APPENDIX 11 - FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT



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For the avoidance of doubt, the parties confirm that these conditions of engagement shall not and the parties do not intend that these conditions of engagement shall confer on any party any rights to enforce any term of this Agreement pursuant of the Contracts (Rights of third Parties) Act 1999.

The Appointment of Alan Wood & Partners shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws

of England & Wales and each party submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England & Wales.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Alan Wood & Partners were commissioned to carry out a flood risk assessment for the proposed construction of an appraisal well at Ebberston Moor, Scarborough. A well site is proposed to allow Viking UK Gas Limited to appraise a subsurface target for gas.
- 1.2 The flood risk assessment has been prepared resulting from the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework which ensures that flood risk assessments are carried out for new developments on flood plains of rivers, or subject to coastal flooding, as well as for developments which are in excess of one hectare in area.

2.0 THE SITE AS EXISTING

- 2.1 The proposed site is located within the dense woodland of Wykeham forest, Scarborough. The area surrounding the site is also dense woodland, with the nearest Hamlet/village being Wrench Green, approximately 1500m to the north east. The nearest property to the site is Coomb Slack Farm, approximately 750m to the north east of the site.
- 2.2 The proposed site is an area of dense woodland, of approximately 1.7ha in size, located 250m to the south west of the junction of Lang Gate and Great Moor Road.
- 2.3 The site will be accessed via an existing stoned track, which runs from the junction with Lang gate and Great Moor Road.
- 2.4 A site plan is included in Appendix A, which identifies the location of the proposed site.
- 2.5 A topographical survey of the site is attached within Appendix B, this shows the levels of the existing site to vary from 200.76mAOD to 197.35mAOD, with the site sloping downwards to the south eastern corner.
- 2.8 The grid reference for the approximate centre of the site is: 495390,488992.



3.0 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

3.1 The proposed site is being established to appraise for subsurface gas. The site is being established as follows:

The proposed development consists of four phases; site construction, drilling, extended well test and restoration.

The site will be cleared of vegetation and topsoils and subsoils removed to create a level working area. Soils will be stored in earth bunds throughout the duration of the operations. An HDPE impermeable membrane will be laid across the entire site area, including the perimeter ditches. The ditch will remain open on two sides and piped on the other two with twin walled perforated 300mm plastic pipe. MOT type 1 stone will then be laid across the site. Within the centre of the site, two 2.4m ID concrete cellars will be constructed and sealed with tokstrip. The impermeable membrane is integrated into the cellar. On completion of construction the cellar is integrity tested with a leak off test. Any surface water captured onsite will be captured onsite and removed by a licenced waste carrier to an appropriate waste facility.

- 3.2 A plan of the proposed development is attached to appendix C.
- 3.3 The existing access route will be improved an MOT type 1 stone laid from the access point into the site. This is a permeable stone covering which does not generate any additional rainwater runoff.

4.0 POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FLOODING

- 4.1 All the area of the proposed site is located within flood zone 1, having less than a 1 in 1000 annual probability of flooding from river or sea. The main threat to this development will be surface water flooding from the site itself and adjacent areas.
- 4.2 By reference to the flood map provided on the Environment Agency web site, it can be seen that the nearest water course is the River Derwent, located 1500m to the east of site.



5.0 SEQUENTIAL TEST AND EXCEPTION TEST

- 5.1 Under the requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework, the local authority are required to apply a risk-based sequential test to new developments in order to direct them towards areas which are at the lowest probability of flooding.
- 5.2 The entire area of the proposed development lies within flood zone 1, having less than a 1 in 1000 annual probability of flooding from river or sea.
- 5.3 From table 2 of NPPF, the use of land for construction of a gas appraisal drilling well falls under the less vulnerable category.
- 5.4 Table 3 of NPPF shows that the proposed development of a less vulnerable site within an area of land designated as flood zone 1 is appropriate.
- 5.5 A site plan showing the location of flood zones in relation to the proposed development is attached in appendix D

6.0 DRAINAGE IMPACT

6.1 The runoff from the site is to be captured within the HDPE impermeable membrane which falls into the perimeter ditch and removed by a licenced waste carrier to a suitably approved waste disposal facility. This is considered to be the most appropriate and safe way to ensure that no contaminated water escapes into the water course/water table, contaminating the surrounding area. The well will typically be drilled with water based drilling fluids, further reducing the risk of contamination.

