

# Parkwood Road, Golcar Huddersfield

## Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Report

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## Summary

1. Lynas Engineers was commissioned by Mandale Group to undertake a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) report in respect of the proposed development located at Parkwood Road, Golcar, Huddersfield.
2. The red-line boundary for the overall development plan covers an area approximating 0.889ha.
3. A location plan of the area can be found in **Appendix A**.
4. The FRA has been produced in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), standing advice and general requirements of the Environment Agency (EA), and Kirklees Council's Local Plan – Strategy and Policies (2013-2031).
5. The Local Plan Strategy and Policies document can be viewed through this link: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/local-plan-strategy-and-policies.pdf>
6. The FRA demonstrates the following:
  - The specific location designated for the surface water drainage system is located within Flood Zone 1 and is at a very low probability of fluvial flooding.
  - The proposed site is at a very low risk of flooding from surface water.
  - The proposed site is not at risk of flooding from a reservoir failure.
  - The risk of flooding elsewhere from all sources of flooding will not change from the existing situation.



## Purpose

1. A preliminary review of the flood maps for the area indicates that the site is located wholly within Zone 1 of the Environment Agency Flood Map, which is defined as land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1000 years (<0.1% AEP) annual probability of river or sea flooding in any one year.
2. The report is intended to provide an understanding of the flood risk associated with the existing site, assess whether the proposed drainage would be susceptible to flood risk and, if so, consider whether and how that flood risk can be managed in an acceptable manner, whilst also allowing for any climate change.
3. To assess whether the proposed development would increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.
4. A more detailed technical note outlining the surface water drainage philosophy for the proposed development site can be found in the accompanying planning document number 25016-LE-ZZ-05-RP-D-0002.
5. The above stand-alone technical note includes the following:
  - o Assesses how surface water run-off from the existing site is disposed.
  - o Assesses the potential solutions for the disposal of surface water run-off from the proposed development site against relevant standards.
  - o Identifies any constraints associated with the potential solutions and identifies the preferred solution for the discharge of surface water run-off from the proposed development.

## Legislation, Policy and Guidance

### National Planning Policy Framework

1. NPPF sets out the Government's national policies on different aspects of land use planning in England.
2. Section 14: Meeting the challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, states that "Planning plays a key role in helping shape places to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimising vulnerability and providing resilience to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure. This is central to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development".
3. The NPPF provides the following guidance in respect of Planning and Flood Risk:
  - 3.1 Paragraph 159 states that inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or future). Where development is necessary in such areas, the development should be made safe for its lifetime without increasing flood risk elsewhere.
  - 3.2 Paragraph 160 states that strategic policies should be informed by a strategic flood risk assessment and should manage flood risk from all sources. They should consider cumulative impacts in, or affecting, local areas susceptible to flooding, and take account of advice from the Environment Agency and other relevant flood risk management authorities, such as lead local flood authorities and internal drainage boards.
  - 3.3 Paragraph 161 states that all plans should apply a sequential, risk-based approach to the location of development – considering the current and future impacts of climate change – to avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property. They should do this, and manage any residual risk, by:
    - a) applying the sequential test and then, if necessary, the exception test as set out below;
    - b) safeguarding land from development that is required, or likely to be required, for current or future flood management;
    - c) using opportunities provided by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding (where appropriate through the use of natural flood management techniques); and
    - d) where climate change is expected to increase flood risk so that some existing development may not be sustainable in the long-term, seeking opportunities to relocate development, including housing, to more sustainable locations.
  - 3.4 Paragraph 162 states the aim of the sequential test is to steer new development to areas with the lowest risk of flooding. Development should not be allocated or permitted if there are reasonably available sites appropriate for the proposed development in areas with a lower risk of flooding. The strategic flood risk assessment will provide the basis for applying this test. The sequential approach should be used in areas known to be at risk now or in the future from any form of flooding.
  - 3.5 Paragraph 163 states that if it is not possible for development to be in zones with a lower risk of flooding (considering wider sustainable development objectives), the exception test may have to be applied. The need for the exception test will depend

on the potential vulnerability of the site and of the development proposed, in line with the Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification set out in national planning guidance.

