

F Flood Risk Assessment






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**12 Pilgrim's Lane, Camden,  
NW3 1SN**

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# One

## Executive Summary

The proposed development is located at 12 Pilgrim's Lane, NW3 1SN in the London Borough of Camden.

Flood zone information published by GOV.uk shows that the development is located within Flood Zone 1, and is therefore at very low risk of fluvial flooding. However, it is located in a critical drainage area.

A review of all other potential sources of flooding has found the site to be at low risk, providing a suitable drainage scheme is in place.

This report demonstrates that the proposed development has a low probability of flooding. It is considered that the information provided within this report satisfies the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework, London Plan and local policy.

# Two

## Introduction

Elliott Wood Partnership Ltd have been appointed to produce a Flood Risk Assessment in support of the proposed redevelopment of 12 Pilgrim's Lane.

The Site is located within the London Borough of Camden (LBC) who are also the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).

This FRA will assess the risk of flooding to the site and review the impact the proposed development will have with regards to flood risk to surrounding properties. This is in line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The Flood Risk Mechanisms being considered as part of this Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) are as follows:

- Rivers and Sea
- Overland Flow
- Flooding from Artificial Waterbodies
- Infrastructure Failure / Sewer Flooding
- Groundwater

# Three

## Site Context

### 3.1 Site Location

The site is located in Hampstead Town within the London Borough of Camden. The site is bounded by Pilgrim's Lane to the west and private residential developments to the north, east and south. The closest stations to the site are Hampstead Underground Station, which is approximately 575m to the west and Hampstead Heath Overground Station which is located 675m to the east. The site is located within the Hampstead Conservation Area.

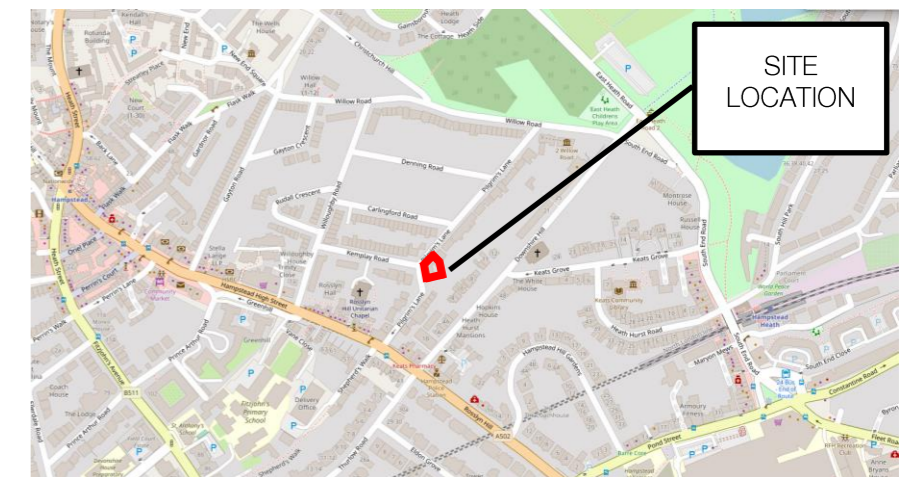


Figure 1: Site Location Plan

The site centred OS grid reference is 526850E: 185679N and the total site boundary is approximately 785m<sup>2</sup> (0.0785ha).

### 3.2 Existing Development

The building is a two-storey high semi-detached residential building, oriented south to north. The site includes a garden east, west and south of the building.



Figure 2: Existing Site Plan

### 3.3 Topography

A Measured Building Survey was undertaken by target surveys in September 2021.

External levels show that the site is largely flat but with differing topographical features on the west and east sides of the building. The westside falls to the southeast towards the building, with levels starting at 99.90 mAOD and falling to 99.70 mAOD. The eastern side has a fall to the southeast away from the building, with levels starting at approximately 97.55 mAOD and falling to approximately 97.25 mAOD at the boundary of the garden.

The measured building survey can be found in **Appendix A**.

### 3.4 Proposed Development

It is proposed that the site will undergo an internal and external refurbishment with a new lower ground floor being added to the building to provide approximately 205m<sup>2</sup> additional floor area. This area will contain a pool, plant room, gym and new bedroom.