In accordance with the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations 2001, any oils will be stored in bunds onsite. As a result, the risk of contamination is reduced.

6.2 Any foul drainage generated on site will be stored within tanks and disposed of off site, via vehicle mounted tanker.



- 6.3 The drainage ditch to the perimeter of the site has been designed to accommodate a 1 in 1 year storm, due to the short term nature of the site. It is intended to monitor the water levels within the ditch on a daily basis and arrange removal of water as necessary.
- 6.4 Attached in appendix E is a typical section through the proposed drainage ditch.

7.0 FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The entire site is located within an area designated as flood zone 1, having an annual probability of flooding of less than 1 in 1000.
- 7.2 A copy of the flood map taken from the Environment Agency web site is appended to this report which indicates that the site is located within flood zone 1.
- 7.3 Due to the location of the site within dense woodland, remote from areas of urban development, and the altitude of the site, (in excess of 195mAOD) we do not consider there to be a significant risk of flooding from rivers or sea.
- 7.4 The risk of flooding to the site and adjacent land, as a result of rainwater runoff from the site, is managed by the excavation of the ditch to the perimeter of the site. This method of attenuation will ensure that all rainwater on the site will be captured and then removed by vehicle to a suitable registered waste facility.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 8.1 From the above assessment, it can be seen that the site is at low risk from flooding, with all areas of the development being located within flood zone 1.
- 8.2 Safe access to, or egress from the site, should still be achievable during a flood situation due to the elevated location of the site area and the permeable nature of the woodland surrounding the site.
- 8.3 Any generator or essential infrastructure should be located a minimum of 600mm above the existing ground level to provide additional protection in the event of flooding.



8.4 The surface water from the site should be attenuated in the perimeter drainage ditch. The capacity of this ditch is to be such that a 1 in 30 year storm can be attenuated within the ditch. Approximate ditch dimensions are as shown on the attached sketch within appendix E of this document.