- 3.6 Paragraph 164 states the application of the exception test should be informed by a strategic or site-specific flood risk assessment, depending on whether it is being applied during plan production or at the application stage. For the exception test to be passed it should be demonstrated that:
- a) The development would provide wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh the flood risk; and
  - b) the development will be safe for its lifetime taking account of the vulnerability of its users, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, and, where possible, will reduce flood risk overall.
- 3.7 Paragraph 165 states that both elements of the exception test should be satisfied for development to be allocated or permitted.
- 3.8 Paragraph 166 states where planning applications come forward on sites allocated in the development plan through the sequential test, applicants need not apply the sequential test again. However, the exception test may need to be reapplied if relevant aspects of the proposal had not been considered when the test was applied at the plan making stage, or if more recent information about existing or potential flood risk should be considered.
- 3.9 Paragraph 167 states when determining any planning applications, local planning authorities should ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere. Where appropriate, applications should be supported by a site-specific flood-risk assessment. Development should only be allowed in areas at risk of flooding where, in the light of this assessment (and the sequential and exception tests, as applicable) it can be demonstrated that:
- a) within the site, the most vulnerable development is located in areas of lowest flood risk, unless there are overriding reasons to prefer a different location;
  - b) the development is appropriately flood resistant and resilient;
  - c) it incorporates sustainable drainage systems, unless there is clear evidence that this would be inappropriate;
  - d) any residual risk can be safely managed; and
  - e) safe access and escape routes are included where appropriate, as part of an agreed emergency plan.
- 3.10 Paragraph 168 states that applications for some minor development and changes of use should not be subject to the sequential or exception tests but should still meet the requirements for site-specific flood risk assessments.
- 3.11 Paragraph 169 states that major developments should incorporate sustainable drainage systems unless there is clear evidence that this would be inappropriate. The systems used should:
- a) take account of advice from the lead local flood authority;
  - b) have appropriate proposed minimum operational standards;
  - c) have maintenance arrangements in place to ensure an acceptable standard of operation for the lifetime of the development; and
  - d) where possible, provide multifunctional benefits.

4. Using NPPF Technical Guidance Table 3 (see Table 2), as a simple chart, it shows whether the development should or should not be permitted and whether further information will be required for the planning application.

Table A: NPPF Technical Guidance Table 2

Vulnerability Classification	
Less Vulnerable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police, ambulance and fire stations which are not required to be operational during flooding.</li> <li>• Buildings used for shops, financial, professional and other services, restaurants and cafes, hot food takeaways, offices, general industry, storage and distribution, non-residential institutions not included in “more vulnerable”, and assembly and leisure.</li> <li>• Land and buildings used for agriculture and forestry.</li> <li>• Waste treatment (except landfill and hazardous waste facilities).</li> <li>• Minerals working and processing (except for sand and gravel working).</li> <li>• Water treatment works which do not need to remain operational during times of flood.</li> <li>• Sewage treatment works (if adequate measures to control pollution and manage sewage during flooding events are in place).</li> </ul>

Table B: NPPF Technical Guidance Table 3

Flood Zones	Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification				
	Essential Infrastructure	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable	Water Compatible
Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zone 2	✓	Exception Test Required	✓	✓	✓
Zone 3a	Exception Test Required	x	Exception Test Required	✓	✓
Zone 3b	Exception Test Required	x	x	x	✓

Key:

✓ Development is appropriate.

x Development should not be permitted.

## Local Plan – Kirklees Council

1. Kirklees Council's Local Plan was adopted in February 2019 and provides statutory planning guidance for the borough up to 2031. This plan replaces development frameworks and sets out policies for housing, employment, climate change, and flood risk.
2. This plan provides planning guidance for developers in the form of core strategies policies and allocations and can be viewed using this link:  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/local-plan-strategy-and-policies.pdf>.
3. Kirklees Local Plan requires developments to mitigate and adapt to climate change by using low-emission layouts, renewable energy, green infrastructure, and flood-resilient design. Projects must manage water effectively and comply with national policies to reduce greenhouse gas and support sustainable development.
4. Figure 2 is an extract of the local plan document and discusses what criteria developments must meet to mitigate and adapt to climate change and avoid flood risk.

Figure 2 – Policy GR7 – Climate Change and Flood Risk

**Policy LP27**

**Flood risk**

Proposals for development which require a Sequential Test in accordance with national planning guidance will need to demonstrate that development has been directed to areas at the lowest probability of flooding, following a sequential risk based approach. The whole Kirklees district should be the starting point for the sequential test with applicants required to provide justification where a smaller area of search is proposed. If following application of the sequential test, there are no reasonably available sites which could accommodate the development in zones with a lower probability of flooding, it should also be demonstrated that a sequential approach has been applied within sites. This is to ensure that highly vulnerable and more vulnerable uses are directed towards the areas of lowest flood risk within the site. Proposals will also need to demonstrate that the exception test is passed, where applicable, as set out in national planning policy.

