrating the development:

- within the site, the most vulnerable development is located in areas of lowest flood risk, unless there are overriding reasons to prefer a different location;
- is appropriately flood resistant and resilient such that, in the event of a flood, it could be quickly brought back into use without significant refurbishment;
- it incorporates sustainable drainage systems, unless there is clear evidence that this would be inappropriate;
- any residual risk can be safely managed; and
- safe access and escape routes are included where appropriate, as part of an agreed emergency plan.

2.3.12 SZC Co. has submitted Flood Risk Emergency Plans for the main development site, two village bypass and Sizewell link road, as part of the respective flood risk assessments.

e) Storm water management

2.3.13 Proposed drainage systems utilising various SuDS techniques will be designed to accommodate the predicted flows for all rainfall return periods listed in **Table 2.2**.

2.3.14 Industry standard WinDes ‘Microdrainage’ or similar will be used to assist the design of SuDS and any below ground pipework. Following the Flood Studies Report (FSR) method, using Sizewell, Suffolk as the location, an M5-60 and ‘r’ ratio of 18.2 mm and 0.4 respectively will be used to predict

the various storms in which the drainage infrastructure will be subject to, including varying storm intensities and return periods.

- 2.3.15 During the detailed design process the hydrology for both FSR and the Flood Estimation Handbook (FEH) methods are used. FSR predominantly for detailed design and FEH13 for checking for exceedance and identifying flood channel routes.

f) Attenuation

- 2.3.16 Where required, a simple model will be used to assess the preliminary attenuation storage and run-off volumes required. The proposal will be designed to cater for the 100-year critical event, with an additional allowance to allow for climate change. This is in accordance with current guidance from the Environment Agency.

- 2.3.17 The rate of discharge to any watercourse or drain will be limited to the equivalent greenfield run-off rate for the site, as appropriate to the existing undeveloped conditions, via the provision of storage and/or flow restrictors (e.g. hydro-brakes or similar). The flow control will constrain the rate of discharge, and attenuation storage will be employed when the rate of inflow from the storm runoff is greater than the subgrade infiltration rate or greenfield runoff rate.

g) SuDS and infiltration structures

- 2.3.18 SuDS will be designed in accordance with C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9).
- 2.3.19 To ensure the system's readiness to deal with a rainfall event, the infiltration rate from the system should be sufficient, so that the storage becomes half-empty within 24 hours. Where practicable, soakaways will be placed to ensure that the seasonally high groundwater table is at least 1m below the base of the soakaway. Infiltration systems will also be installed a minimum of 5m away from any foundations, including other underground structures.
- 2.3.20 Under extreme rainfall events such as 100 years it is recognised that with very low infiltration rates and low allowable discharge rates it will be difficult to achieve half drain down within 24 hours. Where this occurs a suitable alternative such as a high level overflow will be appropriate.

2.4 SuDS maintenance

- 2.4.1 The types of SuDS construction e.g. porous car-parks, infiltration structures etc., normally have a refurbishment requirement of between 20-30 years. The lifetime of the temporary AD sites is 9-12 years and well within this timeframe. For operations at the main development site, the likely use of these structures is fairly light with a lot of roof drainage with sediment traps and thus the refurbishment in this case is likely to be of longer increment than usual.
- 2.4.2 Sufficient inspection and maintenance will be undertaken during the life of the SuDS features to ensure the condition of the permeable pavements, tree pits, infiltration trenches and/or other drainage or SuDS features remain viable. An allowance for maintenance and minor refurbishment will be programmed within the detailed designed process submitted for approval pursuant to Requirements 5, 13A and 22.
- 2.4.3 A SuDS Maintenance Plan in accordance with the SuDS Manual C753 (Ref. 1.9) must be submitted as part of the details submitted pursuant to Requirements 5, 13A and 22 and must be implemented as approved.
- 2.4.4 The SuDS Maintenance Plan ensures that all those involved in the maintenance and operation of the SuDS understand the functionality and maintenance requirements to support long-term performance to the design criteria to which they are designed.
- 2.4.5 Maintenance ensures efficient operation and prevents failure. As SuDS structures are on or near the surface, most can be managed using landscape maintenance techniques.
- 2.4.6 SuDS structures such as permeable paving and modular geocellular storage will be maintained in accordance with the advice from the manufacturer. This will include routine and long-term actions that can be incorporated into a maintenance plan.
- 2.4.7 **Table 2.3** is taken from CIRIA and provides a breakdown of typical maintenance requirements. This includes an overview of the design concepts and a maintenance schedule for the scheme to ensure that it continues to function as intended. Further information on maintenance can be found in C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9).

Table 2.3: SuDS maintenance requirements

Maintenance type	Indicative frequency	Typical tasks
Routine/regular maintenance.	Monthly (for normal care of SuDS).	Litter picking. Grass cutting. Inspection of inlets, outlets and control structures.
Occasional maintenance.	Annually (dependent on the design).	Silt control and removal around components. Vegetation management around components. Suction sweeping of permeable paving. Silt removal from catch pits, soakaways and cellular storage.
Remedial maintenance.	As required (tasks to repair problems due to damage or vandalism).	Inlet/outlet repair. Erosion repairs. Reinstatement of edgings. Reinstatement following pollution. Removal of silt build up.

2.5 Contaminant management

a) Contaminant management in runoff

2.5.1 Managing the quality of surface water runoff so that receiving waters and/or groundwaters are protected is intrinsically linked to the hydraulic control of runoff. SuDS treatment and pollution removal can work alongside conveyance, attenuation and infiltration, particularly within vegetated surface-based systems.

2.5.2 Any SuDS component will be designed according to the guidance set out in the technical component chapters of C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9)

and the Simple Index Approach to ensure that treatment processes are effective to meet the water quality management requirements for the surfaces drained.

b) Protecting surface water

2.5.3 C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref ~~1.9~~1.9) specifies that when discharging runoff from the site to surface waters, SuDS should be designed to intercept runoff (and the associated pollutants) for most rainfall events up to approximately 5 mm in depth.

2.5.4 When runoff does occur, treatment within SuDS components is essential for frequent rainfall events, for example up to a 1 in 1-year return period event, where contaminants are being mobilised and washed off impermeable surfaces, and the aggregated contribution to the total pollutant load to the receiving surface water body could be greater.

2.5.5 For rainfall events greater than the 1 in 1-year event, where larger volumes of surface water are generated it is likely that the dilution available in receiving surface waters will be increased, and environmental risks will be reduced, however the treatment train processes recommended in the C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9) will still be applied to runoff.

c) Protecting groundwater

2.5.6 Groundwater pollution risk management will be considered for all runoff events for both storing runoff in the upper soil layers of SuDS components from where small amounts of water may infiltrate, and infiltrating significant volumes of runoff into the ground.

2.5.7 Advice on groundwater protection for England and Wales is provided in the Groundwater Protection Position Statements Guidance (Ref. 1.7) covering: requirements, permissions, risk assessments and controls (previously covered in Groundwater Protection: Principles and Practice¹).

2.5.8 C753 The CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9) advises that the risk posed by surface water runoff to groundwater is often low because of the protection afforded by the layers of unsaturated soils that lie between the infiltration surface and the groundwater receptor.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/groundwater-protection-principles-and-practice-gp3>

- 2.5.9 The effectiveness of the protection will depend on the depth of the groundwater, the predominant flow type, and the soil characteristics.
- 2.5.10 A greater depth of unsaturated soil, intergranular flow, and soils with significant clay mineral and organic content have been demonstrated to offer increased potential for beneficial contaminant attenuation.
- 2.5.11 Where the risks to groundwater are considered to be unacceptable, upstream (lined) SuDS components can be used to reduce pollutant levels. If the risk is still considered unacceptable, infiltration should be prevented.

d) Treatment

- 2.5.12 There are a range of water quality treatment processes that can be utilised within the design of SuDS: sedimentation, infiltration and biofiltration, separation, adsorption, biodegradation, volatilisation, precipitation, hydrolysis, oxidation, reduction and substitution, plant uptake and photolysis.
- 2.5.13 The effectiveness of each treatment is linked to the control of runoff both in the velocity of flow and in the retention time. Controlling velocity affects sediment deposition, filtration and other similar processes occurring at low flow velocities during regular rainfall events up to the 1 in 1-year event.
- 2.5.14 Contaminant removal occurs through settling, adsorption and other similar processes occurring over in the time that the runoff is in contact with the SuDS such as a swale, a bioretention system, or held within a basin/pond. It is also dependent on the qualities of any materials through which the runoff is filtered.
- 2.5.15 For all sites, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) will be prioritised in the surface water drainage proposals where possible to aid pollution control. The surface water drainage design will be developed such that SuDS are proposed for treatment, maintenance, and sustainability benefits, in so far as can be practicable. The SuDS techniques proposed will provide flood reduction, pollution control and aim to mimic the existing drainage characteristics to prevent impact on designated habitats. The pollution and water quality risk will be assessed using the index approach as set out in Section 26.7.1 of C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9), to determine the effectiveness of the SuDS measures to treat different types of developments. A sequence of natural treatment methods will be proposed to build robustness within the drainage network by providing numerous options to initially treat runoff. On the AD sites some roads are subject to Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB Ref 1.10) in which case the

environmental impact of discharging highway runoff is to be assessed using the Highways England Water Risk Assessment Tool (HEWRAT) methodology (Ref. 1.10).

2.5.16 In places where there is potential for increased risk of pollution or threat to receiving watercourses/sewers, proprietary systems will be considered and if necessary be used as a fail-safe method of treatment to supplement primary treatment observed using SuDS techniques. This will be explored further in future design stages on a risk management basis.

2.5.17 The proposed SuDS to be constructed across the Sizewell C sites are indicated in this strategy (**Sections 3 and 4**). The detail for each WMZ and AD site will be developed at the detailed design stage and submitted for approval pursuant to Requirements 5, 13A and 22.

2.5.18 [Annex 2A.15 provides the surface water treatment assessment for WMZ1 as a worked example for the higher risk WMZ on the main development site, to provide confidence in the approach to be taken for all WMZs.](#)

2.6 Approach taken in determining the land take requirement for storage volume to manage storm water runoff

2.6.1 This Drainage Strategy has been guided by C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9). That document is considered to be the most applicable guidance for ensuring the design represents the best solution to protect the local environment and designated habitats.

2.6.2 Where practicable storm water runoff will be returned to ground using local source control elements as well as larger regional detention basins.

2.6.3 On the main development site, there is a very wide variation in infiltration capability across the site. The local source control elements and the detention basins have been sized using infiltration to ground as much as possible. The infiltration rates from site investigation reports from 2014 – 2020 have utilised the poorest infiltration rates to determine the worst case scenario for sizing SuDS structures. This conservative approach has been applied to ensure sufficient space has been allocated within the development site for the purpose of managing storm water runoff. As the knowledge of the site progresses in subsequent design updates, further local testing will be possible. This will ensure drain down times of the SuDS structures are within acceptable limits. If infiltration rates do not indicate sufficient runoff acceptance within an area then infiltration management will be supplemented with runoff to local watercourses at runoff rates (greenfield) previously agreed with stakeholders. Further advice and liaison

will be provided to stakeholders as the design progresses, both to fulfil Requirement 5 and in respect to other post-DCO consents.

Table 2.4 Summary of Volume Required by SuDS Structures in the main development site

WMZ	Max Critical Volume Required by SuDS Structures (m³)			Critical Event (100 RP + CC)			Storage Volume Available in the MDS (m³)
	FSR	FEH 1999	FEH 2013	FSR	FEH 1999	FEH 2013	
WMZ-1	11231	14660.9	15067.6	2880 min Winter	2880 min Winter	2160 min Winter	17328
WMZ-2	9327.8	12221.1	12771.8	2160 min Winter	2160 min Winter	2160 min Winter	17695
WMZ-3	11814.5	15513.7	16016.4	2880 min Winter	2880 min Winter	2160 min Winter	17341
WMZ-4	7969.3	10647.2	11263.3	960 min Winter	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	25689
WMZ-5	7641.5	10213.3	10803.2	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	17274
WMZ-6	14418.3	19117.2	20216.7	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	22376
LEEIE East	15381.1	20579.7	21641.3	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	23221
LEEIE West	2698.8	3623.2	3812.3	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	1440 min Winter	4000

2.6.4 This data is a worst case assessment based on infiltration tests carried out in 2014 - 2020. Further assessment into infiltration rates will be undertaken as detail design progresses and these values may vary. [A summary of infiltration test locations is provided in Annex 2A.2, and Annex A within Annex 2A.3. A review of existing infiltration and permeability test data is provided for the MDS as Annex 2A.16.](#) Further details for **Table 2.4** can be found in ~~Appendix B 'ACA Drainage Strategy Technical Note (DCO Task 4)' [REP5-120] and Appendix D 'Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier~~

~~Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1)~~ [Annex 2A.3, Annex 2A.4 and Annex 2A.5.](#)

2.6.5 The AD sites follow a similar approach to the MDS above and details for the volume analyses can be found in ~~Appendix F ‘Sizewell Link Road Preliminary Drainage Design Note’, Appendix G ‘Two Village Bypass Preliminary Drainage Design Note’ and Appendix H ‘Yoxford Roundabout Updated Drainage Strategy’ to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1) and Appendix A ‘Northern Park And Ride Drainage Design Note’ to Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 – Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.63) [REP6-024] (Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 – Appendices – Revision 1.0)~~ [Annex 2A.6 – Annex 2A.12.](#)

2.7 Foul water management

2.7.1 The foul Drainage Strategy provides conventional drainage through the steps / hierarchy presented below, moving from each stage to the next only when the current stage is deemed not practicable within the Sizewell C Project. The details submitted to East Suffolk Council (Requirement 5) or Suffolk County Council (Requirements 13A and 22) will include the justification for moving to the relevant stage. These stages are:

- Transfer flows to Treatment Works.
- Introduce package plant.
- Specialist low flow package plant.
- Tankering to works (Cess Pits).

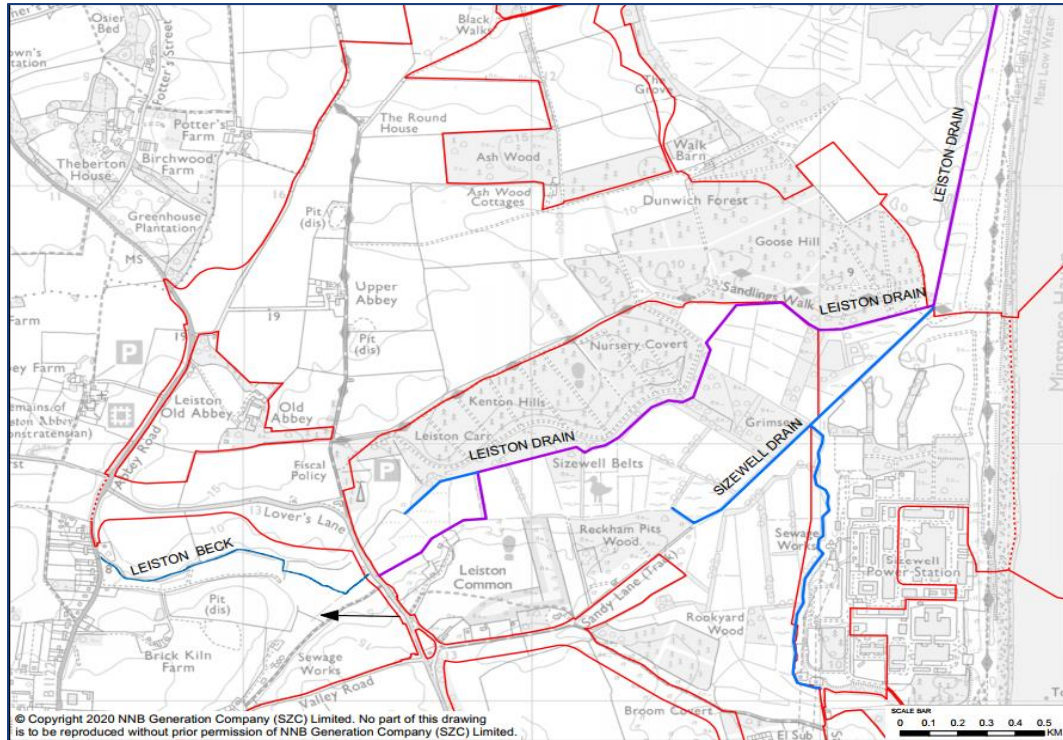
3 MAIN DEVELOPMENT SITE

3.1 Overview of existing local drainage

3.1.1 With the exception of the part of the MCA which is currently occupied by ancillary Sizewell B buildings, the land within the construction site boundary is currently undeveloped and as a result has natural, greenfield drainage. Some rainfall will percolate into the ground contributing to groundwater recharge and some will discharge to natural watercourses, via surface water overland flow.