Figure 3: North Elevation of the Proposed Development

The proposed masterplan for the development can be found in full within **Appendix B**.

## Four

### Planning and Flood Risk Policy

#### 4.1 Policy Summary

The following documents have been reviewed in preparation of this flood risk assessment:

- London Borough of Camden Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2014
- London Borough of Camden Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) 2011
- The London Plan 2021
- GOV.uk flood risk maps

#### 4.2 Sequential and Exception Test

The aim of the Sequential Test is to steer new development to areas with the lowest probability of flooding. While developments in Flood Zone 1 don't typically require a site-specific flood risk assessment, the site is contained within the Critical Drainage Area (CDA) Group3\_010.

In accordance with Table 2: Flood risk vulnerability classification of the Planning Practice Guidance: Flood Risk and Coastal Change, the proposed development is classified as "more vulnerable" as it is a residential development.

In accordance with Table 3 of the Planning Practice Guidance: Flood Risk and Coastal Change, the sequential test is passed, as the exception test is **not** required for "more vulnerable" developments within Flood Zone 1.

# Five

## Flood Risk Assessment

It is important to assess the flood risk posed to the development of this Site from all sources of flooding, in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requirements.

The flood risk mechanisms being considered as part of this Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) are as follows:

- Fluvial and tidal sources;
- Surface water;
- Groundwater;
- Flooding from Artificial Waterbodies; and
- Sewer and Infrastructure Failure

### 5.1 Flooding from Fluvial and Tidal Sources

In accordance with the GOV.uk flood maps for planning, the Site is in Flood Zone 1 - land and property assessed as having less than a 0.1% (1 in 1,000) annual probability of river or sea flooding in any given year.

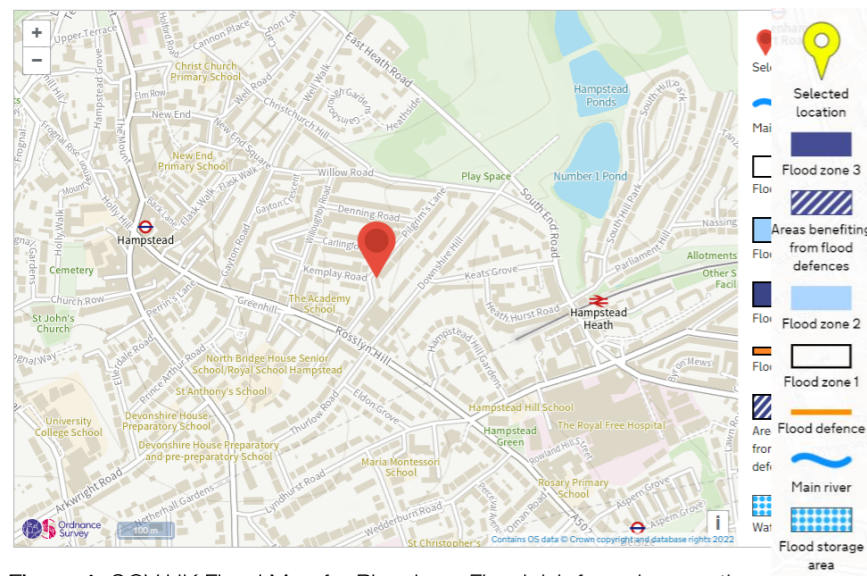


Figure 4: GOV.UK Flood Map for Planning – Flood risk from rivers or the sea  
Therefore, the risk of the development flooding from rivers and sea is **very low**.

### 5.1.1 Critical Drainage Area

A critical drainage area is defined by the London borough of Camden's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment as "A discrete geographic area (usually a hydrological catchment) where multiple and interlinked sources of flood risk (surface water, groundwater, sewer, main river and/or tidal) cause flooding in one or more Local Flood Risk Zones during severe weather thereby affecting people, property or local infrastructure."

