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**13 Netherhall Gardens  
NW3 5RN**

Drainage Report

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# One

## Executive Summary

This Drainage Report has been produced for the proposed redevelopment at 13 Netherhall Gardens, London, NW3 5RN located within the London Borough of Camden.

The development site comprises of an area of approximately 0.038 hectares.

The proposed works involve underpinning the existing building and creating a lower ground floor towards the front of the building and forming a new single storey basement and terrace towards the rear.

According to Thames Water sewer records a combined sewer is present within Netherhall Gardens.

The CCTV drainage survey identified that the overall site benefits from a 150mm diameter connection to the combined sewer in Netherhall Gardens.

SuDS in the form of permeable paving is proposed in the rear lower terrace area. Due to the nature of the redevelopment works and various site constraints no other SuDS are feasible.

## Introduction

Elliott Wood Partnership Ltd have been appointed to provide below ground drainage consultancy services for the proposed redevelopment at 13 Netherhall Gardens, London, NW3 5RN located within the London Borough of Camden.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Camden's Local Area Requirements for Planning Applications (2018) Section 4: Reports and Assessments and Camden Local Plan policy CC3.

# Two

## Existing Site Conditions

### 2.1 Site Location

The development is located on the west side of Netherhall Gardens, London, NW3 5RN in the London Borough of Camden, centred on OS grid reference 526348E; 184988N. The development site area is approximately 380m<sup>2</sup> (0.038 hectares). Please refer to the site location plan presented in Figure 1.

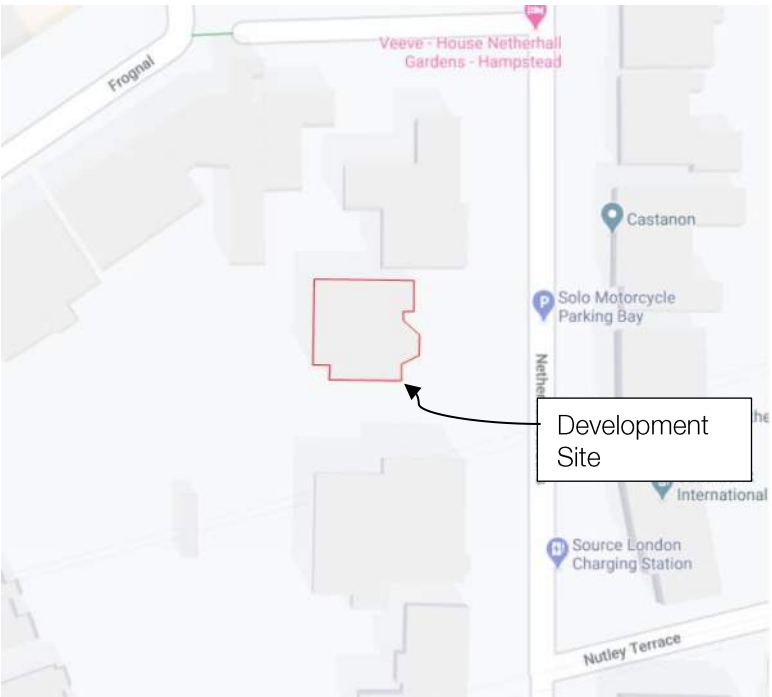


Figure 1: Development Site

### 2.2 Existing Building

The existing building is a detached five storey building which is entered at ground level at the front and a lower ground floor level towards the rear.

### 2.3 Topography

A topographical survey of the overall site has been undertaken by AES and this is presented in **Appendix A**. The topography of the overall site varies significantly, ranging in level from around 72.0m AOD in the south east corner to around 68.8m AOD in the north western corner of the site.

# Three

## Underlying Geology

### 3.1 Site Geology

A site investigation has been completed by GEA in October 2018 consisting of a desk study, two boreholes and 11 trial pits. The investigation indicated that beneath the moderate thickness of made ground the underlying ground is London Clay to the full depth of the investigations at 30.0m

# Four

## Flood Risk

The flood risk sources being considered as part of this report are as follows:

- Rivers and Sea
- Groundwater
- Surface Water flooding/Overland flow
- Infrastructure failure/sewer flooding
- Flooding water artificial waterbodies

### 4.1 Tidal / Fluvial Flooding

Based on data from GOV.uk flood maps, the site is located in Flood Zone 1 and is therefore considered to be at very low risk of flooding.



