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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This appendix report supports Chapter 13 Road Drainage and Water Environment of the Environmental Statement for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme. It provides a hydrogeological conceptual model for the Scheme and its study area, based on a ground investigation undertaken by Highways England (the Applicant) in the current stage of the Proposed Scheme, and the necessary groundwater-specific environmental assessments as described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) LA 113 Road Drainage and the Water Environment (Highways England, 2020). These assessments inform the assessment of significant impacts presented in Chapter 13 Road Drainage and the Water Environment, which follows the assessment methodology described in LA 104 Environmental Assessment and Monitoring (Highways England, 2019).
- 1.1.2. The study area encompasses groundwater and surface water features that could be affected by the Proposed Scheme. The study area is based on professional judgement to ensure that effects are sufficiently identified. It comprises a 1km corridor surrounding the Site, extended to include features further down-gradient that may also be impacted. The groundwater study area is shown in the figures contained in Annex A Location Plan. The site extension between Breck Barn and Ringland, and associated extension of the study area, is due to traffic management requirements during construction. There are no planned intrusive works in this area, therefore this is not considered in this assessment report.

#### 1.2. Scheme overview

- 1.2.1. Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement provides detailed description of the Proposed Scheme. The design briefly includes the following intrusive structures and temporary works, which are considered in this report:
  - construction of a new dualling
  - A new drainage design which incorporates outfalls to surface water and infiltration to ground via filter drains
  - connection roads with underpasses between the A47 and;
    - Norwich Road (S07) at the eastern extent of the Proposed Scheme,
    - Wood Lane (S03) west of Honingham,
    - Hall Farm (S04) north of Honingham,
    - Honingham Church underpass (S18) east of Honingham
    - and Mattishall Lane Link Road underbridge (S16) southwest of Hockering
  - an overbridge across the River Tud (S05) east of Honingham



- ground improvements for the east culvert where the Proposed Scheme is underlain by soft ground crossing the River Tud floodplain at S01, south of Hockering, and S05.
- utilities diversions, including works to a high-pressure gas pipeline adjacent to the proposed Wood Lane Junction (S03) and a sewer diversion at S05.
- 1.2.2. Structure S04 is immediately to the east of S03, and subsequently these have been assessed as a combined structure due to similar ground conditions and design.
- 1.2.3. Key potential construction and operation effects upon the water environment identified in Chapter 13 Road Drainage and the Water Environment (TR010038/APP/6.1) include:
  - Changes to groundwater levels and/or flow through groundwater control during construction.
  - Changes to groundwater levels and/or flow through redirection and / or reduction of flows around permanent subsurface structures.
  - Contamination of groundwater by generation of suspended solids, direct contact with construction materials, or polluted construction run off.
  - Contamination of surface water by discharge of untreated dewatering volumes, if required.
  - Contamination of groundwater due to routine road runoff or accidental spillages infiltrating to ground via filter drains or receiving watercourses with low flows.

## 1.3. Aims and Objectives

- 1.3.1. This report aims to:
  - provide a hydrogeological conceptual model and identify key direct and indirect receptors within the study area
  - identify construction and operation activities specific to the Proposed Scheme that have the potential to impact on the groundwater environment
  - present simple qualitative assessments to identify which activities may result in a significant impact, and therefore require further consideration and mitigation
- 1.3.2. The report is set out in the following structure to achieve these aims:
  - Chapter 2 presents the hydrogeological baseline conditions, based on ground investigation results and other freely available sources of information, to provide a conceptual model and identify receptors, in line with the Groundwater Levels and Flows assessment method set out in LA113.
  - Chapter 3 provides details of construction and operation activities and a description of the potential hydrogeological impact, prior to mitigation.



- Chapter 4 assesses the significance of risk to receptors, in line the assessment methods set out in LA113, comprising Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTE), and routine road runoff risk assessments. Routine road runoff assessments were undertaken for all catchments where drainage to groundwater may occur via infiltration from filter drains. Assessments were also undertaken for outfalls within catchments S1 and M2, where flows within the receiving watercourse are classed as low flows (less than 1 l/s), pose a risk to groundwater through infiltration. These assessments are included within Section 4.3. Spillages assessments were undertaken for all catchments and are presented in Appendix 13.3 (Water quality assessment) (TR010038/APP/6.3).
- Chapter 5 summarises the activities that may result in a potentially significant impact, prior to mitigation, and that are taken forward for further consideration in the assessment of significant effects in Chapter 13 Road Drainage and the Water Environment (TR010038/APP/6.1).

#### 1.4. Data sources

- 1.4.1. This technical report has been produced utilising the following sources of information:
  - British Geological Survey (BGS) 1:50,000 superficial and bedrock geological maps (BGS, 2020a) and regional groundwater monitoring (BGS, 2020b)
  - DEFRA's 'Magic' interactive map (DEFRA, 2020)
  - Environment Agency (EA) Catchment Data Explorer (Environment Agency, 2020)
  - Highways Agency Drainage Data Management System (HADDMS), Drainage Data Management System v5.12. (Highways England, 2020b)
  - 2020 ground investigation by the Applicant
  - 2020 Geomorphology Assessment Report (Sweco, 2020b)
  - 2019 River Tud Aquatic Invertebrate Survey Report (EMEC Ecology, 2019)
  - 2019 Botanical Survey Report (Wild Frontier Ecology, 2019)
  - Information provided by the Environment Agency in April and May 2020

#### **Ground investigation**

- 1.4.2. A geotechnical and geoenvironmental investigation was undertaken by the Applicant at the site of the Proposed Scheme between North Tuddenham and Easton, Norfolk, between March 2020 and August 2020.
- 1.4.3. 46 boreholes were installed for groundwater monitoring with 50mm diameter standpipes. 5 of these were also installed with a 19mm piezometer.

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- 1.4.4. The ground investigation also included 51 window samples, 49 dynamic (windowless) samples, 38 static cone penetrometer tests (CPT) and 81 Trial pits.
- 1.4.5. Exploratory holes were placed along the mainline route of the Proposed Scheme, with a focussed group of boreholes where the route crosses the River Tud floodplain. Design changes following the commencement of the 2020 ground investigation necessitate a supplementary ground investigation. Significant design changes include the inclusion of Mattishall Lane and Honingham Church underpasses and changes to the Norwich Road Junction.
- 1.4.6. A number of boreholes and dynamic samples were not included due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant delays to the investigation programme. Details of the exploratory holes will be updated during the detiall design stage.



## 2. Hydrogeological baseline conditions

## 2.1. Topography and drainage

2.1.1. The topography of the study area gently undulates, with ground elevations between 20mAOD at the River Tud crossing and 50mAOD at valley slopes. The land is drained by the River Tud and its tributaries.

## 2.2. Geology

- 2.2.1. The bedrock and superficial geology within the study area are presented in Annex A Location Plan and in cross sections along the mainline of the Proposed Scheme (Annex B).
- 2.2.2. The study area is predominantly underlain by glacial till of the Lowestoft Formation, with patches of glacial sands and gravels of the Sheringham Cliffs Formation that become more dominant towards the east of the study area around Easton. The Lowestoft Formation is absent in the incised valleys, with post glacial deposits of River Terrace Deposits and Alluvium present and directly overlying Chalk bedrock. Discrete patches of Alluvial Fan Deposits and Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation are also found within the study area, as described below.

#### **Alluvium**

- 2.2.3. Alluvium present within the Study Area follows the line of the River Tud and incised valleys. It is described from the 2020 ground investigation as predominantly granular, however cohesive and organic fractions (peat) were also present. Where present, cohesive Alluvium including organic units are limited to shallow depths (<3.0m) with the granular Alluvium generally infilling former and existing river channels to a more significant depth, such as that observed at the River Tud where granular Alluvium directly overlaid the Chalk.
- 2.2.4. The Alluvium was proven to a maximum thickness of 19.50m (average 3.0m) however it should be noted that the base of the granular Alluvium described in DS233 was not proven.

## **Alluvial Fan Deposits**

- 2.2.5. The Alluvial Fan Deposits, comprising clay and silt, is mapped on BGS mapping as a small outcrop area located along the line of the River Tud at Berrys Lane, west of Honingham.
- 2.2.6. Granular layers classified as Alluvial Fan Deposits were also observed south of the proposed Wood Lane Junction in TP335 during the 2020 ground



investigation. The layers comprise coarse sub-angular to sub-rounded gravel of chalk and flint. The presence of the Alluvial Fan Deposits within TP335 indicates that it extends beyond that indicated by the BGS mapping, although does not extend as far as to intersect the Proposed Scheme.

#### **River Terrace Deposits**

- 2.2.1. River Terrace Deposits outcrop on BGS mapping along the course of the River Tud, within the floodplain.
- 2.2.2. The River Terrace Deposits were identified during the 2020 ground investigation at a location east of Mattishall Lane, associated with the River Tud. The deposits here comprise sand and gravel to depths of between 5.70 and 9.60m. The River Terrace Deposits are proven to a maximum depth of 9.60m (BH104) with an average proven thickness of 2.10m.

#### **Lowestoft Formation**

- 2.2.3. The Lowestoft Formation is found across Scheme up to the roundabout at Easton on both the BGS mapping and during the 2020 ground investigation, where it was proven to a depth of up to 23.5mbgl. This formation either outcrops or directly underlies the Alluvium and Sheringham Cliff Formation, where present. The Lowestoft Formation overlies Happisburgh Formation, where present, and the Chalk.
- 2.2.4. The Lowestoft Formation is described as a "chalky till" and displays a full range of grain sizes comprising clay, silt, sand and gravel that is typically clayey near the surface becoming gravelly and increasingly chalky at depth, significantly such that initially it may appear to be weathered Chalk. The formation was found to become increasingly inter-bedded with granular layers within exploratory holes located to the east of the proposed River Tud crossing. Interbeds of granular deposits are typically dense, very clayey silty sands.

## **Sheringham Cliffs Formation**

- 2.2.5. The Location Plan within Annex A shows the Sheringham Cliffs Formation to outcrop as patches within the Study Area west of the Proposed Scheme between North Tuddenham and Hockering, north of the River Tud east of Hockering, and at Honingham. Eastwards of Church Farm there is a more extensive coverage of the Sheringham Cliffs Formation present.
- 2.2.6. The Sheringham Cliffs Formation was identified during the 2020 ground investigation at the western extents of the Proposed Scheme and as a 'wedge' at the east of the Proposed Scheme near Church Lane. The deposits are predominantly granular, however thin bands of clay and silt were noted at areas



east of Church Lane. It is present to a maximum depth of 13m. The Sheringham Cliffs Formation was found to overlie the Lowestoft Formation within the study area.

#### **Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation**

- 2.2.7. The Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation is included on BGS mapping as an undifferentiated formation with the Lowestoft Formation (see Annex A Location Plan). It is present north of Hockering and at a location within the River Tud floodplain north of Mattishall.
- 2.2.8. Further east, the Leet Hill Sand and Gravel Member is present within the River Tud floodplain at Taverham Road. It was encountered during the 2020 ground investigation and is noted to extend further southwards than as depicted on the BGS published mapping. The depth of the Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation increases southwards beneath the proposed Mainline and Norwich Road Junction westbound merge where it is present from a depth of 8.10mbgl. The Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation comprises both cohesive and granular units, and directly overlies the Chalk where present.

#### **Cretaceous Chalk**

- 2.2.9. Chalk bedrock is present across the entire Scheme and is generally overlain by superficial deposits, with the exception of two small outcrop areas adjacent to the River Tud and to the north of the Site to the east of Honingham. The Chalk profile is variable, noted to be present from a depth of 1.8mbgl at locations east of Hockering and towards Church Lane, and from a depth of 25.5mbgl at the western extent of the Scheme. The average depth to the Chalk rockhead is 12mbgl. A maximum thickness of 36.5m was encountered at locations close to the River Tud. However, the base of the Chalk was not proven.
- 2.2.10. In general, the Chalk profile varies roughly between elevations of 20 to 30m AOD west of Honingham, to between 10 and 20m AOD eastwards of the Honingham, with a reducing thickness of superficial deposits eastwards.
- 2.2.11. The Chalk encountered is 'putty' Chalk, classified as Grade Dm (matrix-dominant) and Grade Dc (clast-dominant). It was recovered predominantly as silty sandy gravel, and sandy, slightly gravelly silt. Competent, structured Chalk was not proven to a maximum depth of 50mbgl.



## 2.3. Hydrogeology

#### **Aquifer designations**

2.3.1. Table 2.1 summarises Environment Agency aquifer designations, along with their approximate extents within the study area, as per Annex A Location Plan.

Table 2.1 Environment Agency aquifer designations (DEFRA, 2020)

| Geological Unit  | EA Aquifer Designation                  | Approximate Extents   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Lowestoft Formation -<br>Diamicton   | Secondary (undifferentiated)<br>aquifer | Found at the higher elevations across the scheme, within the interfluves and valley sides.  |  |
| Lowestoft Formation - Sand   | Secondary A aquifer                     | A 1 x 0.5 km² outcrop is mapped between the River Tud and Mattishall, to the south of the Site.   |  |
| Happisburgh Glacigenic<br>Formation and Lowestoft<br>Formation (Undifferentiated) –<br>Sand and Gravel | Secondary A aquifer                     | Three patches of outcrop are located south of the existing A47 mainline west of Easton. The outrcrops are approximately up 0.35 x 0.15km <sup>2</sup> .       |  |
| Sheringham Cliffs Formation -<br>Sands and gravels   | Secondary A aquifer                     | Underlying topsoil or the Lowestoft Formation, within the interfluves and valley sides. Patches of the Sheringham Cliffs Formation outcrop across the scheme. |  |
| Alluvium and River Terrace<br>Deposits   | Secondary A aquifer                     | Present along the line of the River Tud and within incised valleys.   |  |
| Alluvial Fan Deposits  | Unproductive                            | A 0.2km² outcrop is located along the line of the River Tud at Berrys Lane, west of Honingham.  |  |
| Chalk  | Principal aquifer                       | Underlies the entire Study Area. The Chalk is shown on 1:50,000 mapping to outcrop north of the River Tud northwest of Easton.                                |  |

- 2.3.2. The chalk bedrock is a Principal aquifer. Principal aquifers are strata that have high intergranular and/or fracture permeability, and as such usually provide a high level of water storage. They may support water supply and/or river base flow on a strategic scale.
- 2.3.3. The superficial Sheringham Cliffs Formation, Lowestoft Formation Sand, Happisburgh and Lowestoft (Undifferentiated), Alluvium, and River Terrace Deposits are classified as Secondary 'A' aquifers. Secondary A aquifers are permeable layers capable of supporting water supplied at a local, rather than strategic scale, and in some cases, form an important source of baseflow to rivers.
- 2.3.4. The Lowestoft Formation Diamicton is classified as a Secondary (undifferentiated) aquifer. Secondary (undifferentiated) aquifers are classified as such due to the formation previously having been designated as both a minor



- aquifer and non-aquifer (now defined as Secondary A and Secondary B respectively) in different locations, due to variable characteristics of the rock type. As such Secondary (undifferentiated) aquifers are likely to contain lower permeability layers and perched aquifers.
- 2.3.5. The Alluvial Fan Deposits are classed as unproductive and are impermeable.
- 2.3.6. The bedrock and superficial deposits have a combined groundwater vulnerability classification of primarily Medium risk to the west and south of Honingham. The area underlain with the Alluvial Fan Deposits has a classification of Low risk. To the east and north of Honingham, the groundwater vulnerability classification is Medium High risk. An area where the Chalk outcrops at Osier Carr, east of Honingham, has a classification of Medium Low risk, although the reason for the classification here is unclear.

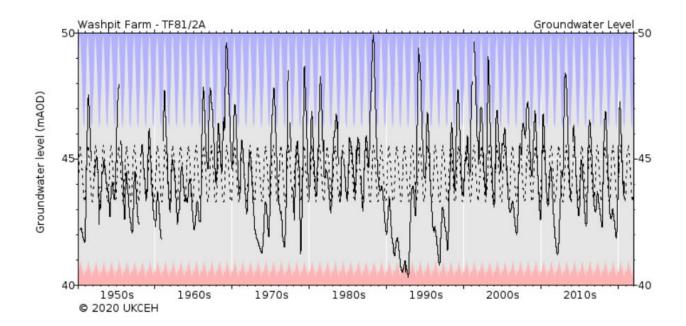
#### **Groundwater levels and flows**

#### Regional groundwater level monitoring and modelling

2.3.7. BGS groundwater monitoring has been undertaken within the unconfined Chalk of the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag waterbody at Washpit Farm, Rougham, approximately 20km northwest of the Proposed Scheme, between 1950 and 2020 (BGS, 2020b). The monitoring hydrograph (Figure 2.1) shows a groundwater level range of approximately 9.5m, between 40.5mAOD and 50mAOD, although a more typical seasonal range is 2m. The monitoring data from 2020 indicates a wetter than average spring and early summer, followed by average groundwater conditions over the later summer and autumn months.



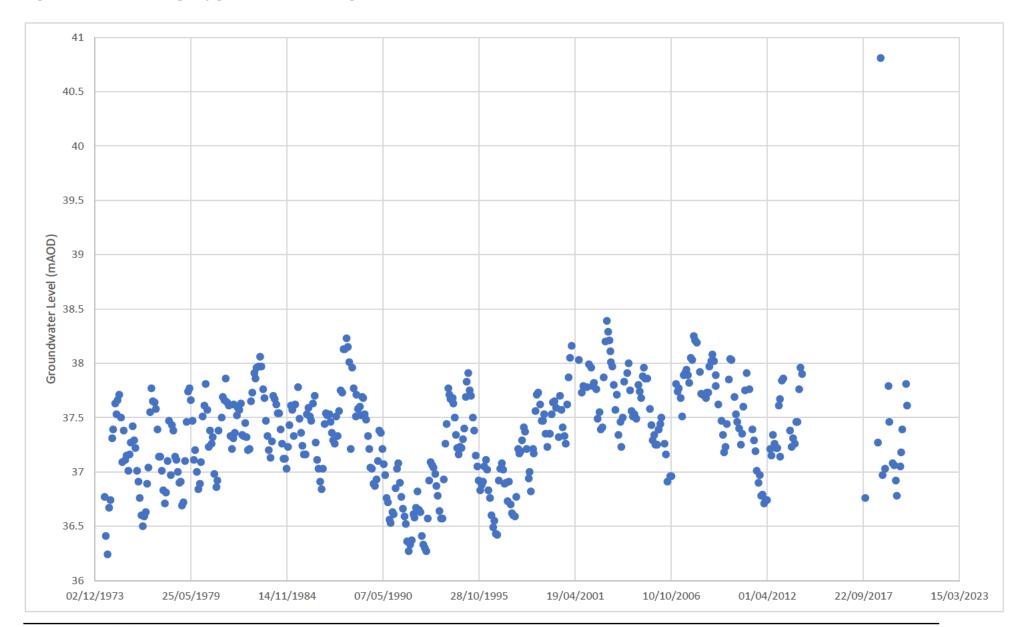
Figure 2.1 Washpit Farm Chalk groundwater levels (BGS, 2020b)



2.3.8. Groundwater monitoring provided by the Environment Agency at the Council House site within the 1km study area north of Hockering is available between 1974 and 2020. The groundwater monitoring hydrograph is shown in Figure 2.2. It is assumed that this location monitors Chalk groundwater, based on nearby historical borehole logs (BGS, 2020a). Groundwater levels have ranged between 36.24 and 40.81mAOD with a seasonal range of around 1m and a long-term range of 2.15m, excluding the outlier from September 2018. As with the Washpit Farm observation borehole, groundwater monitoring at the Council House site suggests that recent groundwater levels are representative of average conditions, and that long-term maximum may be around 0.5m higher than those experienced in 2020.



Figure 2.2 Environment Agency groundwater monitoring at Council House, 1974 - 2020





- 2.3.9. The Northern East Anglia Chalk Groundwater Investigation Report for the Wensum and Tud catchments undertaken by the Environment Agency (EA, 2017) indicates that groundwater flow within the study area is primarily to the north and east, towards the River Wensum. Local variations in groundwater flow direction are also apparent, with groundwater controlled by both topography and local hydrology, including headwater streams.
- 2.3.10. Modelled groundwater flow in the Chalk within the Tud catchment strongly converges to the River Tud, although this becomes less apparent further east in the catchment where closer to the River Wensum, which has a greater control on groundwater levels and flow.
- 2.3.11. Modelling indicates that baseflow to the River Tud is perennial between Dereham, approximately 5km to the west of the study area, and Honingham. Further east and downstream, the modelling suggests that River Tud loses water to the Chalk during dry conditions, and flow is drawn to the River Wensum and also presumably the major public water supply abstractions in the Wensum catchment.