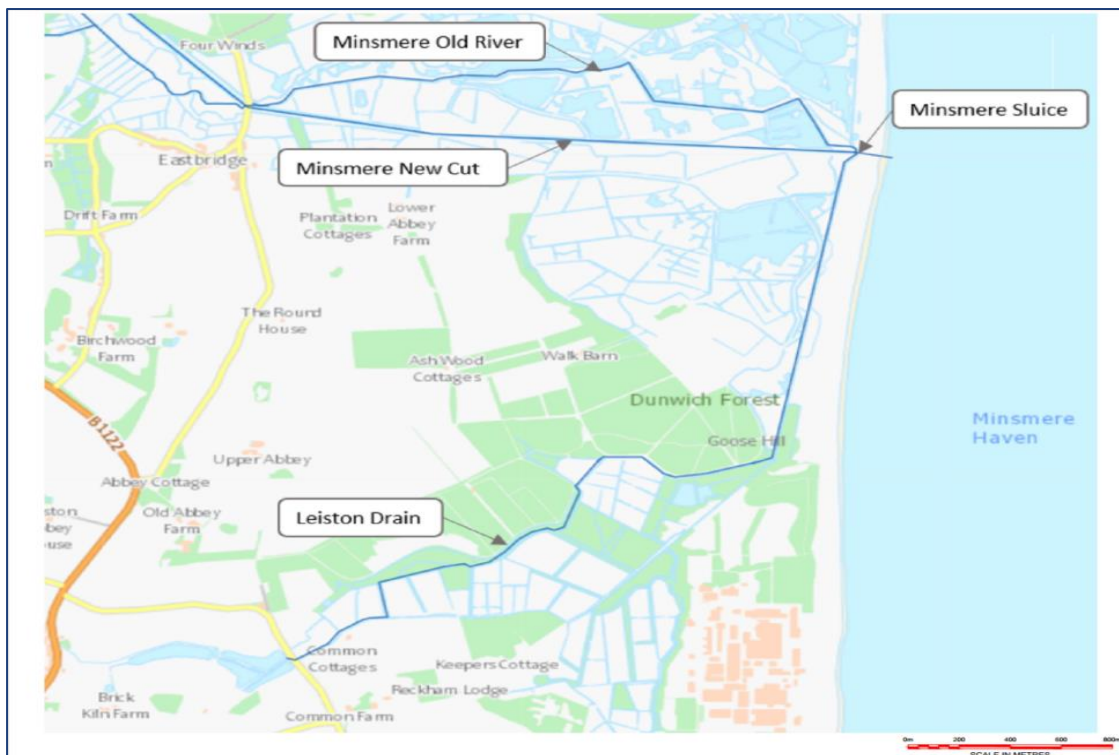
- 3.1.2 The surface land drainage features shown on the ordnance survey (OS) 1:25,000 scale mapping in **Plate 3.1** shows that within the site boundary is a small length of Leiston Drain which passes through the gap between the MCA and TCA, and Sizewell Drain which passes through the footprint of the MCA. The Leiston Drain (Main River) and Ordinary Watercourses are indicated in **Plate 3.1**.

Plate 3.1: Existing drainage features



- 3.1.3 Indicative directions of the surface water overland flow paths, based on general topography and ground levels, are shown in **Figure 2A.2**.
- 3.1.4 The low-lying areas, forming Sizewell Marshes SSSI and part of the MCA footprint, are part of the floodplain for Leiston Drain and Sizewell Drain. Flood maps produced by the Environment Agency show the extent of land adjacent to watercourses that is flooded due to river flooding during a 1 in 100-year return period rainfall event or 1 in 200 (undefended) coastal flooding events. This extent is known as Flood Zone 3.
- 3.1.5 The Minsmere River is to the north of and outside of the site boundary. This discharges to sea via the Minsmere Sluice which controls outflow from watercourses to sea whilst preventing large scale backflow from the sea.
- 3.1.6 **Plate 3.2** indicates the statutory Main Rivers, showing the locations of the Minsmere Old River, the Minsmere New Cut and the Leiston Drain.

Plate 3.2: Statutory Main River map taken from Environment Agency mapping – ARC GIS Service¹



a) Minsmere River and Minsmere Sluice

3.1.7 Minsmere River discharges to sea via the Minsmere Sluice. The sluice is divided into two chambers, each with its own gravity outlet culvert. The northern chamber receives flows from the Minsmere New Cut, while the southern chamber receives flows from Leiston Drain and Scott's Hall Drain (Ordinary Watercourse). When river levels exceed sea levels, water flows from river to sea. When sea levels exceed river levels, flow will cease, and water is stored upstream of the sluice. Some ingress of seawater into the freshwater system has been factored into the operation.

3.1.8 No part of the TCA is drained to Minsmere River and under normal operation of Minsmere Sluice, there should be no flow from the main

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<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=17cd53dfc524433980cc333726a56386&extent=588430.6725%2C236967.2324%2C699555.8948%2C295506.412%2C27700>

development site / TCA catchments via Leiston Drain into Minsmere River. As a result, Minsmere River is not considered further as part of this strategy. This aspect is assessed further in **Appendix M** ~~(Minsmere Sluice Operation and Impacts Review)~~ to **Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6** ~~[REP6-024] (Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 – Appendices – Revision 1.0).~~

- 3.1.9 Any overland flow towards Minsmere River would be intercepted by ditches which connect to Leiston Drain in proximity to Minsmere Sluice. The **Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment** (FRA) ~~[AS-018] (Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment – Rev 2.0)~~ and **Main Development Site FRA Addendum** ~~[AS-157] (Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – Revision 1.0)~~ indicate that the impact of the development is low. It is also noted that due to changes of topography to create the construction platforms and the use of infiltration for removal of surface water runoff, it is not intended that there will be any future direct surface water discharge from the site during construction, north to ditches or to Minsmere River.

b) Leiston Drain

- 3.1.10 Minsmere Sluice is the convergence point of Leiston Drain, Minsmere New Cut and Minsmere River. The source of Leiston Drain is located at the side of the B1122 (Abbey Road) adjacent to the site of Leiston Abbey. This local watercourse runs alongside the west side of the road before passing into a culvert at the entrance to Leiston.

- 3.1.11 Leiston Drain issues from the culvert downstream of Abbey Road and runs through the Aldhurst Farm area to the north of Leiston before passing under Lover's Lane in a culvert to discharge into the Sizewell Marshes SSSI. The Leiston Sewage Treatment Works discharges treated final effluent into Leiston Drain via a ditch, upstream of Lover's Lane. During dry weather, the treated final effluent flows form a significant proportion of base flow. The urban areas of Leiston also discharge surface water into Leiston Drain via the public surface water sewer network.

- 3.1.12 Downstream of Lover's Lane, Leiston Drain splits into two separate channels. The northern channel is the main channel, classified as Main River by the Environment Agency. The southern channel is classified as a ditch.

3.1.13 The area between the two channels is a flat low-lying wetland area forming Sizewell Marshes SSSI and maintained by Suffolk Wildlife Trust on behalf of SZC Co. The OS 1:25,000 scale mapping in **Plate 3.1** shows a complex series of ditches within this area. However, these ditches not only drain the area but are used to control groundwater levels required to maintain the ecology of the SSSI. At the eastern end of Sizewell Marshes SSSI the two channels re-join before passing through a narrow gap between the proposed MCA platform to the south and Goose Hill (proposed TCA platform) to the north. Leiston Drain then turns north running through a wide low flood plain, parallel to the sea defence bund outfalling to Minsmere Sluice. Under normal operation there is no direct interconnection between Minsmere River and Leiston Drain at the sluice. Leiston Drain discharges to sea via a separate outfall independently from Minsmere River. However, the Leiston Drain outfall is shared by the Scotts Hall Drain which connects from the north. This drains to the RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve (SSSI, Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area and Ramsar).

3.1.14 It is intended that by implementing this **Drainage Strategy**, through removal of surface water runoff by a combination of limiting flow to greenfield runoff rates and infiltration to ground, and subsequent permanent detailed Drainage Strategy, that no adverse changes due to development will be observed at Minsmere Sluice/Scotts Hall Drain. The drainage system will include flexible design measures whereby water movement can be influenced if required.

3.1.15 Much of the TCA and the entire MCA are located within the Leiston Drain catchment. A surface water drainage system will drain the TCA and surface water will either infiltrate into the ground or discharge to Leiston Drain at greenfield runoff rates after any contaminant removal treatment has taken place. A surface water drainage network will drain the MCA but will discharge to sea via the Combined Drainage Outfall (CDO).

c) Sizewell Drain

3.1.16 Sizewell Drain is a tributary of the Leiston Drain connecting to it at the narrow gap between the proposed MCA site platform to the south and Goose Hill (proposed TCA) to the north. In **Figure 2A.3**, the MCA site is to the east of Sizewell Drain and south of Leiston Drain. This currently discharges runoff to Sizewell Drain but will not do so when construction takes place. It is classified as an East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB) ditch reference DRN163G0202.

3.1.17 OS 1:25,000 scale mapping in **Figure 2A.3** shows it as issuing immediately to the north of the Sizewell Gap road and then running in a defined

watercourse along the western boundary with Sizewell A and Sizewell B. However, as part of a scoping investigation for the development of the FRA hydraulic model, it was found that the Sizewell Drain's source is much further north and runs through a wetland such that the channel is not fully defined. At its northern extent there is a complex series of ditches which link in with those connecting to the Leiston Drain.

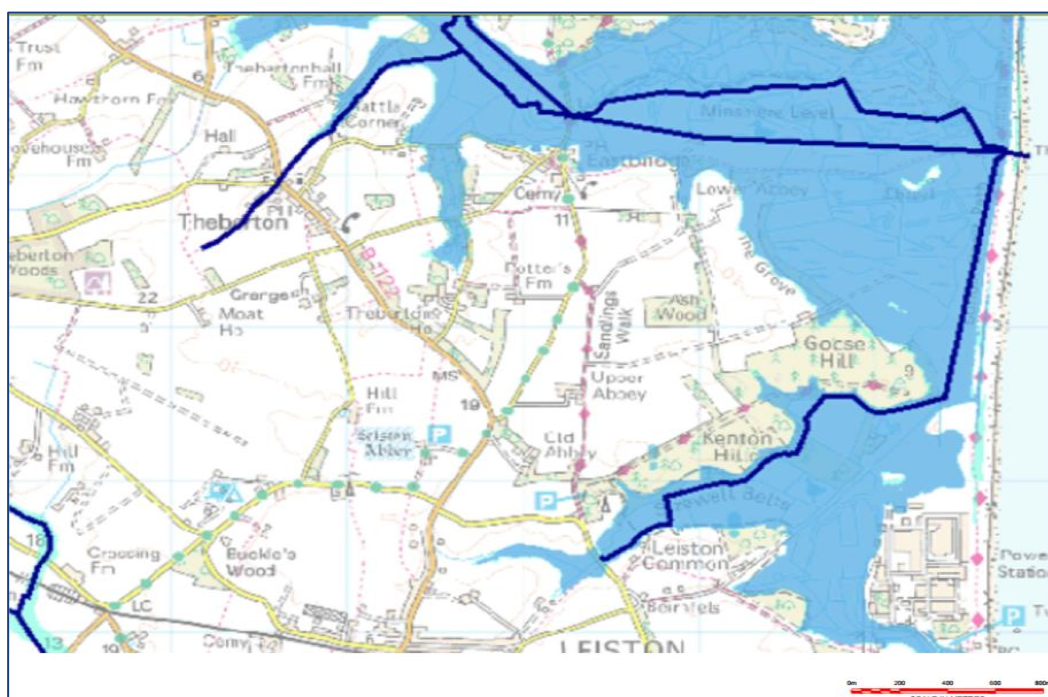
3.1.18 There is a separate construction site known as Land to the East of Eastlands Industrial Estate (LEEIE) at Leiston. This falls within the Leiston Drain and Sizewell Drain catchments.

3.2 Impact of development on local drainage

a) Flood Zones

~~3.1.10~~3.2.1 The extent of area subject to flood risk is shown on the Environment Agency flood map, an extract of which is shown on **Plate 3.3** below¹.

Plate 3.3: Environment Agency flood map extract



¹<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=17cd53dfc524433980cc333726a56386&extent=588430.6725%2C236967.2324%2C6>

~~3.1.14~~3.2.2 The flood risk extent, categorised as Flood Zone 3, has been determined by Environment Agency hydraulic modelling. The area shown shaded light blue is at risk of flooding due to either a 0.5% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) (commonly referred to as a 1 in 200-year return period) coastal flooding event or a 1.0 % AEP (commonly referred to as a 1 in 100-year return period) fluvial (river) flooding event. For the purpose of development flood risk, it is irrelevant as to whether flooding is due to coastal or fluvial events, so the map does not distinguish source.

b) Main development site and flood risk

~~3.1.12~~3.2.3 From a comparison of the extent of the construction site (shown in **Figure 2A.1**) and the currently assumed Flood Zone 3 (shown in **Plate 2.1** in this strategy), it is apparent that there is a potential intrusion on the Flood Zone which would imply risk of flooding and potentially a constraint to surface and storm water management.

~~3.1.13~~3.2.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides that inappropriate development in areas at the greatest risk of flooding should be avoided. Where development is necessary in such areas, the development should be made safe for its lifetime without increasing flood risk elsewhere. The **Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment** (FRA) [[AS-018](#)] (~~Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment – Rev 2.0~~) and **MDS FRA Addendum** [[AS-157](#)] (~~Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – Revision 1.0~~) provide further details on flood risk.

c) LEIEE and flood risk

~~3.1.14~~3.2.5 The risk of flooding to areas adjacent to the site will be mitigated by provision of surface water management measures which will attenuate runoff from the site. The **Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment** (FRA) [[AS-018](#)] (~~Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment – Rev 2.0~~) and **MDS FRA Addendum** [[AS-157](#)] (~~Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment Addendum – Revision 1.0~~) provide further details on flood risk.

d) SSSI crossing

~~3.1.15~~3.2.6 The main access to Sizewell C will be via a permanent road from a roundabout junction with Abbey Road (B1122). This road would run west to east through the TCA and cross Leiston Drain and its adjacent floodplain on the SSSI crossing to access the MCA. Given the importance of early

access to the main platform area, the SSSI crossing will be installed early in the construction programme.

e) Sizewell Drain diversion

~~3.1.16~~3.2.7 Sizewell Drain will be diverted north. At its northern extent, it would discharge to the Leiston Drain upstream of the SSSI crossing. In addition, revised water level management may be required for the drainage units and watercourses adjacent to the construction site. This would require the inclusion of water level control structures along the realigned Sizewell Drain and the revised operation of other existing structures. Refer to **Chapter 19, Volume 2** of the **Environmental Statement** [\[APP-297\]](#) for further details.

~~3.2.3~~3.3 Strategic water management

a) Strategic design criteria

~~3.2.1~~3.3.1 The drainage design criteria which will be applied in developing the detailed designs which must be submitted for approval pursuant to Requirements 5, 13A and 22 are as follows:

i. Volume criteria

- Drainage facilities to provide no surface flooding from a 1 in 30-year return period rainfall event, in accordance with accepted guidelines, combining a range of techniques e.g. infiltration systems, permeable paving and surface drainage structures to remove water from paved or semi-paved surfaces (e.g. storage areas) with no ponding for a 1 in 30-year rainfall event.
- Store or safely convey the run-off from exceedance storm events greater than 1 in 30-year return period, without putting public or property at risk.
- Reduce if possible, or at least not increase, the pre-development risk of flooding.
- Determine the impact and store on site the volume of water generated from a 1 in 100-year rainfall event to prevent escape into adjacent areas.

ii. Water quality criteria

- Remove / treat any contaminants within surface water runoff before discharge.

iii. Amenity and ecology criteria

- Provide amenity and ecological enhancement, if practicable.

iv. Sustainability criteria

- Protect the environment, minimise the use of finite natural resources and energy and provide value to those involved in its design, construction and operation.

~~3.2.2~~3.3.2 A key design requirement of SuDS and drainage design for external paved areas is ‘interception’ – the capture and retention of the first 5mm of every rainfall event.

~~3.2.3~~3.3.3 Rainfall run-off from external paved surfaces, such as car parks, laydown areas, material storage areas and roads, can contain a range of pollutants. The highest concentration of these pollutants tends to be found in run-off from the earliest part of a rain storm.

~~3.2.4~~3.3.4 Intercepting the first 5mm of every rain storm has positive benefits for water quality and quantity, as such, interception will be implemented into the drainage approach wherever practicable.

~~3.2.5~~3.3.5 Where necessary, appropriate oil/fuel controls, such as formal oil separators or through utilising effective SuDS principles, such as permeable paving, swales, etc., will be implemented into the surface water drainage networks. However, it is anticipated that these types of pollutant loads will be managed through physical interventions such as petrol, oil, diesel interceptors.

~~3.2.6~~3.3.6 Groundwater levels, infiltration rates and ground conditions at the various proposed sites will be determined in order to propose a suitable drainage design. This drainage philosophy will make assumptions for these conditions and list them where applicable. Where practicable, the drainage system will emulate the current greenfield run-off characteristics.

~~3.2.7~~3.3.7 For facilities that would be served by a direct drainage connection into the existing network, there will be no increase in flow rates or volumes compared to the existing conditions at the site. This will require formal

confirmation with respect to the viability (condition and performance) of the existing drainage network. Assurance will be required that there is sufficient capacity to accommodate the anticipated surface water such that there is no increased risk of surface flooding. Affected existing pipework may need to be locally upgraded / upsized to accommodate any increased run-off volume, although no such network reinforcement is currently envisaged to satisfy this **Drainage Strategy**.