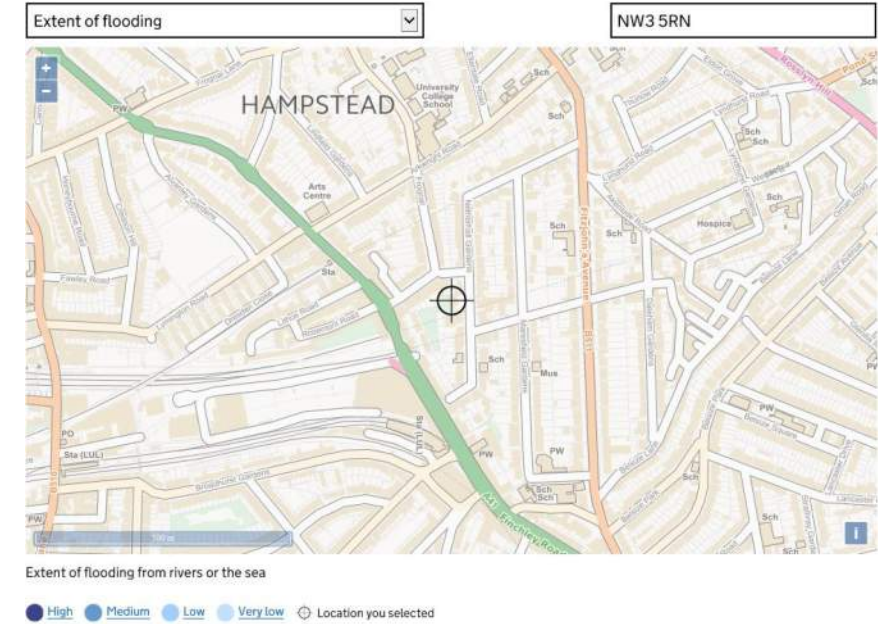


Figure 2: Planning flood map showing site is located within Flood Zone 1 (GOV.UK Flood Maps)

#### 4.2 Groundwater Flooding

Groundwater flooding is affected by long periods of increased rainfall causing raising of the groundwater table. The London Borough of Camden SFRA states “Groundwater flooding usually occurs in low lying areas underlain by permeable rock and aquifers that allow groundwater to rise to the surface through the permeable subsoil following long periods of wet weather”.

Groundwater was not encountered during the boring operations carried out in the site investigation by GEA in October 2018. Subsequent groundwater monitoring has shown that the boreholes were dry down to 30m. Therefore, the site is unlikely to be at risk from groundwater flooding.

#### 4.3 Surface Water Flooding / Overland Flow

Surface water flooding may occur during intense or prolonged rainfall events where there is insufficient capacity within the existing drainage infrastructure which leads to overland flows.

Based on data from GOV.UK flood maps, the site is shown to be at very low risk from surface water flooding.

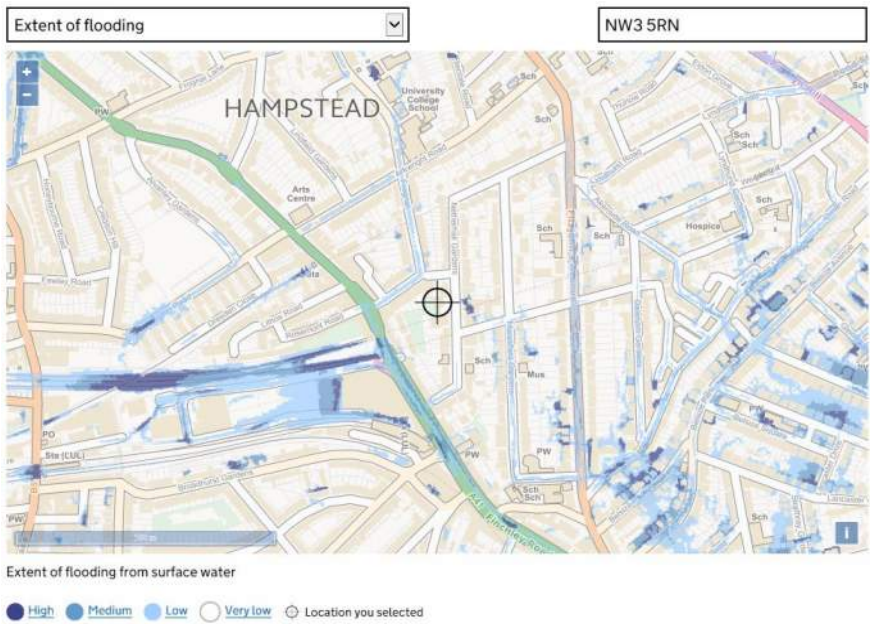


Figure 3: Planning flood map showing the site is at very low risk from surface water flooding (GOV.UK Flood Maps)

#### 4.4 Infrastructure failure / Sewer Flooding

Sewer flooding is usually localised and short lived, it can be caused by intense rainfall events overloading the capacity of the sewer, blockages, poor maintenance or structural failure of sewers.