Proposals within flood zone 3ai will be assessed in accordance with national policies relating to flood zone 3a but with all of the following additional restrictions:

- a. no new highly vulnerable or more vulnerable uses will be permitted;
- b. less vulnerable uses may only be permitted provided that the sequential test has been passed and;
  - i. where extensions are linked operationally to an existing business or,
  - ii. where redevelopment of a site provides buildings with the same or a smaller footprint;
- c. all proposals will be expected to include flood mitigation measures such as compensatory storage which should be identified and considered through a site specific Flood Risk Assessment;
- d. development will not be permitted on any part of the site identified through a site specific Flood Risk Assessment as performing a functional floodplain role.

Proposals must be supported by an appropriate site specific Flood Risk Assessment in line with national planning policy. This must take account of all sources of flooding set out in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and demonstrate that the proposal will be safe throughout the lifetime of the development (taking account of climate change). The proposal must also not increase flood risk elsewhere and where possible should reduce flood risk. Mitigation measures, where necessary, should be proposed.

Proposals involving building over existing culverts or the culverting or canalisation of water courses will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated to be in the interests of public safety or to provide essential infrastructure and that there will be no detrimental effect on flood risk and biodiversity. Where feasible, development proposals should incorporate re-opening of culverts, modification of canalised water courses and consideration of mitigation measures to achieve a more natural and maintainable state.

Proposals for natural management such as targeted vegetation planting in upper catchments and along river banks will be supported in appropriate locations where consistent with national and local plan policies and relevant water catchment management plans to reduce flood risk and improve water quality.

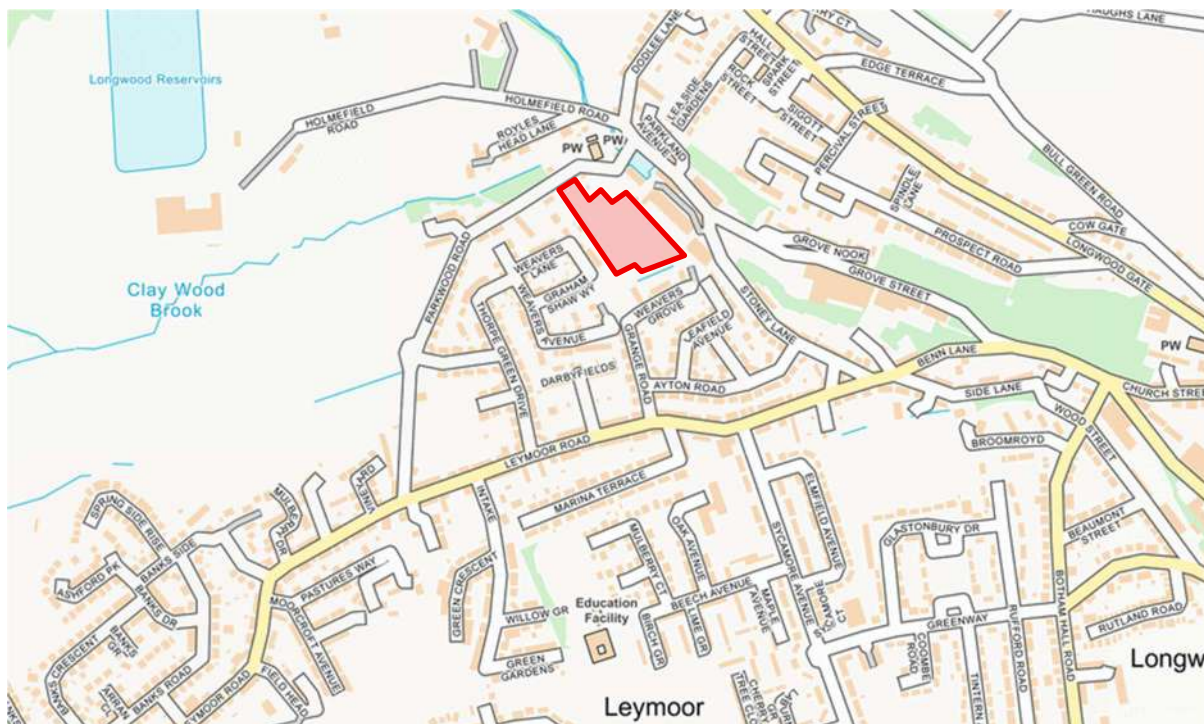
5. Local Planning Authorities are required to undertake a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). Such assessments will identify areas that are at risk from flooding and will also identify factors that influence both the current and future flood risk.
6. Where appropriate, evidence and recommendations from this report and the Local Plan have been incorporated into the FRA, prepared by Lynas Engineers, for the proposed development.