~~3.2.8~~3.3.8 Flow controls will be incorporated where the surface water is proposed to be discharged into the existing site drainage network, to limit the discharge rate to the equivalent greenfield run-off rate up to a 1 in 1-year event.

b) Construction drainage

~~3.2.9~~3.3.9 The TCA has been divided into 10 WMZ catchments for the purpose of storm water management and disposal, and nine of these zones have been aggregated into three groups:

- Group 1 - WMZ-1, 2, 3 and 6 that discharge to both surface and groundwater.
- Group 2 – WMZ-4, 5 and 10 that are intended to predominantly discharge to groundwater subject to satisfactory infiltration rates.
- Group 3 – WMZ-7, 8 and 9 that discharge to surface and tidal waters (MCA).

~~3.2.10~~3.3.10 WMZ-9 is the MCA Deep Excavation.

~~3.2.11~~3.3.11 All areas in Groups 1 and 2 will be reinstated upon completion of the construction phase in accordance with the **outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan** [~~APP-588~~](Doc. Ref. 10.22) (secured pursuant to Requirement 14).

~~3.2.12~~3.3.12 On completion of construction, WMZ-7, 8 and 9 form part of the permanent site and these will be served by traditional piped systems.

~~3.2.13~~3.3.13 The layout of these WMZs is shown in **Figure 2A.4 Rev 23**.

~~3.2.14~~3.3.14 Each of these WMZs has been assessed and the recommended methods of surface water management for each WMZ consider the type of use in each sub-area of the construction site as well as considering its impact on the surrounding environment.

~~3.2.15~~3.3.15 As well as managing runoff volume the strategy also considers pollutant loadings and these will be dependent on what the area is being used for.

~~3.2.16~~3.3.16 In addition to managing the 30-year event the strategy considers the site resilience to extreme rainfall such as 100-year event and where the runoff will end up ensuring that the surrounding Sizewell Marshes SSSI and Minsmere Nature Reserve are not adversely affected.

~~3.2.17~~3.3.17 Similarly, LEEIE has been assessed and the recommended methods of surface water management for the LEIEE considers the type of use in each of the areas.

~~3.2.18~~3.3.18 Each of the WMZs and the additional locations are considered individually in this strategy, where the drainage principles and mitigation required in the design stage both during construction and for the permanent development are detailed.

~~3.2.19~~3.3.19 There is a variety of SuDS techniques proposed across the main development site. This is based on infiltration testing that shows the permeability has different features as you move further inland. The strategy allows for different types of approach to cater for these variations

~~3.2.20~~3.3.20 The site entrance hub will follow the same guidelines as laid out in this Drainage Strategy.

~~3.2.21~~3.3.21 The Water Resource Storage Area is primarily an area for site water storage for a number of different uses, e.g. dust suppression, washdown areas, etc. This does not have direct links to the Drainage Strategy methods as it is predominantly water resource storage. Further details for the Water Resource Storage Area can be found in **Chapter 3 Volume 2** of the **Environmental Statement [APP-184]**, as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-181]** for **Change 5** ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 2 Main Development Site – Revision 1.0.~~

c) Infiltration testing

~~3.2.22~~3.3.22 Infiltration testing on the main development site has been carried out as part of previous investigations in 2014 - 2020, through both trial pits and boreholes. The approximate locations and indicative infiltration rates of these locations are shown in **Figure 2A.5**.

~~3.2.23 Further details on Infiltration testing can be found in Appendix B ‘ACA Drainage Strategy Technical Note (DCO Task 4)’ and Appendix D ‘Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)’ to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1).~~

3.3.23 Further details on infiltration testing, including locations and application in source control calculations, can be found in **Annex 2A.2, Annex 2A.3, Annex 2A.4 and Annex 2A.5.**

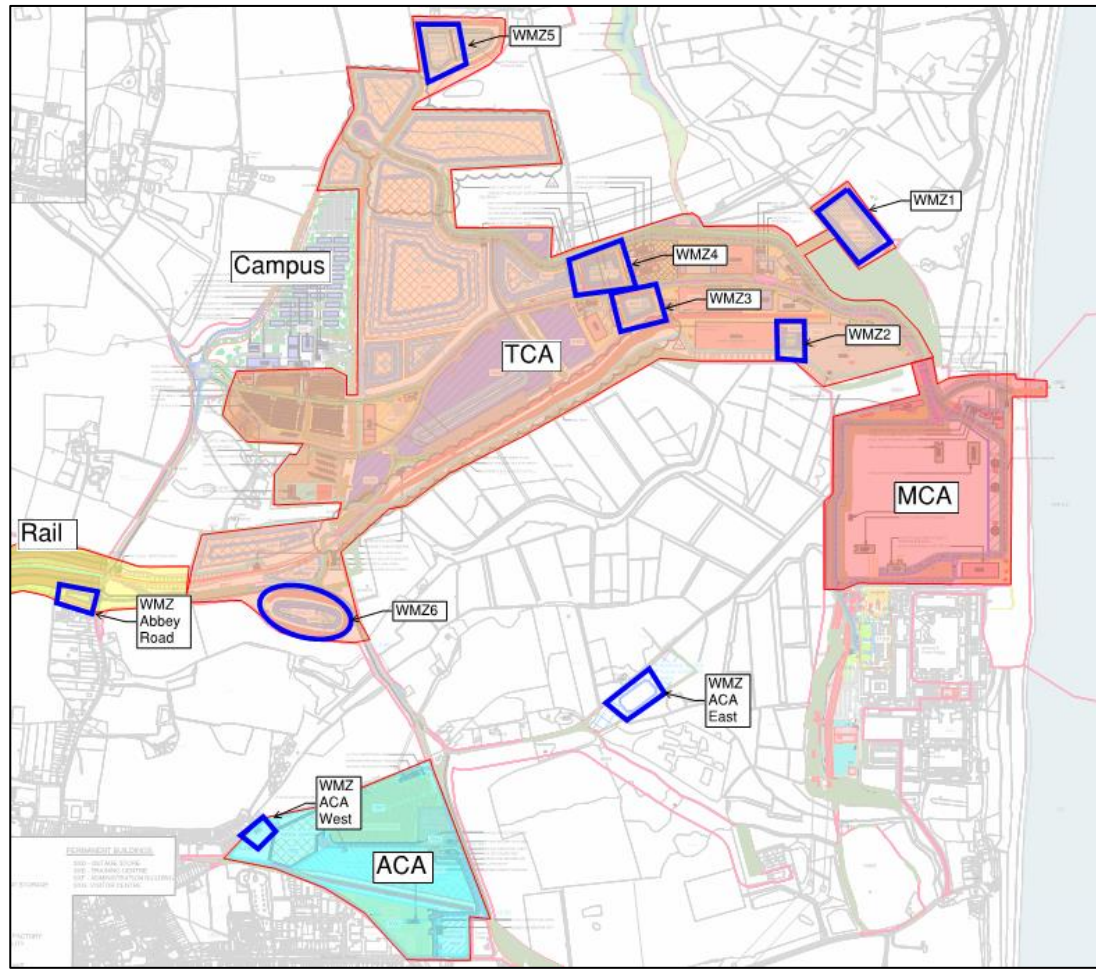
3.3.4 Water Management Zone assessment

~~3.3.1~~3.4.1 ~~The~~ Following an initial assessment of baseline topography and proposed working levels, provided as **Annex 2A.13, the** MCA and TCA have been divided into 10 WMZs (catchments for the purpose of storm water management and disposal). The WMZs have been further grouped according to their required drainage requirements and are shown in **Figure 2A.4 Rev 23**.

~~3.3.2~~3.4.2 This section outlines the specific drainage approaches to be applied to each of the proposed WMZ groups.

~~3.3.3~~3.4.3 Further detail for all Water Management ~~zones~~ Zones can be found in ~~Appendix B ‘ACA Drainage Strategy Technical Note (DCO Task 4)’ and Appendix D ‘Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)’ to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1)~~ can be found in **Annex 2A.3, Annex 2A.4 and Annex 2A.5.**

Plate 3.4: Site plot plan with construction areas



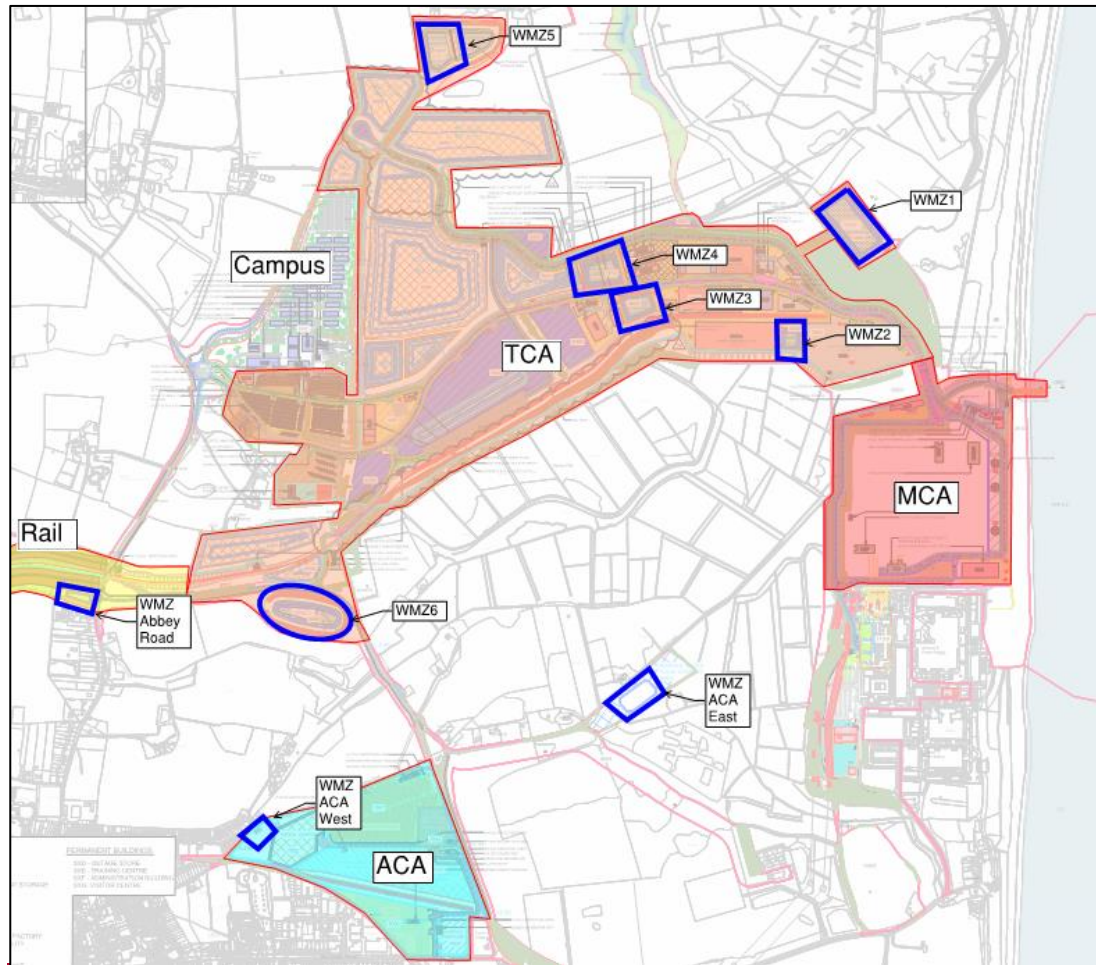
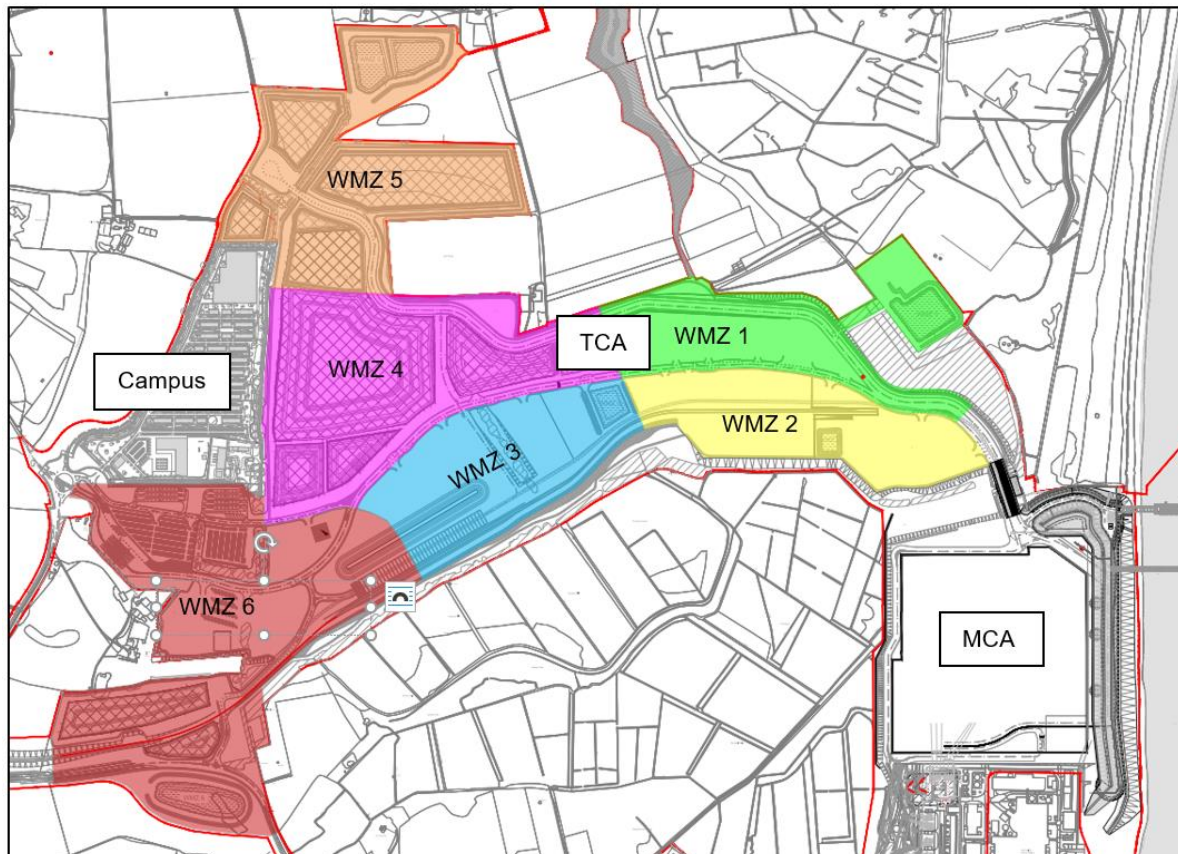


Plate 3.5: Site plan showing Water Management Zone catchment areas



a) Water Management Zones 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Group 1)

3.3.4.3.4.4 These WMZs, which discharge by both controlled greenfield rate and infiltration, are shown in **Figure 2A.4 Rev 23**.

3.3.5.3.4.5 Prior to completion of the CDO, a Temporary Marine Outfall (TMO) is proposed to allow surface water from the main construction area to discharge to the sea. The TMO will also provide redundancy for WMZs 1 and 2. Further detail on construction sequencing is provided in the **Construction Method Statement** ~~[REP7-281]~~ ~~Revision 4.0~~ [\[Doc Ref. 10.3\]](#).

3.3.6.3.4.6 Surface water from the TCA will be collected, attenuated and discharged to ground or local watercourses under normal conditions. However, whilst the CDO is under construction, if the site is subject to an extreme storm or the receiving watercourses locally are inundated with surface water due to external factors, the TMO could be used to discharge surface water to sea.

This offers additional protection to the Sizewell Marshes SSSI and Minsmere South Levels from excess volumes. Further details of the TMO can be found at paragraph 3.4.57 below and within ~~Appendix E 'Temporary Marine Outfall Operation Summary (DCO Task D3)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1)~~ [Annex 2A.14](#).

~~3.3.7~~[3.4.7](#) The use of the outfall would not have a significant impact on the input for surface water into the Sizewell Marshes SSSI as it would be used only when there was excess water in the SSSI. The use of the outfall would be subject to detailed design and approval through Requirement 5.

i. Water Management Zone 1

~~3.3.8~~[3.4.8](#) WMZ-1, shown in **Plate 3.6**, indicatively serves the proposed temporary haul road during construction as well as part of the site access road.

Plate 3.6: Water Management Zone 1



~~3.3.9~~[3.4.9](#) The proposed strategy is to drain the surface water run-off through infiltration techniques where possible, which will subsequently convey the surface water into a detention basin which will allow infiltration.

~~3.3.10~~[3.4.10](#) It is proposed that surface water runoff in WMZ-1 be primarily managed close to source.

~~3.3.11~~[3.4.11](#) WMZ-1 includes contractor compounds enclosed by the haul road to the north and main access road to the south and contains the concrete batching plant and several common user facilities.