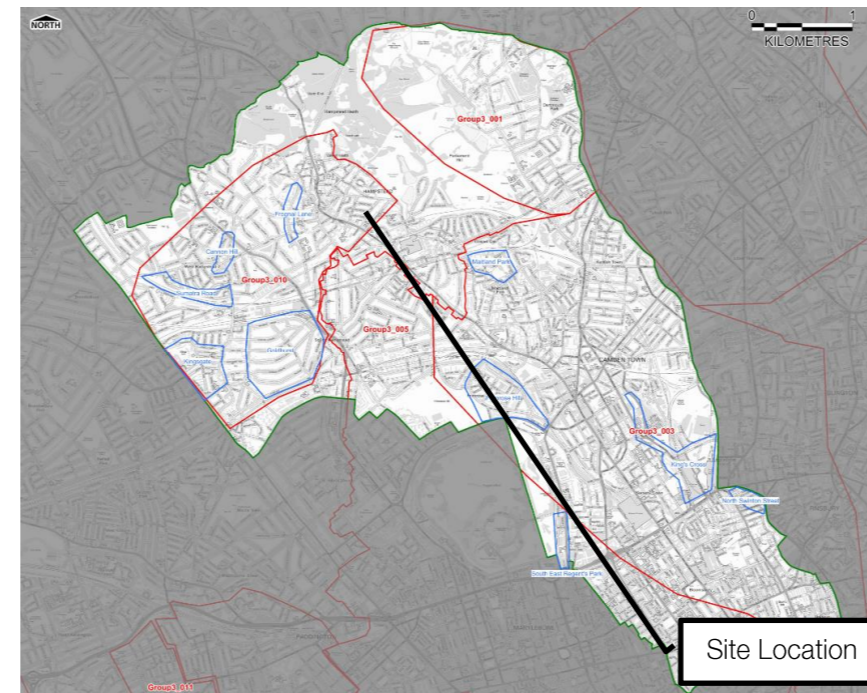


Figure 5: London Borough of Camden SFRA – Critical Drainage Area  
The site resides within the catchment of critical drainage area Group3\_010.

### 5.2 Flooding from Surface Water

Surface water flooding occurs when intense rainfall is unable to soak into the ground or enter drainage systems, because of blockages, or breakages in water pipes or where the drainage capacity has been exceeded. The extent of surface water flooding will depend upon the rainfall event, the degree of saturation of the soil, the permeability of soils and the topography of the site.

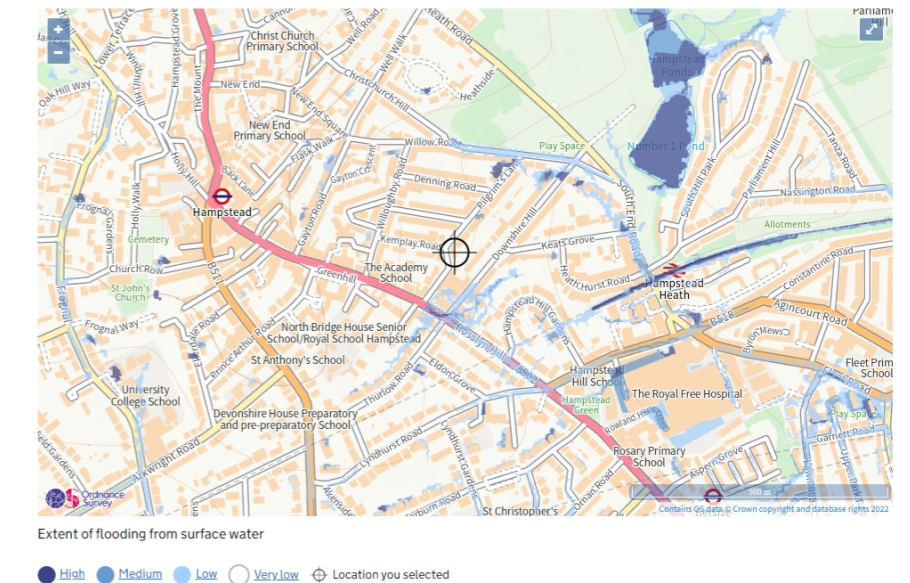


Figure 6: GOV.UK Flood Map for Planning – Flood risk from surface water  
A review of the GOV.uk flood risk from surface water map indicates that the site is at 'very low' risk of surface water flooding.

Levels on site will be designed to route surface water away from building edges and thresholds. This will increase the buildings resilience to flooding from overland flow.

After review of the relevant information, the risk of flooding from overland surface water flow is considered to be **very low**.