#### Site groundwater level monitoring

- 2.3.12. Groundwater strikes recorded during the 2020 ground investigation were encountered within the Alluvium, River Terrace Deposits, Sheringham Cliffs Formation, and the Chalk.
- 2.3.13. Groundwater monitoring installations primarily targeted the Chalk and the Lowestoft Formation, with the exception of BH104, BH133 and DS234 that were installed to monitor the Alluvium, and DS212, DS216 and DS218 that were installed to monitor the Sheringham Cliffs Formation.
- 2.3.14. Artesian groundwater was encountered in boreholes BH108A, BH108, BH127, BH128 and BH129, and CPT604, CPT605, CPT606, CPT503I, CPT503J, and CPT503K. Any monitoring installations in artesian boreholes were extended above ground to prevent flooding and ensure aquifer protection.
- 2.3.15. A summary of the ground investigation groundwater monitoring is provided in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2 2020 ground investigation groundwater monitoring summary

| Ref | rehole<br>ference<br>mber | Ground<br>Elevation<br>(m aOD) | Response<br>Zone Depths<br>(m bDAT) | Response<br>Zone<br>Stratigraphy | Min GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Min GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date     | Max GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Max GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date         |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| BH  | 101                       | 43.50                          | 26.50 – 28.50                       | Chalk                            | 3.62                       | 39.88                      | 25/08/20 | 3.02                       | 40.48                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| ВН  | 101                       | 43.50                          | 11.00 – 13.00                       | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 3.66                       | 39.84                      | 06/07/20 | 2.3                        | 41.20                      | 28/05/<br>20 |

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| Borehole<br>Reference<br>Number | Ground<br>Elevation<br>(m aOD) | Response<br>Zone Depths<br>(m bDAT) | Response<br>Zone<br>Stratigraphy | Min GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Min GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date     | Max GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Max GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| BH102                           | 43.34                          | 13.00 – 18.00                       | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 11.05                      | 32.29                      | 02/09/20 | 10.86                      | 32.48                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| BH103                           | 40.02                          | 8.00 – 11.00                        | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 8.22                       | 31.80                      | 02/09/20 | 6.61                       | 33.41                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| BH104                           | 34.11                          | 1.00 – 5.00                         | Alluvium                         | 3.38                       | 30.73                      | 18.08.20 | 2.9                        | 30.85                      | 18/05/<br>20 |
| BH106                           |                                | 1.00 – 5.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| BH107                           |                                | 1.00 - 5.00                         | Lowestoft Formation              | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| BH108                           | 29.93                          | 4.00 – 7.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 1.37                       | 28.56                      | 26/08/20 | -0.2                       | 30.13                      | 12/05/<br>20 |
| BH108                           | 29.93                          | 11.00 – 13.00                       | Chalk                            | 1.02                       | 28.91                      | 12/05/20 | -0.31                      | 30.24                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| BH108A                          | 28.52                          | 4.50 – 5.50                         | Chalk                            | -0.66                      | 29.18                      | 12/05/20 | -0.75                      | 29.27                      | 03/09/<br>20 |
| BH108A                          | 28.52                          | 8.00 – 10.00                        | Chalk                            | -0.7                       | 29.22                      | 07/07/20 | -1.32                      | 29.84                      | 12/05/<br>20 |
| BH109                           | 32.20                          | 1.00 – 3.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| BH111                           | 35.53                          | 5.50 - 6.50                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 5.1                        | 30.23                      | 25/08/20 | 4.61                       | 30.72                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| BH113                           | 35.83                          | 5.50 - 8.50                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 6.42                       | 29.41                      | 21/05/20 | 5.48                       | 30.35                      | 28/05/<br>20 |
| BH115                           | 36.07                          | 18.00 – 30.00                       | Chalk                            | 4.89                       | 31.18                      | 02/09/20 | 4.61                       | 31.46                      | 27/07/<br>20 |
| BH117                           | 49.20                          | 13.00 – 14.70                       | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        | 22/07/20 | 12.38                      | 36.83                      | 27/07/<br>20 |
| BH119                           | 49.92                          | 11.00 – 15.00                       | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 12.53                      | 37.40                      | 07/05/20 | 12.00                      | 37.93                      | 20/03/<br>20 |
| BH120                           | 43.09                          | 2.00 - 5.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| BH121                           | 44.29                          | 20.00 – 22.00                       | Chalk                            | 11.65                      | 32.64                      | 07/05/20 | 10.54                      | 33.75                      | 09/04/<br>20 |
| BH122                           | 45.61                          | 6.00 - 9.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | 8.52                       | 37.08                      | 20/03/<br>20 |
| BH125                           | 33.21                          | 10.00 – 13.00                       | Chalk                            | 5.37                       | 27.84                      | 03/09/20 | 4.69                       | 28.52                      | 31/03/<br>20 |
| BH125                           | 33.21                          | 4.00 - 6.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | 4.38                       | 28.83                      | 03/09/20 | 3.35                       | 29.86                      | 31/03/<br>20 |
| BH127                           | 22.51                          | 15.00 – 20.00                       | Chalk                            | 0.31                       | 22.20                      | 07/07/20 | -0.25                      | 22.76                      | 07/05/<br>20 |
| BH128                           | 22.26                          | 41.00 – 50.00                       | Chalk                            | -0.54                      | 22.80                      | 26/08/20 | -0.92                      | 23.18                      | 21/08/<br>20 |
| BH133                           | 27.05                          | 6.00 – 11.00                        | Alluvium                         | 5.35                       | 21.70                      | 25/08/20 | 5.03                       | 22.02                      | 28/05/<br>20 |

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| Borehole<br>Reference<br>Number | Ground<br>Elevation<br>(m aOD) | Response<br>Zone Depths<br>(m bDAT) | Response<br>Zone<br>Stratigraphy  | Min GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Min GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date     | Max GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Max GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| BH134                           | 35.77                          | 5.00 – 10.00                        | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | 8.03                       | 27.74                      | 03/09/20 | 6.96                       | 28.81                      | 15/05/<br>20 |
| BH136                           | 41.18                          | 4.00 – 6.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| BH137                           | 23.36                          | 5.00 - 8.00                         | Chalk                             | 2.77                       | 20.59                      | 03/09/20 | 1.64                       | 21.72                      | 20/03/<br>20 |
| BH138                           | 31.81                          | 3.00 - 6.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        | -        | 5.96                       | 25.85                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| BH140                           | 38.40                          | 3.00 - 6.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| BH140                           | 38.40                          | 14.50 – 16.50                       | Chalk                             | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | 15.31                      | 23.01                      | 14/04/<br>20 |
| BH141                           | 45.25                          | 5.00 - 8.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS201                           | 48.53                          | 5.00 – 10.00                        | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | 6.47                       | 42.06                      | 02/09/20 | 5.27                       | 43.26                      | 12/05/<br>20 |
| DS205                           | 44.84                          | 1.00 – 5.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | 5.18                       | 39.66                      | 25/08/20 | 2.1                        | 42.74                      | 02/09/<br>20 |
| DS206                           | 45.43                          | 0.30 - 6.30                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | 3.56                       | 41.87                      | 02/09/20 | 1.86                       | 43.57                      | 18/05/<br>20 |
| DS207                           | 50.39                          | 1.00 – 3.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        | -        | 2.3                        | 48.09                      | 02/09/<br>20 |
| DS209                           | 38.21                          | 5.00 – 7.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS212                           | 44.74                          | 3.00 - 6.00                         | Sheringham<br>Cliffs<br>Formation | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS216                           | 49.76                          | 2.00 - 5.00                         | Sheringham<br>Cliffs<br>Formation | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS218                           | 51.50                          | 3.00 - 6.00                         | Sheringham<br>Cliffs<br>Formation | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS221                           | 51.04                          | 7.00 – 9.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS223                           | 49.98                          | 1.00 - 5.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| D\$229                          | 34.93                          | 9.00 – 11.00                        | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | 7.24                       | 27.69                      | 03/09/20 | 5.71                       | 29.22                      | 31/03/<br>20 |
| DS231                           | 40.44                          | 4.00 - 5.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | 3.00                       | 37.44                      | 03/09/20 | 1.97                       | 38.47                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| DS234                           | 28.45                          | 8.00 – 12.00                        | Alluvium                          | 6.64                       | 21.81                      | 25/08/20 | 6.27                       | 22.18                      | 21/05/<br>20 |
| DS236                           | 32.57                          | 1.00 – 3.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation            | DRY                        | DRY                        |          | 1.35                       | 31.22                      | 18/05/<br>20 |
| DS238                           | 28.86                          | 8.00 – 11.00                        | Chalk                             | 6.34                       | 22.52                      | 20/03/20 | 7.45                       | 21.41                      | 03/09/<br>20 |



| Borehole<br>Reference<br>Number | Ground<br>Elevation<br>(m aOD) | Response<br>Zone Depths<br>(m bDAT) | Response<br>Zone<br>Stratigraphy | Min GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Min GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date | Max GW<br>level (m<br>bGL) | Max GW<br>level (m<br>aOD) | Date         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| DS241                           | 37.93                          | 6.00 – 10.00                        | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |      | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS242                           | 41.18                          | 1.00 – 3.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |      | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |
| DS244                           | 36.26                          | 3.00 - 6.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |      | 5.3                        | 30.96                      | 30/03/<br>20 |
| DS245                           | 29.32                          | 4.00 – 5.00                         | Lowestoft<br>Formation           | DRY                        | DRY                        |      | DRY                        | DRY                        |              |

- 2.3.16. Groundwater levels were recorded over the summer of 2020 and are plotted on the hydrograph in Figure 2.3. Groundwater levels range between around 48mAOD and 20mAOD across the site and show a generally eastwards groundwater flow direction.
- 2.3.17. Shallow and artesian groundwater levels were recorded in the Chalk aquifer during the 2020 ground investigation, notably where the Proposed Scheme crosses the River Tud at Honingham and a tributary of the River Tud southeast of Hockering.
- 2.3.18. Interactions between the artesian Chalk groundwater and the groundwater levels within the overlying Alluvium within the River Tud floodplain are shown in Figure 2.4. The groundwater within these boreholes strongly follow the same trend.
- 2.3.19. In the interfluves, groundwater levels within Chalk groundwater and the overlying Lowestoft Formation (Figure 2.5) show a strong matching trend, with Chalk groundwater level generally 1m below the Lowestoft Formation.



Figure 2.3 2020 ground investigation groundwater monitoring hydrograph from manual dip data

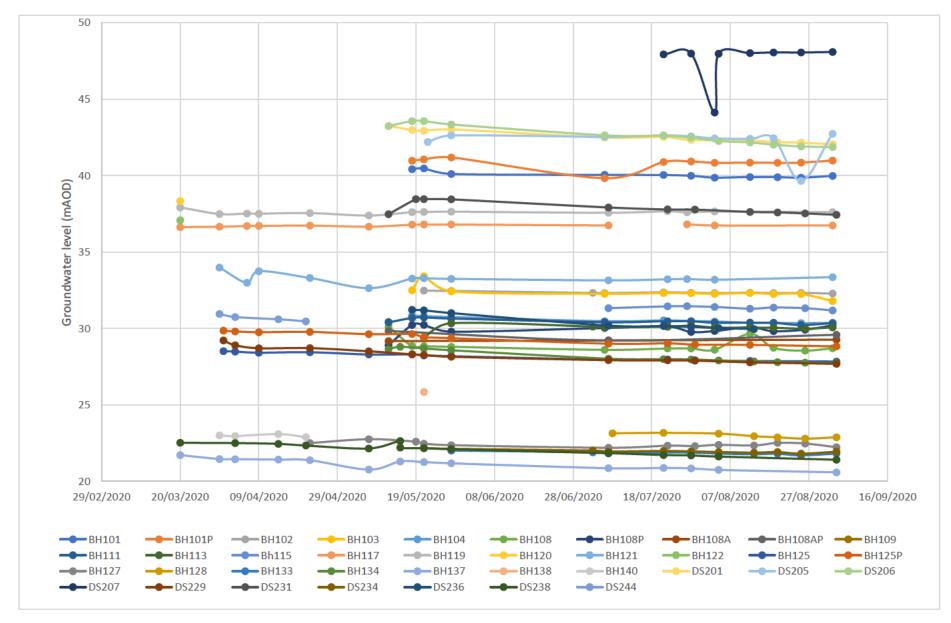




Figure 2.4 2020 ground investigation groundwater monitoring data hydrograph - interactions between Chalk and Alluvium groundwater

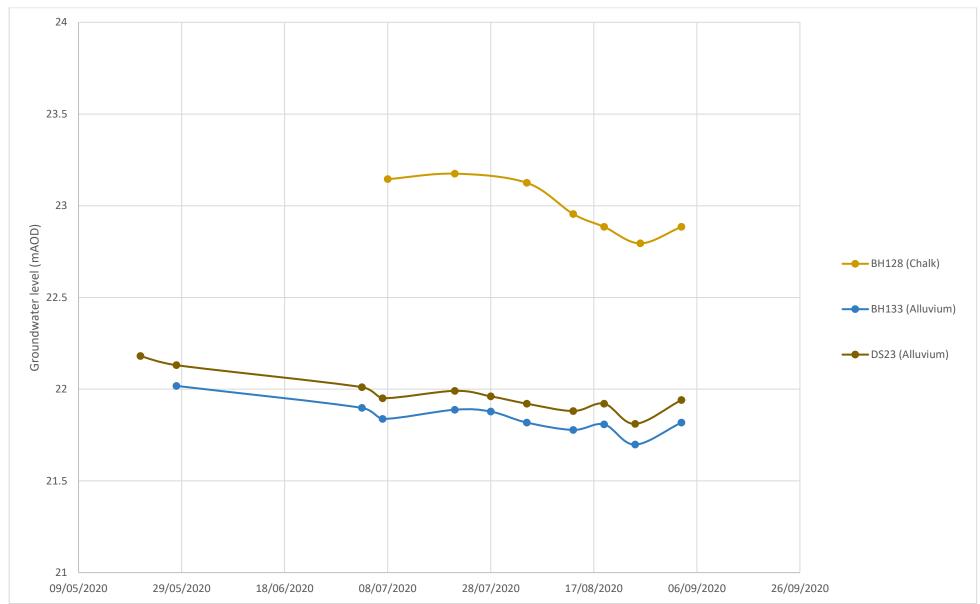
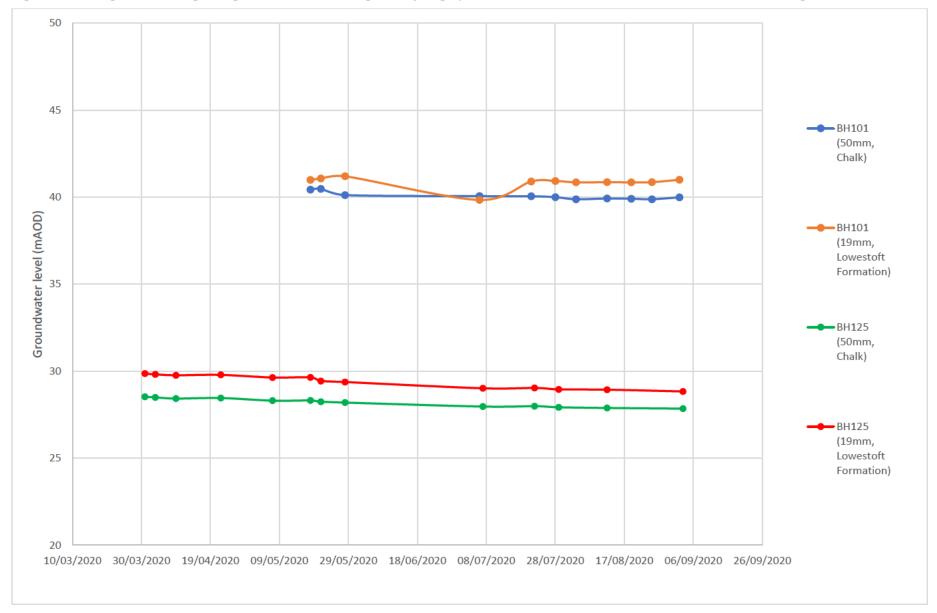




Figure 2.5 2020 ground investigation groundwater monitoring data hydrograph - interactions between Chalk and Lowestoft Formation groundwater





#### Discussion of site groundwater level monitoring

- 2.3.20. The groundwater within the study area is semi-confined by peat and low permeability layers within the River Tud floodplain and confined by low permeability layers of the Lowestoft Formation within the interfluves.
- 2.3.21. Figure 2.4 shows that artesian Chalk and Alluvium groundwater levels at the location of the River Tud Bridge crossing follow the same trend indicating that close to the River Tud there is a component of upward leakage into the superficial deposits, and which also likely provides baseflow to the River Tud.
- 2.3.22. This relationship is also noted in a tributary of the River Tud that flows southwards through Hockering, at BH108A. However, groundwater monitoring at at tributary of the River Tud at Oak Farm (BH101 and DS205), at the western extent of the Scheme and underlain by clay dominated Lowestoft Formation, indicates that there is a disconnect between the watercourse and the groundwater level.
- 2.3.23. In the interfluves, groundwater levels differ by 1m between Chalk and the overlying Lowestoft Formation (Figure 2.5), possibly due to different hydraulic properties between the two aquifers.
- 2.3.24. Groundwater flow within the Study Area is shown to be driven by the Chalk and is predominantly towards the east, locally controlled by the River Tud. It is likely that there are is an enhanced pathway through the superficial deposits within the incised valleys, and therefore flow converges towards the river.
- 2.3.25. Although the regional groundwater modelling indicates that there may be a component of groundwater flow towards the River Wensum to the east of Honingham, the groundwater monitoring data shows artesian groundwater conditions in the location of the new River Tud bridge, and therefore the River Wensum's control on groundwater flow within the study area is likely to occur much further east of this location. Although not confirmed specifically by groundwater monitoring, it is assumed that there may also be some local control on groundwater flows adjacent to licensed groundwater abstractions and private water supplies.
- 2.3.26. Groundwater level monitoring has been undertaken throughout the summer of 2020 only, and therefore it is unlikely that the seasonal maximum groundwater level has been recorded. It is assumed at present that groundwater levels may be approximately 1m higher than the maximum recorded level in Table 2.2, based on the seasonal range from Environment Agency monitoring data at Council House.



## **Aquifer Properties**

- 2.3.27. The properties of the aquifer define its capacity to release water and the ability of groundwater flow to be transmitted with ease.
- 2.3.28. The Lowestoft Formation largely confines the underlying Chalk aquifer within the study area. However, the formation includes permeable horizons which contain groundwater which may be perched or fed by upward leakage from the Chalk.
- 2.3.29. The Secondary A Alluvium aquifer was saturated where found within the River Tud floodplain and is likely hydraulically linked to the Chalk aquifer via upward leakage, and the River Tud. The Sheringham Cliffs Formation Secondary A aquifer was found to be dry where intersected.
- 2.3.30. The Chalk aquifer is fully saturated and under artesian pressure within the incised valley at the proposed crossing of the River Tud. Transmissivity values from historical pumping tests for the Chalk within the Tud catchment average 275m²/day (Allen et al, 1997). The full thickness of the structureless upper chalk is unknown and was not proved to 50 metres below ground level (mbgl) during the 2020 ground investigation.
- 2.3.31. The permeable superficial deposits are interpreted to be in hydraulic continuity with the Chalk, and baseflow to surface watercourses from the Chalk likely flows primarily through permeable layers within the Alluvium and River Terrace Deposits. The River Tud is assessed to have a baseflow index of 0.64 at Costessey Park suggesting a high degree of groundwater supply to river flows (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, 2020b).
- 2.3.32. Ten permeability tests were undertaken within selected boreholes monitoring the superficial deposits during the 2020 ground investigation. Results from these permeability tests are summarised in Table 2.3. The permeability of the Chalk aquifer was not tested.
- 2.3.33. Permeability test results range between 7.33x10<sup>-6</sup> m/s and 1.21x10<sup>-4</sup> m/s within the cohesive Lowestoft Formation and 2.61x10<sup>-5</sup>m/s and 1.48x10<sup>-4</sup>m/s within the granular Lowestoft Formation. The cohesive Lowestoft Formation has a large range, over two magnitudes. It is possible that the permeability test undertaken in DS231 is anomalous or may be due to a higher than anticipated gravel content within the monitored lithology.



Table 2.3 2020 ground investigation permeability test results

| Borehole | Response Zone<br>(mbgl) | Response Zone lithology                   | Test type    | Permeability (m/s)    |
|----------|-------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| BH102    | 13.00 – 18.00           | Sand and gravel (Lowestoft Formation)     | Falling head | 1.48x10 <sup>-4</sup> |
| BH106*   | 1.00 – 5.00             | Sand and gravel (Lowestoft Formation)     | Falling head | 8.87x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| BH108    | 4.00 – 7.00             | Sand and gravel (Lowestoft Formation)     | Rising head  | 7.41x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| BH109    | 1.00 – 3.00             | Clayey sand (Lowestoft Formation)         | Falling head | 7.33x10 <sup>-6</sup> |
| BH111    | 5.50 - 6.50             | Sandy clay (Lowestoft Formation)          | Falling head | 2.78x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| BH119    | 11.00 – 15.00           | Sand and gravel (Lowestoft Formation)     | Rising head  | 5.65x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| BH134    | 5.00 – 10.00            | Sand and gravel (Lowestoft Formation)     | Rising head  | 2.61x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| BH136*   | 4.00 - 6.00             | Sand and gravel (Lowestoft Formation)     | Falling head | 5.03x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| DS218*   | 3.00 - 6.00             | Falling head Sheringham Cliffs ormation)  |              | 3.64x10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| DS231    | 4.00 – 5.00             | Gravelly silty clay (Lowestoft Formation) | Falling head | 1.21x10 <sup>-4</sup> |

<sup>\*</sup>Borehole not saturated during test

#### **Groundwater quality**

- 2.3.34. Groundwater and soil quality sampling were carried out as part of the 2020 ground investigation. Surface water quality monitoring was also undertaken at Oak Farm Stream which will receive road drainage as part of the proposed design.
- 2.3.35. Groundwater sampling results reported from laboratory analyses were compared against WFD and EQS screening values in terms of risk to surface water and groundwater. Exceedances of NH4, Mercury, Nickel and Zinc were noted. However, the exceedances were negligible and therefore do not pose an unacceptable risk to controlled waters. A summary of the sampling results of key road drainage pollutants, comprising copper, zinc and chloride are provided in Table 2.4



Table 2.4 Summary of groundwater and surface water quality results from the 2020 ground investigation and surface water sampling

| Location           | Depth (mbgl) /<br>Date | Sample lithology             | Copper<br>(µg/l) | Zinc (µg/l) | Chloride<br>(mg/l) |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| BH108              | 1.04                   | Cohesive Lowestoft Formation | <5               | <2          | 949                |
| BH119              | 12.37                  | Granular Lowestoft Formation | <5               | 5           | 63                 |
| BH125              | 10                     | Chalk                        | <5               | 2           | 22                 |
| BH127              | 0.1                    | Alluvium                     | <5               | 54          | 58                 |
| DS206              | 2.19                   | Cohesive Lowestoft Formation | <5               | <2          | 949                |
| DS234              | 8                      | Alluvium                     | <5               | <2          | 18                 |
| DS238              | 8                      | Chalk                        | <5               | 8           | 29                 |
| Oak Farm<br>Stream | 24/09/2020             | -                            | 12               | 13          | -                  |
| Oak Farm<br>Stream | 29/10/2020             | -                            | 1                | 3           | -                  |
| Oak Farm<br>Stream | 01/12/2020             | -                            | 1                | 2           | -                  |
| Oak Farm<br>Stream | 16/12/2020             | -                            | 1                | 2           | -                  |
| Oak Farm<br>Stream | 12/01/2021             | -                            | 1                | 2           | -                  |

- 2.3.36. Soil leachability results reported from laboratory analyses were compared against WFD and EQS screening values in terms of risk to groundwater. Exceedances of nitrogen as NH<sub>4</sub>, metals, PAHs and TPHs were recorded. Of these exceedances, only PAH and TPH is considered as a potential risk to controlled waters, both from DP419.
- 2.3.37. There are no known Environment Agency groundwater quality network monitoring points within the study area.

#### 2.4. Groundwater resources

#### **Groundwater abstractions**

- 2.4.1. The Proposed Scheme crosses a source protection zone (SPZ) 3 (Total Catchment) between Honingham and Easton. This is associated with major groundwater abstractions to the northeast, south and southeast of the scheme.
- 2.4.2. The Proposed Scheme also crosses an SPZ 1 (Inner Zone) for a new public water supply east of Hockering, at Church Lane. The extents of the SPZ for this



- source have not, as yet, been confirmed by the Environment Agency, although a 1km stretch of the Proposed Scheme immediately to the north of the public water supply is assumed to represent the SPZ 1.
- 2.4.3. A further SPZ 3 is present within the 1km study area boundary, located approximately 250m to 1000m north of the Proposed Scheme. This SPZ is associated with public water supply abstractions 4km north of the study area at Lyng and includes a drinking water safeguard zone for groundwater.
- 2.4.4. There are two known licensed groundwater abstractions within the study area at Easton. These abstractions are summarised in Table 2.5.