~~3.3.12~~3.4.12 The drainage in this catchment includes road edge swales to the north of haul road collecting the road runoff and overland runoff from the land inside the site boundary. Another network is proposed north of the main access road surrounding the contractors' compound to drain the runoff from the road, access passages and buildings. Both networks discharge into the WMZ-1 basin to the north east, where there is a high level overflow connection to the CDO which will allow for very extreme events beyond the 1 in 100 year return period.

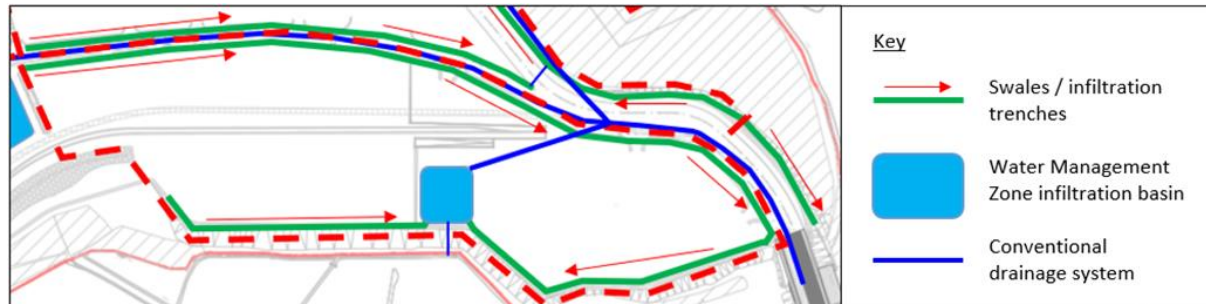
~~3.3.13~~3.4.13 The invert of the WMZ-1 basin is in close proximity to the groundwater table, therefore the basin is proposed to be lined with an impermeable membrane and a permanent outfall is proposed from the WMZ-1 basin to the nearby land drain.

~~3.3.14~~3.4.14 The detention basin that forms part of the design will be retained for exceedance storms and balancing excess volume that exceeds infiltration capacity. A change in its size/shape may be required at detailed design stage. For further detail please see ~~Appendix D 'Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices - Revision 4)~~Annex 2A.3 and Annex 2A.5.

~~3.3.15~~3.4.15 During construction, storm water runoff may have a high concentration of silts from fine particles contained within the soil or present on the surface of substrata. Over time this can blind the surface of the basin/pond or the faces or base of other structures such as porous surfaces or trenches. This can make them inoperable depending on the degree of silt contained in the runoff, therefore strategically positioned filters, semi-permeable barriers and settling forebays will be provided in the bigger structures. These can be cleaned out periodically thereby protecting the SuDS structures and runoff to watercourses. As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9) requirements will be carried out to ensure pollutant loads are to recommended limits.

ii. Water Management Zone 2

Plate 3.7: Water Management Zone 2



~~3.3.16~~3.4.16 WMZ-2 includes contractor compounds with the main access road to the north and contains the railhead in the centre of the catchment. The drainage in this catchment includes road edge swale to the south of the main access road collecting the road runoff and runoff from the compound area north of the railhead.

~~3.3.17~~3.4.17 A separate network made up of filter drains is proposed at the compound perimeter to cater for the runoff immediately south of the rail head. Both networks discharge into the WMZ-2 basin, where there is a high level overflow connection to the CDO which will allow for very extreme events beyond the 1 in 100 year return period. An outflow to the Leiston Drain south of the WMZ-2 basin is proposed.

~~3.3.18~~3.4.18 The ground investigation reports indicate that infiltration rates vary across the site and infiltration is possible. The underground storage systems will infiltrate to the ground at a rate depending on the characteristics of the underlining soil. Further ground investigations will indicate the expected infiltration rates and therefore the volumes of storage required.

~~3.3.19~~3.4.19 The detention basin that forms part of the design will be retained for exceedance storms and balancing excess volume that exceeds infiltration capacity. Further details for this area can be found in ~~Appendix D 'Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices - Revision 1)~~Annex 2A.3 and Annex 2A.5.

~~3.3.20~~3.4.20 During construction, storm water runoff may have a high concentration of silts from fine particles contained within the soil or present on the surface

of exposed substrata. Over time this can blind the surface of the basin/pond or the faces or base of other structures such as porous surfaces or trenches. This can make them inoperable depending on the degree of silt contained in the runoff.

~~3.3.21~~3.4.21 Any treatment will be carried out as close to the potential pollution area as possible. SuDS features such as filter strips or planted/bio-swales may be used where appropriate, however where pollutant load is high, strategically positioned filters, semi-permeable barriers and settling forebays can be provided in the bigger structures which can be cleaned out periodically thereby protecting the SuDS structures or where discharge to watercourses are proposed. As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9) requirements will be carried out to ensure pollutant loads are to recommended limits.

iii. Water Management Zone 3

Plate 3.8: Water Management Zone 3



~~3.3.22~~3.4.22 WMZ-3 is enclosed by roads on three sides and the rail to the south. The runoff is divided to drain into the road drainage swales proposed along the roads forming the periphery drainage.

~~3.3.23~~3.4.23 A separate network has been designed to cater for the runoff from the unloading area platform and the railway drainage. The peripheral drainage discharges to the WMZ-3 basin to the east of the catchment.

~~3.3.24~~3.4.24 The existing row of trees in this catchment will become a natural low point within this catchment since the ground level in the TCA is being raised. An outfall network crossing the railway will discharge from this low point to the existing drain outside the site boundary.

~~3.3.25~~3.4.25 The detention basin that forms part of the design will be retained for exceedance storms and balancing excess volume that exceeds infiltration capacity. Further details for this area can be found in ~~Appendix D 'Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 4)~~Annex 2A.3 and Annex 2A.5.

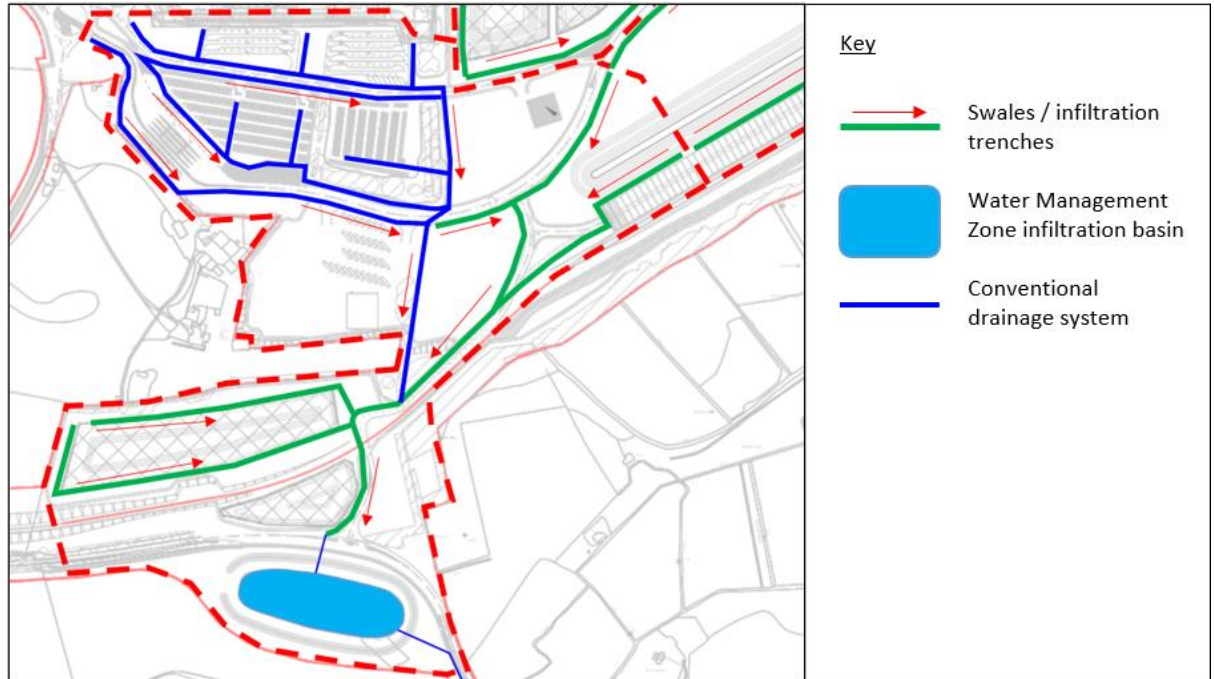
~~3.3.26~~3.4.26 During construction, storm water runoff may have a high concentration of silts from fine particles contained within the soil or present on the surface of exposed substrata. Over time this can blind the surface of the basin/pond or the faces or base of other structures such as porous surfaces or trenches. This can make them inoperable depending on the degree of silt contained in the runoff.

~~3.3.27~~3.4.27 Again, any treatment will be carried out as close to the potential pollution area as possible, however where pollutant load is high, strategically positioned filters, semi-permeable barriers and settling forebays will be provided in the bigger structures which can be cleaned out periodically thereby protecting the SuDS structures or runoff to watercourses are proposed. As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref 1.9) requirements will be carried out to ensure pollutant loads are to recommended limits.

~~3.3.28~~3.4.28 Where the pollutant loads are managed within SuDS structures and the pollutant load is held within the fine particles in the runoff, removal of these fine particles may be carried out via Siltbuster or other similar treatment as required.

iv. Water Management Zone 6

Plate 3.9: Water Management Zone 6



~~3.3.29~~3.4.29 WMZ-6 comprises the Green Rail Route, plaza area, secondary access roads and two storage areas.

~~3.3.30~~3.4.30 The proposed strategy is to drain the surface water run-off through infiltration techniques conveying surface water into a detention basin which will allow infiltration, as well as draining to local watercourses.

~~3.3.31~~3.4.31 The rail drainage consists of filter drains adjacent to the track, cut off drains at the top of the cutting and toe ditches at the bottom of the embankment. The plaza drainage consists of filter drains all along the road verges. Perimeter swales are proposed at the storage areas and the road drainage swales along the secondary access road. At the level crossing and at the existing tree pit location, alternative filter drains, and carrier drains are provided as appropriate. All the drainage networks discharge to the WMZ-6 basin located to the south of the catchment.

~~3.3.32~~3.4.32 An overflow is proposed from the WMZ-6 basin to the Leiston Drain near Lover's Lane.

~~3.3.33~~3.4.33 Impermeable surfaces within WMZ-6 are proposed to drain to the infiltration structures.

~~3.3.34~~3.4.34 The detention basin that forms part of the design will be retained for exceedance storms and balancing excess volume that exceeds infiltration capacity. Further details for this area can be found in ~~Appendix D 'Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices - Revision 4)~~Annex 2A.3 and Annex 2A.5.

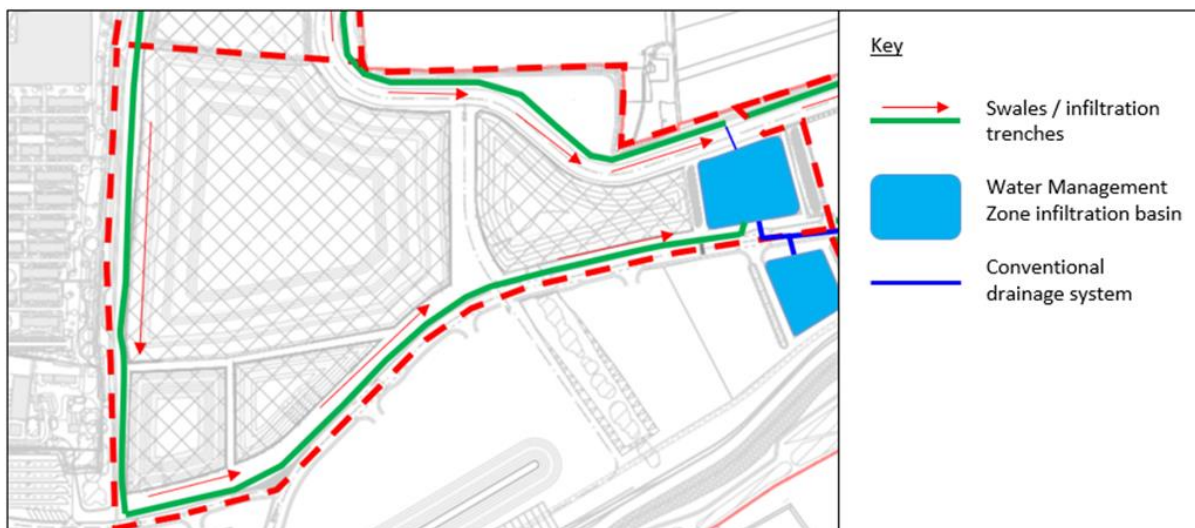
~~3.3.35~~3.4.35 As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9) requirements will be carried out to inform the detailed design which will be approved in accordance with Requirement 5.

b) Water Management Zones 4 and 5 (Group 2)

~~3.3.36~~3.4.36 These WMZs are intended to predominantly discharge by infiltration only. There is a very wide variation in infiltration capability across the site. The local source control elements and the detention basins have been sized using infiltration to ground as much as possible. If further detailed testing reveals that infiltration rates do not indicate sufficient runoff acceptance within these WMZs then infiltration management will be supplemented with runoff to local watercourses at runoff rates (greenfield) in accordance with the SuDS hierarchy.

i. Water Management Zone 4

Plate 3.10: Water Management Zone 4



~~3.3.37~~3.4.37 This WMZ largely comprises the material storage area and stockpiles, and is enclosed by the haul road, secondary access and main access road. A part of the catchment to the north shares a common boundary with WMZ-5, which is also identified to be the localised high point. Perimeter road swales have been proposed along the roads to drain the runoff from the catchment. Two such networks, one from the north and the other from the south, discharge to the WMZ-4 basin located to the east of the catchment.

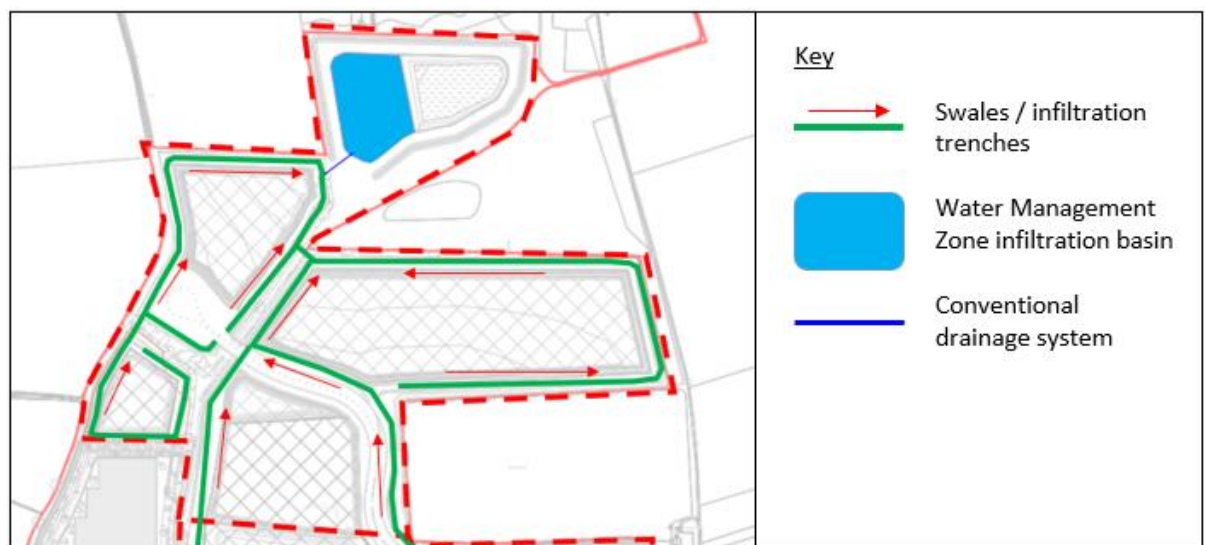
~~3.3.38~~3.4.38 Surveys to date have indicated that infiltration is possible in this area and therefore conventional infiltration type drainage will be applied where practicable.

~~3.3.39~~3.4.39 The detention basin that forms part of the design will be retained for exceedance storms and balancing excess volume that exceeds infiltration capacity. Further details for this area can be found in ~~Appendix D ‘Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)’ to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 4)~~Annex 2A.3 and Annex 2A.5.

~~3.3.40~~3.4.40 As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9) requirements will be carried out to ensure pollutant loads are to recommended limits.

ii. Water Management Zone 5

Plate 3.11: Water Management Zone 5



~~3.3.41~~3.4.41 This catchment largely comprises the borrow pits and stockpiles, which includes part of the haul road, and is enclosed by the site boundary access roads. Two drainage networks along the site boundary have been designed as perimeter swales, and there is a swale demarcating the storage areas, which is also identified to be the localised low point. All three networks discharge to the WMZ-5 basin located to the north of the catchment.

~~3.3.42~~3.4.42 The proposed strategy is to drain the surface water run-off through infiltration techniques. Surveys to date have indicated that infiltration is possible in this area and therefore conventional infiltration type drainage will be applied where practicable.