The London Borough of Camden SFRA DG5 Internal Sewer Flooding Map suggests that the site is located within an area where there have been no reported incidents of internal sewer flooding. As Thames Water are responsible for maintaining their sewer infrastructure, the likelihood of sewer flooding affecting the site is therefore expected to be low.

#### 4.5 Flooding from Artificial Waterbodies

Following review of the Risk of Flooding from Reservoirs map located on the GOV.UK website, the site is not located within the flooding extent associated with reservoir flooding. The risk of flooding from reservoirs is therefore considered to be very low.

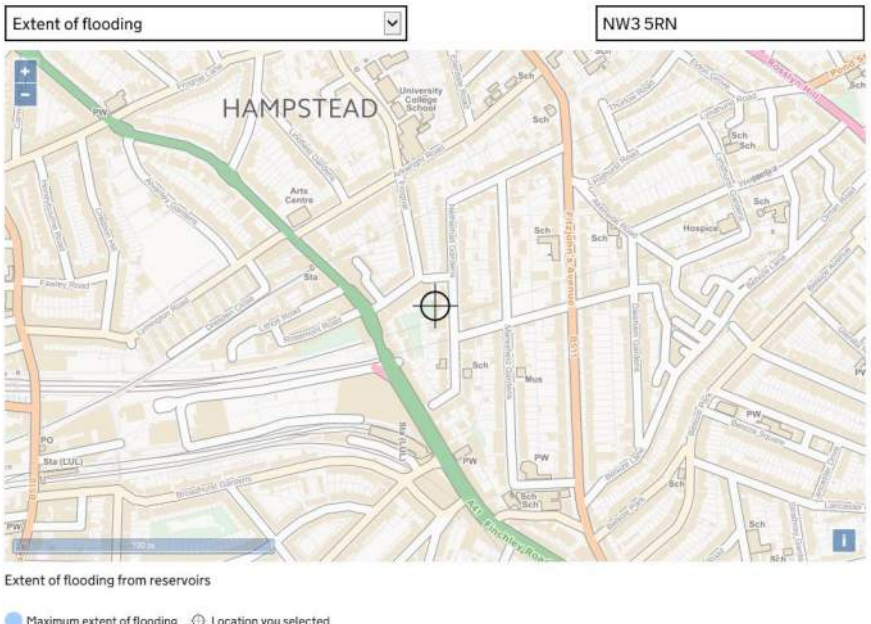


Figure 4: Planning flood map – Flood Risk from Reservoirs (GOV.UK Flood Maps)

## Five

### Development Proposals

#### 5.1 Proposed Alterations

The proposed works involve underpinning the existing building creating a lower ground floor towards the front of the building and forming a new single storey basement and terrace towards the rear. It is also intended to remodel the upper levels of the building.



Figure 5: Proposed Basement Floor Layout



# Six

## Existing Drainage

### 6.1 Thames Water Sewers

According to Thames water sewer records a 914x610 combined sewer is present within Netherhall Gardens. An extract of the Thames Water records is presented in Figure 6 and in full in Appendix B.