### 5.3 Flooding from Groundwater

Groundwater flooding can occur following an extended prolonged period of low intensity rainfall. The future risk from this source is more uncertain than surface water as the climate change predictions indicate that although sea levels will rise, thus possibly raising groundwater levels, overall summer rainfall will decrease, therefore having a long-term effect of lowering the groundwater levels. However, long periods of wet weather are predicted to increase, and these are the type of weather patterns that can cause groundwater flooding to occur.

A review of the BGS maps show the site straddles the boundary between an area of Claygate member and an area of London Clay member with no superficial deposits recorded. There are a number of historical boreholes near the site. The boreholes indicate layers of made ground over London clay which is over Thanet sand and chalk.

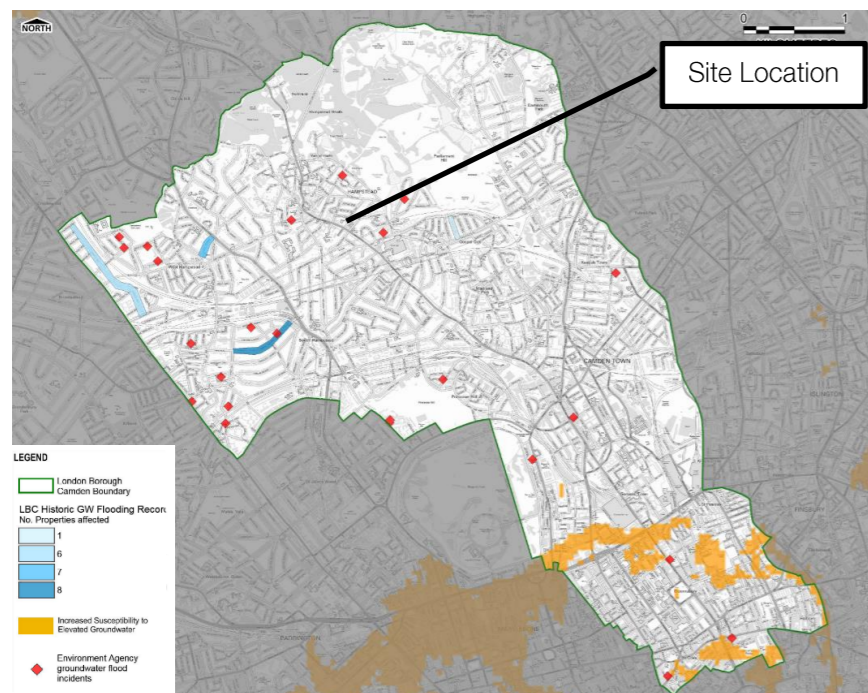


Figure 7: London Borough of Camden SFRA – Increased Potential for Elevated Groundwater

As can be seen in Figure 7, the site is located outside of an area of increased potential for elevated groundwater and therefore is not at an elevated risk of groundwater flooding.

The risk of flooding from groundwater is therefore considered to be **low**.

### 5.4 Flooding from Artificial Water Bodies

Review of the GOV.uk flood risk from reservoirs map indicates that the site is not located within a reservoir Flood Risk Zone (an area expected to flood if a local reservoir were to fail or be breached).



Figure 8: GOV.UK Flood Map for Planning – Flood risk from reservoirs

Following review of the relevant information, the risk of flooding from artificial water bodies is considered to be **low**.

### 5.5 Flooding from Infrastructure / Sewer Failure

Public sewer records have been obtained from Thames Water. The records show a 940x635mm diameter combined sewer located under Pilgrim's Lane headed northwards. Another 305mm diameter combined sewer is located under Pilgrim's Lane that travels south.