## Development Site

### General

1. The site lies to the south of Parkwood Road and south of Royles Head Lane, near Quarry Bank Mill in Longwood, Huddersfield.
2. The proposed site consists mainly of open grassed land with scattered vegetation and a small cluster of buildings linked to Quarry Bank Mill. It is largely undeveloped and bordered by residential properties to the south and west, with access from Parkwood Road. Surrounding uses include established housing and light industry, with green space to the north. The site is bounded by Parkwood Road to the north, Weavers Avenue to the south, open green space near Royles Head Lane to the west, and residential streets such as Grove Street to the east. Longwood Bowling and Social Club lies further northeast.
3. The site is located at grid ref. SE103168 (co-ordinates X: 410312, Y: 416818) and the nearest postcode to the development site is HD3 4TT.
4. **Figure 3** below shows the approximate location of the proposed development, indicated by the red line boundary, in the context of the wider conurbation.

Figure 3 - Location Plan



5. The application site is 0.889hectares (ha) in area and comprises of 28 residential units.

### Topography

1. A topographical survey on the existing site was commissioned by Mandale Group in April 2025 and is available to view in Appendix C.
2. All information relating to levels presented in this report have been taken from this topographical survey.

3. There is an access road into the proposed development from Parkwood Road along the northern boundary of the site. The site itself consists mainly of open grassed areas with scattered vegetation, and there are clusters of trees and greenery along the western edge near Royles Head Lane.
4. The general topography of the site falls from northwest to the southeast.
5. The highest point on the survey is 171.98m AOD along the western boundary of the site and the lowest point is 157.1m AOD in the southeast corner of the site.

## Hydrological Setting and Historical Flooding

1. The nearest body of water to the site is an unnamed minor watercourse approximately 10m to the south of the development boundary.
2. The River Colne is approximately 1.2km southeast of the site.
3. The Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Section 21 requires lead Local Flood Authorities such as Kirklees Council to maintain a register of structures and features, which are likely to have a significant effect on flood risk within their area. At the time of writing this report, Lynas Engineers are not aware of any of these assets on the site.
4. The Kirklees Council Strategic Flood Risk Management Strategy states that the Authority holds historical flooding records on their database, as does Yorkshire Water and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service. No flood events were recorded at the proposed development site.
5. The strategy can be viewed using this link:  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/strategic-flood-risk-assessment.aspx>

## Hydrogeological Setting

1. Figure 4 is the record from the British Geological Survey's mapping system. The development site is represented by the red outline.