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

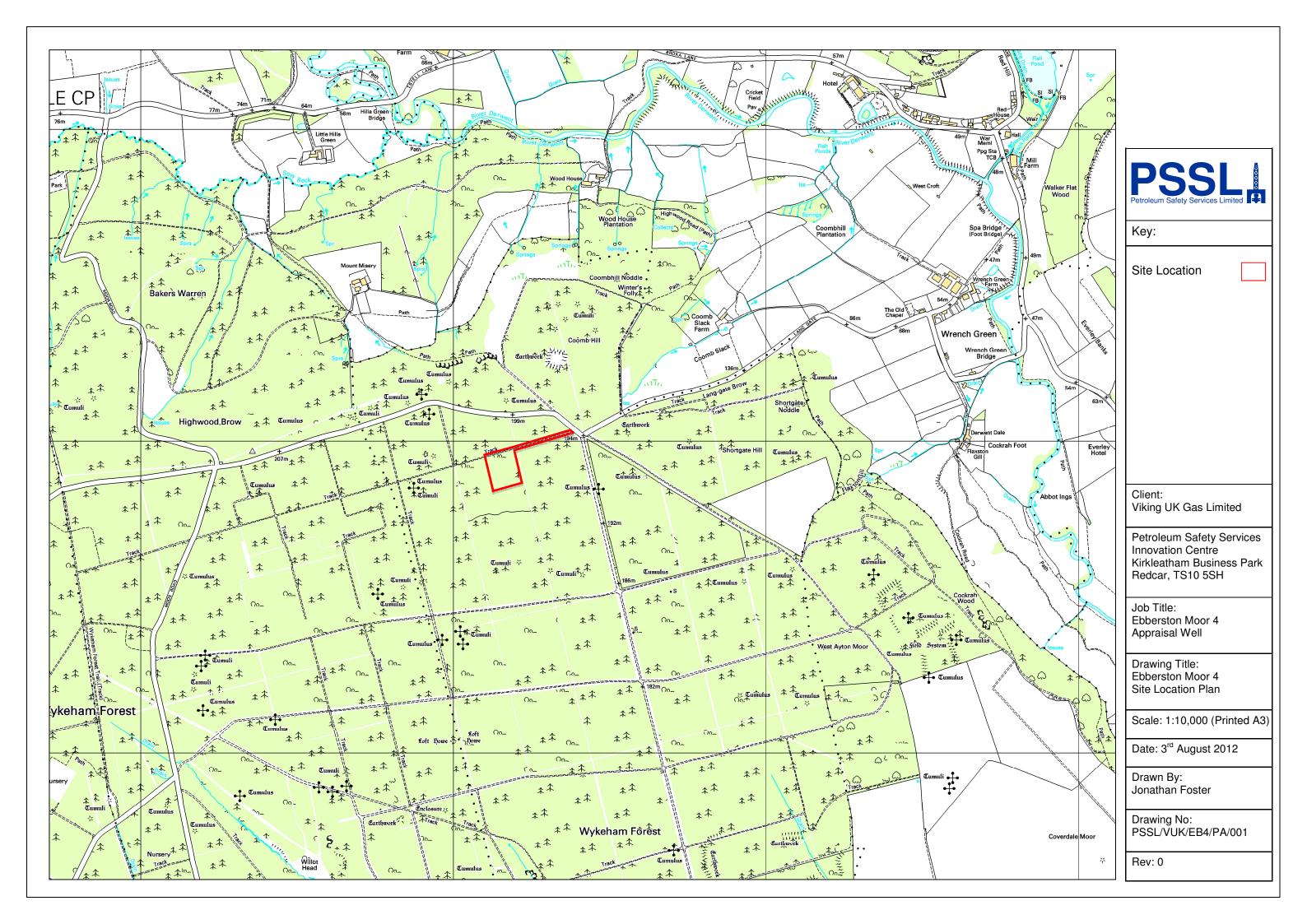
9.1 Providing the above measures are incorporated within the construction, we consider that issues of flooding to the development have been adequately addressed.

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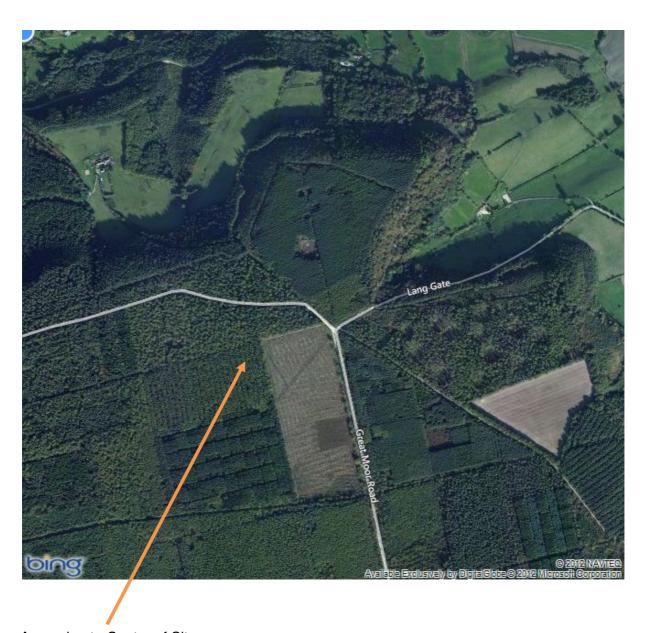