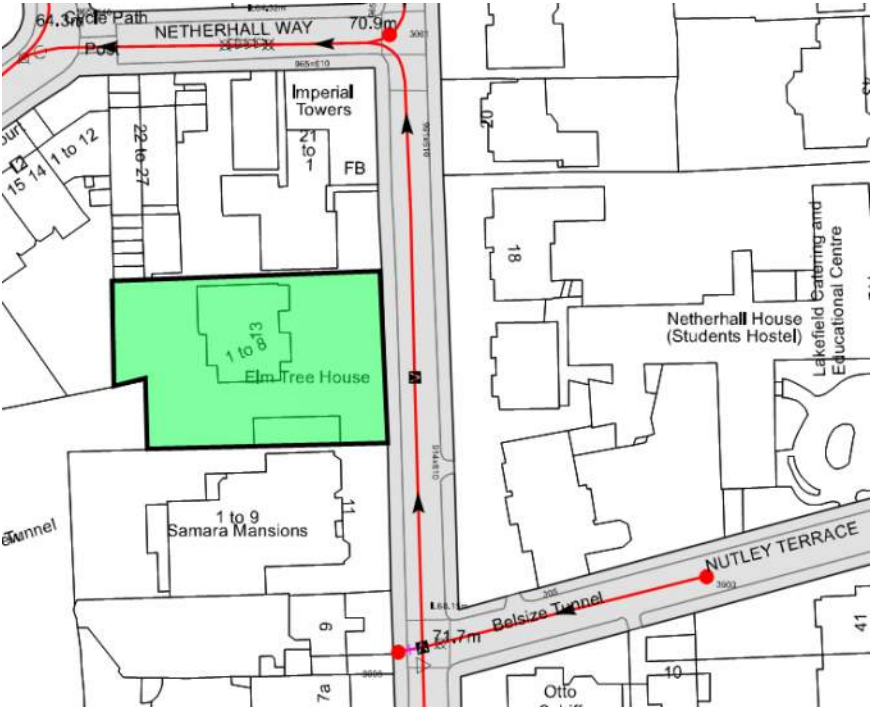


Figure 6: Thames Water Sewer Record Extract

### 6.2 CCTV Drainage Survey

A CCTV drainage survey was undertaken in September 2018 to prove the size, location, depth and condition of the existing site-wide private drainage and its connectivity to the Thames Water sewer.

The CCTV drainage survey proved that the overall site benefits from a 150mm diameter connection to the combined sewer in Netherhall Gardens.

Figure 7 illustrates the existing drainage arrangement on site.

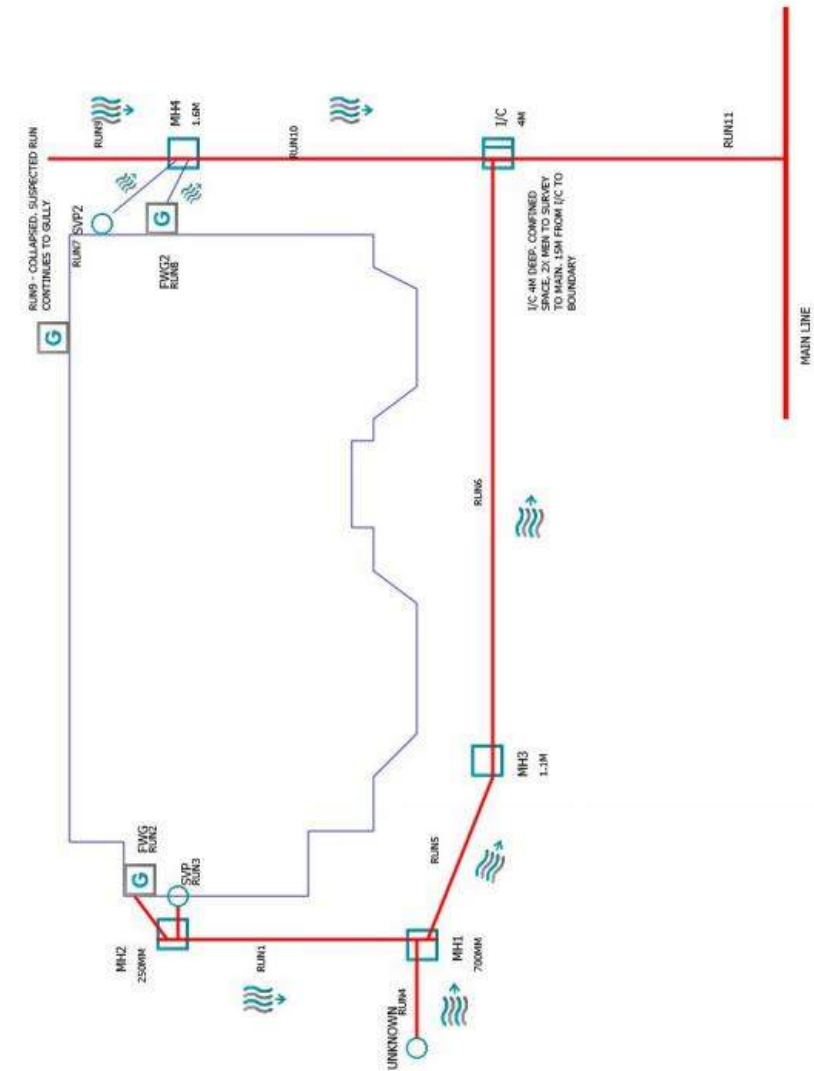


Figure 7: CCTV Drainage Survey Results Illustrating Existing Drainage Arrangement

### 6.3 Existing Surface Water Discharge Rate

Table 1 indicates, the existing drained area summary for the proposed redevelopment.