Table 2.5 Licensed abstractions within the 1km study area, provided by the Environment Agency in 2020

| License number  | Use                          | Abstraction point name | Source of supply |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 7/34/13/*G/0166 | Make-Up Or<br>Top Up Water   | Borehole at Easton     | Groundwater      |
| 7/34/13/*G/0166 | Spray Irrigation<br>- Direct | Borehole at Easton     | Groundwater      |

- 2.4.5. The district councils have been contacted for details of unlicensed private water supplies. At time of writing, only Breckland Council have provided details of private water supplies near to the scheme. South Norfolk and Broadland district councils are yet to respond.
- 2.4.6. There are 26 unlicensed abstractions within the part of the 1km study area belonging to Breckland Council. The locations are shown within Annex A Location Plan and are generally clustered in the following locations:
  - Fox Lane Junction, and the wider study area east of Hockering
  - Blois Bridge and Church Lane
  - south of the Scheme at Berrys Lane
- 2.4.7. Details of the abstraction uses, and aquifer units abstracted, have not been provided.

#### Consented discharges to groundwater

2.4.8. According to data received from the Environment Agency in April 2020 there are 6 active consented discharges to groundwater within the study area (see Table 2.6). These are situated between 0.25km and 1.1km from the Site.



Table 2.6 Consented discharges to groundwater within the 1km study area, provided by the Environment Agency in 2020

| Consent number | Use   | Receiving water body                   |
|----------------|---|--|
| EPR-KB3995WJ   | Discharge into land of secondary treated sewage effluent                | Groundwater via an infiltration system |
| PR4LF84215     | Discharge of domestic sewage from a septic tank and soakaway system     | Groundwater via an infiltration system |
| EPR-AB3099AM   | Discharge into land of secondary treated sewage effluent                | Groundwater                            |
| EPR-MP3724GQ   | Discharge into land of secondary treated sewage effluent                | Groundwater                            |
| NPSWQD009058   | Trade effluent derived from heat exchange use of abstracted groundwater | Groundwater                            |
| PR4LF69        | Discharge of sewage effluent from a septic tank soakaway system         | Groundwater via an infiltration system |

#### 2.5. Water Framework Directive

2.5.1. The study area is within the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag WFD groundwater body (GB40501G400300) and is part of the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag Operational Catchment and the Anglian Groundwater Management Catchment (EA, 2020). A summary of the groundwater body is given in Table 2.7.

Table 2.7 Summary of WFD groundwater bodies within the study area

| Feature                                   | Designation   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Water body ID                             | GB40501G400300  |  |
| Water body name                           | Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag Groundwater Body      |  |
| Operational catchment                     | Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag Operational Catchment |  |
| Management catchment                      | Anglian Groundwater Management Catchment              |  |
| River basin district                      | Anglian   |  |
| Туре                                      | Groundwater Body                                      |  |
| Hydromorphological status                 | N/A   |  |
| Overall classification (cycle 2 – 2019)   | Poor  |  |
| Current chemical quality (cycle 2 – 2019) | Poor  |  |
| Overall objective                         | Good (by 2027)  |  |
| Protected area (within the study area)    | Yes, Nitrates Directive                               |  |

2.5.2. The Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag groundwater body (GB40501G400300) has poor chemical and quantitative status (2019 cycle 2). The quantitative status is limited by the Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems test which scored poorly due to agricultural abstractions lowering the natural flow and levels of the groundwater. The objective is to achieve 'good' quantitative status by



2021. The site is located within the Norwich Crag and Gravels groundwater Nitrate Vulnerable Zone and is a Drinking Water Protected Area.

# 2.6. Groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems Sites of special scientific interest

- 2.6.1. Hockering Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is the sole SSSI located within the 1km study area. This ancient woodland includes surface water features within its boundary comprising ponds and streams which may be fed by groundwater. Ponds within the area of the SSSI support breeding Great Crested Newts (DEFRA, 2020).
- 2.6.2. The SSSI woodland is located up hydraulic gradient of the Proposed Scheme. It is therefore not at risk of impact and is not considered in the assessment.
- 2.6.3. The River Wensum SSSI and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is located within the study area, approximately 1.6km north of the Proposed Scheme at its closest point. The River Wensum is a chalk river and receives a significant portion of supply from baseflow from the underlying Chalk aguifer.
- 2.6.4. It is interpreted from groundwater monitoring that the River Tud, a chalk stream, receives baseflow from the underlying artesian Chalk via upward leakage within the study area. The River Tud feeds into the River Wensum SSSI east of Costessey. The River Tud is considered to be of equal ecological value as the River Wensum by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT, 2020).
- 2.6.5. The River Wensum SSSI and SAC is at a sufficient distance from the Proposed Scheme however, and furthermore is not directly down hydraulic gradient of the Proposed Scheme. It is therefore not considered to be at risk of impact and is not considered further in the assessment as an indirect groundwater receptor.

## **Priority Habitats**

2.6.6. The River Tud is a Chalk Stream supplied by high groundwater levels driven by the Chalk principal aquifer. Groundwater dependent Priority Habitats Wetlands comprising Lowland Fens are located within the 1km Study Area, predominantly along the course of the River Tud but also 1km north of Honingham.

## **County Wildlife Sites**

2.6.7. There are a number of County Wildlife Sites (CWS) located within the study area that are potentially fed by groundwater. These are summarised in Table 2.8.



Table 2.8 County wildlife sites (Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service, 2018)

| Name   | Grid Reference | Priority Habitat                            | Description   |
|--|----------------|---|---|
| Gravel pits, East<br>Tuddenham   | TG 075118      | N/A   | Gravel pits used for trout fishing                                      |
| Fen west of East<br>Tuddenham  | TG 090123      | Lowland Fen                                 | Marshy grasslands and stream  |
| Adjacent to River<br>Tud   | TG128116       | Floodplain Grazing Marsh                    | Wet meadow  |
| Church meadow,<br>Alder Carr, here<br>Corner Thicket and<br>Nursery Plantation | TG 114117      | Lowland Fen and Floodplain<br>Grazing Marsh | Unimproved wet pasture,<br>spring fed ditches, wet<br>woodland, wetland |
| The Waterfence   | TG 106132      | Lowland Fen and Floodplain<br>Grazing Marsh | Wet grassland within a spring-fed valley                                |
| Fen Plantation   | TG 098117      | Lowland Fen                                 | Damp semi-natural<br>woodland on the south bank<br>of the River Tud     |

## 2.7. Groundwater flooding

- 2.7.1. The BGS Susceptibility to groundwater flooding mapping dataset indicates that the majority of the Site lies within areas that has limited potential for groundwater flooding to occur. However, there is potential for groundwater flooding to above ground structures within the site boundary to the south and east of Hockering and north-east of Honingham. This occurs along the route of the River Tud at a ground level of approximately 25-35mAOD. This has been confirmed by the ground investigation as artesian Chalk groundwater levels have been observed in both locations.
- 2.7.2. Within the same area, there is also potential for groundwater flooding to subsurface structures. This corresponds to a ground level of approximately 35-40mAOD along the route of the River Tud.

## 2.8. Climate change

2.8.1. Climate change predictions suggest that the future annual recharge volumes for groundwater are broadly stable although the groundwater recharge season is likely to condense into a shortened period, leading to more variable groundwater levels and a greater drought vulnerability (Environment Agency, 2019).

#### 2.9. Groundwater levels and flows assessment

2.9.1. This section provides a summary of findings, in the form of a conceptual hydrogeological model, and also highlights receptors and uncertainties relating to the datasets considered. This forms the basis of the Groundwater Levels and Flows assessment (as per the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges guidance document LA 113).



#### Hydrogeological conceptual model

- 2.9.2. The default study area comprises a 1km buffer zone of the Scheme based on professional judgement of the groundwater flow pathways this is considered appropriate.
- 2.9.3. The Study Area is found within the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag groundwater body (GB40501G400300) and is part of the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag Operational Catchment and the Anglian GW Management Catchment.
- 2.9.4. The main aquifer units in the study area are the granular layers within the Lowestoft Formation, the Sheringham Cliffs Formation, Alluvium, River Terrace Deposits, and the Chalk.
- 2.9.5. The Chalk is semi-confined by overlying deposits of cohesive Lowestoft Formation within the interfluves where groundwater levels are sub-artesian and is semi-confined by cohesive layers of Alluvium and peat within the River Tud floodplain where groundwater levels are artesian.
- 2.9.6. Chalk groundwater levels from the limited 2020 monitoring period range between 40.5mAOD and 20.5mAOD. Groundwater levels within the superficial deposits range between 48 and 21.8mAOD
- 2.9.7. The groundwater level monitoring indicates that levels are predominantly controlled by the Chalk. Groundwater from the Chalk feeds into the overlying superficial deposits by upward leakage, and to the River Tud via baseflow.
- 2.9.8. Groundwater monitoring and modelling across the site shows the groundwater flow direction to be predominantly to the east and north, towards the River Tud and the River Wensum.
- 2.9.9. Although not indicated by the current monitoring, it is anticipated that the licensed and unlicensed abstractions also act as local controls on groundwater levels and flow.
- 2.9.10. Permeability test results from the 2020 ground investigation range between 7.33x10<sup>-6</sup> m/s and 1.21x10<sup>-4</sup> m/s within the cohesive Lowestoft Formation and 2.61x10<sup>-5</sup>m/s and 1.48x10<sup>-4</sup>m/s within the granular Lowestoft Formation.
- 2.9.11. The Chalk within the study area is entirely 'putty' structureless Chalk. Competent Chalk with structures was not proven to a maximum depth of 50mbgl. Permeability in the Chalk was not tested during the ground investigation as it is anticipated to be too large to determine from single well tests in 50mm diameter



- installations. The average transmissivity of the Chalk within the Tud catchment is 275m<sup>2</sup>/day (Allen et al, 1997).
- 2.9.12. The Study Area is within a source protection zone (SPZ) 3 (Total Catchment) between Honingham and Easton for public water supply abstractions. The Proposed Scheme also crosses an SPZ1 (Inner Zone) east of Hockering for a new public water supply abstraction at East Tuddenham.
- 2.9.13. There are two licensed abstractions from the Chalk within the study area and 26 known unlicensed private water supplies. It is not known what aquifer units the private water supplies abstraction from. The locations of these abstractions are shown within Annex A Location Plan.
- 2.9.14. Groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems within the Study Area comprise the River Tud Chalk Stream, and Lowland Fen Priority Habitats predominantly within the River Tud Floodplain.

#### **Receptors**

- 2.9.15. The identified direct groundwater receptors within the Study Area are as follows:
  - Aquifer units of the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag groundwater body (GB40501G400300), comprising:
    - Alluvium
    - River Terrace Deposits
    - Lowestoft Formation
    - Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation
    - Chalk Group
- 2.9.16. The 2020 ground investigation exploratory holes were placed at key structures of the Proposed Scheme. These exploratory holes proved the Sheringham Cliffs Formation was not present at these locations and are therefore not considered to be direct receptor of risk from the Proposed Scheme.
- 2.9.17. The identified indirect groundwater receptors within the Study Area are:
  - The River Tud Chalk Stream
  - Lowland Fen Priority Habitats
  - Groundwater abstractions located east of, and including, private water supply P227CO0141 approximately 1km west of Hockering, as per Annex A Location Plan.
- 2.9.18. The known private water supplies west of P227CO0141 are at present considered to not be at risk from the Scheme, due to being located up-hydraulic



gradient of, and at a sufficient distance from, structures that pose risk to groundwater resources. This will be reviewed following receipt of the addendum ground investigation report, private water supply details from South Norfolk and Breckland councils, confirmation of the SPZ for the newly proposed public water supply abstraction at East Tuddenham, and completion of the baseline groundwater level monitoring and detailed dewatering assessments, if required.

#### **Limitations and Uncertainty**

- 2.9.19. Proposed structures may require works to be undertaken intersecting the Chalk aquifer. Further investigations are required to ascertain accurate hydraulic properties of this aquifer in order to understand any potential dewatering requirements and subsequent impacts of construction. Further details of construction methods will also be required to assess the associated dewatering requirements.
- 2.9.20. The groundwater monitoring information from the ground investigation is limited to the summer of 2020, and therefore is unlikely to have captured the maximum seasonal groundwater levels. Furthermore, groundwater monitoring data from some borehole locations is yet to be received at the time of writing.
- 2.9.21. Information on private water supplies has been requested from local councils. At present, only Breckland Council have responded with information. Therefore, no risk assessments have been undertaken on private water supplies within these districts.



## 3. Potential impacts

3.1.1. The key intrusive structures that may have the potential to impact on groundwater are summarised in Table 3.1, along with their maximum depths. There are also a number of cuttings across the Proposed Scheme up to a maximum depth of 8m.

Table 3.1 A summary of the key proposed intrusive structures that pose risk to the groundwater environment

| Structure  | Activities   | Maximum<br>structure depth<br>(mbgl) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Utilities  | Pipeline diversions                                    | 2                                    |
| Gas main pipeline                                  | Horizontal direction drilling                          | 10                                   |
| Cutting west of S05, located at DS231 (Annex B)    | Cutting intersecting groundwater                       | 2.36                                 |
| S01 Culvert/embankment                             | Ground improvement and sewer diversion                 | 3                                    |
| S03 & S04 Wood Lane junction / Hall Farm underpass | Underpass construction and piling                      | 4.06                                 |
| S05 River Tud Crossing overbridge                  | Overbridge construction, piling and ground improvement | 25                                   |
| S07 Norwich Road junction underpass                | Underpass construction and piling                      | 7.1                                  |
| S16 Mattishall Lane underpass                      | Underpass construction                                 | 8                                    |
| S18 Honingham Church underpass                     | Underpass construction intersecting groundwater        | 4.5                                  |

- 3.1.2. There are a number of utilities diversions in the study area, which mainly occur around road junctions. The depth of utilities diversion excavations is likely to be less than 2m where open cut methods are to be used, but may be more than 10m where directional drilling is used, such as for the gas main works adjacent to the Wood Lane junction. In addition to the road junction locations listed above, utilities diversions will also be required at the Church Lane junction, in the area identified as a preliminary SPZ1 for the new Anglian Water public water supply.
- 3.1.3. The proposed drainage design includes filter drains in all drainage catchments, which have the potential to discharge to ground. The filter drains are anticipated to include a permeable geotextile membrane filter. Discharge to ground is also anticipated at Oak Farm tributary, which will receive road drainage via outfall but has been assessed as an infiltration feature due to low flows.
- 3.1.4. The existing A47 road will be retained as an access road. As such, the existing drainage will be retained where possible. Eight of the existing ten soakaways are anticipated to superseded by the proposed drainage design where the proposed route follows the existing mainline, and may therefore be



- decommissioned. Two soakaways are anticipated to be retained, where the existing mainline is to be retained as an access road.
- 3.1.5. A simple hydrogeological assessment of the construction and operational activities relating to these structures is presented in Table 3.2 and 3.3. This includes the results of simple Sichardt empirical calculations was used to estimate the potential radius of influence of excavations that may intersect groundwater. Based on the available information, the two areas that are confirmed to intersect groundwater are the cutting to the west of the River Tud overbridge (adjacent to DS231; maximum depth 2.63m), and the Honingham Church underpass. The results of these calculations are presented in Annex E Sichardt calculations of Radius of Influence. The radius of influence for these locations, using worst case permeability of 1.21x10<sup>-4</sup> m/s, are 76.7m and 26.3m respectively.
- 3.1.6. The use of the Sichardt formula is discussed within the Environment Agency's guidance document Hydrogeological Impact Appraisal for Dewatering Abstractions (2007). Whilst the formula provides an estimate of the radius of influence, it is limited due to not being consistent with the principle of the impact of an abstraction spreading until it has captured sufficient water (EA, 2007). Therefore, the radius of influence results is a preliminary assessment of risk to nearby receptors. The radius of influence will be considered further at the detailed design stage following completion of the baseline groundwater level monitoring, addendum factual report and the supplementary ground investigation.
- 3.1.7. Intercepting groundwater may necessitate groundwater control measures to be incorporated in the construction methodology and operation design. Temporary dewatering will be subject to licensing, which requires a detailed Hydrogeological Impact Assessment (HIA) to be undertaken. The potential dewatering requirements will be considered further at the detailed design stage following completion of the baseline groundwater level monitoring, addendum factual report and the supplementary ground investigation.
- 3.1.8. Consultation with Anglian Water commenced in January 2021 regarding the new public water supply abstraction at East Tuddenham. Discussions focused on the ground conditions determined from the 2020 ground investigation, potential impacts from intrusive structures and the essential and embedded mitigation measures incorporated to date. Anglian Water noted the following:
  - The abstraction at East Tuddenham is the only public water supply abstraction of concern, although there are significant number of private water supplies within the study area

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- Turbidity generation from excavation works and future ground investigations are the impact of greatest potential concern
- Structures west of the abstraction pose the greatest risk to the East Tuddenham abstraction
- Diversions for utilities located within the Inner Source Protection Zone (SPZ1) for the abstraction do not pose a risk to the abstraction, as they are not anticipated to intersect the aquifer.
- 3.1.9. Anglian Water have requested assurances that additional monitoring boreholes will not result in contamination risks and that aquifer protection measures have been incorporated into the design, citing unexpected artesian conditions within the River Tud floodplain. Anglian Water have also requested that appropriate measures are taken to decommission the monitoring points at the end of the monitoring period. Discusions with Anglian Water are ongoing.



Table 3.2 Potential risk to the groundwater environment from construction activities

| Activity   | General Description of   | Structure  | Direct                                      | Indirect   | Site specific potential impact   | Potential |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|-----------|
|  | Potential Impact   |  | Receptor                                    | receptor   |  | impact?   |
| Construction   |  |  |   |  |  | ·         |
| Drainage from construction areas, including site compounds           | Removal of topsoil during construction works has the potential to increase the vulnerability of underlying aquifers. Accidental spillages / leakage of construction materials in such areas may result in contamination of groundwater | General & site compounds   | Lowestoft<br>Formation                      | River Tud<br>Chalk<br>downgradient<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs | Satellite compounds at the proposed underpass at structures S16, S03 and S18, where underlain by the Secondary undifferentiated aquifer is potentially in direct hydraulic continuity with the Principal Chalk Aquifer. However, due to the variable permeability characteristics of the Lowestoft Formation, and the large unsaturated zone, this impact is considered negligible.  | No        |
| Drainage from construction areas, including excavations and cuttings | Excavations reduce the thickness of unsaturated zone above the receptor aquifer, thus increasing its vulnerability to groundwater contamination risks as a result of accidental spillages / leakage                                    | S16 / S03 / S04 /<br>S18 / S07 / ground<br>improvement at S01<br>/ all mainline<br>cuttings  | Lowestoft<br>Formation<br>Chalk             | River Tud<br>Downgradient<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs          | A significant proportion of the unsaturated thickness will be removed at S16, S03, S18 and S07, significantly increasing the vulnerability of the Chalk. S16 and S07 may intersect groundwater within the superficial deposits overlying the Chalk.  | Yes       |
| Excavations and piling   | Potential creation of contamination transport pathways between ground & aquifers. Contamination of groundwater through direct contact with contaminated construction materials   | Ground improvement at S01 / S05  Utilities diversions near S05 and Norwich Road junction  Piling into the top of the Chalk at S03, S05 and S07 | Alluvium<br>Lowestoft<br>Formation<br>Chalk | River Tud<br>Downgradient<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs          | Design of S05 overbridge foundations to comprise box sheet pile walls that will be embedded into Chalk bedrock. The design of underbridges at S03 and S07 may also require piles into the top of the Chalk.  Ground improvement works at S01 may intersect shallow chalk bedrock (3.5mbgl) with artesian groundwater. Utilities diversions in the same location may intersect shallow groundwater in the Lowestoft Formation.  Gas pipeline diversions near Wood Lane junction require directional drilling at depths of more than 10m, and there is a risk that the Chalk aquifer may be encountered.  No excavations are anticipated to intersect contaminated land. | Yes       |
|  |  | Utilities diversions at all other junctions, including Church Lane   | None  | None   | Utilities diversions likely to require shallow (~2m) excavations – with the exception of diversions near the S05 structure, these are unlikely to intersect groundwater in the superficial deposits.   | No        |
|  |  | -  |   | River Tud  |  | Yes       |



| Activity | General Description of<br>Potential Impact   | Structure                               | Direct<br>Receptor                          | Indirect receptor                                      | Site specific potential impact   | Potential impact? |
|----------|--|---|---|--|--|-------------------|
|          | flooding from artesian pressure  | / S05 / Utilities<br>diversion near S06 | ·   | Downgradient abstractions GWDTEs                       | flooding problems, and potentially contaminate surface water bodies if this contains high suspended solids / turbidity.  |                   |
|          | Groundwater control requirements during any excavation works (including construction of cuttings and underpasses) resulting in a reduction in local groundwater levels and therefore a loss of groundwater flow / resource to nearby receptors | S18 / cutting west of<br>S05            | Lowestoft Formation                         | River Tud<br>GWDTEs<br>Nearby<br>abstractions<br>Chalk | Cuttings at this location are likely to intersect the groundwater, necessitating the need for groundwater control.  At S18, the minimum design level is 30mAOD, and the maximum recorded groundwater level at nearby borehole DS236 is 31.2mAOD. Therefore, the cutting may require 1.2m drawdown.  The cutting west of S05 has a minimum design level of 35mAOD, and a maximum recorded groundwater level at DS231 of 38.5mAOD. Therefore, the cutting may require 3.5m drawdown.  A Sichardt empirical formula was used to estimate the radius of influence based on the drawdown and maximum recorded permeability value of 1.21x10-4 m/s. The radius of influence was calculated to be 76.7m for and 26.3m respectively. | Yes               |
|          |  | Ground improvement at S01 / S05         | Alluvium<br>Lowestoft<br>Formation<br>Chalk | River Tud<br>Nearby<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs          | Artesian groundwater noted at proposed structure. Risk of dewatering if any excavations are required.  | Yes               |
|          |  | \$16 / \$03 / \$04 /<br>\$07            | Lowestoft<br>Formation                      | River Tud<br>Nearby<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs<br>Chalk | The maximum groundwater level, plus the potential seasonal variation of 2.15m identified from regional groundwater monitoring, was compared to the minimum design level of the proposed structure to determine the risk of groundwater control being required.   | No                |
|          |  |   |   |  | At S16, the minimum design level is 38.88mAOD, and the maximum recorded groundwater level at nearby borehole is 32.48mAOD. With the addition of the seasonal variation, the maximum anticipated groundwater level is 34.63mAOD. Therefore, there is negligible risk that the groundwater level will intercept the base of the cutting.   |                   |



| Activity                              | General Description of Potential Impact  | Structure  | Direct<br>Receptor                              | Indirect receptor                                      | Site specific potential impact  | Potential impact? |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|-------------------|
|                                       |  |  |   |  | At S03 & S04, the minimum design level is 40.97mAOD, and the maximum groundwater level is 37.09mAOD. Adding the seasonal variation, the maximum anticipated groundwater level is 39.24mAOD. Therefore, there is negligible risk that the groundwater level will intercept the base of the cutting.            |                   |
|                                       |  |  |   |  | At S07, the minimum design level is 27.20mAOD, and the maximum groundwater level recorded in BH140 is 23.1mAOD. Adding the seasonal variation, the maximum anticipated groundwater level is 25.60mAOD. Therefore, there is negligible risk that the groundwater level will intercept the base of the cutting. |                   |
|                                       |  |  |   |  | The above assessments will be revisited following completion of the baseline groundwater monitoring, the addendum report, and the 2021 supplementary GI. The above cuttings may intercept pockets of perched groundwater during construction, but this are not anticipated to be significant.                 |                   |
|                                       | Construction dewatering discharges may contain suspended solids and may therefore result in contamination of receiving waterbody | S05 / S18 / ground improvement at S01 / cutting west of S05  | River Tud                                       | River Wensum<br>Downgradient<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs | Dewatering discharge points to be confirmed following confirmation of dewatering requirements, but may either be direct to River Tud or its tributaries. Untreated dewatering discharges would have significant water quality impact on receiving water body, especially if they contain chalky water.        | Yes               |
| Decommissioning of existing soakaways | Soakaway acts as a potential pathway for construction contamination  | HADDMS soakaway ID TG0513-8061b, TG0513_9259c, TG1211_1805c, TG1311_0903f, TG1311_0904h, TG1311_0904i, TG1311_1502f, TG1311_1802e. | Lowestoft Formation Sheringham Cliffs Formation | Chalk aquifer<br>GWDTE<br>Downgradient<br>abstractions | There is a risk of accidental spillages / leakage of construction materials in these areas during construction may result in contamination of groundwater.  | Yes               |