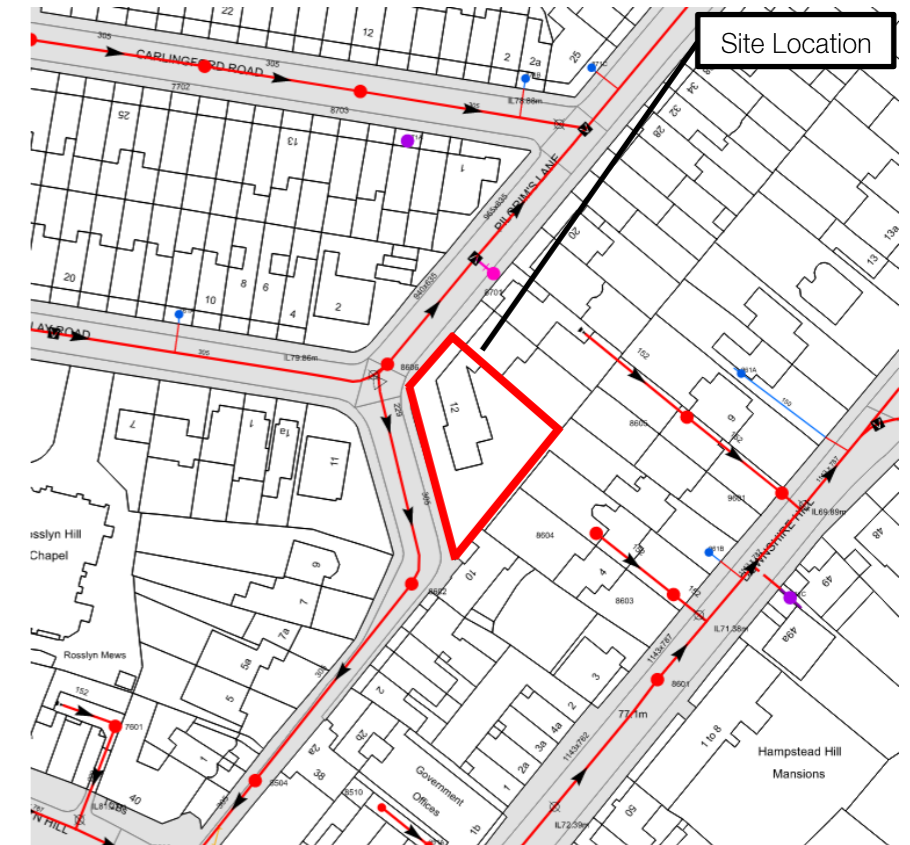


Figure 9: Thames Water – Sewer Records

Thames Water are responsible for operating and maintaining their sewer infrastructure, therefore the likelihood of surcharge due to blockages is expected to be low.

According to Camden's internal sewer flooding and external sewer flooding maps there have been 4 and 1 incidents respectively of recorded flooding from sewers in the postcode area of NW3 1.