Table 1: Approximate Existing Drained Area Breakdown

	m <sup>2</sup>	Hectares (ha)	% of site
Existing Building	290	0.029	76
Existing Hardstanding	40	0.004	11
Existing Soft Landscaping	50	0.005	13
Total	380	0.038	100

Using the modified rational method and the following average rainfall intensities, the existing surface water discharge rate can be calculated. The results are presented in Table 2.

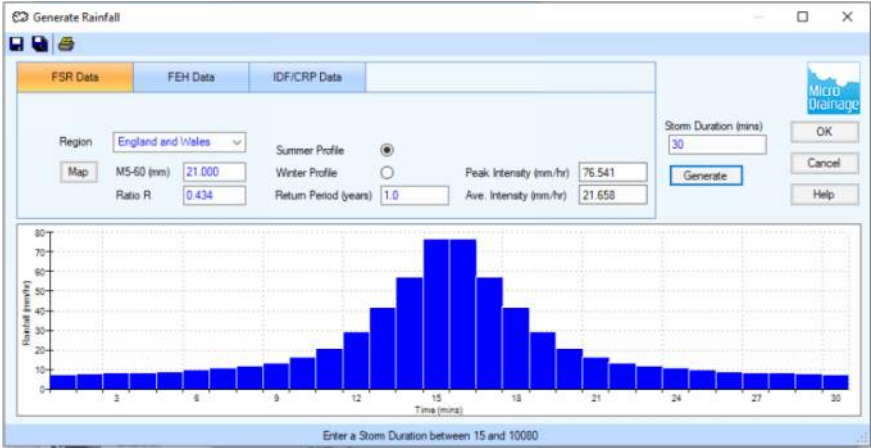


Figure 8: Rainfall intensity for the 1 in 1-year 30-minute storm event



Figure 9: Rainfall intensity for the 1 in 30-year 30-minute storm event



Figure 10: Rainfall intensity for the 1 in 100-year 30-minute storm event

Table 2: Existing Surface Water Run-off Rates

Return Period	Rate (l/s)
1 in 1-year event	1.9
1 in 30-year event	4.8
1 in 100-year event	6.3

# Seven

## Proposed Drainage

### 7.1 Proposed Discharge Rates and Drained Areas

The approximate drained area breakdown of the proposed development is summarised as follows:

Table 3: Approximate Proposed Drained Area Breakdown

	m <sup>2</sup>	Hectares (ha)	% of site
Proposed Building	290	0.029	76
Proposed Hardstanding	40	0.004	11
Proposed soft landscaping (includes permeable lower terrace area)	50	0.005	13
Total	380	0.038	100

It can be seen from Table 3 that the proposed development has no change in the impermeable areas post development. This is due to the constrained nature of the site and the fact that the majority of the proposed works will be below the footprint of the existing building.

Greenfield run-off rates for the development site have been calculated using the ICP SuDS method, as indicated in Figure 11.