~~3.3.43~~3.4.43 If further detailed testing reveals that infiltration rates do not indicate sufficient runoff acceptance, then WMZ-5 basin will overflow into the Water Resource Storage Area (WRSa). The WRSa has an outfall which drains to a private drain on the eastern flank of the flood mitigation area. Further information on the details of WMZ-5 basin can be found in ~~Appendix D 'Main Development Site Water Management Zone Summary (DCO Task D2)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices - Revision 1)~~Annex 2A.3 and Annex 2A.5. The outfalls are shown on **Figure 2A.4 Rev 23**.

~~3.3.44~~3.4.44 Where the runoff for material storage areas are located the surface water will be managed by providing trench infiltration or swales to capture runoff locally and maximise the source control philosophy. As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9) requirements will be carried out to ensure pollutant loads are to recommended limits.

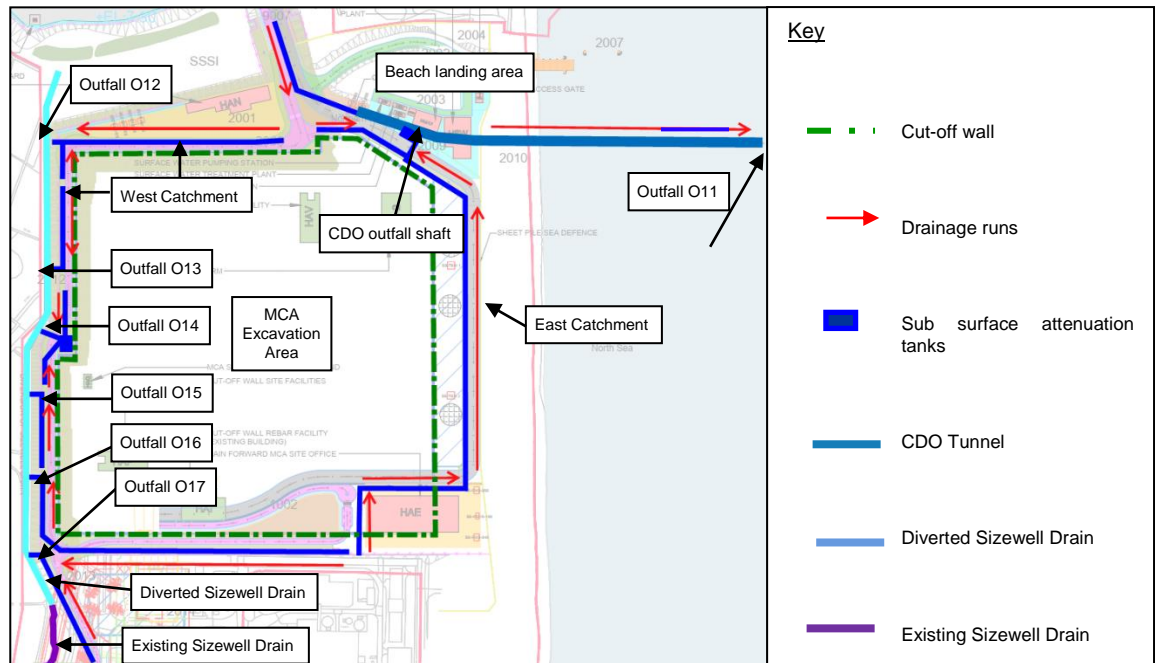
c) Water Management Zones 7, 8 and 9 (Group 3)

~~3.3.45~~3.4.45 WMZs 7,8 and 9 constitute the Main Construction Area (MCA).

~~3.3.46~~3.4.46 The MCA lies east of the Sizewell Marshes SSSI. The Sizewell Drain runs diagonally across the north-west corner of the MCA and needs to be realigned to pass along the western edge of the proposed MCA and reconnect to the Leiston Drain. The existing ground largely comprises an area of flat grassland, with the southwest corner occupied by existing Sizewell B infrastructure. To the north lies Dunwich forest, to the west is the Sizewell Belts Nature Reserve and to the east is the Suffolk Coast Path and North Sea.

~~3.3.47~~3.4.47 The MCA is where the main nuclear islands and associated operational infrastructure will be sited.

Plate 3.12: Water Management Zones 7,8 and 9



~~3.3.48~~3.4.48 WMZ-8 on the west side of the MCA is proposed to have six permanent construction outfalls along the diverted Sizewell Drain to accommodate areas external to the cut-off wall. This catchment, approximately 5 ha, considers the main access roads to the north, south and west of the MCA and a link road to Sizewell B. Currently, filter drains are proposed along the verge and attenuation is required to allow the flow to be restricted to greenfield runoff rates.

~~3.3.49~~3.4.49 The discharge from WMZs 7 and 9 will be directly to the sea via the Combined Drainage Outfall (CDO) during the construction phase, and discharge from the plant when it becomes operational will be via the cooling water tunnel.

~~3.3.50~~3.4.50 The collection of surface water across WMZs 7, 8 and 9 will be designed to suit the sequence of construction events. Surface water will be collected and held in temporary attenuation ponds within WMZs 7, 8 and 9, before being treated using proprietary devices if required.

~~3.3.51~~3.4.51 Prior to completion of the CDO, a Temporary Marine Outfall (TMO) is proposed to allow surface water from the main construction area to discharge to the sea. Further detail on construction sequencing is provided in the **Construction Method Statement** [~~REP7-281~~] ~~Revision 4.0~~ [\(Doc Ref. 10.3\)](#).

~~3.3.52~~3.4.52 The proposed large capacity of the CDO means that storage will not be required for exceedance events up to the 1 in 100-year event, where all treated surface water can be discharged to sea. Exceedance events greater than the 1 in 100-year event could be managed by discharging surface water via the CDO or to the foreshore via the TMO before completion of the CDO. All surface water from up to the 1 in 100-year event shall be treated prior to discharge, and surface water from events greater than 1 in 100-year event will be treated where practicable.

~~3.3.53~~3.4.53 WMZ-9 is the MCA Deep Excavation. As WMZ-9 is at low level, storm water draining to the lower levels will need to be pumped up to platform level and the outfall arrangements set in place for WMZ-8 where the surface water will discharge to the sea via the CDO. Parts of the area of WMZ-8 drain naturally to the marshes and this will be managed to help the existing water balance of the natural environment. The feasibility of harvesting surface water for re-use on site will be assessed at the detailed design stage and reported within the details submitted for approval pursuant to Requirements 5.

i. Combined Drainage Outfall (CDO)

~~3.3.54~~3.4.54 The CDO is required in order to dispose various sources of water to sea during construction operations. The sources include:

- Treated final effluent originating from the construction phase sewage treatment plant.
- Treated surface water runoff from the deep excavation within the MCA.
- Groundwater, treated if required, from dewatering within the MCA cut-off wall.
- Treated plant cold commissioning waters.
- Treated concrete wash water.
- Treated water originating from tunnel construction.

~~3.3.55~~3.4.55 On completion of cold commissioning the CDO will be discontinued. The discharge of surface water from the Platform when it becomes operational will be via the cooling water tunnel. The cooling water tunnel will also be used for the disposal of:

- Treated final effluent originating from the permanent sewage treatment plant.
- Exceedance runoff from the main platform area (WMZ-9).

~~3.3.56~~3.4.56 Although it is not intended to discharge surface water runoff from the TCA into the CDO, this would be possible if problems arose during the construction phase to reduce flood risk and allow operations to continue.

~~3.3.57~~3.4.57 An access shaft will be constructed on the tunnel within the MCA. This would provide a connection point for disposal of treated surface water runoff from the MCA, groundwater, treated if required, from dewatering within the MCA cut off wall, treated plant cold waters and treated decommissioning waters, as well as treated sewage effluent. This shaft will be located within the permanent site security fence.

ii. Temporary Marine Outfall (TMO)

~~3.3.58~~3.4.58 The TMO is proposed in order to allow excess surface water runoff from the main construction area to be discharged to the sea during construction operations prior to the completion of the CDO.

~~3.3.59~~3.4.59 As previously described in **section 3.4 a)**, the TMO also offers redundancy in the surface water management for WMZs 1 and 2.

~~3.3.60~~3.4.60 The TMO is proposed to be installed early in the construction programme. It is anticipated that the TMO will remain in place for a period of 15 months.

~~3.3.61~~3.4.61 Surface water will be temporarily pumped from the main construction site over the temporary sea defences and into a chamber before discharging through a gravity pipe towards the shoreline, above the mean high water mark.

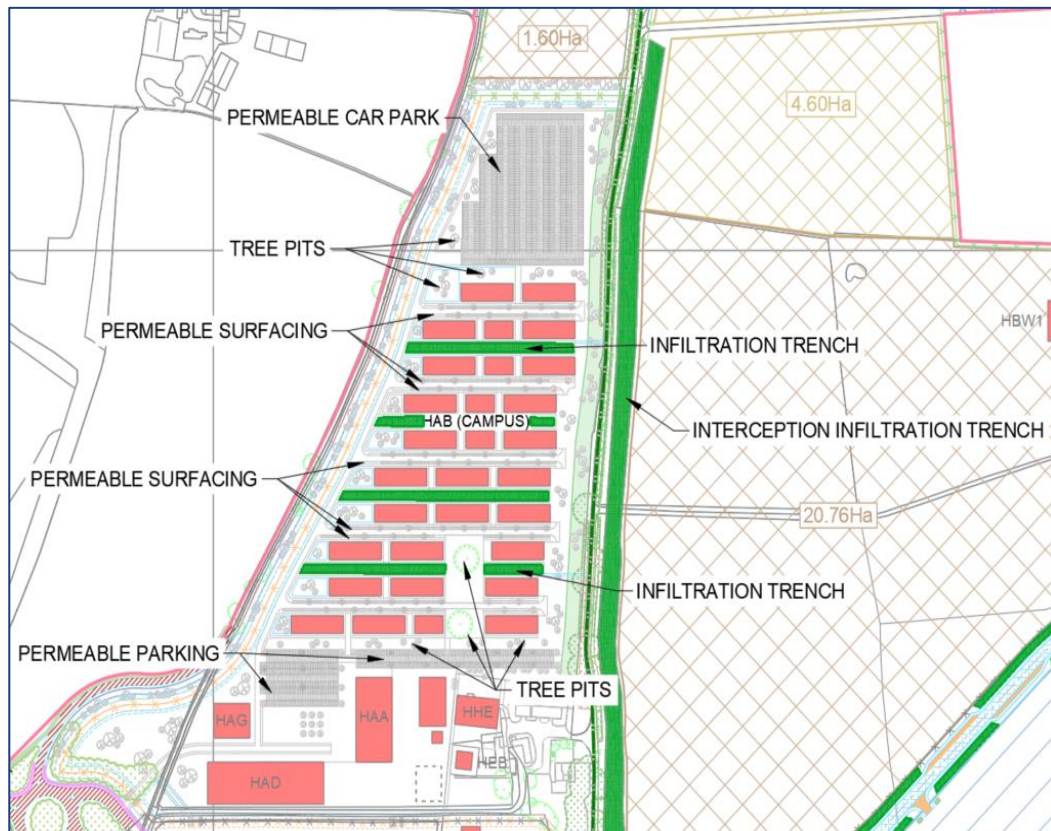
~~3.3.62~~3.4.62 The temporary outfall will be located south of both the permanent and new, temporary beach landing facilities. The TMO will allow excess surface water runoff to be discharged to sea via the TMO.

~~3.3.63~~3.4.63 The temporary outfall will be controlled through conditions set by the Environment Agency through discharge permit applications.

~~3.3.64~~3.4.64 On completion of the CDO, the TMO will no longer be required, and will be removed.

d) Water Management Zone 10

Plate 3.13: Proposed techniques in Water Management Zone 10



~~3.3.65~~3.4.65 WMZ-10 will indicatively provide attenuation and infiltration for the proposed accommodation campus site during construction.

~~3.3.66~~3.4.66 The campus is an area designated for accommodation and facilities for the development at Sizewell C with an operational life of approximately 9 to 12 years. The site will be returned to its former use upon completion of construction pursuant to Requirement 16.

~~3.3.67~~3.4.67 The campus is located in the western end of the TCA. No watercourses are local in the vicinity of the campus to facilitate a direct

connection for surface water discharge. Rainfall runoff will be stored below ground and will allow gradual infiltration.

~~3.3.68~~3.4.68 The necessary attenuation storage will primarily be located beneath the car parks and paved areas within the campus site.

~~3.3.69~~3.4.69 The underground storage systems will infiltrate to the ground and each car park area will infiltrate at different rate depending on the characteristics of the underlying soil. The ground investigation reports indicate that infiltration rates vary across the site. If infiltration is insufficient to manage all of the run-off then it will be supplemented by discharge at greenfield rates to watercourse via the TCA.

~~3.3.70~~3.4.70 Given the depth to groundwater is considerable, there is opportunity to utilise other methods of surface water management including rainwater harvesting and treating surface water at source through detention and infiltration.

~~3.3.71~~3.4.71 The accommodation blocks will be designed in a manner that allows for the collection and re-use of roof water where possible. Rainwater harvesting systems may be integrated into the design to avoid retro-fit. The harvested rainwater can be used for toilets, washing machines and other non-potable use, giving significant reductions in water usage.

~~3.3.72~~3.4.72 Rainwater harvesting will likely involve the use of below ground tanks to ensure no space is taken up and the appearance of the building is not altered. As the collected rainwater will have no light affecting it, the water will stay cool and make bacterial growth improbable, thus keeping the quality of the water high. Below ground tanking also means that the tanks are frost protected.

~~3.3.73~~3.4.73 Where there are large car parking areas proposed, it is proposed that these areas use permeable surfacing. The surfacing will be robustly constructed, emulating the current drainage characteristics, whilst providing suitable treatment of any incidental oil spills.

~~3.3.74~~3.4.74 Grasscrete, Tarmac Ultra Porous, Marshall's Piora or similar will be used to ensure runoff from the car parks is controlled at source.

~~3.3.75~~3.4.75 In addition, the access ways between the buildings and other non-heavily tracked areas within the campus will also employ permeable surfacing to allow infiltration at source. Where reasonably practicable, the run-off conveyed from the roof of the buildings within the campus will also be incorporated within the permeable surfacing sub-base.

~~3.3.76~~3.4.76 Trees will be planted throughout the campus, and it is proposed that where there is a large amount of impermeable roof area tree pits may be utilised to provide storage and infiltration into the ground as close to source as possible.

~~3.3.77~~3.4.77 Shallow infiltration trenches along the perimeter of the campus and in the green space between the blocks may also provide additional storage and infiltration opportunities for exceedance events.

e) Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate

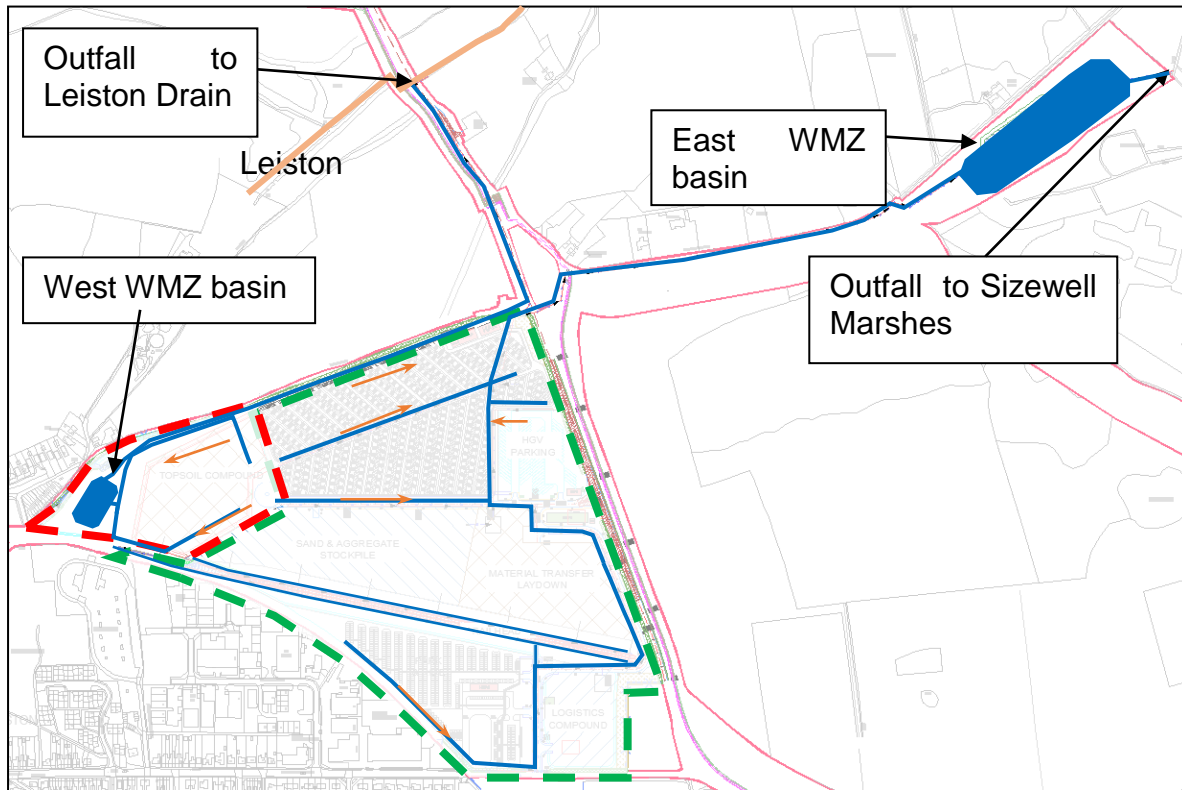
~~3.3.78~~3.4.78 LEEIE would serve a variety of uses including topsoil and aggregate storage, a park and ride facility and a caravan park as set out in **Chapter 3 Volume 2** of the **Environmental Statement**, as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-181]** ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 2 Main Development Site - Revision 1.0.~~

~~3.3.79~~3.4.79 The overarching strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the LEEIE is storage with infiltration where possible.