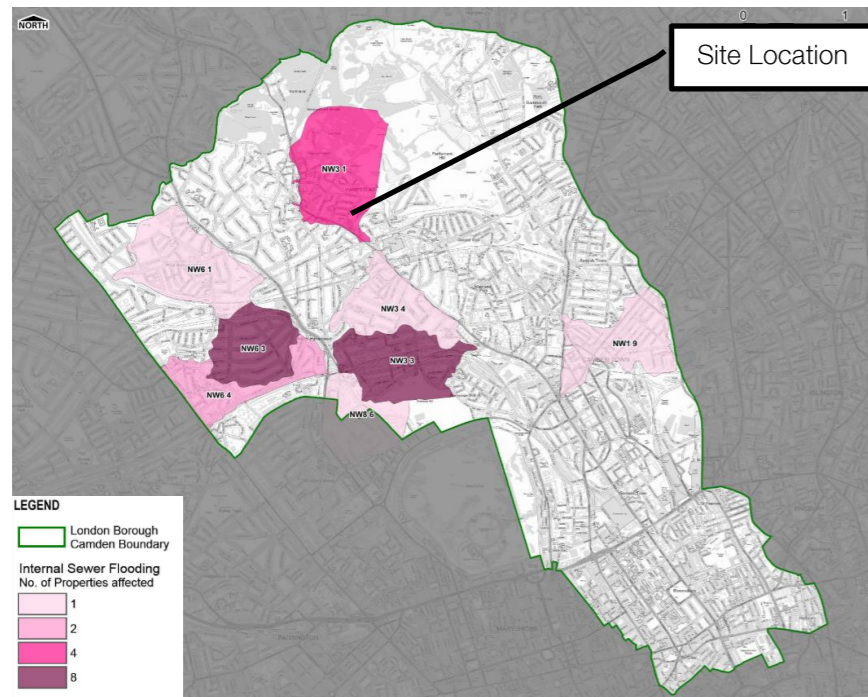


Figure 10: London Borough of Camden SFRA – Internal Sewer Flooding

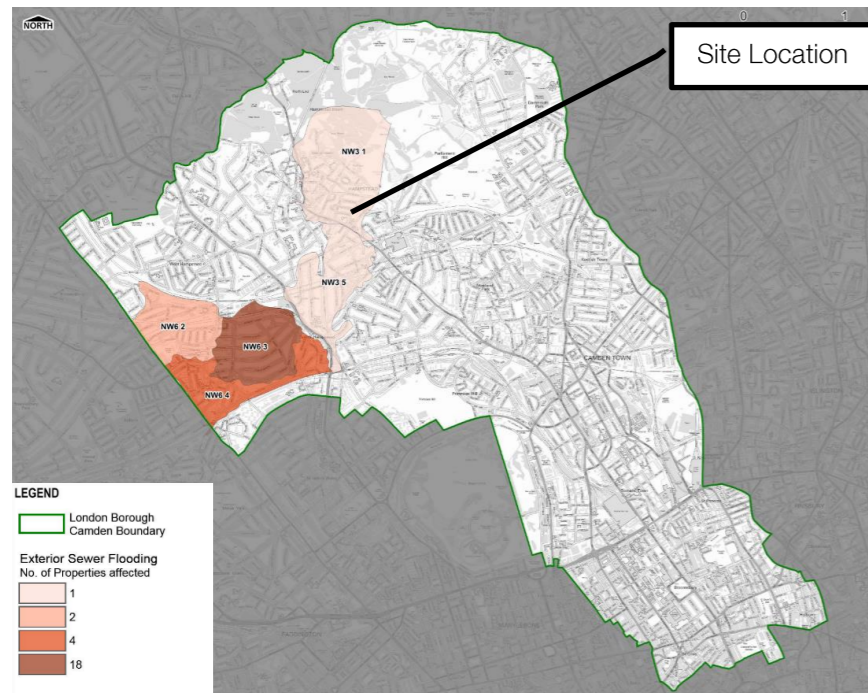


Figure 11: London Borough of Camden SFRA – External Sewer Flooding

As a result, the risk of flooding from infrastructure and sewer failure is considered to be **low**.

## Six

### Conclusion

A review of all potential sources of flooding has found the site be at low risk of flooding. The new proposed drainage network should ensure that the building remains safe from flooding in the event of a localised drainage failure. In addition, levels across the site should ensure that surface water is directed away from building thresholds.

Refer to **Appendix C** for the London Borough of Camden Flood Risk proforma





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Sub-Appendices

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A Sub-Appendix  
Topographical Survey

Omitted to avoid duplication

**B** Sub-Appendix  
Proposed Development Drawings

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C Sub-Appendix  
London Borough of Camden Flood Risk Pro-Forma



**Flood Risk Assessment, Proposals & Evidence**

Recommendation (Council to complete)	Assessments	Required?	Document submitted?	Document title	Page/ section reference
	Site-specific Flood Risk Assessment	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 4
	Drainage Statement	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes		
	SuDS Proposals tab completed	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	
	SuDS Proposals	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	
	SuDS Proposals tab completed	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes		
Recommendation (Council to complete)	Policy compliance	Required?	Requirement met?	Document title	Page/ section reference
	Assessments address local, regional & national policies	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 4
	include suitable research & quantification of site flood risk	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
	address cumulative impact of development	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
	propose suitable flood ingress internal coping measures	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
	propose suitable flood risk mitigation measures	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
	Internal water consumption target 105 l/p/d (residential)	Yes	Residential (TBC by M&E)		
	External water consumption target 5 l/p/d (residential)	Yes	Residential (TBC by M&E)		
	BREEAM Excellent water consumption target (non-resi >500m2)	No	Residential (TBC by M&E)		
	Will not locate vulnerable development in flood-prone area	Yes	No	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
	Scheme does not increase flood risk on & off site	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
	Scheme reduces on&off-site flood risk where possible	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Section 5
Recommendation (Council to complete)	Evidence supporting Assessments & Proposals	Required?	Evidence submitted?	Document title	Page/ section reference
	Drawings showing site-specific flood risk up to 100yr+40%	CHECK SITE DETAILS	No		
	Drawings showing proposed internal coping measures	CHECK SITE DETAILS	No		
	Drawings showing proposed flood mitigation measures	CHECK SITE DETAILS	No		
	Drawings showing proposed basement/ground floor uses	CHECK SITE DETAILS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0001	Appendix B
	Building flood risk emergency evacuation plan	CHECK SITE DETAILS	No		
	Drawings showing on&off-site overland exceedance flows	CHECK SITE DETAILS	No		
	Internal water calculations & proposals (resi)	Yes	No		
	External water calculations & proposals (resi)	Yes	No		
	BREEAM water calculations & proposals (non-resi >500m2)	No	No		