Figure 4 – Combined Site Geology

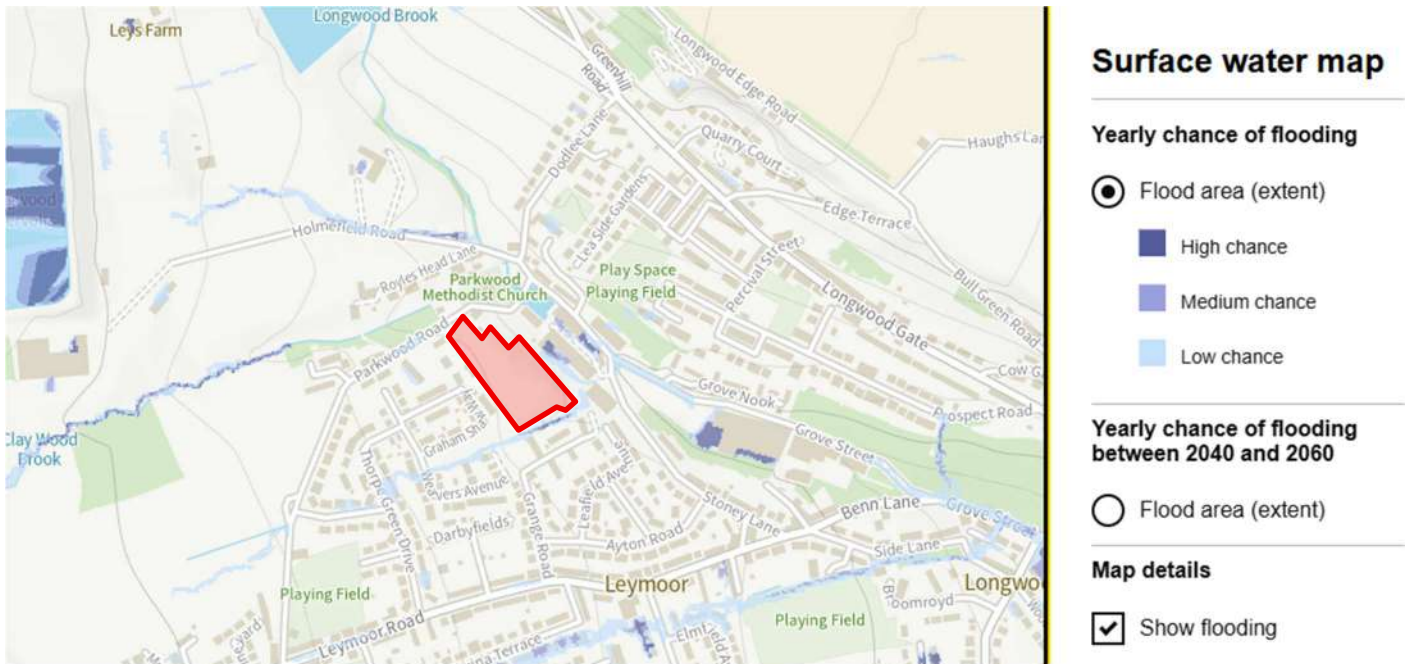


2. A review of the BGS mapping data identified that the development site is in an area which is underlain by superficial deposits of Huddersfield White Rock, sandstone. It was formed during the Carboniferous period and associated with fluvial and shallow-marine environments.
3. Huddersfield White Rock is highly permeable sandstone formations with good drainage characteristics. Water infiltrates easily through the porous structure.
4. However, according to the DEFRA Groundwater Vulnerability Map, the proposed development is at risk of ground water flooding. This site has been classified as having a high risk of groundwater vulnerability and therefore infiltration-based drainage methods are deemed unsuitable for this site.

## Surface Water Flooding

1. Figure 5 shows the proposed site, outlined in red, in relation to the Environment Agency's surface water flooding records.
2. The site is in a very low risk area of surface water flooding.

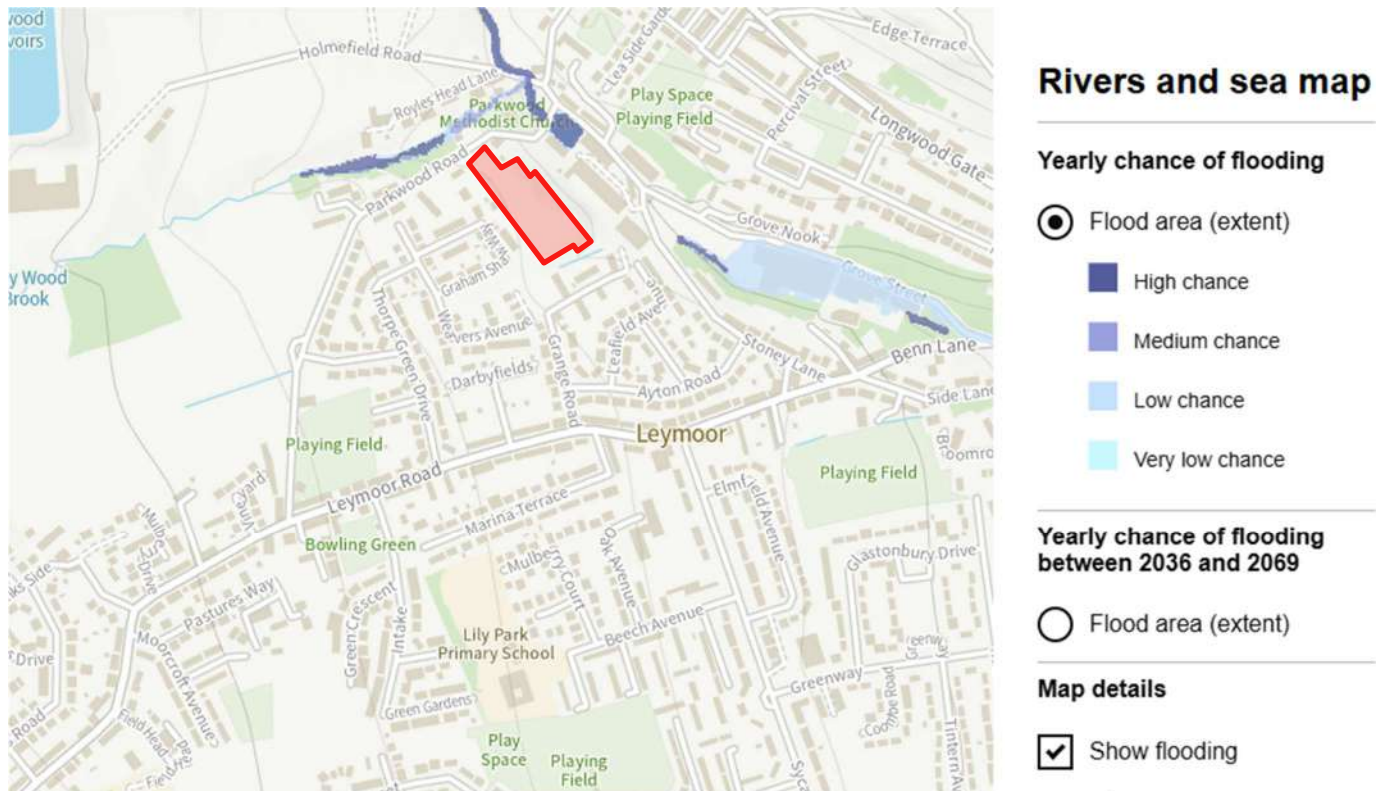
Figure 5 - Flood Risk from Surface Water