~~3.3.80~~3.4.80 Infiltration is unlikely to be an effective technique for this area. The philosophy proposed for the LEEIE is to convey run-off from impermeable areas into storage areas located within the LEEIE area, with outfalls to Leiston Drain and Sizewell Drain at greenfield rates. Utilising swales at boundaries and along the roadside of the re-aligned lane may not provide enough storage for surface water generated in this area.

~~3.3.81~~3.4.81 Two water management zone attenuation features are proposed to store runoff prior to discharge. Runoff from the topsoil compound area and the area west of this compound (dashed red line in Figure 3-7) will be captured in swales and attenuated in the West WMZ Basin, before discharging to the Leiston Drain near Lover's Lane. Surface water runoff from all other areas (dashed green line in Figure 3-7) within the LEEIE will be conveyed to the East WMZ Basin, before discharging to the Sizewell Marshes. The outflows will be limited to greenfield runoff rates.

Plate 3.14: Drainage layout at the Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate



~~3.3.82~~3.4.82 The Drainage Strategy within the LEEIE has been modified following agreement with the Environment Agency and Suffolk County Council to allow more runoff to be attenuated in the East WMZ basin and discharge to the Sizewell Marshes.

~~3.3.83~~3.4.83 In order to accommodate the larger volumes of runoff from longer return period storms, the land to the east of the LEEIE will be used. This area will store surface water in extreme events. The route to this area will indicatively be across Lover's Lane and through the services area which has natural falls. The excess volume temporarily stored in the attenuation area will be managed through a combination of natural infiltration and low flow greenfield runoff to the Sizewell Drain. For further detail on this area refer to ~~Appendix B 'ACA Drainage Strategy Technical Note (DCO Task 4)' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.54) [REP5-120]~~Annex 2A.4 and Annex 2A.5.

~~3.3.84~~3.4.84 Surface water within the earth material storage area will be managed by providing trenches or swales to capture runoff locally and maximise the source control philosophy. With infiltration being unlikely to be an effective technique for heavy or prolonged events, attenuation storage in the West WMZ basin will be used with a pumped discharge to take flow to the upper area of the site. Allowable outfall rates at greenfield runoff will be used as agreed with stakeholders.

~~3.3.85~~3.4.85 The caravan pitches will be based on permeable surfacing where possible, to take advantage of any infiltration into the ground and reduce runoff.

~~3.3.86~~3.4.86 The large car parking area for the park and ride facility permeable surfacing will again be utilised to allow for any infiltration into the ground. The surfacing will be robustly constructed, emulating the current drainage characteristics, whilst providing additional treatment of any incidental oil spills.

~~3.3.87~~3.4.87 Grasscrete, Tarmac Ultra Porous, Marshall's Piora or similar will be used to ensure runoff from the car parking area is controlled at source.

~~3.3.88~~3.4.88 Any pollutant runoff from laydown or storage areas will be managed using SuDS techniques or proprietary products. As part of the detailed design a treatment train analysis to C753 CIRIA SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9) requirements will be carried out to ensure pollutant loads are to recommended limits.

~~3.3.89~~3.4.89 The site will be reinstated upon completion of the construction phase pursuant to Requirements 14 and 16.

~~3.4~~3.5 Foul water management

a) Main development site

~~3.4.1~~3.5.1 Over a 9-12-year construction period, an accommodation campus will provide accommodation for up to 2,400 personnel. Welfare facilities including canteens, toilets and showers will be in use throughout the construction phase. These facilities will require a foul network and sewage treatment. The capacity of the accommodation campus is less than 10,000 therefore the site will not be required to comply with the Urban Waste Water Directive (Ref. 1.8) in respect to advanced treatment requirements.

~~3.4.2~~3.5.2 There will be a considerable requirement for foul water treatment and disposal throughout construction. This requirement will fluctuate

considerably through the course of the contract and it is therefore imperative that a flexible approach is applied.

~~3.4.3~~3.5.3 The construction phase sewage treatment plants will be located close to sources of effluent and will receive and treat all domestic foul water generated during construction.

~~3.4.4~~3.5.4 Lessons learned from Hinkley Point C have been taken into account where excavating and re-siting of buried rising mains posed issues during the construction phase. The siting of any pumped network at Sizewell C, particularly in the vicinity of the TCA, will be carefully considered. Where the rising main is temporary, consideration can be made for alternative routes that maximise the flexibility for construction phasing.

~~3.4.5~~3.5.5 Disposal to sea following treatment has been selected, as the receiving waters are less sensitive and dilution of the treated effluent is much greater than for a watercourse.

~~3.4.6~~3.5.6 The construction phase sewage treatment plants will receive and treat all domestic foul water generated during construction. It will be possible to pump sewage to the treatment plant from the Campus Area, however during construction of the temporary treatment plant, interim arrangements will be required.

~~3.4.7~~3.5.7 A plan of an indicative drainage network to be provided for the collection and removal of domestic foul water flows from the TCA and MCA during construction is shown in **Figure 2A.6**.

~~3.4.8~~3.5.8 Treated foul sewage effluent has to meet permitted quality limits prior to any dilution. The treated effluent will be pumped to the CDO during the construction phase, from where it is disposed to sea.

~~3.4.9~~3.5.9 Typical approaches during construction usually range from packaged treatment plants to holding septic tanks or cess pits with tanker provisions, however the network approach illustrated above allows for the efficient treatment of wastewater during the construction phase, and removes a significant requirement for a number of package plants that would otherwise have been required across the TCA.

~~3.4.10~~3.5.10 The permanent sewage treatment plant will receive and treat all domestic foul water generated within the power station site and Off-Site Delivery Checkpoint Building which will remain after the construction stage.

~~3.4.11~~3.5.11 The construction phase Sewage Treatment Plants would be required until such time as the permanent Sewage Treatment Plant is complete.

~~3.4.12~~3.5.12 In the operational phase, treated effluent from the permanent sewage treatment plant will be discharged to the cooling water tunnel outfall.

b) Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate

~~3.4.13~~3.5.13 There will be requirements for foul water disposal and treatment at the LEEIE for the temporary caravan pitches and park and ride facility. Being removed from the MCA and the TCA, a different strategy is more appropriate.

~~3.4.14~~3.5.14 A package treatment plant is preferred to serve the mobile welfare units which are currently proposed to serve the caravan pitches. The feasibility of this requires further investigation.

~~3.4.15~~3.5.15 The preferred approach is for foul water to be conveyed to the Anglian Water Services Leiston Water Recycling Centre should capacity be available. If no capacity is available, foul water could potentially be treated in or close to the LEEIE with an outfall connected with Leiston Drain (since infiltration of treated foul water is not a viable solution due to poor infiltration). If this is not possible, the next option in the hierarchy is cess pits with tankering to the TCA where foul water may be treated and disposed of via the CDO. The details will be submitted for approval pursuant to Requirements 5.

4 ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT SITES

4.1 Water Management Zone assessment

4.1.1 The following sections set out the Drainage Strategy for each of the AD sites.

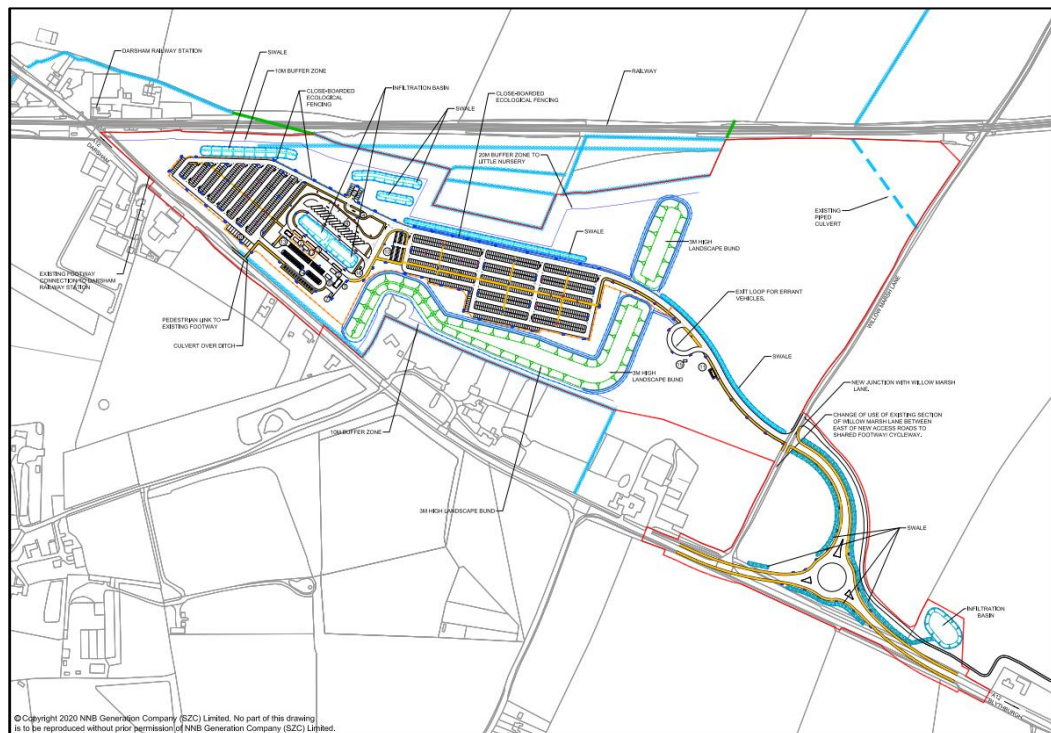
a) Northern Park and Ride

4.1.2 The northern park and ride forms one of the AD which are required to mitigate traffic impacts arising from the main development site.

4.1.3 The site is located alongside the A12 at Darsham and is currently open fields and farmed agricultural land, with Darsham service station 30m to the south-east and Darsham railway station located adjacent to the southern site boundary.

- 4.1.4 The general layout of the northern park and ride site is shown below in **Plate 4.1**. Further details can be found in ~~Appendix A 'Northern Park and Ride Drainage Design Note' to Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 – Appendices [REP6-024]~~ (Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 - Appendices - Revision 1.0) [Annex 2A.6](#).

Plate 4.1: Northern Park and Ride



- 4.1.5 The northern park and ride will provide a transport hub from which construction workforce are driven to site by shuttle thus reducing the construction traffic needing to access the main development site.
- 4.1.6 Full details of its facilities are contained in **Volume 3 Northern Park and Ride Chapter 2 Description of the Northern Park and Ride** of the ES [\[APP-350\]](#) ~~(Volume 3 Northern Park and Ride Chapter 2 Description of the Northern Park and Ride)~~, as updated by the ES addenda [\[AS-182\]](#) ~~Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 3 Northern Park and Ride - Revision 1.0~~, and are described in summary below.

- 4.1.7 The site will consist of workforce parking, welfare, security and amenity buildings. The workforce parking includes car parking spaces, accessible spaces, minibus/van spaces, pick up and motorcycle spaces.
- 4.1.8 The northern park and ride site, the site entrance and the access from the A12 will generate surface water runoff which will require removal, treatment as necessary, and disposal.
- 4.1.9 The northern park and ride facility and its associated access and A12 road changes will remain in place and use during construction of the Sizewell C power station. Once construction is complete the site will be closed, decommissioned, and returned to current agricultural use pursuant to Requirement 24.
- 4.1.10 The proposed access roundabout will be removed and the A12 will be returned to its current alignment pursuant to Requirement 24.
- 4.1.11 As part of ground investigations and infiltration testing trial pits were excavated within the northern park and ride site.
- 4.1.12 A single BRE365 infiltration test was carried out at each location. Since there was no discernible drop in water in the trial pit over 24 hours, second and third tests were not undertaken.
- 4.1.13 The results demonstrate that infiltration is not viable and therefore surface water runoff from the development site must be disposed of via local watercourse. Further details can be found in ~~Appendix A 'Northern Park and Ride Drainage Design Note' to Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 – Appendices [REP6-024] (Comments at Deadline 6 on Submission from Earlier Submissions and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 – Appendices – Revision 1.0)~~[Annex 2A.6](#).
- 4.1.14 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, and hydrogeology are provided in **Volume 3, Chapter 12** of the ES [\[APP-376\]](#) (~~Volume 3 Northern Park and Ride Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water~~), as updated by the ES addenda [\[AS-182\]](#) ~~Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 3 Northern Park and Ride – Revision 1.0~~.
- 4.1.15 The proposed design for these facilities is to drain the surface water run-off through carrier drains and discharge into attenuation basins and swales.

- 4.1.16 Runoff from the internal roads and the bus/HGV standing areas with impermeable surface will be drained via surface outlets, gullies, linear channels and drains etc. These will discharge into underground carrier drains which will convey the runoff to the same attenuation basins and swales.
- 4.1.17 Bypass interceptors will be installed downstream of the bus/HGV standing areas in order to remove hydrocarbon and silt contaminants which will improve the water quality of discharge to the attenuation basins and swales.
- 4.1.18 The car parking areas will have a permeable surface allowing runoff to permeate into and be temporarily stored in the sub-base. This will assist with attenuating peak flow rate, provide some storage and initial treatment of the runoff. The sub-base will allow flow to drain into the carrier drains.
- 4.1.19 The underground carrier drains will discharge all surface water into a series of cascading attenuation basins and swales which will provide suitable final treatment in accordance with CIRIA C753 The SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9).. They will also provide attenuation storage for all runoff required in order that discharge to watercourse from the site is limited to the equivalent greenfield runoff.

b) Southern Park and Ride

- 4.1.20 The southern park and ride site is located alongside the A12 at Wickham Market. Its function is to provide a transport hub from which construction workforce are driven to site by shuttle thus reducing the construction traffic needing to access the main development site.
- 4.1.21 The general layout of the southern park and ride site is shown below in **Plate 4.2**. Further details can be found in ~~the Southern Park and Ride Drainage Design Note submitted at Deadline 7 as an Appendix to Comments on Submissions at Earlier Deadlines~~[Annex 2A.7](#).

Plate 4.2: Southern Park and Ride



4.1.22 Full details of its facilities are contained in **Volume 4 Southern Park and Ride Chapter 2 Description of the Southern Park and Ride** of the ES [\[APP-380\]](#) ~~Volume 4 Southern Park and Ride Chapter 2 Description of the Southern Park and Ride~~, as updated by the ES addenda [\[AS-183\]](#) ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 4 Southern Park and Ride – Revision 1.0)~~, and are described in summary below.

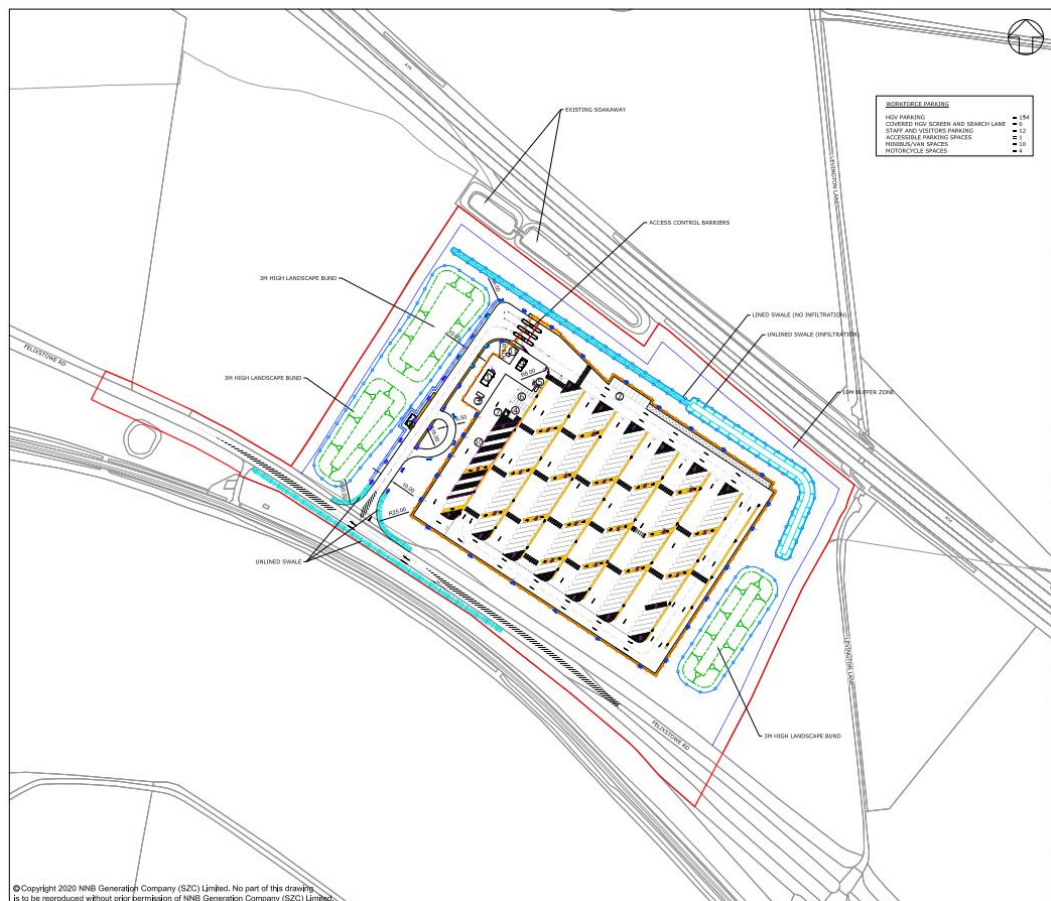
4.1.23 The site will consist of workforce parking, welfare, security and amenity buildings. The workforce parking includes car parking spaces, accessible spaces, minibus/van spaces, pick up and motorcycle spaces. It also has a Traffic Incident Management Area. This area is a holding park in which vehicles can be diverted in the event of an incident on the highway network or at the construction site.