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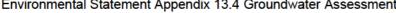




Table 3.3 Potential risk to the groundwater environment from the operation of the Scheme Activity **General Description of Direct Receptor Indirect receptor** Site specific potential impact **Potential** Structure **Potential Impact** impact? Operation Chalk aquifer Road drainage Routine road drainage may Filter drains Superficial Oak Farm watercourse has low flows and Yes **GWDTE** result in contamination of proposed in all aquifers was observed to have no flow during receiving aquifer drainage Downgradient summer months and there is therefore a risk catchments. Oak abstractions of infiltration to ground. Farm tributary outfall (low flows) Filter drains will allow infiltration to ground, including areas of shallow groundwater, and a preliminary SPZ1 associated with the new public water abstraction at East Tuddenham. Results for the groundwater quality assessments are presented in Section 4.3. Accidental spillages collected Chalk aquifer Spillage assessments, undertaken as part of No Superficial **GWDTE** Appendix 13.3 Water Quality, show the risk by road drainage may result in aquifers contamination of receiving Downgradient of impact from spillage pass the abstractions assessment. aquifer Retained soakaways may HADDMS soakaway Chalk aquifer Soakaways located on section of existing No Lowestoft result in contamination or **GWDTE** A47 that is to be retained as access road, Formation Downgradient resulting AADT will reduce significantly from receiving aguifer TG0912-7519f, and TG0912\_7918b, abstractions 20,000 - 30,000 to less than 5000. located west of Soakaways previously assessed as low risk and therefore will not pose a risk to Honingham. groundwater quality. **GWDTE** Groundwater within the area is largely semi-No Increase in impermeable area Reduction in aquifer recharge New road layout Lowestoft due to increase in Formation Downgradient confined, infiltration to ground via filter impermeable area from roads, Chalk abstractions drains included in the drainage design. embankments and bunding Permanent subsurface S18 / cutting west of River Tud Cuttings at this location are likely to intersect Yes Permanent drainage may Lowestoft drainage of cuttings / result in a local reduction in S05 Formation **GWDTEs** the groundwater, necessitating the need for underpasses groundwater levels around the Nearby groundwater control. structure abstractions

Chalk

At S18, the minimum design level is 30mAOD, and the maximum recorded groundwater level at nearby borehole

may require 1.2m drawdown.

require 3.5m drawdown.

DS236 is 31.2mAOD. Therefore, the cutting

The cutting west of S05 has a minimum design level of 35mAOD, and a maximum recorded groundwater level at DS231 of 38.5mAOD. Therefore, the cutting may

A Sichardt empirical formula was used to estimate the radius of influence based on the drawdown and maximum recorded permeability value of 1.21x10<sup>-4</sup> m/s. The



| Activity                                      | General Description of                                       | Structure                | Direct Receptor                 | Indirect receptor                                      | Site specific potential impact   | Potential |
|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
|   | Potential Impact   |                          |                                 |  | radius of influence was calculated to be   | impact?   |
|   |  |                          |                                 |  | 76.7m for and 26.3m respectively.  |           |
|   |  | S03 / S04 / S07 /<br>S16 | Lowestoft<br>Formation          | River Tud<br>Nearby<br>abstractions<br>GWDTEs<br>Chalk | The maximum groundwater level, plus the potential seasonal variation of 2.15m identified from regional groundwater monitoring, was compared to the minimum design level of the proposed structure to determine the risk of groundwater control being required.   | No        |
|   |  |                          |                                 |  | At S16, the minimum design level is 38.88mAOD, and the maximum recorded groundwater level at nearby borehole is 32.48mAOD. With the addition of the seasonal variation, the maximum anticipated groundwater level is 34.63mAOD. Therefore, there is negligible risk that the groundwater level will intercept the base of the cutting. |           |
|   |  |                          |                                 |  | At S03 & S04, the minimum design level is 40.97mAOD, and the maximum groundwater level is 37.09mAOD. Adding the seasonal variation, the maximum anticipated groundwater level is 39.24mAOD. Therefore, there is negligible risk that the groundwater level will intercept the base of the cutting.                                     |           |
|   |  |                          |                                 |  | At S07, the minimum design level is 27.20mAOD, and the maximum groundwater level recorded in BH140 is 23.1mAOD. Adding the seasonal variation, the maximum anticipated groundwater level is 25.60mAOD. Therefore, there is negligible risk that the groundwater level will intercept the base of the cutting.                          |           |
|   |  |                          |                                 |  | The above assessments will be revisited following completion of the baseline groundwater monitoring, the addendum report, and the 2021 supplementary GI. The above cuttings may intercept pockets of perched groundwater during construction, but this are not anticipated to be significant.  |           |
| Permanent placement of below-<br>ground piles | Redirection of flows around permanent underground structures | S05                      | Lowestoft<br>Formation<br>Chalk | River Tud Downgradient abstractions GWDTEs             | Groundwater mounding may occur, resulting in a reduction in groundwater flows immediately down-gradient of the underpass.  | Yes       |

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| Activity | General Description of Potential Impact | Structure | Direct Receptor                 | Indirect receptor | Site specific potential impact  | Potential impact? |
|----------|---|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
|          |   | S03 / S07 | Lowestoft<br>Formation<br>Chalk | Downgradient      | Piles for other underpasses are not likely to be continuous and therefore do not pose a risk. | No                |



## 4. Risk assessments

#### 4.1. Introduction

- 4.1.1. Groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTEs) have been identified as receptors to construction and operation activities. These are therefore considered further in Section 4.2.
- 4.1.2. A routine runoff assessment for the proposed outfall to a tributary of the River Tud at Oak Farm at the western extent of the Scheme has been undertaken due to low flows of less than 1 l/s. Routine runoff and spillage assessments were undertaken for filter drains in all drainage catchments. These assessments are presented in Section 4.3, and the spillage assessments are contained within Appendix 13.3 (Water quality) (TR010038/APP/6.3).

### 4.2. Groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems assessment

- 4.2.1. Identified groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE) have been assessed following the guidance set out in the LA 113 guidance document to determine hydrogeological links with the Scheme, the importance of each GWDTE, the magnitude of any potential impact on the GWDTE and thereby the overall significance of risk to the GWDTE prior to mitigation.
- 4.2.2. GWDTE sites comprise Lowland Fen Priority Habitats, and the River Tud as per Annex A Location Plan.

#### Assessment of GWDTE importance

- 4.2.3. Table 4.1 presents the overall importance for the GWDTEs. This is taken as highest of the 'flora and fauna' and 'habitat' receptors, based on UKTAG guidance for national vegetation classification (UKTAG, 2009).
- 4.2.4. Flora and fauna details and importance are based on information compiled from SSSI citations, MAGIC map, and the 2020 biodiversity survey where applicable. The surveyed land parcels are as per Figure 4.1 (Wild Frontier Ecology, 2019). Where no information is available, a worst-case value of Moderate was assigned based on professional judgement.

Table 4.1 GWDTE importance assessment

| GDTWE                                      | Flora and fauna receptor                       | Flora and fauna importance | Habitat receptor                    | Habitat<br>importance | Overall importance |
|--|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Priority Habitat (Unit K,<br>TG1112711686) | W8a Fraxinus  - Acer -  Mercurialis  woodland, | -                          | Lowland Fen /<br>Broadleaved Forest | Low                   | Low                |



| GDTWE   | Flora and fauna receptor   | Flora and fauna importance   | Habitat receptor   | Habitat<br>importance | Overall importance |
|---|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
|   | Primula sub-<br>community.   |                              |  |                       |                    |
| Priority Habitat (Unit<br>RYXi, TG1127111805) | S26 Phragmites australis – Urtica dioica tall-herb fen   | Moderate<br>(NVC Level<br>2) | Lowland Fen  | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat (Unit<br>RY1, TG1127111805)  | S7 Carex<br>acutiformis<br>swamp   | Moderate<br>(NVC Level<br>2) | Lowland Fen  | Low                   | Moderate           |
| River Tud / River<br>Wensum                   | S25 Phragmites australis - Eupatorium cannabinum tall-herb fen S3 Carex paniculata swamp S4 Phragmites australis swamp and reed-beds S5 Glyceria maxima swamp S7 Carex acutiformis swamp | High (NVC 1)                 | SSSI/SAC with significant baseflow, supporting populations of was also found during a biodiversity survey undertaken by EMEC Ecology in 2019.  It is noted in the Geomorphology Assessment Report (Sweco, 2020b) that the River Tud, as a Chalk Stream, is particularly sensitive to sediment loading. | High                  | High               |
| Hockering Wood                                | W10 Quercus robur — Pteridium aquilinium Rubus fruticosus woodland W8 Fraxinus excelsior — Acer campestre — Mercurialis perennis Woodland  | -                            | supporting population.   | High                  | High               |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG1006811663)            | Not surveyed   | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)          | Lowland Fen<br>(declining / destroyed)   | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG0973311647)            | Not surveyed   | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)          | Lowland Fen  | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG0952811830)            | Not surveyed   | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)          | Lowland Fen /<br>Floodplain Grazing<br>Marsh   | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG0888412289)            | W4 Betula<br>pubescens -<br>Molinia  | High (NVC 1)                 | Lowland Fen /<br>Floodplain Grazing<br>Marsh   | Low                   | High               |



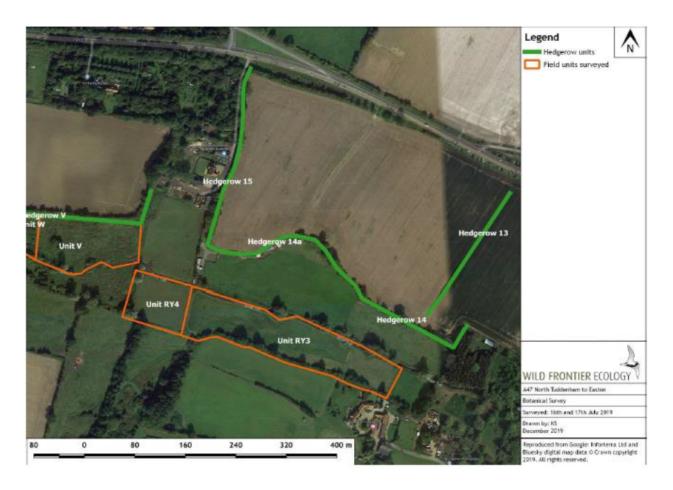
| GDTWE  | Flora and fauna receptor  | Flora and fauna importance | Habitat receptor   | Habitat<br>importance | Overall importance |
|--|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
|  | caerulea woodland W8 Fraxinus excelsior – Acer campestre – Mercurialis perennis Woodland    |                            |  |                       |                    |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG0879312222)   | Not surveyed  | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)        | Lowland Fen  | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG0882212233)   | Not surveyed  | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)        | Lowland Fen  | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG1050313321)   | Not surveyed  | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)        | Lowland Fen (declining / destroyed)  | Low                   | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG1053513363)   | Not surveyed  | Moderate<br>(NVC 2)        | Lowland Fen<br>(declining / destroyed)   | Low                   | Moderate           |
| County Wildlife Site<br>(Gravel Pits, East<br>Tuddenham) (TG 075<br>118)             | W8 Fraxinus excelsior – Acer campestre – Mercurialis perennis Woodland                      | -                          | Mesotrophic lake,<br>potentially<br>groundwater fed and<br>supporting trout<br>populations | Moderate              | Moderate           |
| Priority Habitat (Unit X,<br>Unit W, Unit V, Unit<br>RY4, Unit RY3,<br>TG0733812657) | MG9 Holcus<br>lanatus -<br>Deschampsia<br>cespitosa<br>grasslands /<br>No<br>classification | -                          | Floodplain grazing marsh.  | Low                   | Low                |
| Priority Habitat (Unit<br>RYW, TG1093911643)   | MG9 Holcus<br>lanatus -<br>Deschampsia<br>cespitosa<br>grasslands                           | -                          | Floodplain grazing<br>marsh.<br>Wet grassland, likely<br>improved by<br>agriculture        | Low                   | Low                |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG1153211631)   | Not surveyed  | Unknown                    | Floodplain grazing<br>marsh.<br>Wet grassland, likely<br>improved by<br>agriculture        | Low                   | Low                |
| Priority Habitat<br>(TG1106912735)   | Not surveyed  | Unknown                    | Floodplain grazing<br>marsh.<br>Wet grassland, likely<br>improved by<br>agriculture        | Low                   | Low                |



Figure 4.1 Land parcels surveyed during the 2019 botanical survey (Wild Frontier Ecology, 2019)







## **Assessment of potential impacts**

4.2.5. Table 4.2 summarises the GWDTEs identified within the study area that are considered to be hydraulically connected, and therefore most sensitive, to the Proposed Scheme.

Table 4.2 GWDTEs hydraulically connected to the scheme

| GWDTE                                      | Overall importance | Hydraulic connection between scheme and GWDTE  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Priority Habitat (Unit K, TG1112711686)    | Low                | Yes, due to the proximity of proposed River Tud Crossing                                       |
| Priority Habitat (Unit RYXi, TG1127111805) | Moderate           | Yes, due to the proximity of proposed River Tud Crossing                                       |
| Priority Habitat (Unit RY1, TG1127111805)  | Moderate           | Yes, due to the proximity of proposed River Tud Crossing                                       |
| River Tud / River Wensum                   | High               | Yes, due to the proposed River Tud<br>Crossing and below ground structures<br>across the route |
| Hockering Wood                             | High               | No, due to being located hydraulically upgradient of the scheme                                |
| Priority Habitat (TG1006811663)            | Moderate           | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures                    |



| GWDTE   | Overall importance | Hydraulic connection between scheme and GWDTE                               |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Priority Habitat (TG0973311647)   | Moderate           | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG0952811830)   | Moderate           | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG0888412289)   | High               | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG0879312222)   | Moderate           | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG0882212233)   | Moderate           | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG1050313321)   | Moderate           | No, due to being located hydraulically upgradient of the scheme             |
| Priority Habitat (TG1053513363)   | Moderate           | No, due to being located hydraulically upgradient of the scheme             |
| County Wildlife Site (Gravel Pits, East Tuddenham) (TG 075 118)             | Moderate           | Yes, subject to a water features survey                                     |
| Priority Habitat (Unit X, Unit W, Unit V, Unit RY4, Unit RY3, TG0733812657) | Low                | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (Unit RYW, TG1093911643)                                   | Low                | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG1153211631)   | Low                | Yes, within the River Tud floodplain down gradient of subsurface structures |
| Priority Habitat (TG1106912735)   | Low                | No, due to being located hydraulically upgradient of the scheme             |

- 4.2.6. Potential impacts specifically to GWDTEs from construction and operation of the scheme prior to mitigation, based on identified hydrogeological impacts as summarised in Tables 3.2 and 3.3, are described in Table 4.3 below.
- 4.2.7. It is possible that on-site construction and operation activities could result in a reduction in groundwater quantity and quality which may negatively impact upon the GWDTE sites listed above. The overall risk depends on the importance of the GWDTE combined with the magnitude of the potential impact, as per the LA 113.
- 4.2.8. The radius of influence calculations presented in Section 3 and Annex E confirm that the risk to GWDTEs from temporary dewatering and permanent slope drainage is negligible. The nearest GWDTEs to the mainline cutting to the west of S05 and Honingham Church underpass are at 500m and therefore outside of the radius of influence.
- 4.2.9. The radius of influence calculations will be reassessed for the above structures, and others where required, following completion of the full baseline groundwater level monitoring and the 2021 supplementary ground investigation.



Table 4.3 GWDTE risk assessment

| Impact type  | Activity   | Description of potential impact   | Magnitude of impact on GWDTE   | Overall risk to GWDTE                 |
|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Groundwater quantity  Groundwater flow / flux  Groundwater level  Soil saturation / soil moisture                            | Excavations, including underpass construction, ground improvement and associated dewatering requirements | Removal of groundwater from the aquifer, as a result of groundwater control for excavations, has the potential to impact on groundwater levels in the immediate area surrounding excavation, and also on groundwater supply to receptors including the River Tud and associated Lowland Fen habitats.  Any dewatering activities resulting in abstractions of >50m³ will be subject to further impact assessments and consultation with the EA.  Dewatering rates to be confirmed following supplementary ground investigation and an abstraction license will be applied for following further hydrogeological impact assessments. | Negligible, due to distance of structures that may require dewatering to GWDTEs. This will be reassessed following completion of the full baseline groundwater monitoringand the 2021 supplementary ground investigation.                | Negligible risk                       |
|  | Permanent<br>subsurface<br>drainage of<br>cuttings /<br>underpasses                                      | Permanent drainage may result in a local reduction in groundwater levels around the structure, altering the groundwater flow regime. However, if required, volumes are likely to be low, seasonal, and diverted using passive drainage systems.  This will be reassessed upon completion of supplementary GI and finalisation of drainage design.   | Negligible, due to distance of structures that may require permanent slope drainage to GWDTEs. This will be reassessed following completion of the full baseline groundwater monitoring and the 2021 supplementary ground investigation. | Negligible risk                       |
|  | Permanent<br>placement of<br>below-ground<br>piles   | Redirection of flows around permanent underground structures resulting in a potential reduction in supply to River Tud and associated Lowland Fen habitats.   | Minor adverse (worst case). This will be reassessed following completion of the full baseline groundwater monitoring and the 2021 supplementary ground investigation.  | Moderate risk<br>– negligible<br>risk |
| Groundwater quality as a result of construction activities  Nutrients (Nitrate / Phosphate)  Metalloid and organic compounds | Drainage from construction areas including site compounds, excavations and cuttings.                     | Satellite compound along the proposed route likely underlain by Lowestoft Formation. Removal of topsoil during construction works and/or a reduction in the thickness of the unsaturated zone has the potential to increase the vulnerability of underlying aquifers. Accidental spillages / leakage of construction materials in such areas may result in  | Minor / Moderate   | Moderate risk<br>– negligible<br>risk |



| Impact type | Activity  | Description of potential impact  | Magnitude of impact on GWDTE | Overall risk to GWDTE            |
|-------------|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|             |   | contamination of groundwater which in turn has the potential to impact the groundwater quality.  |                              |                                  |
|             |   | The cuttings for the underpasses, and for ground improvement, may intersect the saturated superficial aquifers and the top of the Chalk.   |                              |                                  |
|             | Excavations, including underpass construction   | Potential for contamination of groundwater through direct contact with contaminated construction materials which may migrate to the River Tud and associated Lowland Fen habitats.   | Moderate                     | Moderate risk  – negligible risk |
|             | Permanent<br>placement of<br>below-ground<br>structures, i.e.<br>piles,<br>underpasses.                                       | Potential for contamination of groundwater through smearing of contaminants from surface / creation of pathway for migration of artesian groundwater which could migrate to the River Tud and associated Lowland Fen habitats. | Minor                        | Moderate risk  – negligible risk |
|             | Discharge of metalloid and organic compounds to groundwater from proposed road drainage to both surface water and groundwater | Road drainage discharges to groundwater. Any pollution (including accidental spillages) in routine runoff may have the potential to migrate to River Tud and associated Lowland Fen habitats                                   | Negligible – see Section 4.3 | Negligible risk                  |



#### Assessment outcomes and actions

- 4.2.10. Prior to any mitigation the risk to GWDTE sites is moderate to negligible.
- 4.2.11. Construction activities that may have a significant impact upon the quality and quantity of groundwater available for the identified GWDTEs are subject to further investigation during the supplementary ground investigation. It is anticipated that best practise mitigation measures set out in the Environment Management Plan (TR010038/APP/7.4) will address these risks. No further detailed assessment is therefore required. Any risk will be reassessed when the supplementary ground investigation is complete.

# 4.3. Groundwater quality and runoff Simple assessment

- 4.3.1. A groundwater quality and runoff risk assessment for routine runoff was completed to assess the risk of impact upon groundwater quality from unlined drainage (filter drains) and potential infiltration from the receiving watercourse, a tributary of the Rive Tud at Oak Farm, which has particularly low flows. The assessment is based on the 'source-pathway-receptor' model, as per Appendix C of LA 113.
- 4.3.2. Unlined road drainage in the form of filter drains are proposed in a number of locations throughout the Proposed Scheme and are located in all drainage catchments (see Annex C). Where necessary, catchments have either been combined or further sub-divided to consider filter drains by different hydrogeological conditions in the assessments.
- 4.3.3. Input parameters were derived from ground investigation data and publicly available information. These are in line with the conceptualisation outlined above in Section 2.10 and are summarised below in Table 4.4. Results are presented in Figure 4.2 and show that infiltration of untreated routine road runoff presents a medium risk to groundwater. This is primarily due to the depth to water table and low organic matter content in the unsaturated zone.
- 4.3.4. The results of the routine runoff assessments, including details of the parameters used, are presented in Annex D.