## Fluvial Flooding

1. Figure 6 shows the proposed site, outlined in red, in relation to the Environment Agency’s River and sea flooding records.
2. The map indicates that the site is in Flood Zone 1 which has a very low risk of flooding from the river. The development site is not in a coastal location and therefore is not at risk of flooding from the sea.

Figure 6 - Flood Risk from Rivers or the Sea



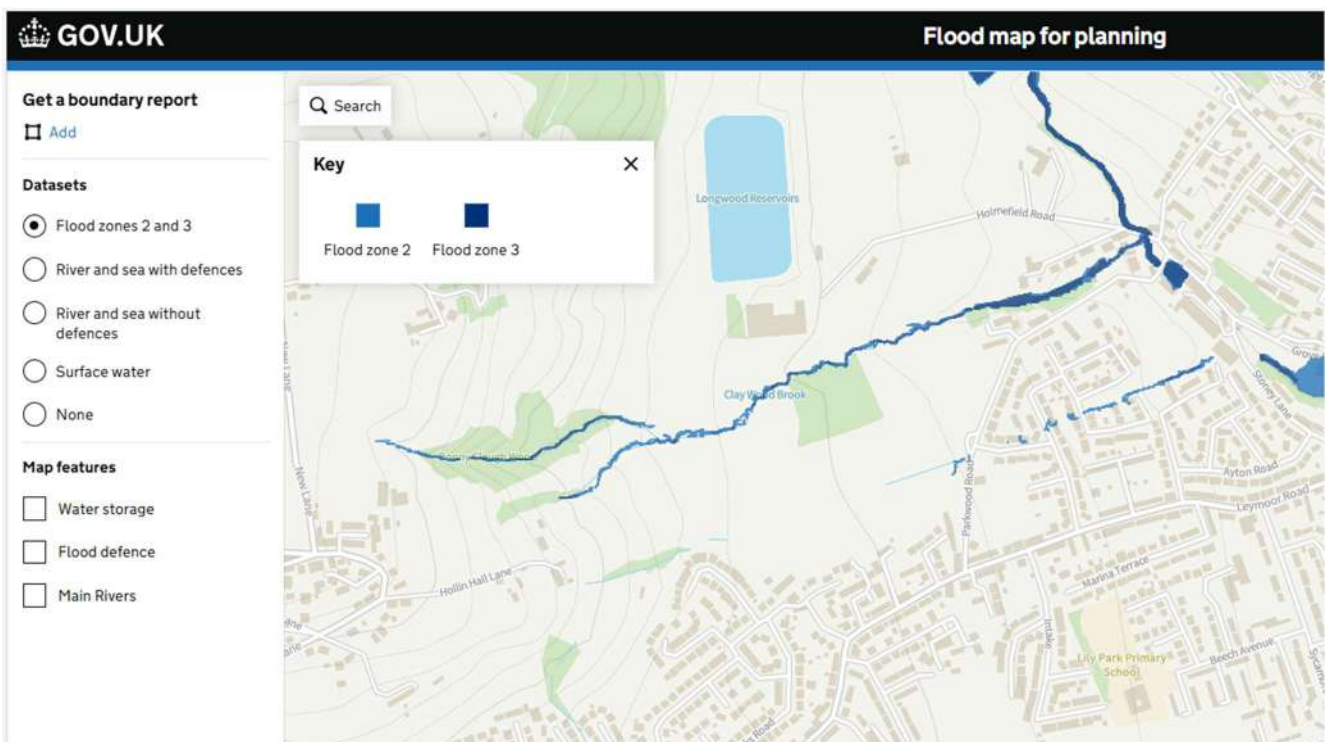
## Reservoir Flooding

1. The Environment Agency website shows the development site does not lie within the flooding extents should a reservoir breach occur. Therefore, flooding from a reservoir is unlikely in this area.