**Guidelines / notes**

Policy CC3 c. consider the impact of development in areas at risk of flooding (including drainage) & d. incorporate flood resilient measures in areas prone to flooding; Where an assessment of flood risk is required, developments should consider surface water flooding in detail and groundwater flooding where applicable

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Policy CC3 b. avoid harm to the water environment and improve water quality & e. utilise Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in line with the drainage hierarchy to achieve a greenfield run-off rate where feasible

Including Local Plan CC3, CPG, new London Plan, National Planning Policy Framework including Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Update LFRZ Map & EA Mapping

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Policy CC3 a. incorporate water efficiency measures

Policy CC3 a. incorporate water efficiency measures

Policy CC3 a. incorporate water efficiency measures

Policy CC3 f. not locate vulnerable development in flood-prone areas.

Policy CC3 The Council will seek to ensure that development does not increase flood risk

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allowing 300mm freeboard to potential water ingress points

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## Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) Assessment, Evidence and Proposals

Recommendation (Council to complete)	Assessments	Document submitted?	Document title	Page/ section reference	Guidelines / notes
	Drainage Statement (DS)	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002		Policy CC3 c. consider the impact of development in areas at risk of flooding (including drainage);
	GLA-Camden SuDS Pro-forma (fully completed)	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Appendix G	Download from <a href="http://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/surface-">www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/surface-</a>
Recommendation (Council to complete)	Policy compliance	Requirement met?	Document title	Page/ section reference	Guidelines / notes
	DS must include identification of flood risk	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 1	Policy CC3 e. utilise Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in line with the drainage hierarchy to achieve a greenfield run-off rate where feasible & Policy CC3 supporting text §8.67
	DS must include assessment of existing, greenfield & proposed runoff rates	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 5 & 7	
	DS must include identification of measures, in line with the drainage hierarchy, to reduce runoff rates	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	
	Achieve greenfield runoff rates wherever feasible, or as close as possible	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	Policy CC3 e. utilise Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in line with the drainage hierarchy to achieve a greenfield run-off rate where feasible & Policy CC3 supporting text §8.66
	Constrain runoff volumes to greenfield for 100yr 6hr event where feasible	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	
	Backstop target for unaltered buildings: >50% reduction in existing run-off	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	
	Developments must include SuDS unless inappropriate	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	Policy CC3 e. utilise Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in line with the drainage hierarchy to achieve a greenfield run-off rate where feasible & Policy CC3 supporting text §8.68
	Development should follow the detailed London Plan drainage hierarchy	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	
	EA climate change factor applied: 2080s upper rainfall intensity allowance (40%)	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	
Recommendation (Council to complete)	Evidence supporting Assessments & Proposals	Evidence submitted?	Document title	Page/ section reference	Guidelines / notes
	Drawings detailing SuDS extent & position (incl. outfalls, control points, levels)	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Appendix H	
	Blue-green roof details with area & minimum 150mm substrate for storage	n/a			
	Results of cross-site infiltration rate or similar tests to show soil (in)compatibility	n/a			
	Professional run-off calculations supporting rates & volumes reported in DS	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Appendix F	
	Drawings showing on&off-site overland exceedance flows	No			
	Evidence of site surveys and investigations relating to drainage	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Appendix A & C	
	Lifetime maintenance and adoption arrangements (and maintenance owner)	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 8	
	Management of health & safety risks related to SuDS design	Yes	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	
	Confirmation of discharge capacity (or correspondence) from relevant body eg TW	Requested	2210419-EWP-ZZ-XX-RP-C-0002	Section 7	