Table 4.4 Summary of HEWRAT risk assessment input parameters

| Input parameter                  | Detail   |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Traffic flow                     | AADT traffic flow provided by traffic modelling data   |  |  |  |
| Rainfall depth (annual averages) | Average based on warm/dry climatic region from nearest UK rainfall monitoring site (Huntingdon). |  |  |  |



| Input parameter               | Detail  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Drainage area ratio           | Determined as 'drainage area of road'/'active surface area of infiltration device', where the surface area is that part of the device through which most downward discharge will occur.   |  |
| Infiltration method           | shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel) – selected to reflect overall dimensions of the stream  |  |
| Unsaturated zone              | Determined from the available groundwater level monitoring from boreholes within the catchment.   |  |
| Flow type                     | (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer)" was selected to represent the variability within the Lowestoft Formation, Sheringham Cliffs Formation and the Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation. |  |
| Unsaturated zone clay content | Determined from particle size distribution results available for a number of ground investigation borehole samples in each catchment.   |  |
| Organic carbon                | Organic matter results were determined from ground investigation borehole samples in each catchment. Where no data was available, worst case values were applied.   |  |
| Unsaturated zone soil pH      |   |  |

#### **Detailed assessment**

- 4.3.5. As the HEWRAT assessment for infiltration to ground produced a medium risk result, consultation was undertaken with the Environment Agency, in line with the assessment guidance.
- 4.3.6. The key concerns raised by the Environment Agency were as follows:
  - The treatment train prior to discharge needs to be suitable in terms of treatment steps and efficacy (bearing in mind the environmental sensitivity), and the area for soakage and soakage rates.
  - Consideration for an increase in chloride in winter, along with how the system would cope with a catastrophic spill from a road accident, and how/the extent to which it will be maintained over time.
  - The groundwater assessment should specifically consider the new Anglian Water Services public water abstraction at East Tuddenham.
- 4.3.7. To address the Environment Agency's concerns, the further hydrogeological assessment has followed guidance provided at www.susdrain.org, and specifically the SuDS Manual (Woods Ballard et al, 2015). This is presented in the sections below and considers the ground conditions, baseline water quality and environmental sensitivity of the road drainage catchments, and treatment measures embedded into the drainage design. A water quality assessment has also been undertaken, based on the HEWRAT tool, to assess the potential for road drainage to impact on the water quality of groundwater receptors.



4.3.8. Consultation has also been undertaken with Anglian Water Services on the discharges with proposals for treatment presented.

#### Baseline hydrogeological conditions

- 4.3.9. Baseline conditions are summarised for each medium risk catchment in Table 4.5. These are based on details presented in Section 2. The catchment locations are shown in Annex C.
- 4.3.10. The SuDS manual provides evidence of the extents to which surface water runoff can pose a risk to groundwater. This states that whilst the overall risk to groundwater from the key contaminants associated with highways runoff is low and the vast majority of heavy metals, PAHs, and TPHs are retained within the top 10m of soil, organic matter with the unsaturated zone forms an important barrier to the movement and attenuation of contamination. As organic matter content within the Lowestoft Formation, Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation and Sheringham Cliffs Formation is low, natural attenuation of any potential contaminants within the unsaturated zone beneath most of the Proposed Scheme is likely to be limited.



Table 4.5 Hydrogeological baseline conditions of medium risk catchments

| Catchment   | Boreholes used in assessment | Geology   | Infiltration capacity  | Groundwater levels  | Baseline groundwater quality   | Environmental receptors  |
|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| M2 & S1<br>(including<br>Oak Farm<br>watercourse) | BH101, DS205                 | Cohesive Lowestoft Formation to 25mbGL underlain by Chalk. Small patch of alluvium overlies the Lowestoft Formation at DS205.                   | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.   | Maximum groundwater level DS205 2.1 mbgl (42.74 mAOD)  Tributary bed assumed to be 0.5mbGL, therefore unsaturated zone ~1.5m below base of stream. Insufficient monitoring information to comment on seasonal variation in groundwater levels.  Chalk: 3.02 – 3.62mbGL (BH101; May – Sep-20) indicating downwards hydraulic gradient. | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).  Surface water sampling in Oak Farm watercourse: range between 1 – 12 μg/l copper and between 13 – 2 μg/l zinc. | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) Unlicensed groundwater abstraction <500m downgradient of Oak Farm watercourse. AWS licensed groundwater abstraction at North Tuddenham (3km downgradient) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats   |
| M3<br>(Mattishall<br>Lane<br>underpass)           | BH102                        | 20m thickness of Granular<br>Lowestoft Formation<br>overlying Chalk   | Infiltration within the Granular<br>Lowestoft Formation ranges<br>between 2.61x10 <sup>-5</sup> m/s and<br>1.48x10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  | Maximum groundwater level 10.86 mbgl (32.481 mAOD).   | Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).  Nearest borehole zinc concentrations <2 – 5 μg/l  | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats AWS licensed groundwater abstraction at North Tuddenham (2km downgradient)  |
| M3<br>(mainline),<br>S2, & S3a                    | BH103                        | Granular Alluvium (5m<br>thick) overlying Granular<br>Lowestoft Formation to<br>23mbgl, underlain by<br>Chalk                                   | Infiltration within the Granular<br>Lowestoft Formation ranges<br>between 2.61x10 <sup>-5</sup> m/s and<br>1.48x10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  | Maximum groundwater level<br>6.61mbgl (33.412 mAOD)   | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).   | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats AWS licensed groundwater abstraction at North Tuddenham (2km downgradient)  |
| M4  | BH104, BH108, BH111          | Alluvium, River Terrace<br>Deposits (BH104 only)<br>overlying Cohesive and<br>Granular Lowestoft<br>Formation. Chalk between<br>10 and 25 mbgl. | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  No data available for the Alluvium or River Terrace Deposits.  | Maximum groundwater level 2.9 mbgl (30.85 mbgl)   | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 54 μg/l. Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).  | Alluvium, River Terrace Deposits and Lowestoft Formation (direct receptors) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats AWS licensed groundwater abstraction at North Tuddenham (1km downgradient), catchment partially within preliminary SPZ1.  Downgradient unlicensed abstractions. |
| M5  | BH115, BH116                 | Sheringham Cliffs Formation (Granular) overlying Cohesive and Granular Lowestoft Formation to 23mbgl, underlain by Chalk.                       | Infiltration testing within the Sheringham Cliffs Formation indicates a rate of 3.64x10 <sup>-5</sup> m/s.  Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s. | Maximum groundwater level 4.61 mbgl (31.46 mAOD)  | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).   | Sheringham Cliffs Formation and Lowestoft Formation (direct receptors) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats AWS licensed groundwater abstraction at North Tuddenham (1km downgradient), catchment partially within preliminary SPZ1.  Downgradient unlicensed abstractions.      |
| NW  | BH120, BH121, BH122          | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive) to   | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme  | Maximum groundwater level 8.52 mbgl (38.09 mAOD)  | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor)  |



| Catchment   | Boreholes used in assessment | Geology  | Infiltration capacity   | Groundwater levels                               | Baseline groundwater quality   | Environmental receptors   |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
|   |                              | 18mbgl, underlain by<br>Chalk.   | range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  |  | Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5µg/l).  | Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |
| M6  | BH121, BH122, BH125          | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive) to<br>18mbgl, underlain by<br>Chalk.  | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  | Maximum groundwater level 8.52 mbgl (38.09 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).   | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |
| M7  | DS231, BH127                 | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive)<br>(DS231) to 15mbgl,<br>overlying Chalk.<br>Granular Alluvium (BH127)<br>to 10mbgl, overlying Chalk.   | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  No data for Alluvium.   | Maximum groundwater level 1.97 mbgl (38.47 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 54 μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l). | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |
| M8  | BH134                        | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive) to<br>20mbgl, overlying chalk<br>(not proven).  | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  | Maximum groundwater level 6.96 mbgl (28.81 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l. Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).    | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |
| M9 & NE   | DS236, DS238, BH140          | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive) to<br>between 10 mbgl and 20<br>mbgl, overlying Chalk.  | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  | Maximum groundwater level 1.35 mbgl (31.22 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).   | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |
| Access to St<br>Andrews<br>Church<br>(catchment<br>M9) and link<br>to Taverham<br>Road<br>(catchment<br>NE) | BH137, DS238                 | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive) to<br>12 mbgl, overlying Chalk<br>(DS238).<br>Cohesive Alluvium and<br>Cohesive Happisburgh<br>Glacigenic Formation<br>overlying Chalk <5 mbgl. | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  No data available for the Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation or Alluvium. | Maximum groundwater level 6.22 mbgl (21.15 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 54 μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l). | Alluvium, Happisburgh Glacigenic<br>Formation, and Lowestoft Formation<br>(direct receptors)<br>Chalk (indirect receptor)<br>River Tud and adjacent priority habitats |
| M10   | DS244                        | Patches of Granular Happisburgh Glagicenic Formation overlying Lowestoft Formation (Granular and Cohesive) to 10mbgl, underlain by chalk (not proven).   | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  No data available for the Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation.             | Maximum groundwater level 5.30 mbgl (30.95 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).   | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |
| W1  | BH134, DS236                 | Lowestoft Formation<br>(Granular and Cohesive) to<br>20mbgl, overlying chalk<br>(not proven).  | Infiltration testing in Lowestoft Formation across scheme range between 7.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> and 1.21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s.  | Maximum groundwater level 1.35 mbgl (31.22 mAOD) | Borehole zinc concentrations: <2 – 5μg/l.  Nearest borehole copper concentrations: below level of detection (5μg/l).   | Lowestoft Formation (direct receptor) Chalk (indirect receptor) River Tud and adjacent priority habitats  |



#### Road drainage design

- 4.3.11. The road drainage has been designed in accordance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and specifically CG 501 Design of highway drainage systems, CD 532 Vegetated drainage systems for highway runoff and CIRIA: The SUDS manual (C753). Full details of the drainage strategy are provided in Appendix 13.2 (Drainage Strategy) (TR010038/APP/6.3).
- 4.3.12. The treatment incorporated into the road drainage system has been designed to be protective of receiving watercourses at the point of outfall, of which the filter drains form an important part. The overall efficacy of the road drainage treatment train for discharges to surface waterbodies, including the Oak Farm watercourse, has also been assessed in Appendix 13.3 (Water quality assessment) of the Environmental Statement (TR010038/APP/6.3).
- 4.3.13. Filter drains are designed to attenuate flows and therefore promote sedimentation. They include a geotextile wrap whereby ensuring that any sediment laden pollutants do not enter the unsaturated zone. CG501 specifies 60% efficacy for removal of suspended solids and 45% removal of dissolved zinc concentrations.
- 4.3.14. In the case of catchments S1 and M2, road drainage includes filter drains, swales and a wetland in order to protect discharges to the Oak Farm watercourse. Swales are grassed channels used to convey and treat runoff from both large and small events providing 80% efficacy in removal of suspended solids and 50% removal of dissolved pollutants. Wetlands are used to further facilitate the treatment of runoff. They provide 60% removal of suspended solids, 30% removal of dissolved copper and 50% removal of dissolved zinc.
- 4.3.15. Flow control devices, such as hydrobrakes and orifice plates, have been included in the road drainage design, which along with the attenuation provisions within each treatment component, will reduce the peak flows to the outfall locations.
- 4.3.16. Protection from spillages is included through the road drainage design, in the form of catchpits, kerb and gullies (to a lesser degree), and penstocks on the inlets and outlets to the wetland. Penstocks are considered to be a reliable measure over the long-term.
- 4.3.17. Details of maintenance requirements are provided in Appendix 13.2 (Drainage Strategy) of the Environmental Statement (**TR010038/APP/6.3**), and include regular inspections for blockages and to ensure mechanical devices such as penstocks are in working order, removal of litter, sediment accumulation and unwanted vegetation growth, and replacement of filter material where required.



- 4.3.18. Although infiltration to ground through the filter drains is generally not included in the hydraulic design of the road drainage, it is necessary to consider as groundwater mounding beneath the filter drains as a result of low permeability may result in discharges direct to the groundwater.
- 4.3.19. Table 4.5 highlights that there is no road runoff will discharge directly to the Chalk Principal aquifer. Road drainage will discharge to the overlying superficial deposits across the scheme via filter drains. Further ground investigation is to be undertaken, which will improve the understanding of the hydraulic properties of the superficial deposits, including organic matter, and groundwater levels and quality across the scheme. The risk that road runoff poses to the underlying aquifers will therefore be reassessed once further information is available.
- 4.3.20. It is shown that the current drainage design includes filter drains in catchments M2 (DS205), M7 (DS231) and the access to St Andrew's Church (catchment M9) and link to Taverham Road (catchment NE) (BH137) where shallow groundwater levels are present within the Lowestoft Formation and Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation overlying Chalk. It is unclear from the available monitoring whether these groundwater levels are perched groundwater within the Lowestoft Formation, or controlled by the underlying Chalk aquifer. However, the groundwater levels are within 1m of the proposed drainage design. The existing drainage design includes filter drains within the preliminary SPZ1 for the new East Tuddenham public water supply abstraction (as shown in Annex A), between catchments M4 and M5. Stakeholder and design consultation is ongoing regarding the above drainage design elements, and filter drains are to be removed from the SPZ1 area during detailed design.

#### Water quality risk assessment Filter drains

- 4.3.21. The HEWRAT assessment tool models road drainage runoff as annual average concentrations that can be compared to WFD environmental quality standards (EQS) for copper (1μg/l) and zinc (10.9μg/l), for protection of indirect surface water receptors, and in addition the drinking water standard (DWS) for copper (2mg/l) for protection of the aquifers and groundwater abstractions.
- 4.3.22. The assessment considers the impact of dissolved copper and zinc as indicators as they are generally the main metallic pollutants associated with road drainage and can be toxic to aquatic life. Consideration of event mean concentrations in comparison to runoff specific thresholds is not appropriate for groundwater receptors, and chronic impacts from sediment laden pollutants are not required as filter drains include geotextile membranes to capture sediment.



- 4.3.23. The modelled annual average concentrations are indicative of runoff recharging to the aquifer at the water table and do not include for any attenuation that may occur in the unsaturated zone or dilution within the aquifer itself. Although filter drains are considered to be a form of treatment for dissolved zinc, no treatment effectiveness for soluble contaminants has been included in the assessment. Furthermore, the assessment assumes a point source discharge, whereas discharges from filter drains are more diffuse. The resulting annual average concentrations therefore present a worst-case.
- 4.3.24. The results of the adapted HEWRAT assessment are provided in Annex D and show that for all medium risk catchments with an AADT of between 50,000 and 100,000 the anticipated routine runoff water quality entering the drainage network will be 4.59 μg/l copper and 10.44μg/l zinc. For catchment W1, which has an AADT of <50,000, the anticipated routine runoff water quality is 3.78μg/l copper and 8.3μg/l zinc. The anticipated copper concentrations exceed the 1μg/l Freshwater EQS but does not exceed the 2mg/l DWS value. With the anticipated dilution within the aquifer, the risk to groundwater is assessed to be negligible. Concentrations of Zinc are not anticipated to exceed the 10.9μg/l EQS.

#### Oak Farm watercourse

4.3.25. The HEWRAT assessment for the Oak Farm watercourse is summarised in Table 4.6, with full details provided in Appendix 13.3 (Water quality) of the Environmental Statement (**TR010038/APP/6.3**). This considers the whole treatment train included in the road drainage within catchments S1 and M2 and assesses the water quality at the outfall point into the Oak Farm watercourse.

Table 4.6 Summary of HEWRAT assessment for surface water at the Oak Farm watercourse

|  | Copper    | Zinc      | Comments   |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| Freshwater EQS limits (bioavailable, dissolved phase)                      | 1 μg/l    | 10.9 μg/l |  |
| HEWRAT Step 2 –<br>annual average<br>concentrations                        | 2.34 μg/l | 8.07 μg/l | Concentrations consider dilution within the Oak Farm watercourse (1l/s)    |
| HEWRAT Step 3 –<br>annual average<br>concentrations<br>following treatment | 0.47 μg/l | 1.61 μg/l | Takes into account the treatment effectiveness (see CG 501, Table 8.6.4N3) |

4.3.26. The ambient background copper concentrations from the water quality sampling were not included as part of the HEWRAT assessments, the background bioavailable copper concentrations found in the samples would not alter the outcome of the HEWRAT assessment.



- 4.3.27. The results for Step 2 consider dilution within the Oak Farm watercourse, albeit with low flows (1l/s). Although this minimal dilution included in the second step may not always be occurring, especially in situations when the Oak Farm watercourse is not flowing and infiltration through the base of the stream may be more pronounced, the reductions in concentrations between steps 2 and 3 are considered to be sufficiently protective of groundwater quality, as is apparent by comparison to the drinking water standard for copper (2mg/l). The baseline water quality highlights very low concentrations of copper and zinc that are not likely to impact the overall result of the HEWRAT assessment.
- 4.3.28. Although the HEWRAT assessment does not specifically consider chloride, the treatment efficiencies for dissolved metals and sediment are considered appropriate of this also. These give an indication of the likely reductions in chloride as a result of filtration occurring in the treatment train. The use of salt on roads is seasonal and this only tends to be washed off the roads during a thaw event. Under these circumstances the salt is generally diluted relatively quickly both within the road drainage system itself (such as in catchpits and the wetland) as well as within the receiving watercourse. Flow control devices may also help to mitigate against the potential impacts of large discharges of salt-laden runoff entering natural watercourses during a thaw event. Therefore, any chlorides infiltrating through the base of the Oak Farm watercourse will be sufficiently diluted that these are unlikely to impact on groundwater quality.
- 4.3.29. Spillage assessments have been carried out for the catchments as a whole, which is also considered applicable to discharges to groundwater. This is presented in Appendix 13.3 (Water quality) of the Environmental Statement (TR010038/APP/6.3). The outfalls passed the accidental spillage assessment with the results indicating that the drainage area would have <0.5% annual risk of pollution.</p>

#### Summary of residual risk to groundwater

- 4.3.30. Despite the uncertainty in the relationship between groundwater and the stream bed, and the limited capacity for natural attenuation of pollutants within the unsaturated zone, the HEWRAT assessment for surface water highlights that treatment embedded into the drainage design and dilution within the surface watercourse provides a sufficient level of protection to groundwater receptors, including the nearest unlicensed groundwater abstraction less than 500m downgradient of the Oak Farm watercourse and the AWS public water supply groundwater abstraction at East Tuddenham.
- 4.3.31. Out of the 15 routine runoff assessments undertaken for the proposed drainage catchments, 13 were assessed to be medium risk at simple assessment, primarily due to the AADT or shallow groundwater. A detailed assessment was

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undertaken assessing the baseline ground conditions, groundwater levels and quality, and receptors. This also included an adapted HEWRAT assessment to assess the anticipated runoff water quality. The baseline assessment has shown that there are sections of the proposed drainage within catchments M2, M7 and the access to St Andrew's Church (catchment M9) and link to Taverham Road (catchment NE) (BH137) that may have an insufficient unsaturated zone (<1m) below the drainage design, and that elsewhere filter drains are proposed within the preliminary SPZ1 for a new public water supply at East Tuddenham. The HEWRAT assessment has shown that the anticipated runoff water quality will not exceed the DWS for copper (2mg/l) or the EQS for zinc (10.9µg/l). Although anticipated runoff water quality exceeds the EQS for copper, dilution within the aquifer is likely to sufficiently dilute copper concentrations so as not to impact on the River Tud or downgradient GWDTE receptors.



## 5. Conclusions

- 5.1.1. This section summarises the activities that may result in a potentially significant impact, prior to mitigation, and are therefore taken forward for further consideration in the assessment of significant effects in Chapter 13 Road Drainage and the Water Environment of the Environmental Statement (TR010038/APP/6.1):
  - Construction activities:
    - Drainage of construction areas including excavations, cuttings and site compounds
    - Excavations, including construction of underpasses and for ground improvement
    - Groundwater control requirements associated with construction of underpasses and foundations
    - Placement of piled foundations for the River Tud Crossing
  - Operation activities:
    - o Permanent placement of below-ground structures, i.e. piles, underpasses
    - Infiltration of routine runoff to ground via filter drains, and via outfall to Oak
       Farm stream
- 5.1.2. The groundwater levels and flows assessment identified the following receptors for consideration in the assessment of significant impacts:
  - The main direct groundwater receptors within the Study Area are:
    - Aquifer units of the Broadland Rivers Chalk and Crag groundwater body (GB40501G400300), comprising:
      - Alluvium
      - River Terrace Deposits
      - Lowestoft Formation
      - Chalk Group
    - River Tud which likely receives baseflow from the superficial deposits
  - The main indirect groundwater receptors within the Study area are:
    - Licensed and unlicensed groundwater abstractions east of and including P227CO0141 1km west of Hockering (Annex A Location Plan). It is unknown what aquifer any of the unlicensed abstractions take water from.
    - Designated sites associated with groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems, including the River Tud and associated Lowland Fen Priority Habitats (Annex A Location Plan).



- 5.1.3. A summary of hydrogeological impacts on identified receptors relating to potential construction and operation activities from the scheme is given.
- 5.1.4. The groundwater levels and flows assessment identified limitations within the conceptual understanding in key areas of the Proposed Scheme. These areas of uncertainty are to be addressed by a supplementary ground investigation and the completion of 12 months baseline groundwater level monitoring, following which the impact to groundwater receptors will be reassessed.
- 5.1.5. Groundwater quality and runoff risk assessments for routine runoff were completed to assess the risk of impact upon groundwater quality from unlined road drainage and infiltration through the base of low flows watercourses. The detailed assessment identified that road runoff does not pose a risk to groundwater receptors in terms of water quality, however filter drains are proposed within a preliminary SPZ1 for a new public water supply located at East Tuddenham. Furthermore, sections of the drainage design within catchments M2, M7, and the access to St Andrew's Church (catchment M9) and link to Taverham Road (catchment NE) do not have a minimum of 1m unsaturated zone beneath them. Areas containing filter drains are subject to further investigation in the supplementary ground investigation, and assessments will be updated once further information is available. The drainage design will be updated at detailed design to remove filter drains from the SPZ1.
- 5.1.6. The simple GWDTE assessment considered potential hydraulic links between the scheme and designated sites. The assessment concluded moderate to negligible risk to the sites in terms of groundwater quality and quantity. It is anticipated that best practise mitigation measures set out in the Environment Management Plan (TR010038/APP/7.4) will address these risks and no further detailed assessment is required.