## Flood Zones

1. Flood zones show the probability of flooding without the presence of defences and significant man-made structures such as bridges, culverts, and rail and motorway embankments. They also show areas that may be at risk from flooding, and which might require further investigation in the form of an FRA to ascertain the exact risk of flooding the site.
2. The site sits within Flood Zone 1 which is currently defined by the Environment Agency as a low-risk zone and therefore should be treated as within a low-risk zone.
3. Figure 7 shows the Flood Zone for the proposed development. The extents of the development are outlined in red.

Figure 7 - Environment Agency Flood Zone Map



## Conclusion

### Flood Risk Assessment

1. The risk of river, reservoir, groundwater, and surface water runoff has been assessed and measures have been recommended to minimise this flood risk to/from the site.
2. In summary:
  - The proposed development site is located inside Flood Zone 1 and is therefore currently defined as land having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding;
  - There are no records of fluvial flooding, or sewer surface water flooding at the existing site;
  - There is no risk of a reservoir breach flooding the site when river levels are normal;
  - The site is not affected by groundwater flooding;
  - The proposals for the site will not impact on the current flood risk.
  - The proposals have minimal impact on increasing the existing flood risk from any source, with minimal impact of causing flooding elsewhere.
  - Using Table C to determine the appropriateness of the drainage, it is concluded that the development is appropriate.

Table C. Appropriateness of Development

Source/Pathway	Significant?	Comment/Reason
Tidal/Coastal	No	The site is not located in a coastal location; therefore, the development has a very low risk of tidal/coastal flooding.
Pluvial	No	Environment Agency Mapping indicates that the probability surface water flooding is classified as very low.
Fluvial	No	Environment Agency Mapping indicates that flooding from any nearby water courses will not affect the site.
Infrastructure Failure: Reservoir	No	Environment Agency Mapping indicates that flooding from a reservoir is unlikely in this area,

## Appendices

## Appendix A - Location Plan



- GENERAL NOTES:
- DRAWINGS ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL RELEVANT SPECIFICATIONS, ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS & SERVICES DRAWINGS, INCLUDING APPROVED BUILDERS WORK DRAWINGS. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY ENGINEER OF DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS OR OTHER DRAWINGS.
  - DO NOT SCALE FROM THIS DRAWING. WORK TO DIMENSIONS OR CO-ORDINATES PROVIDED. ALL LEVELS ARE IN METRES AND ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETRES, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ANY AMBIGUITIES, OMISSIONS AND ERRORS ON DRAWINGS, SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE ENGINEERS ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

- GENERAL KEY:
- PROPOSED SITE WORKS BOUNDARY
  - OWNERSHIP BOUNDARY
- LEVELS KEY:
- EXISTING MAJOR CONTOUR (0.25m)
  - - - EXISTING MINOR CONTOUR (1.00m)
  - $\nabla$  -1.11 EXISTING SURFACE GRADIENT