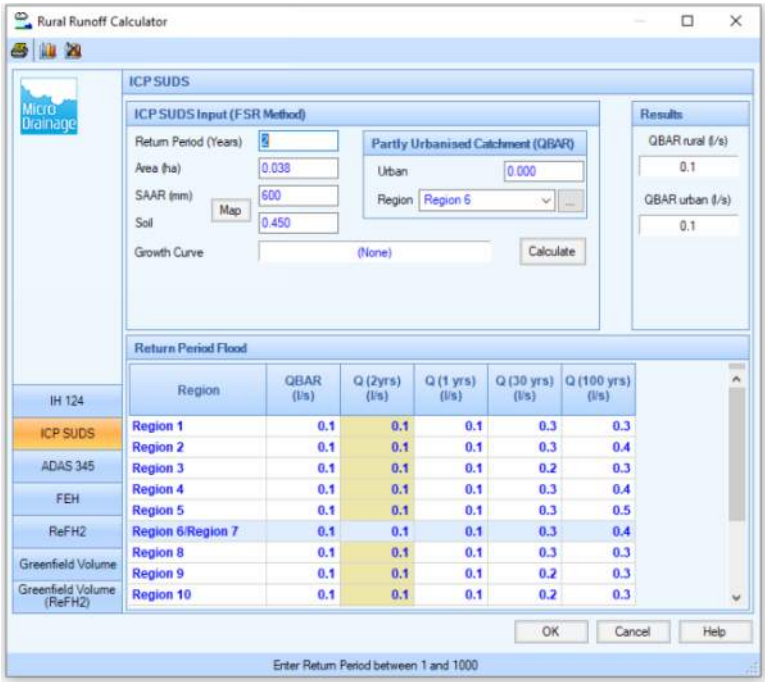


Figure 11: Micro Drainage ICP SuDS Greenfield Results

The resulting QBar rate is 0.1l/s based on a 0.038 hectare development site. This QBar rate is prohibitively low and it would not be possible to attenuate the development to this rate given the constrained nature of the site (the existing building occupies the majority of the redevelopment site). Due to these constraints and the fact that the existing building is currently positively drained by gravity, it is proposed to incorporate SuDS in the rear lower terrace only, where new external works are proposed.

As a result, the proposed surface water run-off rate for the redevelopment will remain unchanged.

### 7.2 SuDS Appraisal

The following drainage hierarchy has been considered when developing the surface water drainage philosophy for the proposed redevelopment.

1. Rainwater harvesting (including a combination of green and blue roofs)
2. Infiltration techniques and green roofs
3. Rainwater attenuation in open water features for gradual release
4. Rainwater discharge direct to a watercourse (unless not appropriate)
5. Rainwater attenuation above ground (including blue roofs)
6. Rainwater attenuation below ground
7. Rainwater discharge to a surface water sewer or drain
8. Rainwater discharge to a combined sewer.

In line with this hierarchy, Table 4 details the SuDS techniques that have been considered suitable together with supporting rationale.

Table 4 – SuDS Evaluation

SuDS Technique	Y/N	Comment
Green Roofs	N	Green roofs are not considered feasible. The existing roofs are pitched and no alterations are proposed at roof level.
Rainwater reuse	N	Rainwater harvesting is not considered feasible on this development. However, it is proposed to use low flow water devices to reduce water consumption.
Infiltration devices	Y	It is proposed that the permeable surfacing for the rear basement terraces infiltrates into the underlying subsoils. However, to protect the basement from the risk of flooding, a high level overflow is proposed.
Permeable surfaces	Y	Permeable surfacing is proposed for the rear terraces at basement level.
Basins and ponds	N	The spatial configuration of the development prohibits the use of basins and ponds.
Filter strips and swales	N	The spatial configuration of the development prohibits the use of filter strips and swales.
Filter drains	N	The spatial configuration and the topography of the development prohibits the use of filter drains.
Tanked systems	N	The spatial configuration of the development prohibits the use of tanked systems.

Drawing numbered 2180456 EWP 00 B2 SK C 0800 presented in **Appendix C** illustrates the proposed Surface Water Drainage Strategy – Basement Level.

Due to the nature of the redevelopment works and various site constraints the only feasible SuDS options are to incorporate permeable paving in the rear terrace area at Basement level.

# Eight

## Maintenance Requirements

All SuDS will be maintained by the property owner for the lifetime of the development in accordance with the SUDS Manual as summarised below.

Permeable Surfaces

Maintenance	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Brushing and vacuuming (standard cosmetic sweep over whole surface)	Once a year, after autumn leaf fall, or reduced frequency as required, based on site-specific observations of clogging or manufacturer's recommendations – pay particular attention to areas where water runs onto pervious surface from adjacent impermeable areas as this area is most likely to collect the most sediment
Occasional maintenance	Stabilise and mow contributing and adjacent areas	As required
	Removal of weeds or management using glyphosate applied directly into the weeds by an applicator rather than spraying	As required – once per year on less frequently used pavements
Remedial Actions	Remediate any landscaping which, through vegetation maintenance or soil slip, has been raised to within 50 mm of the level of the paving	As required
	Remedial work to any depressions, rutting and cracked or broken blocks considered detrimental to the structural performance or a hazard to users, and replace lost jointing material	As required

	Rehabilitation of surface and upper substructure by remedial sweeping	Every 10 to 15 years or as required (if infiltration performance is reduced due to significant clogging)
Monitoring	Initial inspection	Monthly for three months after installation
	Inspect for evidence of poor operation and/or weed growth – if required, take remedial action	Three-monthly, 48 h after large storms in first six months
	Inspect silt accumulation rates and establish appropriate brushing frequencies	Annually
	Monitor inspection chambers	Annually

### 8.1 Drainage pipes, manholes & silt traps

Inspect manholes & silt traps for build-up of silt and general debris (minimum of 6 monthly or to suit site requirements). If silt/debris is building up then clean with jetting lorry / gully sucker and inspect pipe – repeat cleaning if required.