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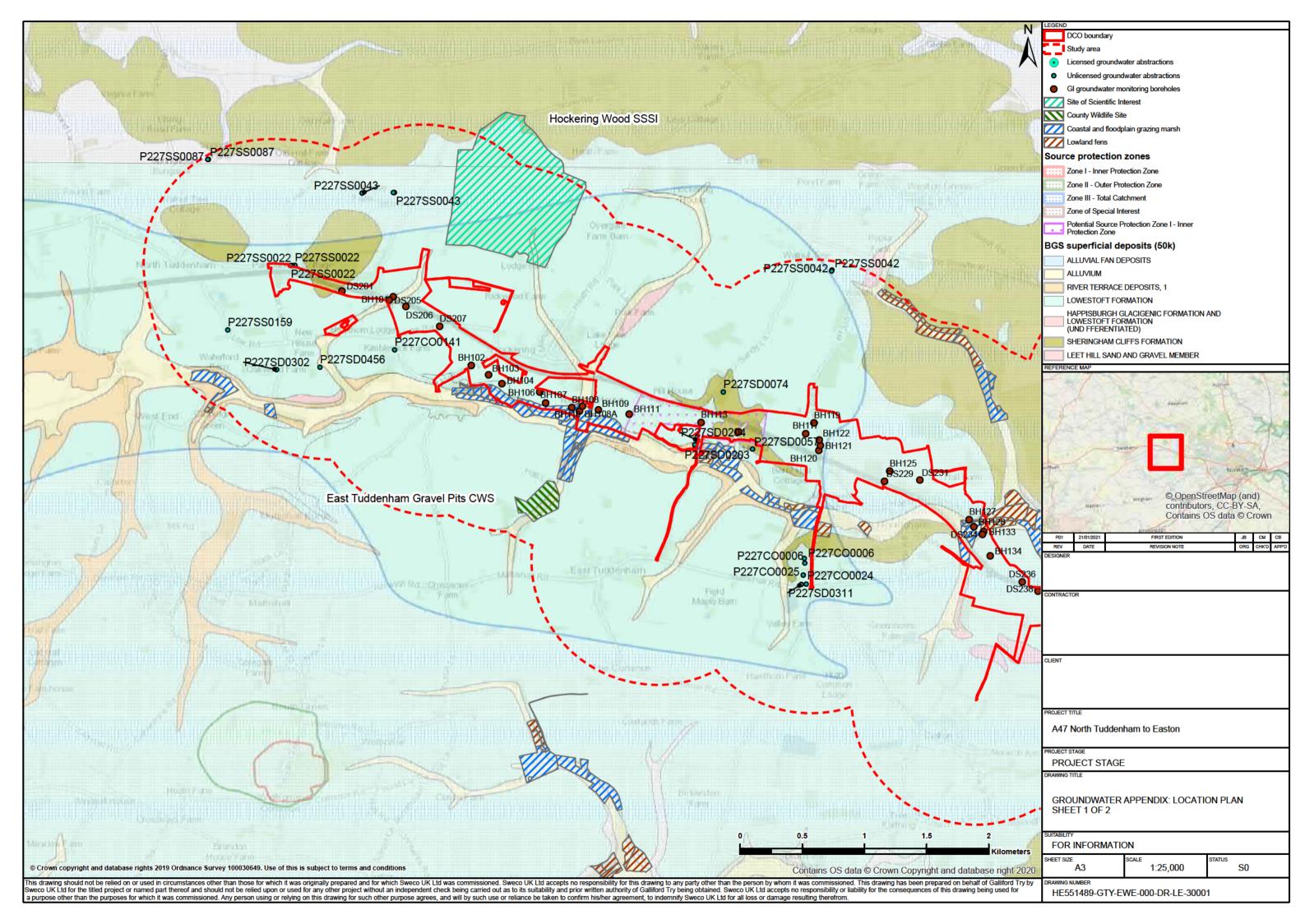
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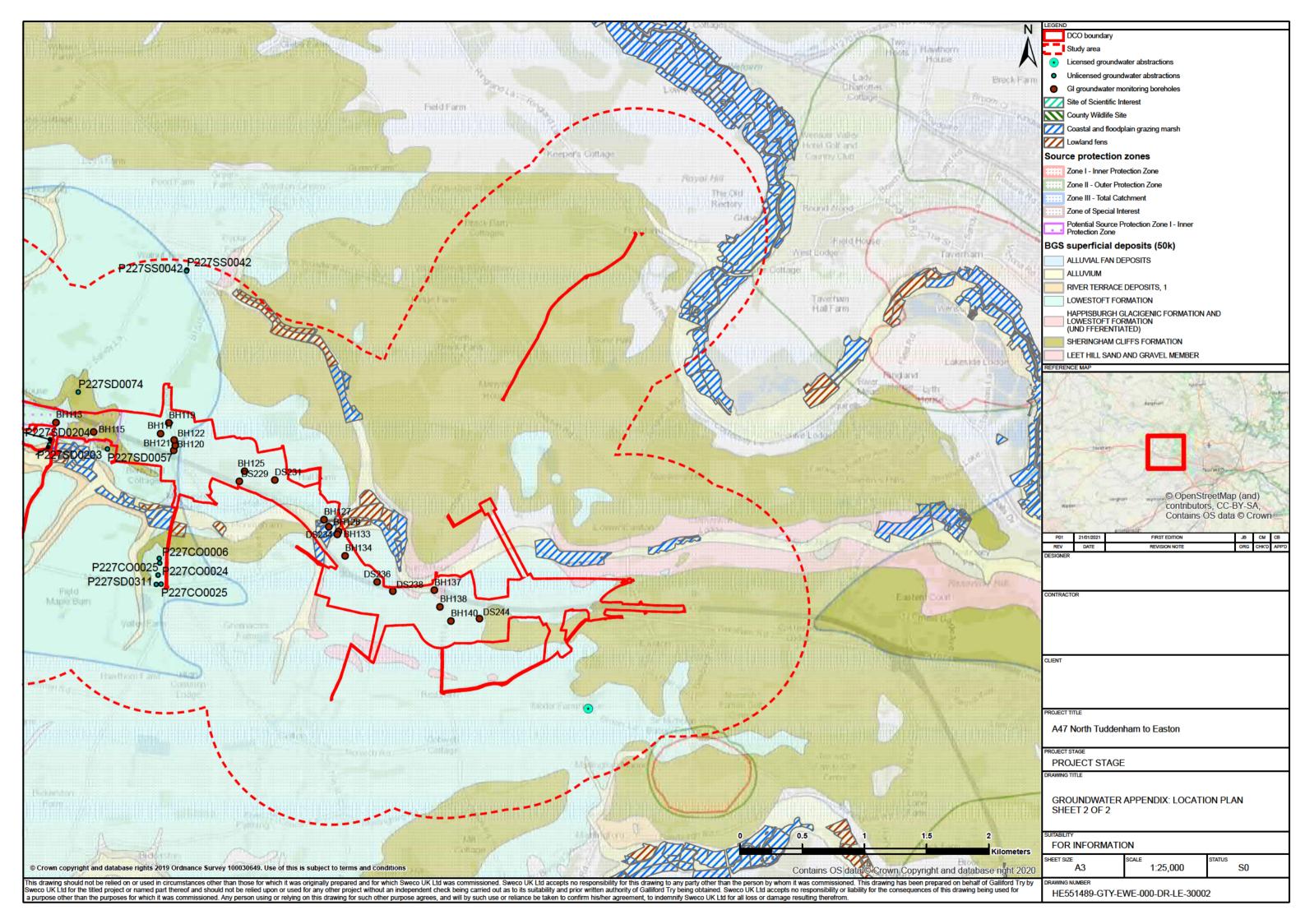
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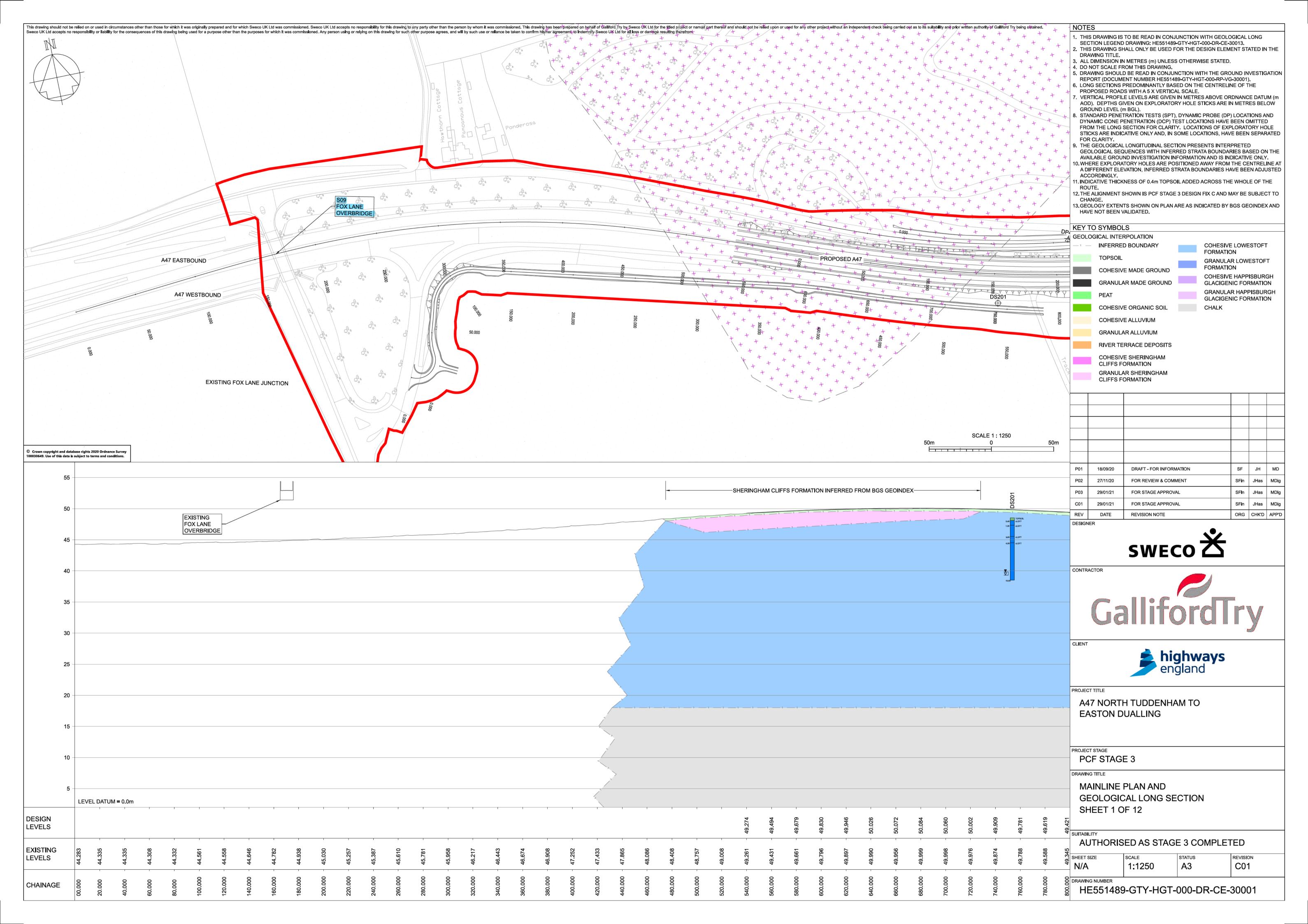
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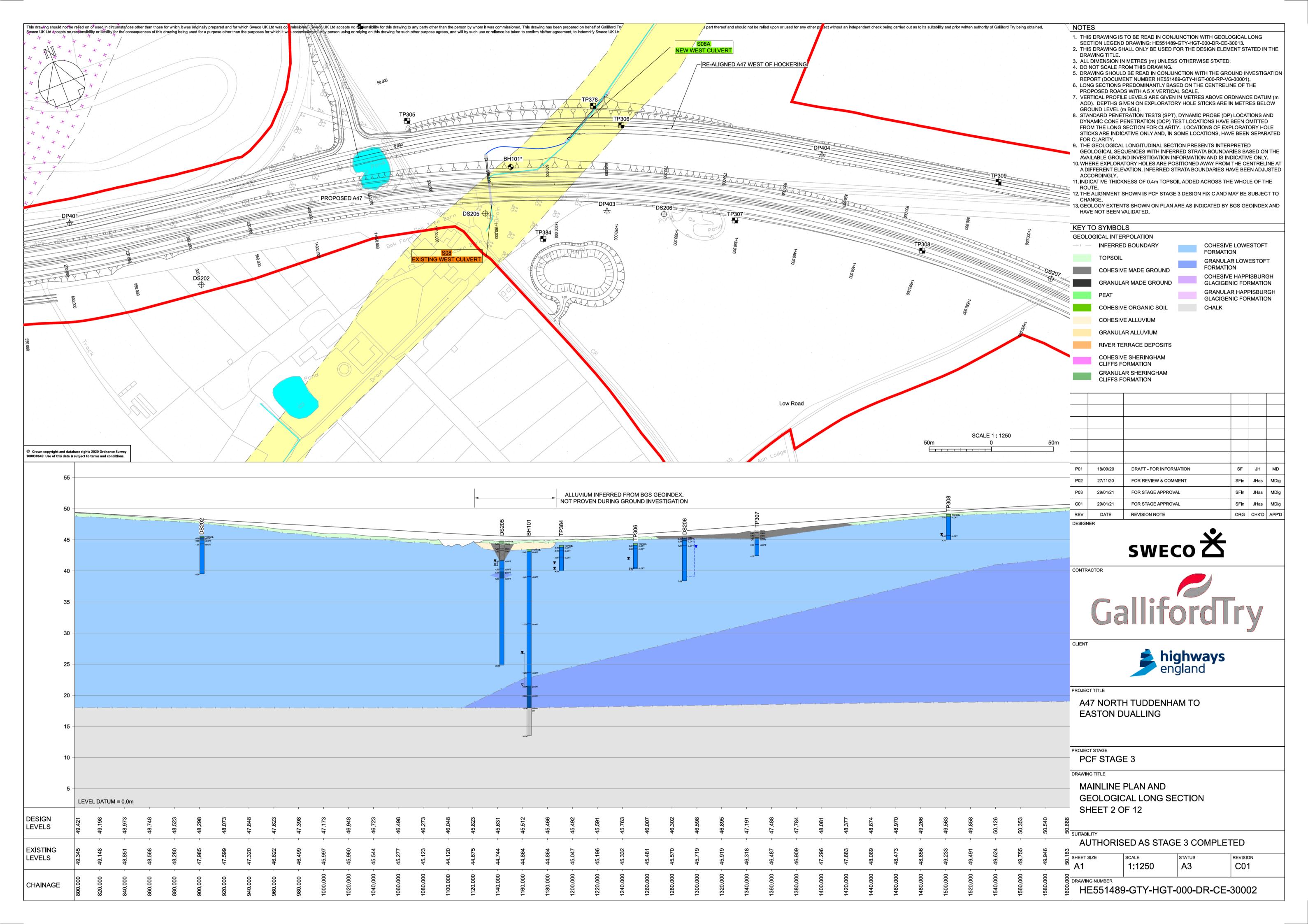