SITE LOCATION:  
 PARKWOOD ROAD, GOLCAR, HUDDERSFIELD, HD7 4RZ  
 EASTINGS: 410337, NORTHINGS: 416788



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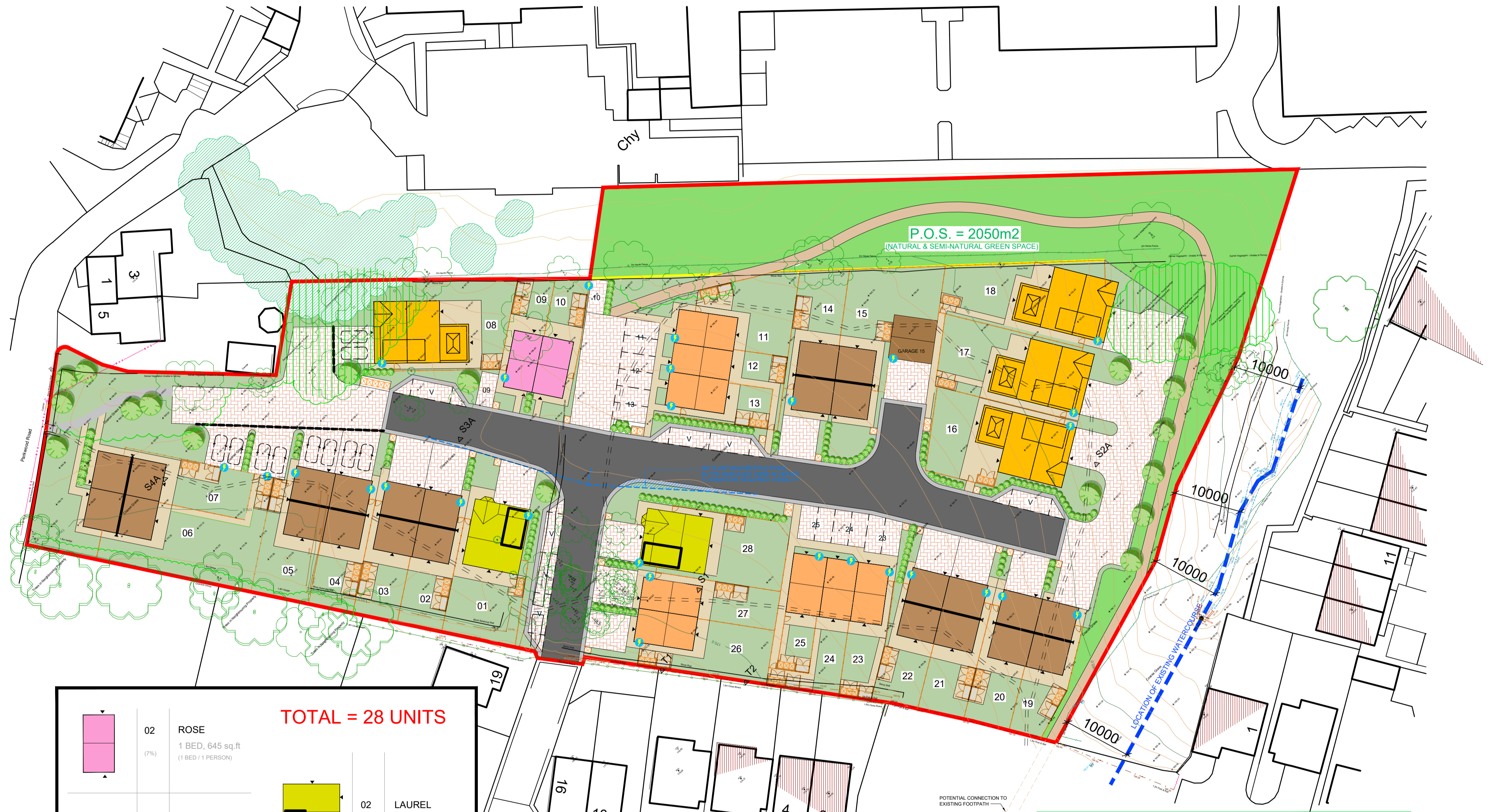
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## Appendix B – Proposed Development Layout

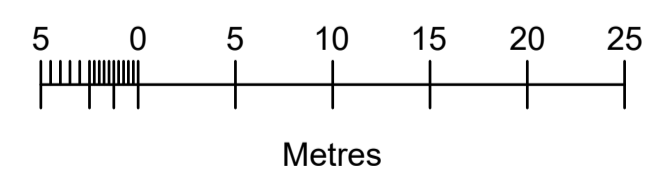


**TOTAL = 27 UNITS**

	02 ROSE 1 BED, 645 sq.ft		04 LAUREL 3 BED, 1180 sq.ft
	03 ACORN 2 BED, 750 sq.ft		04 MAPLE 4 BED, 1495 sq.ft
	14 HICKORY 3 BED, 1050 sq.ft		

**TOTAL = 28 UNITS**

	02 ROSE 1 BED, 645 sq.ft (7%)		02 LAUREL 3 BED, 1220 sq.ft (3 BED / 5 PERSON) (7%)
	08 ACORN 2 BED, 755 sq.ft (29%)		04 MAPLE 4 BED, 1495 sq.ft (4 BED / 6 PERSON) (14%)
	12 HICKORY 3 BED, 1050 sq.ft (43%)		



**KEY:-**

	REAR GARDEN DIVIDING FENCE - 1800mm HIGH CLOSE BOARDED TIMBER FENCE AND GATES WHERE INDICATED		GRASSED AREAS
	TIMBER KNEE RAIL FENCE		SAXON - BUFF PAVING
	RETAINING WALL - REFER TO ENGINEERS DRAWINGS FOR DETAILS		BRINDLE BLOCKWORK DRIVEWAY
	TIMBER BIN STORE FOR 3 No. REFUSE BINS (940x780mm)		TARMAC ROAD
	REFUSE COLLECTION POINT ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY		TARMAC FOOTPATHS & MARGINS
	ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT		
	TIMBER SECURE CYCLE STORAGE TO EACH PLOT WITHOUT A GARAGE (HANGING CYCLE RACK TO FITTED WITHIN GARAGES)		
	INDICATIVE PLANTING TREES - REFER TO DETAILED LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR FULL DETAILS		

## Appendix C - Topographical Survey Plan