- 4.1.24 The southern park and ride site and the site access entrance will generate surface water runoff from which will require removal, treatment as necessary and disposal.
- 4.1.25 The site is currently open arable fields, with an overgrown and wooded area located along the western site boundary, in the area identified on available mapping as a disused sand pit. The site is bounded to the south by the A12.
- 4.1.26 As part of ground investigations and infiltration testing three trial pits were excavated within the southern park and ride site. The results demonstrate that infiltration is only viable at one location at a higher elevation in the north of the site.
- 4.1.27 These results demonstrate that disposal of surface water runoff by infiltration is achievable but only at the north. The results of further infiltration testing will be taken into account throughout the design stage. Further details are provided in ~~the Southern Park and Ride Drainage Design Note submitted at Deadline 7 as Appendix F to Comments at Deadline 7 on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 [REP7-060]~~ [Annex 2A.7](#).
- 4.1.28 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, and hydrogeology are provided in **Volume 4 Chapter 12** of the **ES** [\[APP-407\]](#) ~~(Volume 4 Southern Park and Ride Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water)~~, as updated by the **ES addenda** [\[AS-183\]](#) ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 4 Southern Park and Ride Revision 1.0).~~
- 4.1.29 The strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the southern park and ride is storage and infiltration SuDS techniques where practicable.
- 4.1.30 All surface water runoff is to be contained within the site and removed by infiltration to ground. Due to the proven lack of infiltration in the middle of the site, it is intended that that runoff will be removed and collected in the lowest elevation in the south west and then pumped to the north where infiltration is viable. If further infiltration testing demonstrates that infiltration is viable in the south west corner of the site, then this will be modified to remove the pumping requirement.
- 4.1.31 Runoff from roofs will be drained via downpipes and gullies, as appropriate to underground carrier drains and discharge into attenuation basins and swales.

- 4.1.32 Runoff from the internal roads, the bus/HGV standing areas and the Traffic Incident Management Area, which must have an impermeable surface will be drained via surface outlets, gullies, linear channels and drains etc. These will discharge into underground carrier drains which will convey the runoff to the same attenuation basins and swales or in the north to infiltration basins.
- 4.1.33 Bypass interceptors will be installed downstream of the bus/HGV standing areas in order to remove hydrocarbon and silt contaminants which will improve the water quality of discharge to the attenuation basins, swales and infiltration basins.
- 4.1.34 The car parking areas will have a permeable surface allowing runoff to permeate into and be temporarily stored in the sub-base. This will assist with attenuating peak flow rate, provide some storage and initial treatment of the runoff. The sub-base will allow flow to drain into the carrier drains.
- 4.1.35 In the centre and south parts of the site, the underground carrier drains will discharge all surface water into a series of swales and attenuation basins which will provide suitable treatment in accordance with CIRIA C753 The SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9)..
- 4.1.36 If further infiltration testing demonstrates that infiltration is not viable in the south west corner of the site, the swale/attenuation basin network will discharge into a pumping station which will pump runoff to the infiltration basins to the north.
- 4.1.37 In the north part of the site, the underground carrier drains will discharge all surface water into one of two infiltration basins by gravity. The infiltration basins will provide suitable treatment in accordance with CIRIA C753 The SuDS Manual (Ref. 1.9)..
- 4.1.38 The attenuation storage for the central and south areas is provided using underground storage in order to maximise the use of the area and reduce land take.
- c) Freight management facility
- 4.1.39 The proposed freight management facility is to be located alongside the A14 at Seven Hills near Ipswich. The facility will serve as a holding area for HGVs, regulating the timing and flow of vehicles to the Sizewell C main development site.

- 4.1.40 The site will consist of parking for approximately 150 HGVs, workforce parking, welfare, security and amenity buildings. The workforce parking includes car parking spaces, accessible spaces, cycle spaces and motorcycle spaces.
- 4.1.41 The general layout of the freight management facility site is shown below in **Plate 4.3**. Further details can be found in ~~the Freight Management Facility Drainage Design Note submitted at Deadline 7 as Appendix G to Comments at Deadline 7 on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 [REP7-060]~~ [Annex 2A.8](#).

Plate 4.3: Freight Management Facility



- 4.1.42 The freight management facility and site entrance will generate surface water runoff which will require removal, treatment as necessary and disposal.
- 4.1.43 The site entrance and access from Felixstowe Road will generate highway runoff which will require to be removed, treated as necessary and disposed.

- 4.1.44 The freight management facility and its associated access and local road changes will remain in place and use during construction of the Sizewell C power station. Once construction is complete the site will be closed, decommissioned and returned to current agricultural use pursuant to Requirement 24.
- 4.1.45 It is also intended that the proposed access will be removed and Felixstowe Road will be returned to its current alignment pursuant to Requirement 24.
- 4.1.46 The majority of the site comprises agricultural fields with the remainder being a section of Felixstowe Road. The site is located to the south-east of the A12 and A14 junction south-east of Ipswich and is bounded by the A14 to the north, Felixstowe Road to the south and arable land to the east and west.
- 4.1.47 As part of ground investigations and infiltration testing three trial pits were excavated within the site.
- 4.1.48 Three BRE365 infiltration tests were carried out at each location and the results demonstrate that disposal of surface water runoff by infiltration is achievable. Further detail is provided in ~~the Freight Management Facility Drainage Design Note submitted at Deadline 7 as Appendix G to Comments at Deadline 7 on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 [REP7-060]~~ [Annex 2A.8](#).
- 4.1.49 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrogeology and findings from the site visit are provided in **Volume 8 Chapter 12** of the **ES [APP-536]** ~~(Volume 8 Freight Management Facility Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water)~~, as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-187]** ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 8 Freight Management Facility - Revision 1.0)~~.
- 4.1.50 The strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the freight management facility is storage and infiltration SuDS techniques where practicable.
- 4.1.51 All surface water runoff is to be contained within the site and removed by infiltration to ground. This philosophy will ensure no additional impervious areas are added to the existing drainage network.
- 4.1.52 Surface water runoff will be drained via downpipes and gullies, as appropriate to underground carrier drains. All of the internal roads and the

HGV parking areas will have an impermeable surface and will be drained via surface outlets, gullies, linear channels and drains etc. These will discharge into underground carrier drains.

- 4.1.53 Bypass interceptors will be installed on the carrier drains downstream of the bus/HGV standing areas in order to remove hydrocarbon and silt contaminants which will improve the water quality of the runoff before discharge to ground.
- 4.1.54 The underground carrier drains will discharge all surface water runoff into two underground attenuation storage tanks from where it will infiltrate to ground.
- 4.1.55 The use of underground attenuation storage tanks rather than infiltration basins is proposed to maximise the space within the site. The tanks are proposed to be located beneath the landscaped bunds located on the east and west sides of the site with additional storage volume being provided by swales.
- 4.1.56 The swales will be located along the full length of the northern side of the site and the lowest part of the eastern side of the site. Since ground levels fall from south to north the swales will also intercept runoff from surface water overland flow which does not drain into the underground drainage network.
- 4.1.57 The swales will also remove surface water runoff by infiltration to ground with the exception of the western portion of the swale adjacent to the A14 infiltration basin facility, where this length of swale will be lined.
- 4.1.58 For further details on the proposed drainage arrangements for the Freight Management Facility please see ~~the Freight Management Facility Drainage Design Note submitted at Deadline 7 as Appendix G to Comments at Deadline 7 on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines and Subsequent Written Submissions to ISH1-ISH6 [REP7-060]~~ [Annex 2A.8](#).

d) Sizewell Link Road

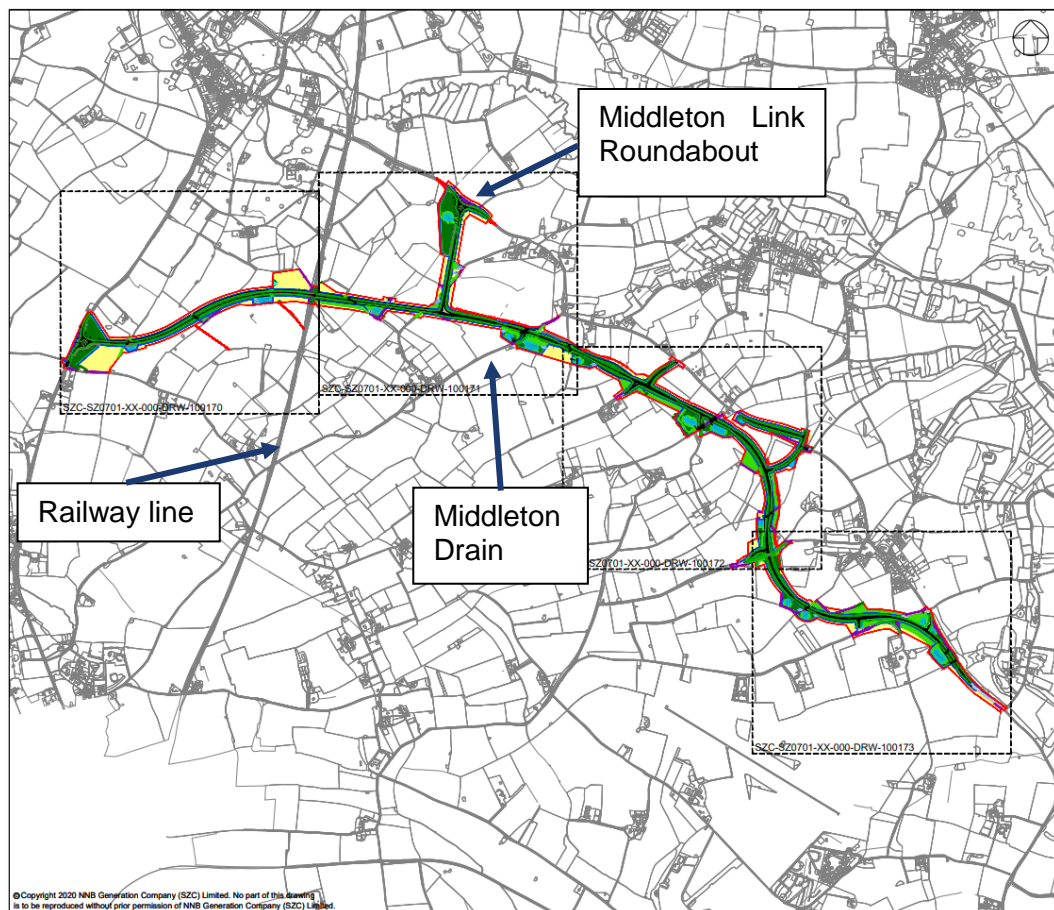
- 4.1.59 The Sizewell link road is a proposed permanent single carriageway road that would run 6.8km from the A12 just south of Yoxford in an easterly direction, joining the B1122 south of the town of Theberton.
- 4.1.60 The site predominantly comprises agricultural land. The site includes several local roads, existing watercourses and woods, and is also in close

proximity to farms and residential properties. The East Suffolk line crosses the site in the west. The areas surrounding the site are predominantly agricultural land with isolated farms and residential properties nearby.

4.1.61 The road will create a new route around the south of the villages of Yoxford, Middleton Moor and Theberton, helping to reduce the amount of traffic on the B1122 during the peak construction phase of the Sizewell C Project.

4.1.62 The general layout of the Sizewell link road is shown below in **Plate 4.4**.

Plate 4.4: Sizewell Link Road

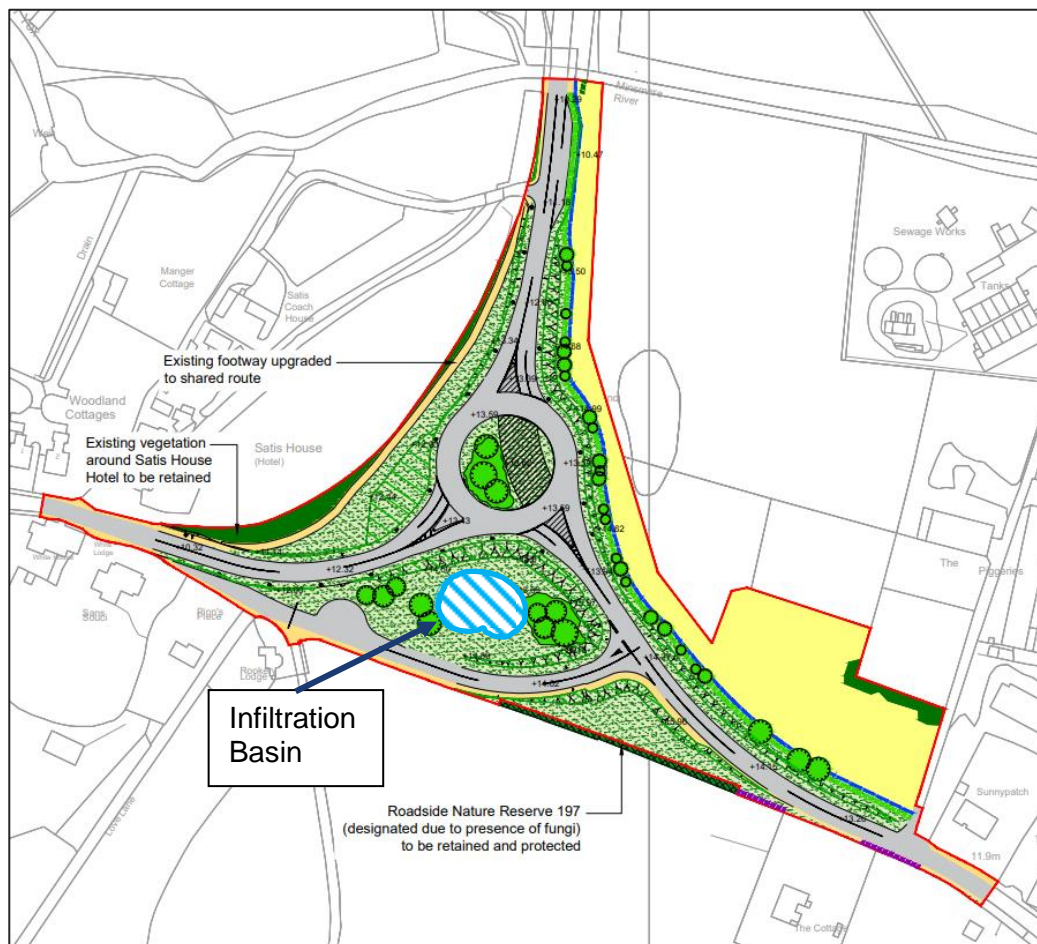


4.1.63 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrogeology and findings from the site visit are provided in **Volume 6, Chapter 12** of the **ES [APP-476]** (~~Volume 6 Sizewell Link Road Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water~~), as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-185]** (~~Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 6 Sizewell Link Road - Revision 1.0~~).

- 4.1.64 The Sizewell link road will be designed to Suffolk County Council's (SCC) adoptable standards, confirmed to be:
- Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB)/ Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)
 - CIRIA C753 The SUDS Manual (Ref. 1.9).
 - Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) a Local Design Guide Appendix A to the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy, Suffolk County Council, May 2018
- 4.1.65 The Sizewell link road will generate highway surface water runoff which will require removal, treatment as necessary and disposal at a controlled rate of discharge.
- 4.1.66 The strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the Sizewell link road is storage and attenuation using SuDS techniques where practicable, with discharge to local watercourses.
- i. Highway Drainage Design East of the Railway
- 4.1.67 Geotechnical investigations have demonstrated that it is not possible to remove highway runoff by infiltration to ground. For the Sizewell link road and its side roads located to the east of the East Suffolk railway line there are watercourses to which discharge by gravity can be made.
- 4.1.68 For the Middleton Link roundabout there is no watercourse shown on available OS based plans, however, a 750 mm culvert was found at this location crossing below the B1122. This culvert discharges into a deep ditch to the north which discharges into a tributary of the Minsmere River.
- 4.1.69 The proposed drainage arrangement at the Middleton Link roundabout is to discharge to an attenuation basin. The basin will also receive highway runoff from swales located on either side of the road, to the north of the link road crest point. The Sizewell link road will then discharge to the existing culvert and ditch at an acceptable attenuated flow rate.
- ii. Highway Drainage Design West of the Railway
- 4.1.70 It has been confirmed through testing that infiltration is not possible west of the railway and surveys have confirmed that gravity drainage to nearby watercourses is not possible.