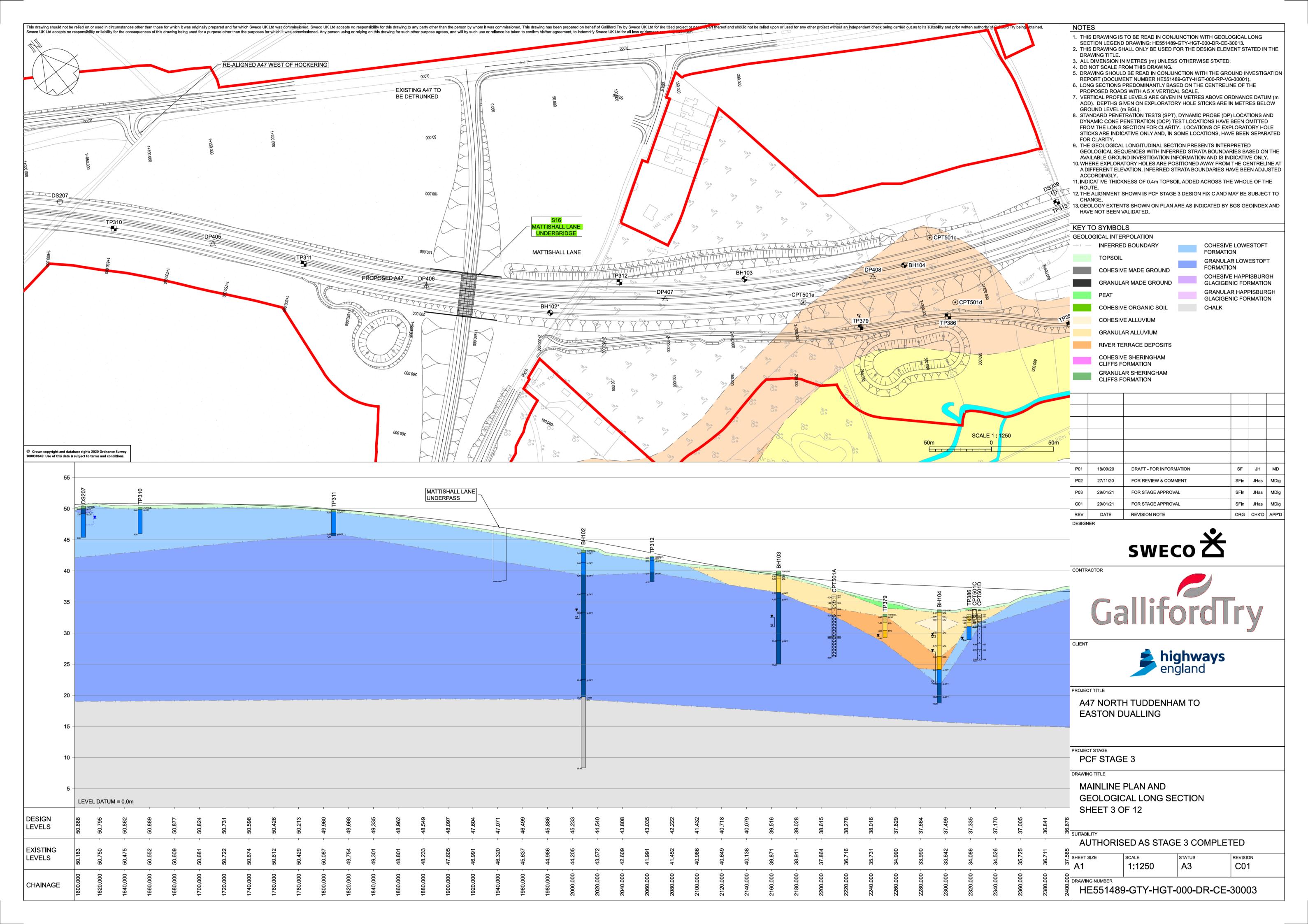


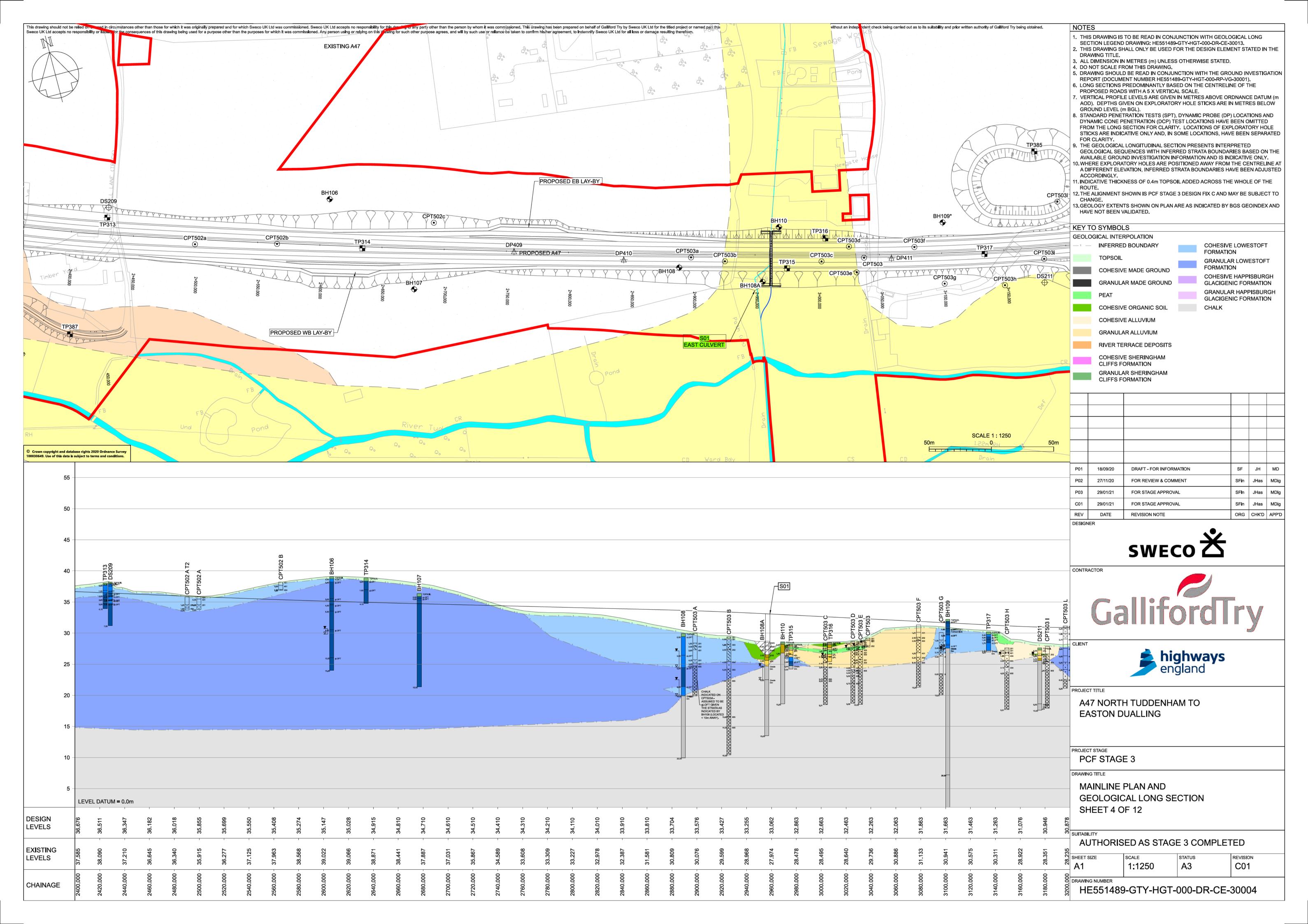


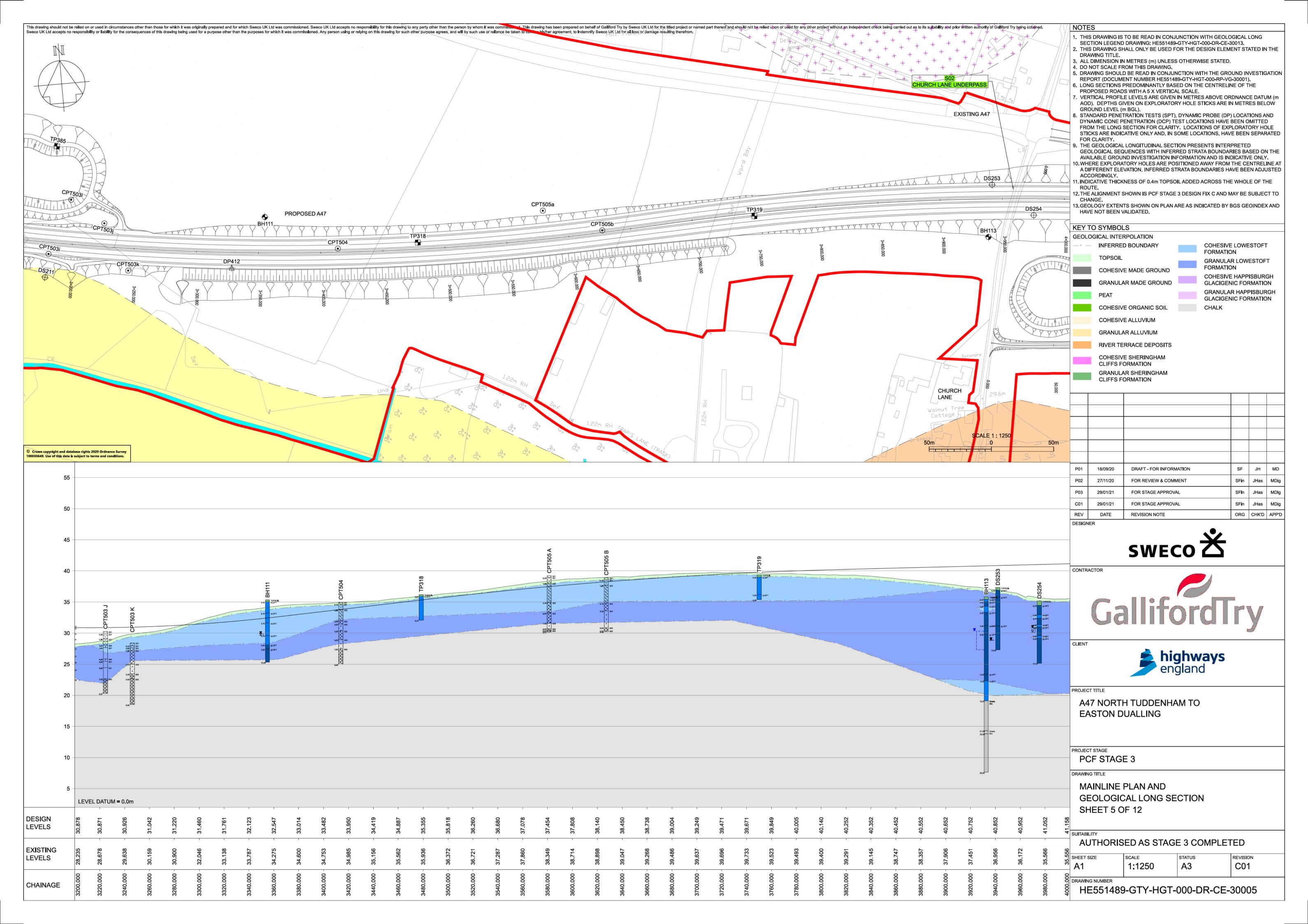
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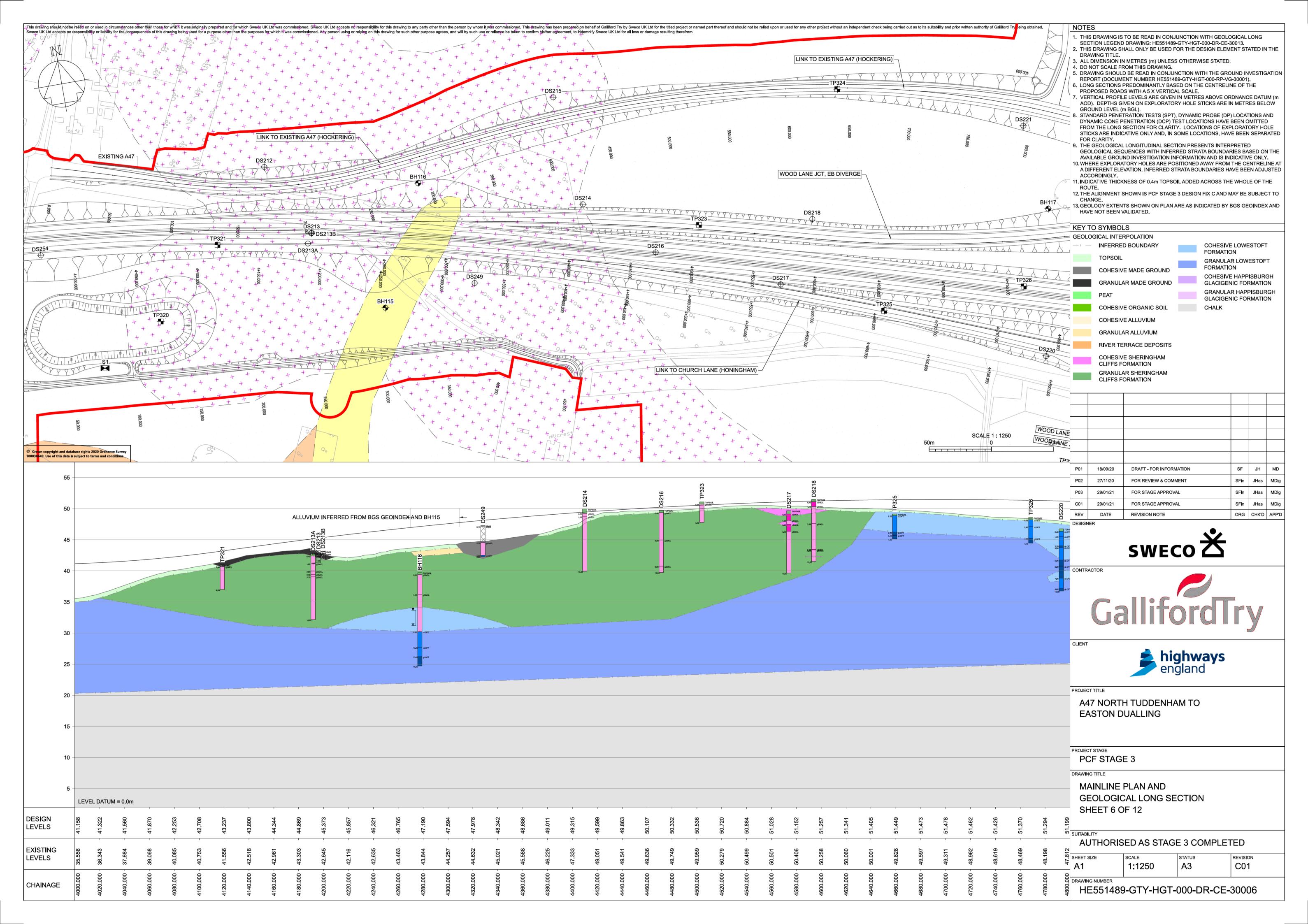