NOTE: Manhole covers can be heavy and suitable lifting equipment / procedures should be used. Where possible, personnel should not enter manholes to carry out maintenance.





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## **Appendices**

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A Topographical Survey



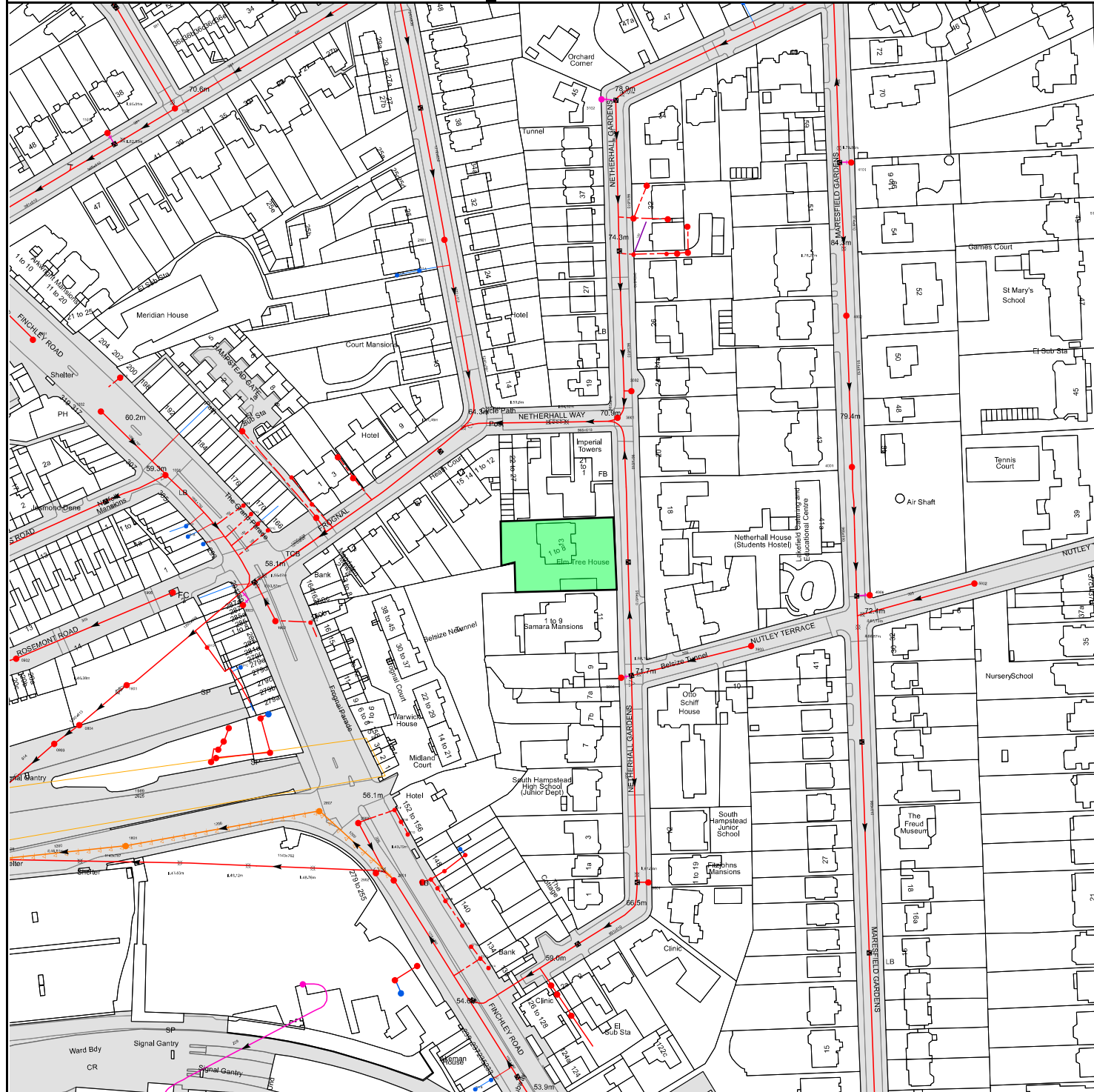




**B** Thames Water Records



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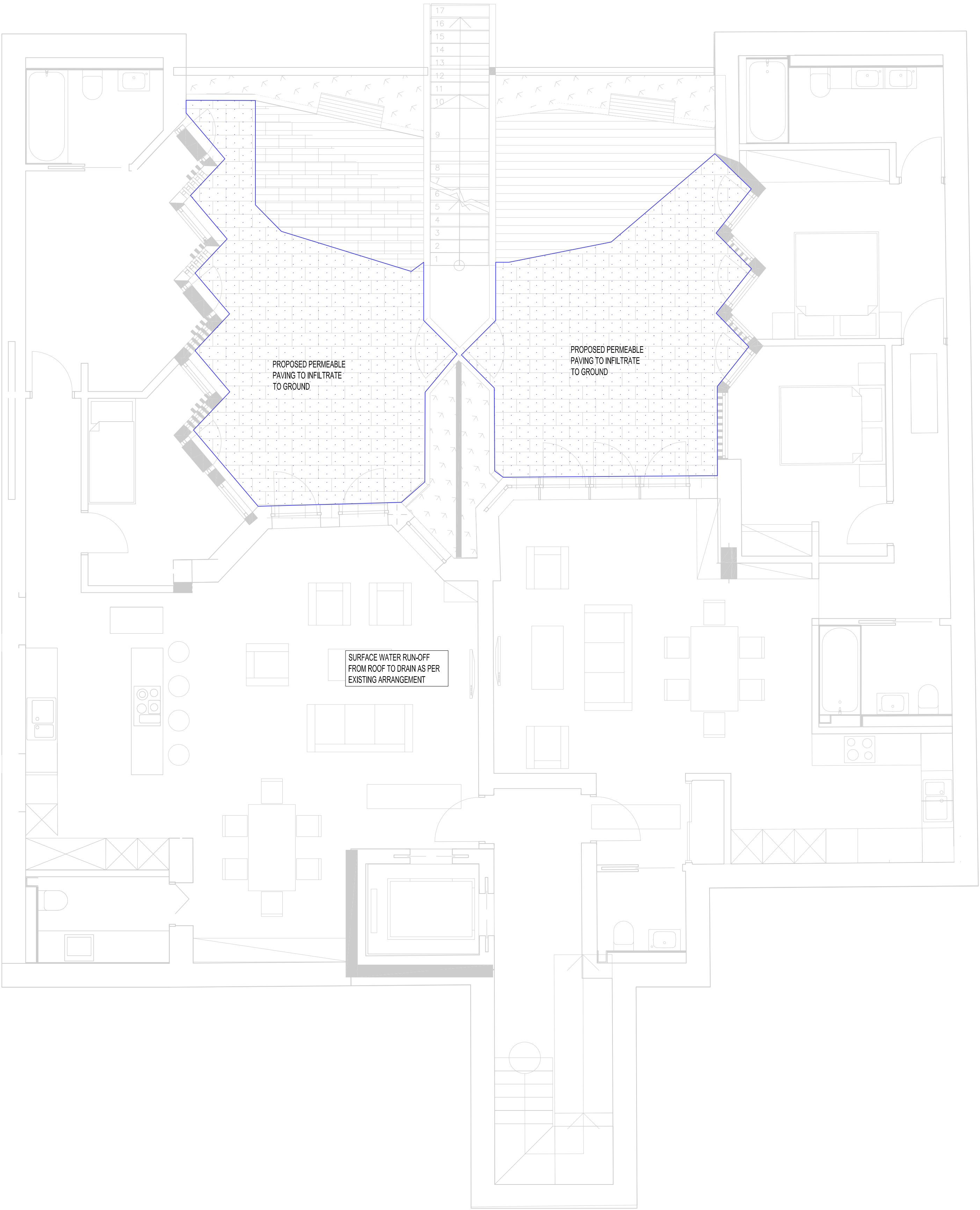
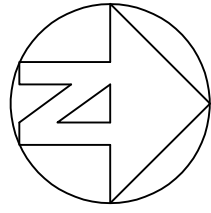


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C Drainage Drawing



This drawing is to be read in conjunction with all relevant architects, engineers and specialists drawings and specifications.

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LEGEND	
	FOUL WATER MANHOLE
	SURFACE WATER MANHOLE
	PROPOSED FOUL WATER
	PROPOSED SURFACE WATER
	PROPOSED FOUL WATER PACKAGED PUMPING STATION
	PROPOSED FOUL WATER RISING MAIN
	PROPOSED THRESHOLD DRAIN WITH BRICK SLOT UPSTAND
	FOUL DROP POINT
	SVP SOIL VENT PIPE
	RWP RAIN WATER PIPE
	PROPOSED PERMEABLE PAVING

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