- 4.1.71 It is proposed that surface water from the Sizewell link road west of the railway will be attenuated in basins.
- 4.1.72 Surface water will then be pumped to the east of the railway and into the Middleton Drain. If an alternative outfall be located that would eliminate the need for a second pumping station and rising main across the railway discharging into the Middleton Drain west catchment.
- 4.1.73 These features will form part of the permanent drainage of the link road, and management and maintenance arrangements will be submitted to Suffolk County Council for approval pursuant to Requirement 22 to ensure that the drainage performs as intended for the life of the link road. For further details on the proposed drainage arrangements for the Sizewell link road please see ~~Appendix F 'Sizewell Link Road Preliminary Drainage Design Note' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices (Doc Ref. 9.73) [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1)~~[Annex 2A.9](#).
- e) Yoxford roundabout
- 4.1.74 The proposed Yoxford roundabout consists of a new three arm roundabout, which includes the realignment of the existing A12 and B1122 Middleton Road, and the removal of the existing A12 / B1122 junction.
- 4.1.75 The general layout of Yoxford roundabout is shown below in **Plate 4.5**.

Plate 4.5: Yoxford Roundabout



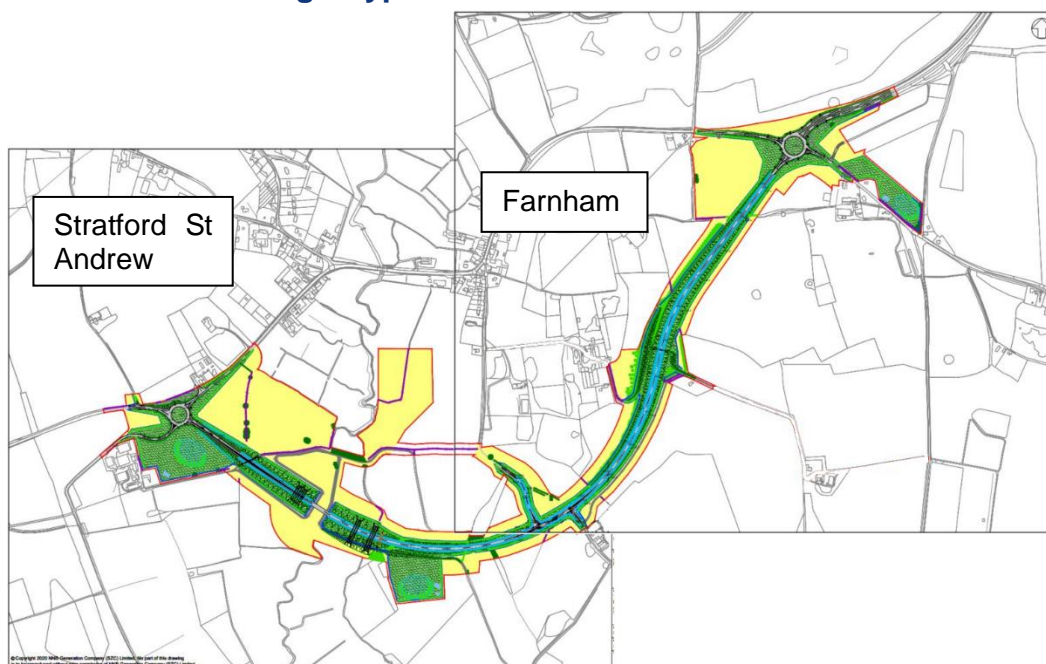
4.1.76 The Yoxford roundabout will modify the existing public highway and once constructed will continue to form part of the highway network maintained by Suffolk County Council (SCC). It will be designed to meet SCC adoptable standards, confirmed to be:

- Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB Ref 1.10)/ Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)
- CIRIA C753 The SUDS Manual (Ref. 1.9).
- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) a Local Design Guide Appendix A to the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy, Suffolk County Council, May 2018

- 4.1.77 The Yoxford roundabout highway modifications will continue to generate surface water highway runoff which will require removal, treatment as necessary and disposal.
- 4.1.78 The results of Geotechnical Investigation with infiltration rate testing at the site of the infiltration basin demonstrate that it is possible to remove highway runoff by infiltration to ground.
- 4.1.79 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrogeology and findings from the site visit are provided in **Volume 7 Chapter 12** of the **ES [APP-507]** ~~(Volume 7 Yoxford Roundabout and Other Highway Improvements Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water)~~, as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-186]** ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 7 Yoxford Roundabout and Other Highway Improvements Revision 1.0).~~
- 4.1.80 The strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the Yoxford roundabout is storage and infiltration SuDS techniques.
- 4.1.81 It is proposed to convey run-off from impermeable highway surfaces into gullies and filter drains and convey surface water to infiltration features located adjacent to the highway and the proposed roundabout.
- 4.1.82 These features will form part of the permanent drainage of the roundabout, and a management and maintenance plan will be required to ensure that the drainage performs as intended for the life of the roundabout.
- 4.1.83 For further details on the proposed drainage arrangements for the Yoxford roundabout please see **Appendix H ‘Yoxford Roundabout Updated Drainage Strategy’ to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines** ~~(Deadlines 2-4) Appendices ([REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1))~~ **Annex 2A.10**.
- f) Two village bypass
- 4.1.84 The two village bypass consists of a new 2.4 km long single carriageway road bypassing the villages of Stratford St Andrew and Farnham. The new bypass will connect to the existing A12 via at grade roundabouts at both the western and eastern ends of the scheme. The roundabout at the western end ties in with the existing A12 Main Road and the roundabout at the eastern end ties in with Friday Street.

- 4.1.85 The site comprises agricultural land with associated access tracks and local roads. The western and eastern site boundaries are formed by the existing A12. The site's northern and southern boundaries are formed by agricultural land.
- 4.1.86 The general layout of the two village bypass is shown below in **Plate 4.6**.

Plate 4.6: Two Village Bypass



- 4.1.87 The two village bypass will be designed to Suffolk County Council's (SCC) adoptable standards, confirmed to be:
- Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) (Ref 1.10)/ Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)
 - CIRIA C753 The SUDS Manual (Ref. 1.9).
 - Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) a Local Design Guide Appendix A to the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy, Suffolk County Council, May 2018
- 4.1.88 The two village bypass will generate highway surface water runoff which will require removal, treatment as necessary and disposal.
- 4.1.89 The results of geotechnical investigation infiltration testing undertaken at the proposed location of the three infiltration basins and at locations along

the line of the two village bypass demonstrate that it is possible to remove highway runoff by infiltration to ground. Further details can be found in ~~Appendix G 'Two Village Bypass Preliminary Drainage Design Note' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1)~~ [Annex 2A.11](#).

- 4.1.90 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrogeology and findings from the site visit are provided in **Volume 5 Chapter 12** of the **ES [APP-441]** ~~(Volume 5 Two Village Bypass Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water)~~, as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-184]** ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 5 Two Village Bypass – Revision 1.0)~~.
- 4.1.91 The strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the two village bypass is storage and infiltration SUDS techniques.
- 4.1.92 The proposed strategy is to convey run-off from impermeable highway surfaces into swales, filter drains and infiltration features located adjacent to the proposed bypass. A SuDS management train with the combination of swales, filter drains and infiltration basins is proposed.
- 4.1.93 These features will form part of the permanent drainage of the bypass, and a management and maintenance plan will be required to ensure that the drainage performs as intended for the life of the bypass.
- 4.1.94 For further details on the proposed drainage arrangements for the two village bypass please see ~~Appendix G 'Two Village Bypass Preliminary Drainage Design Note' to SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices [REP5-120] (SZC Co. Comments on Submissions from Earlier Deadlines (Deadlines 2-4) Appendices – Revision 1)~~ [Annex 2A.11](#).

g) Green Rail Route and Rail Extension proposals

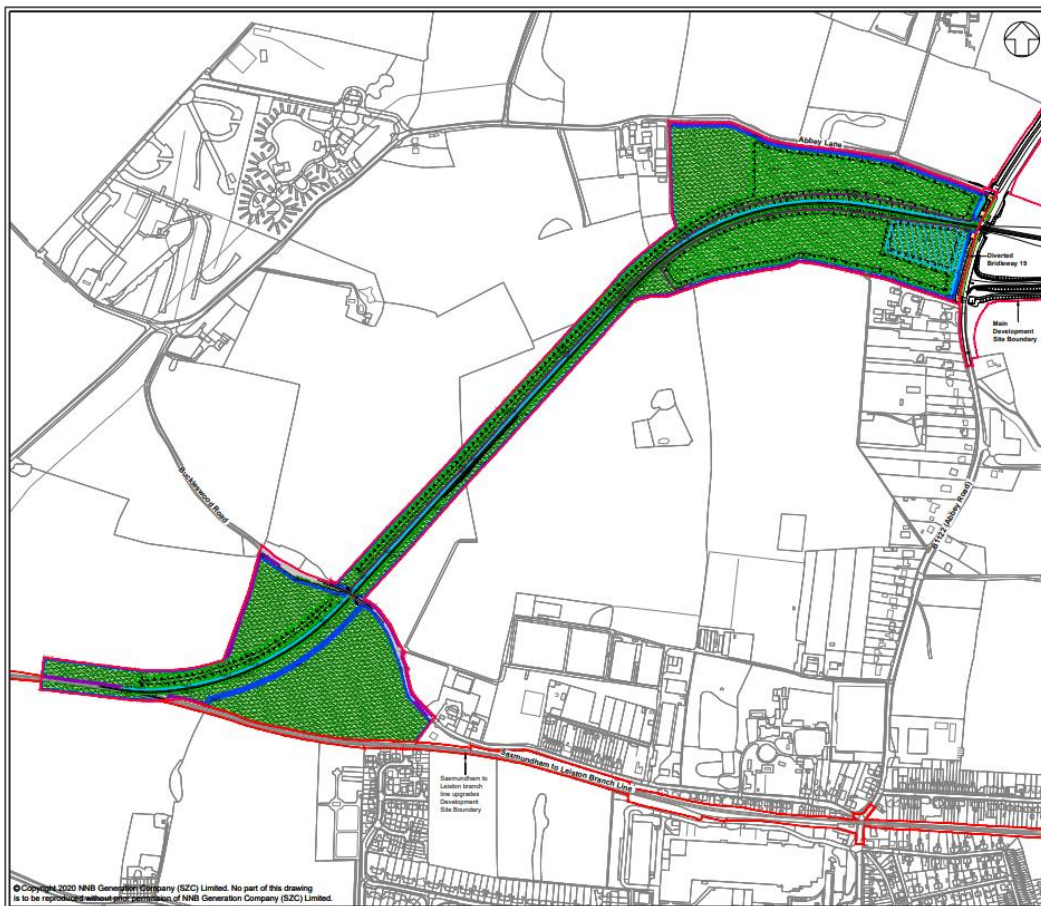
- 4.1.95 The construction of the Sizewell C Project will require the delivery of substantial amounts of construction materials by rail. SZC Co. has developed an integrated transport strategy for the use of rail in the delivery of freight during construction, reducing heavy goods vehicle (HGV) movements on local roads.
- 4.1.96 The rail proposals comprise a temporary rail extension west to east rail route that would connect the existing Saxmundham to Leiston branch line

to the Sizewell C main development site, known as the rail extension route, and upgrades to the existing Saxmundham to Leiston branch line.

4.1.97 The site comprises agricultural fields, with the existing Saxmundham to Leiston branch line present within the south-western edge of the site. Buckleswood Road is also present in the south of the site, crossing the proposed rail extension route from north-west to south-east.

4.1.98 The general layout of the green rail route and rail extension is shown below in **Plate 4.7**.

Plate 4.7: Green Rail Route and Rail Extension



4.1.99 Full details on surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrogeology and findings from the site visit are provided in **Volume 9 Chapter 12** of the **ES [APP-570]** ~~(Volume 9 Rail Chapter 12 Groundwater and Surface Water)~~, as updated by the **ES addenda [AS-188]** ~~(Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 9 Rail – Revision 1.0)~~.

- 4.1.100 The strategy for the surface water run-off associated with the rail improvements is infiltration.
- 4.1.101 The Saxmundham to Leiston branch line will not change the existing impermeable area.
- 4.1.102 The proposed rail extension route may produce additional runoff which will be managed by the inclusion of swales alongside the track with the potential for a larger infiltration structures at low points or adjacent to the cuttings, if required.
- 4.1.103 Where the rail extension route is in cutting, the drainage infrastructure will be designed to collect runoff from the both sides of the track and the cutting. Swales are proposed to the north of the route (between the landscape bund and the track). Runoff which does not infiltrate will pass through the sub-ballast to the swales.
- 4.1.104 Where the rail extension route is at grade or on embankment, the drainage infrastructure will be designed to collect runoff from the track and any overland flow which is interrupted by the embankment or track. Swales will be provided on the north side of the track (between the landscape bund and the track),
- 4.1.105 There is also the potential for a larger infiltration basin at the eastern end of the site, between the landscape bund and the southern boundary to provide for additional temporary storage.
- 4.1.106 Rail track drainage systems will comply with the Network Rail - NR/L3/CIV/005/1 Railway Drainage Systems Manual. This Network Rail standard includes mandatory requirements for track drainage design.
- 4.1.107 Where collector drains and carrier drains are used to convey surface water away from the rail, the surface water will be treated in swales and infiltration trenches adjacent to the track.
- 4.1.108 [For further details on the proposed drainage arrangements for the two village bypass please see Annex 2A.12.](#)

4.2 Foul water management

- 4.2.1 Only the following sites require foul water management.

a) Northern park and ride

- 4.2.2 The northern park and ride site is remote from the MCA and TCA. Due to the remoteness, connection to the TCA's foul system is not an option. The site will have low use and foul disposal demands associated with the Driver's Amenity building. Whilst there is an Anglian Water Services public foul water asset in the vicinity, there appears to be insufficient head differential to drain by gravity, and a pumped solution is not considered feasible.
- 4.2.3 The preferred approach is to introduce a package plant and to drain the effluent to ground through SuDS infiltration devices. Low flow rates are likely to impact on the functionality of a package treatment plant, and a low flow package treatment plant would be specified. Tankering to works from a cess pit is an alternative option should ground conditions be unfavourable or the flow be insufficient for the low-flow package treatment plant. Details will be submitted for approval pursuant to Requirement 5 and 22.
- 4.2.4 Infiltration testing is being carried out to confirm the acceptability of the solution. The specific arrangements require further investigation, and details will be refined at the design stage.

b) Southern park and ride

- 4.2.5 The southern park and ride site is remote from the MCA and TCA. Due to the remoteness, connection to the TCA's foul system is not an option. The site will have low use and foul disposal demands associated with the amenity and welfare building.
- 4.2.6 The preferred approach is to introduce a package plant and to drain the effluent to ground through SuDS infiltration devices. Low flow rates are likely to impact on the functionality of a package treatment plant, and a low flow package treatment plant would be specified. Tankering to works from a cess pit is an alternative option should ground conditions be unfavourable or the flow be insufficient for the low-flow package treatment plant.
- 4.2.7 Infiltration testing is being carried out to confirm the acceptability of the solution. The specific arrangements require further investigation, and details will be refined at design stage.

c) Freight management facility

- 4.2.8 The freight management facility site is also remote from the MCA and TCA. The site will have low use and foul disposal demands associated with the amenity and welfare building.
- 4.2.9 Due to the remoteness, connection to the TCA's foul system is not an option.
- 4.2.10 The current proposal is to introduce a package plant and to drain the effluent to ground through SuDS infiltration devices. Low flow rates are likely to impact on the functionality of a package treatment plant, and a low flow package treatment plant will be specified. Tankering to works is an alternative option should the flow be insufficient for the low-flow package treatment plant.
- 4.2.11 A packaged treatment plant is preferred. Again, the current proposal is to introduce a package plant and to drain the effluent to ground through infiltration devices. Due to the remoteness of the site from the rest of the TCA, connection to the TCA foul system is not a preferred option.
- 4.2.12 Testing is being carried out to confirm the acceptability of the solution. The specific arrangements require further investigation, and details will be refined at design stage.

5 OTHER SITES

5.1 Water management assessment

a) Leiston off-site sports facilities

- 5.1.1 Off-site sports facilities for use by the general public and the construction workforce are to be located in Leiston and retained for use after construction. A full-sized artificial grass pitch (AGP) and multi-use games areas (MUGA) are proposed on land between Leiston Leisure Centre and Alde Valley Academy.
- 5.1.2 The base for an AGP and MUGA is typically a porous engineered construction consisting of two courses of open-textured bituminous macadam laid above a graded stone sub-base, which would allow the AGP and MUGA to be free-draining. Where infiltration is poor, a sub-surface drainage system may be required. The design of subsurface drainage will follow Sport England's Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sport Design

Guidance Note¹ and employ SuDS techniques to attenuate and limit flow from the site to greenfield runoff rates.

5.1.3 Details will be refined at the design stage.

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