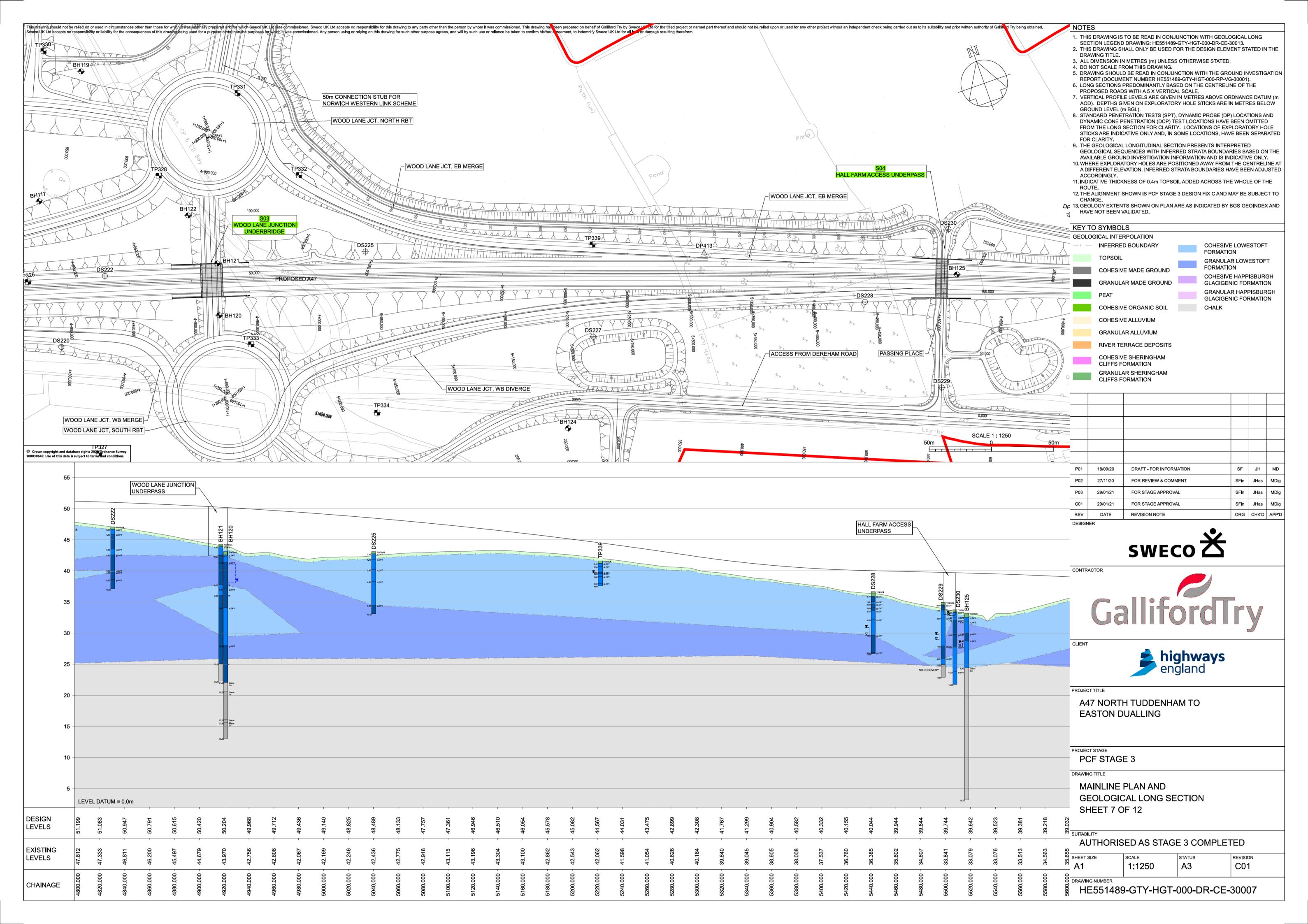


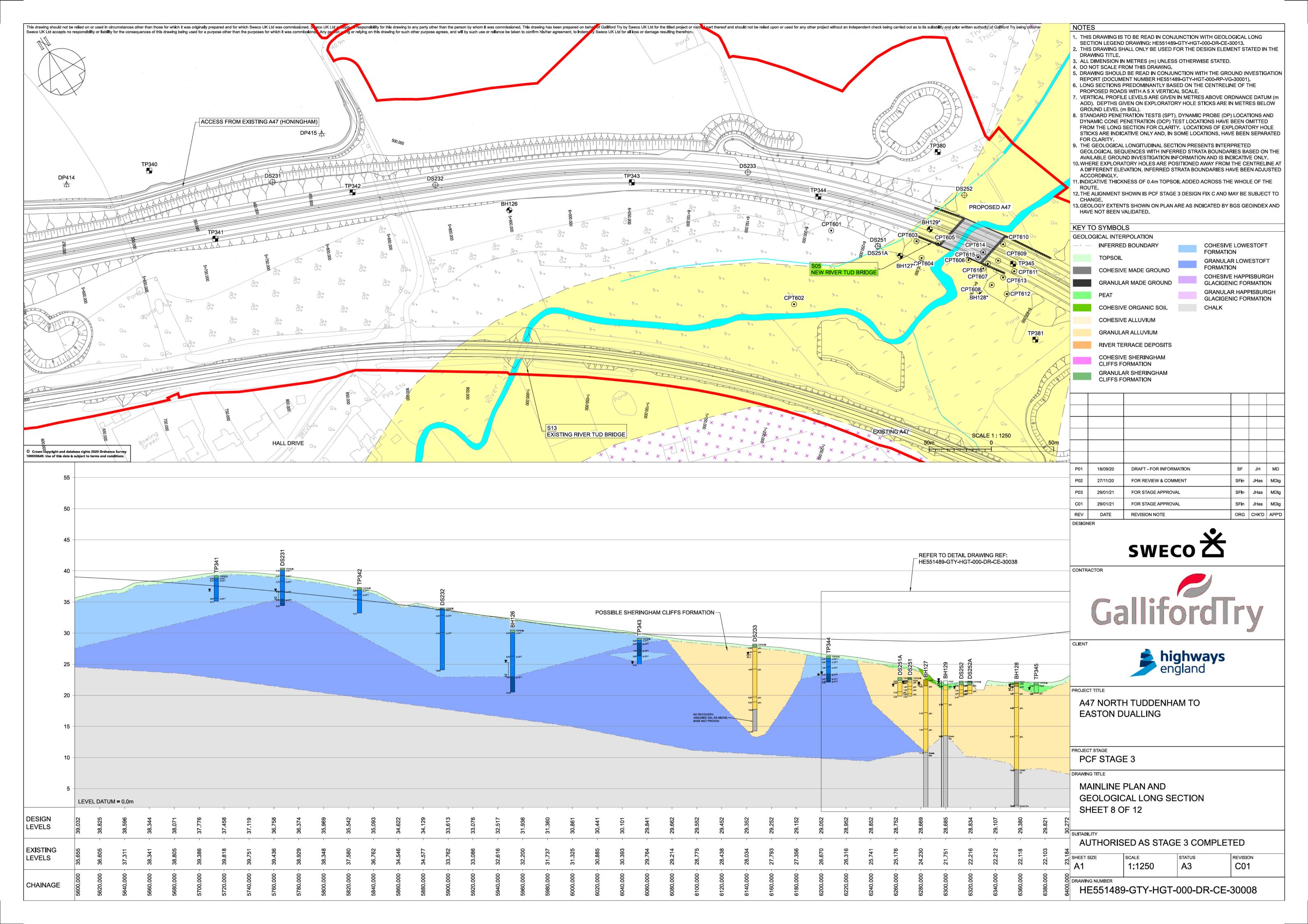


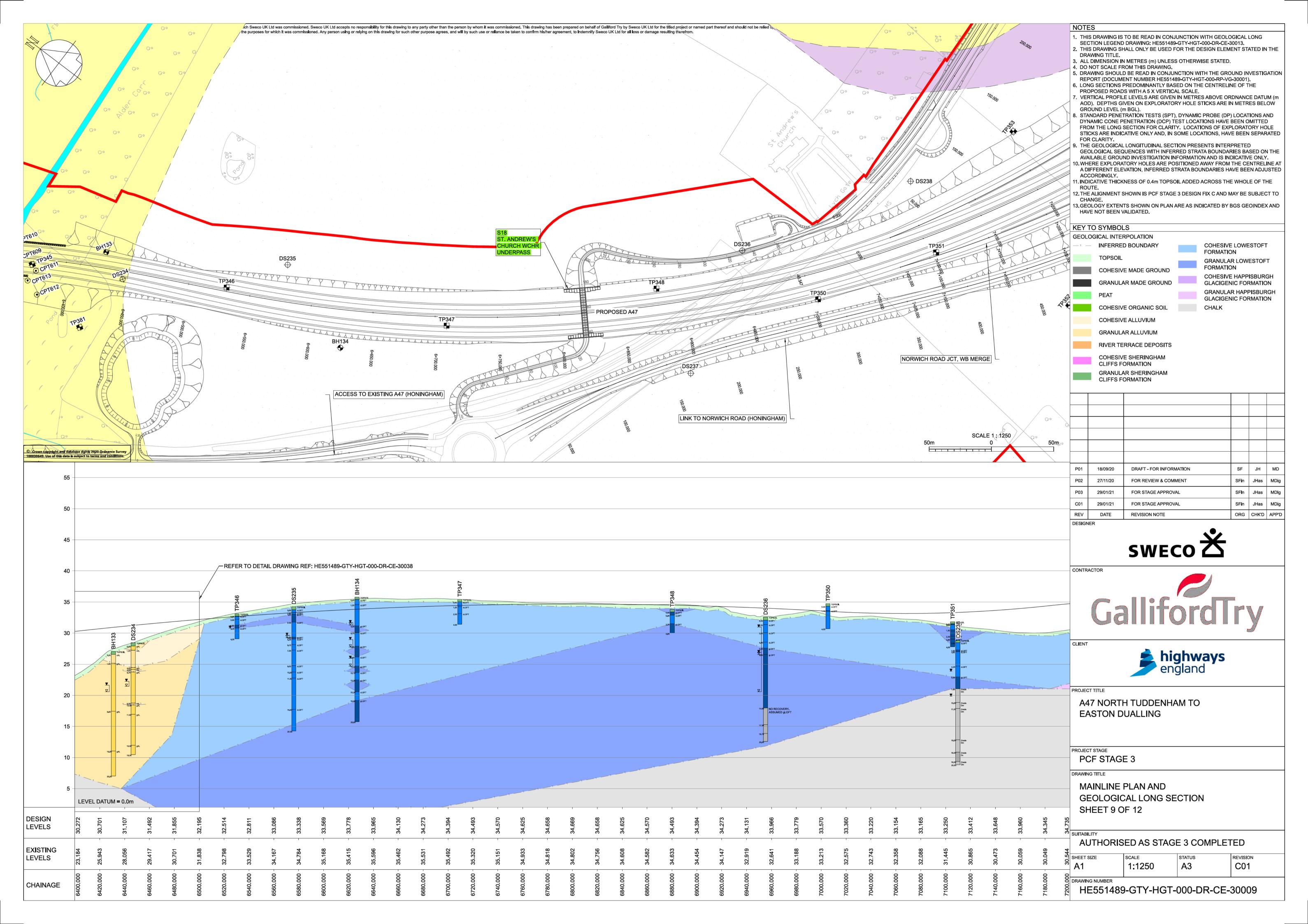


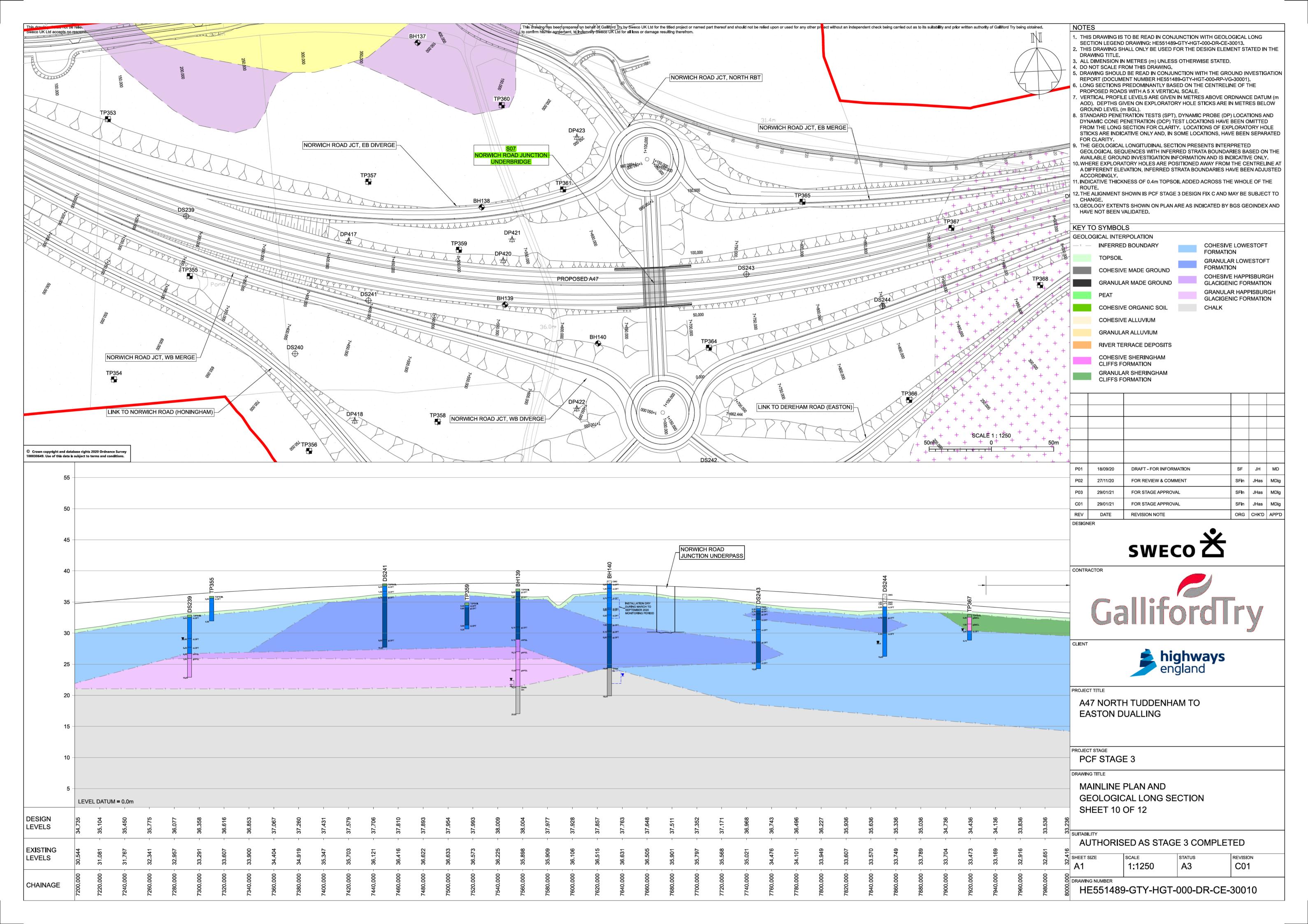


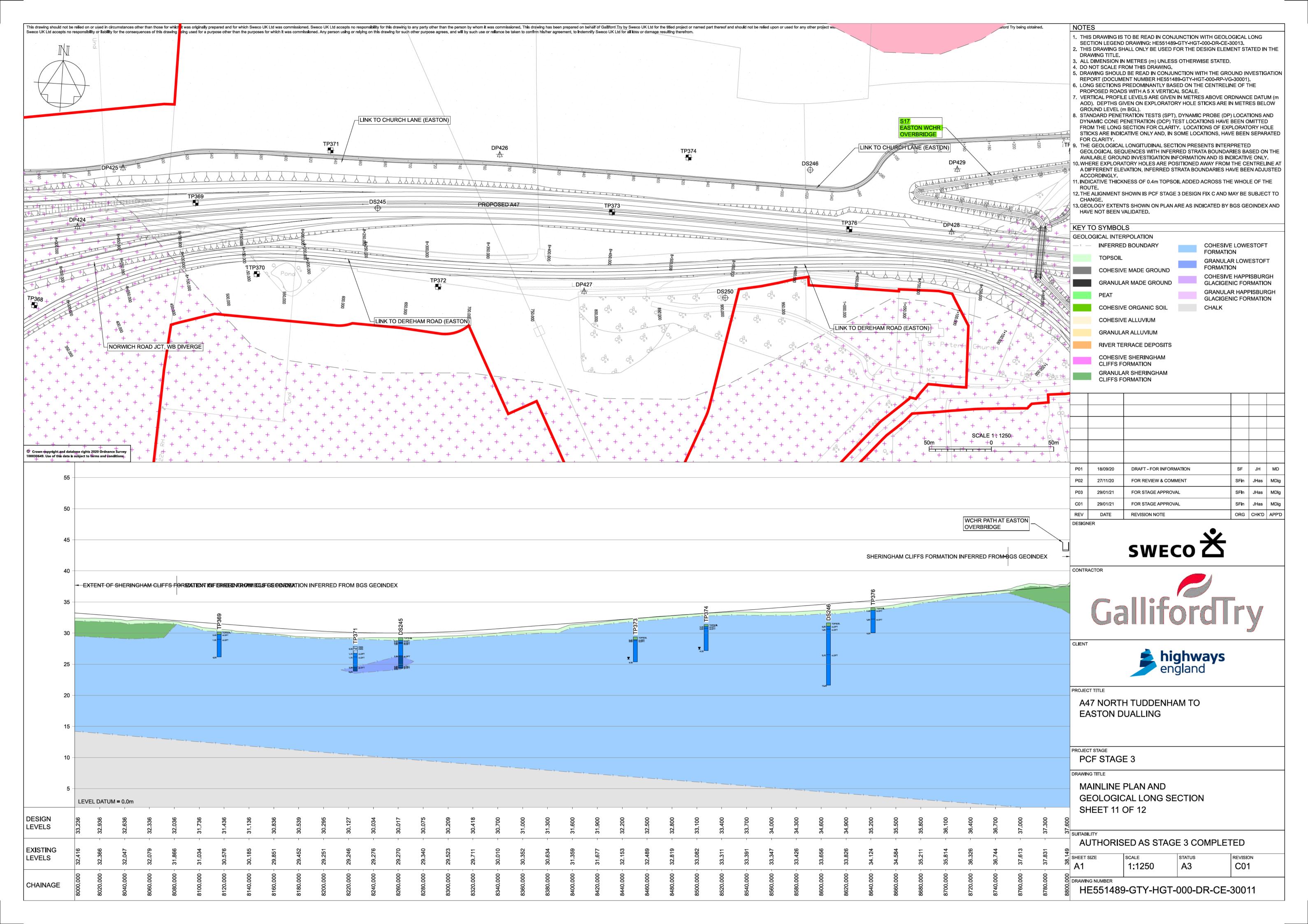


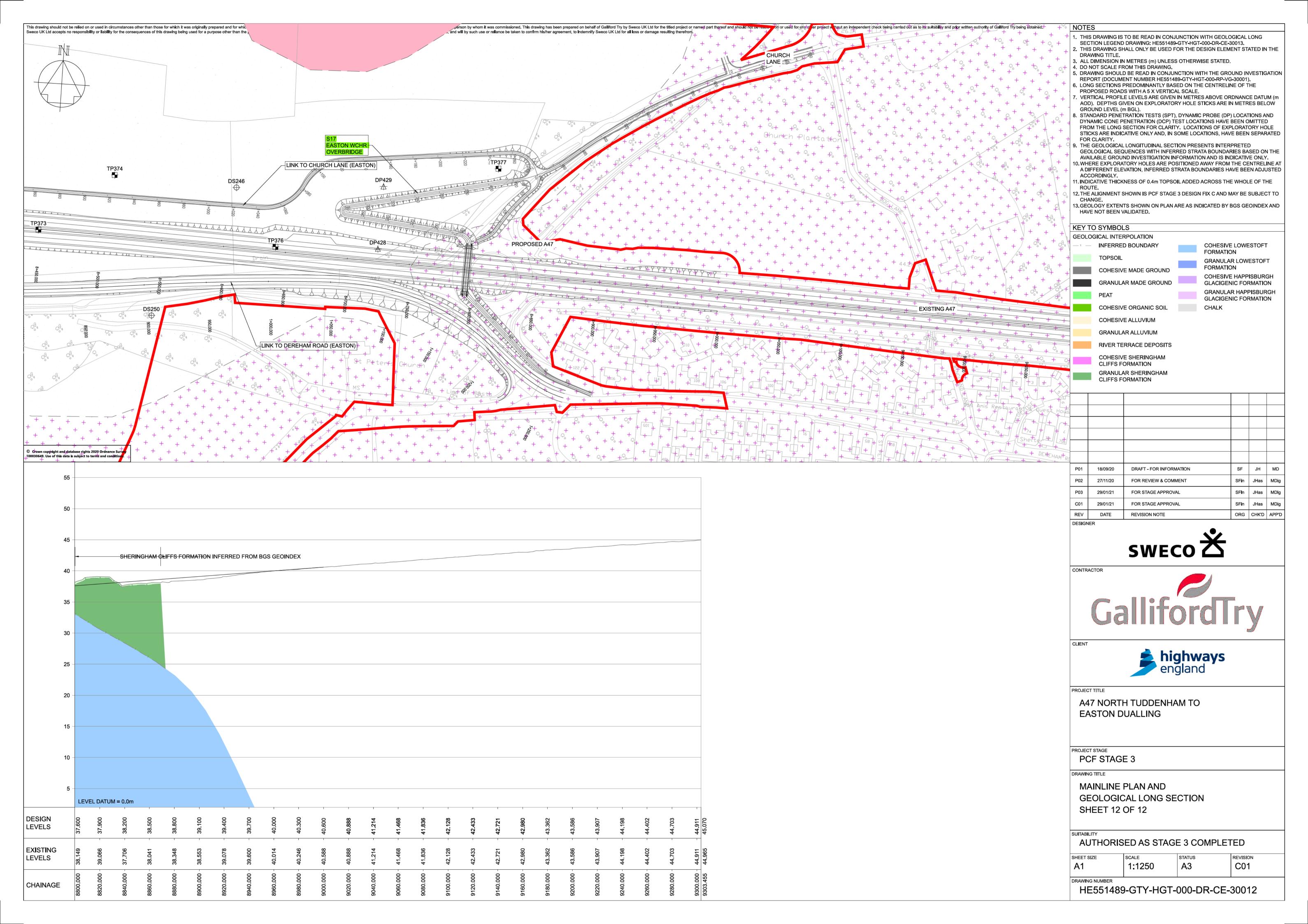












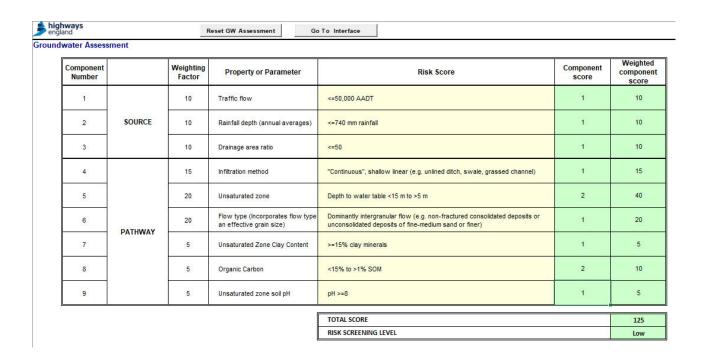


# **Annex C Drainage catchments**



# **Annex D Routine runoff and HEWRAT assessments**

#### Catchment M1

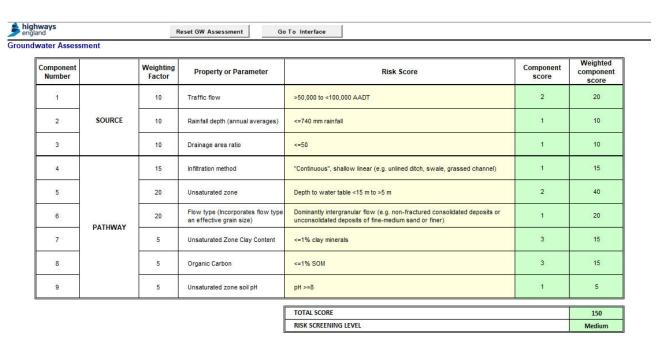


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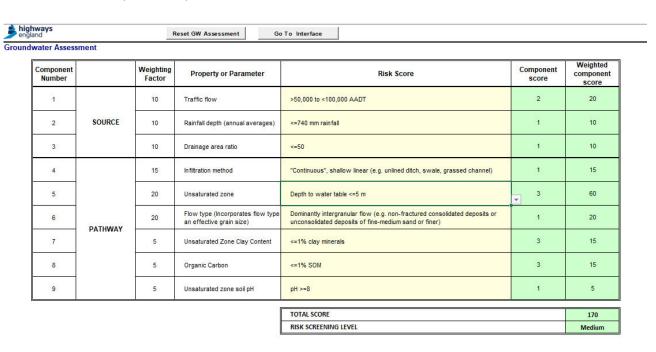
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| 1                   | 10                  | Traffic flow   | >50,000 to <100,000 AADT   | 2               | 20                      |
| 2 SOURC             | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                           | <=740 mm rainfall  | 1               | 10                      |
| 3                   | 10                  | Drainage area ratio  | <=50   | 1               | 10                      |
| 4                   | 15                  | Infiltration method  | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | 1               | 15                      |
| 5                   | 20                  | Unsaturated zone   | Depth to water table <=5 m   | 3               | 60                      |
| 6 PATHWA            | 20                  | Flow type (Incorporates flow type an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 1               | 20                      |
| 7                   | 5                   | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                              | >=15% clay minerals  | 1               | 5                       |
| 8                   | 5                   | Organic Carbon   | <15% to >1% SOM  | 2               | 10                      |
| 9                   | 5                   | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                   | pH >=8   | 1               | 5                       |



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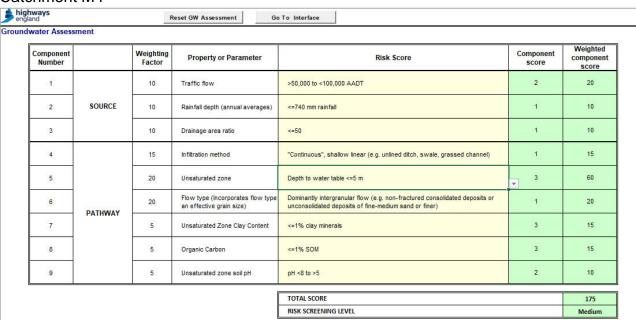


# Catchments M3 (mainline), S2 and S3a





# Catchment M4



#### Catchment M5

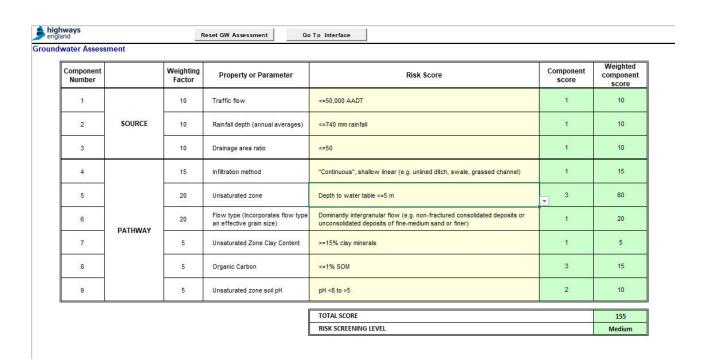
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|---------------------|---------|---------------------|--|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1                   | SOURCE  | 10                  | Traffic flow   | >50,000 to <100,000 AADT   | 2               | 20                       |
| 2                   |         | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                           | <=740 mm rainfall  | 1               | 10                       |
| 3                   |         | 10                  | Drainage area ratio  | <=50   | 1               | 10                       |
| 4                   |         | 15                  | Infiltration method  | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | .1              | 15                       |
| 5                   |         | 20                  | Unsaturated zone   | Depth to water table <15 m to >5 m   | 2               | 40                       |
| 6                   | DATIMAN | 20                  | Flow type (Incorporates flow type an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 1               | 20                       |
| 7                   | PATHWAY | 5                   | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                              | <=1% clay minerals   | 3               | 15                       |
| 8                   |         | 5                   | Organic Carbon   | <=1% SOM   | 3               | 15                       |
| 9                   |         | 5                   | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                   | pH <8 to >5  | 2               | 10                       |

| TOTAL SCORE          | 155    |
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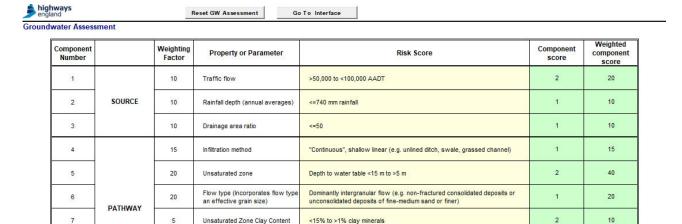


#### Catchment NW



#### Catchment M6

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<=1% SOM

pH <8 to >5

|   | TOTAL SCORE          | 150    |
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Unsaturated zone soil pH

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# Catchment S3



| Component<br>Number |            | Weighting<br>Factor | Property or Parameter   | Risk Score   | Component score | Weighted component score |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1                   | SOURCE     | 10                  | Traffic flow  | <=50,000 AADT  | 1               | 10                       |
| 2                   |            | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                              | <=740 mm rainfall  | 1               | 10                       |
| 3                   |            | 10                  | Drainage area ratio   | <=50   | 1               | 10                       |
| 4                   |            | 15                  | Infiltration method   | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | .1              | 15                       |
| 5                   |            | 20                  | Unsaturated zone  | Depth to water table <15 m to >5 m   | 2               | 40                       |
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| 7                   | PATHWAY    | 5                   | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                                 | <=1% clay minerals   | 3               | 15                       |
| 8                   |            | 5                   | Organic Carbon  | <=1% SOM   | 3               | 15                       |
| 9                   |            | 5                   | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                      | pH <8 to >5  | 2               | 10                       |

| TOTAL SCORE          | 145 |
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| RISK SCREENING LEVEL | Low |

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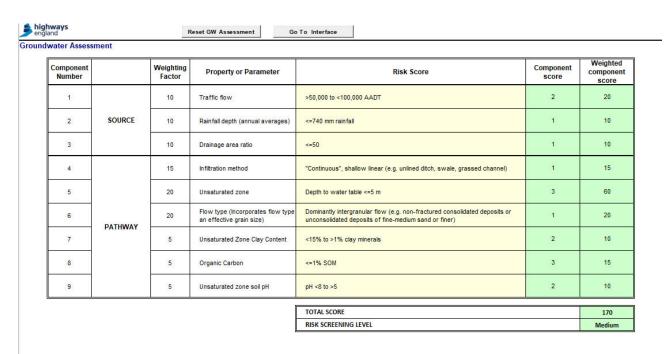
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| 1                   | SOURCE    | 10                  | Traffic flow  | >50,000 to <100,000 AADT   | 2               | 20                             |
| 2                   |           | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                              | <=740 mm rainfall  | 1               | 10                             |
| 3                   |           | 10                  | Drainage area ratio   | <=50   | 1               | 10                             |
| 4                   | - PATHWAY | 15                  | Infiltration method   | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | 1               | 15                             |
| 5                   |           | 20                  | Unsaturated zone  | Depth to water table <=5 m   | 3               | 60                             |
| 6                   |           | 20                  | Flow type (Incorporates flow type<br>an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 21              | 20                             |
| 7                   |           | 5                   | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                                 | <15% to >1% clay minerals  | 2               | 10                             |
| 8                   |           | 5                   | Organic Carbon  | <=1% SOM   | 3               | 15                             |
| 9                   |           | 5                   | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                      | pH <8 to >5  | 2               | 10                             |

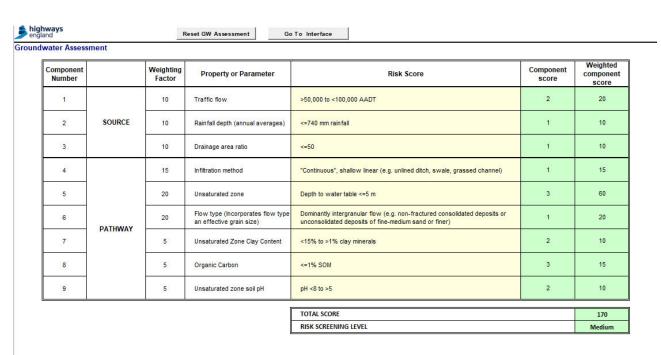
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RISK SCREENING LEVEL Medium



#### Catchment M8



#### Catchments M9 & NE



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PATHWAY

Unsaturated zone



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# Access road to St Andrews Church (catchment M9) and link to Taverham Road (catchment NE)

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| Component<br>Number                                 |        | Weighting<br>Factor | Property or Parameter            | Risk Score  | Component score | Weighted component score |  |  |
| -1  |        | 10                  | Traffic flow                     | >50,000 to <100,000 AADT  | 2               | 20                       |  |  |
| 2   | SOURCE | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages) | <=740 mm rainfall   | -1              | 10                       |  |  |
| 3   |        | 10                  | Drainage area ratio              | <=50  | 1               | 10                       |  |  |
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| Flow type (Incorporates flow type an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 1 | 20 |
|--|--|---|----|
| Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                              | >=15% clay minerals  | 1 | 5  |
| Organic Carbon   | <=1% SOM   | 3 | 15 |
| Unsaturated zone soil pH                                   | pH <8 to >5  | 2 | 10 |
| 1  |  |   |    |

165 RISK SCREENING LEVEL Medium

#### Catchment M10

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| Component<br>Number |           | Weighting<br>Factor | Property or Parameter   | Risk Score   | Component score | Weighted component score |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1                   |           | 10                  | Traffic flow  | >50,000 to <100,000 AADT   | 2               | 20                       |
| 2                   | SOURCE    | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                              | <=740 mm rainfall  | 21              | 10                       |
| 3                   |           | 10                  | Drainage area ratio   | <=50   | 1               | 10                       |
| 4                   |           | 15                  | Infiltration method   | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | 1               | 15                       |
| 5                   |           | 20                  | Unsaturated zone  | Depth to water table <=5 m   | 3               | 60                       |
| 6                   | DATIBALAY | 20                  | Flow type (Incorporates flow type<br>an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 1               | 20                       |
| 7                   | PATHWAY   | 5                   | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                                 | >=15% clay minerals  | 1               | 5                        |
| 8                   |           | 5                   | Organic Carbon  | <=1% SOM   | 3               | 15                       |
| 9                   |           | 5                   | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                      | pH <8 to >5  | 2               | 10                       |

TOTAL SCORE 165 RISK SCREENING LEVEL



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# Catchment W1



| Component<br>Number |         | Weighting<br>Factor | Property or Parameter   | Risk Score   | Component score | Weighted component score |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1                   |         | 10                  | Traffic flow  | <=50,000 AADT  | 1               | 10                       |
| 2                   | SOURCE  | 10                  | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                              | <=740 mm rainfall  | .1              | 10                       |
| 3                   | 1       | 10                  | Drainage area ratio   | <=50   | 1               | 10                       |
| 4                   |         | 15                  | Infiltration method   | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | .1              | 15                       |
| 5                   |         | 20                  | Unsaturated zone  | Depth to water table <=5 m   | 3               | 60                       |
| 6                   | DATIMAN | 20                  | Flow type (Incorporates flow type<br>an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 1               | 20                       |
| 7                   | PATHWAY | 5                   | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                                 | >=15% clay minerals  | 1               | 5                        |
| 8                   |         | 5                   | Organic Carbon  | <=1% SOM   | 3               | 15                       |
| 9                   |         | 5                   | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                      | pH <8 to >5  | 2               | 10                       |

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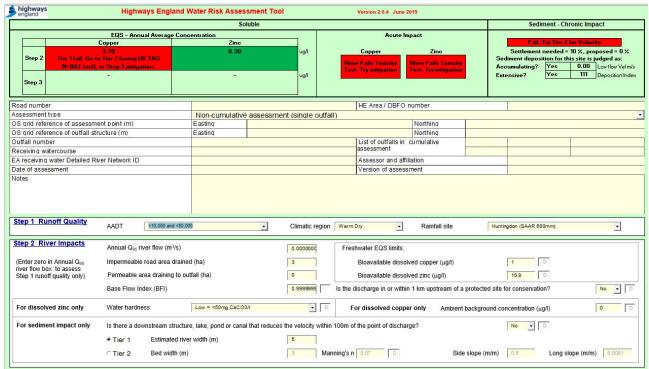
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#### Oak Farm Watercourse

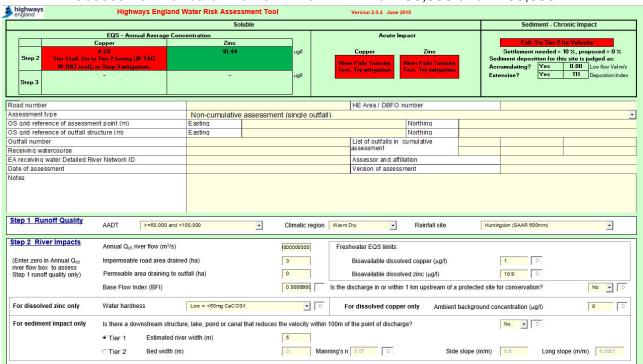
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| 1                   |         | 10 | Traffic flow   | >=100,000 AADT   | 3               | 30                       |
| 2                   | SOURCE  | 10 | Rainfall depth (annual averages)                           | <=740 mm rainfall  | 1               | 10                       |
| 3                   |         | 10 | Drainage area ratio  | >=150  | 3               | 30                       |
| 4                   | PATHWAY | 15 | Infiltration method  | "Continuous", shallow linear (e.g. unlined ditch, swale, grassed channel)  | 1               | 15                       |
| 5                   |         | 20 | Unsaturated zone   | Depth to water table <=5 m   | 3               | 60                       |
| 6                   |         | 20 | Flow type (Incorporates flow type an effective grain size) | Dominantly intergranular flow (e.g. non-fractured consolidated deposits or unconsolidated deposits of fine-medium sand or finer) | 1               | 20                       |
| 7                   |         | 5  | Unsaturated Zone Clay Content                              | >=15% clay minerals  | 1               | 5                        |
| 8                   |         | 5  | Organic Carbon   | <=1% SOM   | 3               | 15                       |
| 9                   |         | 5  | Unsaturated zone soil pH                                   | pH >=8   | 1               | 5                        |
|                     |         |    |  | TOTAL SCORE  |                 | 190                      |
|                     |         |    |  | RISK SCREENING LEVEL   |                 |                          |



#### HEWRAT assessment for catchments with an AADT of <50,000



#### HEWRAT assessment for catchments with an AADT of >50,000 and <100,000





# Annex E Radius of Influence (Sichardt) assessment

The empirical Sichardt formula presented in both CIRIA (2000) and EA (2007) is a very commonly used method for estimating the radius of influence (R<sub>0</sub>) under steady state conditions and assuming radial flow:

$$R_0 = C (H_0 - h_w) \sqrt{K}$$

#### where:

 $H_0$  = water level above the base of the aquifer prior to dewatering (i.e. at  $R_0$ )

 $h_w$  = water level at the equivalent radius ( $r_e$ ) of the excavation (i.e. the water level required to dewater the excavation)

Therefore H<sub>0</sub> - h<sub>w</sub> = target drawdown

K = hydraulic conductivity of the aquifer

C = an empirical calibration factor.

Table 1 details the parameters used and the result for radius of influence for the cutting west of the River Tud overbridge (S05), and at S18 (St Andrew's Church underpass access).

Table 1 Radius of influence formula parameters

| Structure  | Minimum<br>Design<br>Level<br>(mAOD) | Borehole | Maximum<br>recorded<br>groundwater<br>level<br>(mAOD) | С     | H <sub>0</sub> – h <sub>w</sub><br>(m) | K (m/s)               | R₀ (m) |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|---|-------|--|-----------------------|--------|
| Cutting<br>west of the<br>River Tud<br>overbridge<br>(S05) | 35                                   | DS231    | 38.5  | 2000* | 3.5                                    | 1.21x10 <sup>-4</sup> | 76.68  |
| St Andrew's<br>Church<br>access<br>underpass<br>(S18)      | 30                                   | DS236    | 31.2  | 2000* | 1.2                                    | 1.21x10 <sup>-4</sup> | 26.29  |

<sup>\*</sup>recommended value for linear excavations