APPENDIX A

Site Location Plan and Aerial Photograph



AERIAL VIEW OF SITE

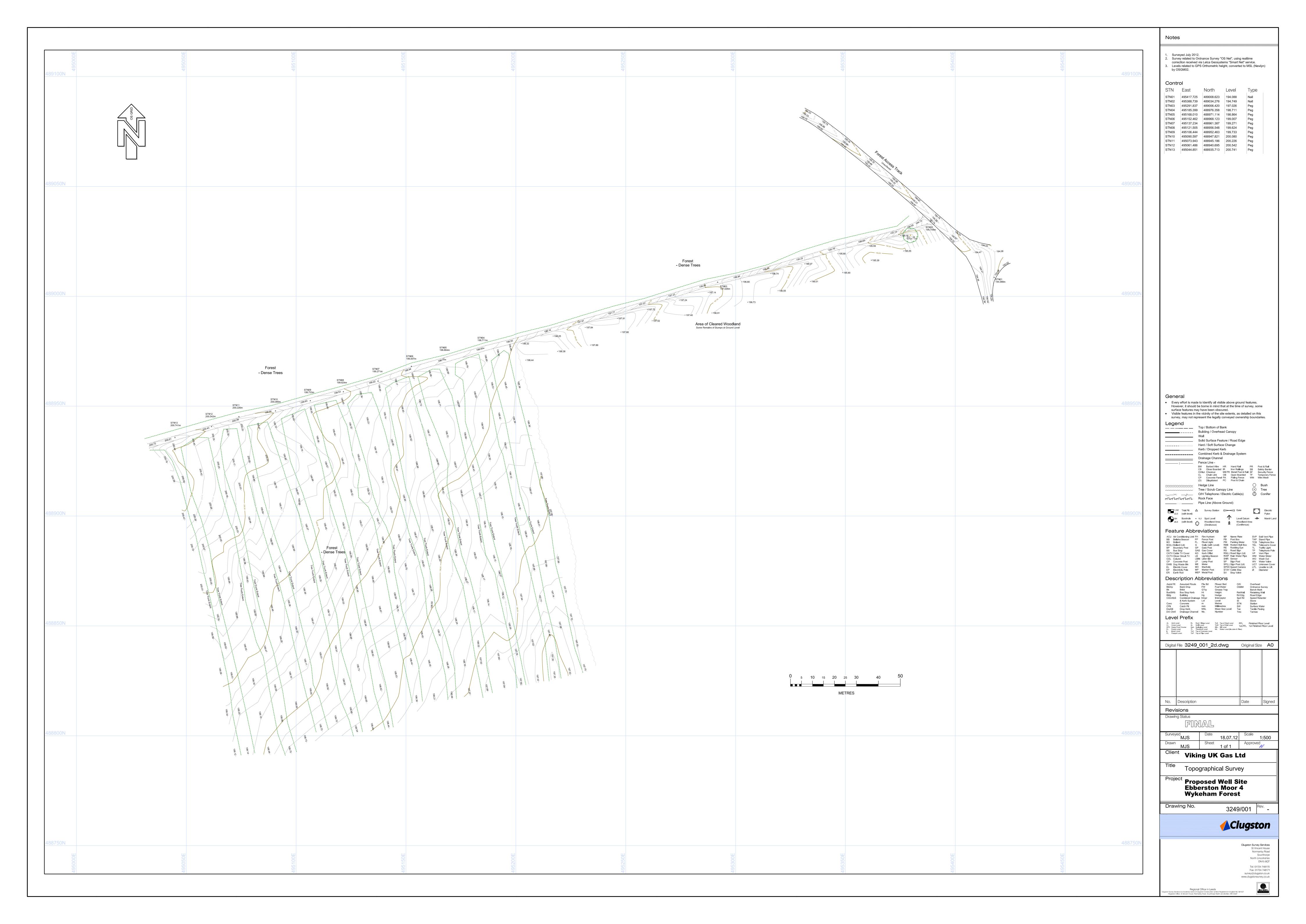


Approximate Centre of Site



APPENDIX B

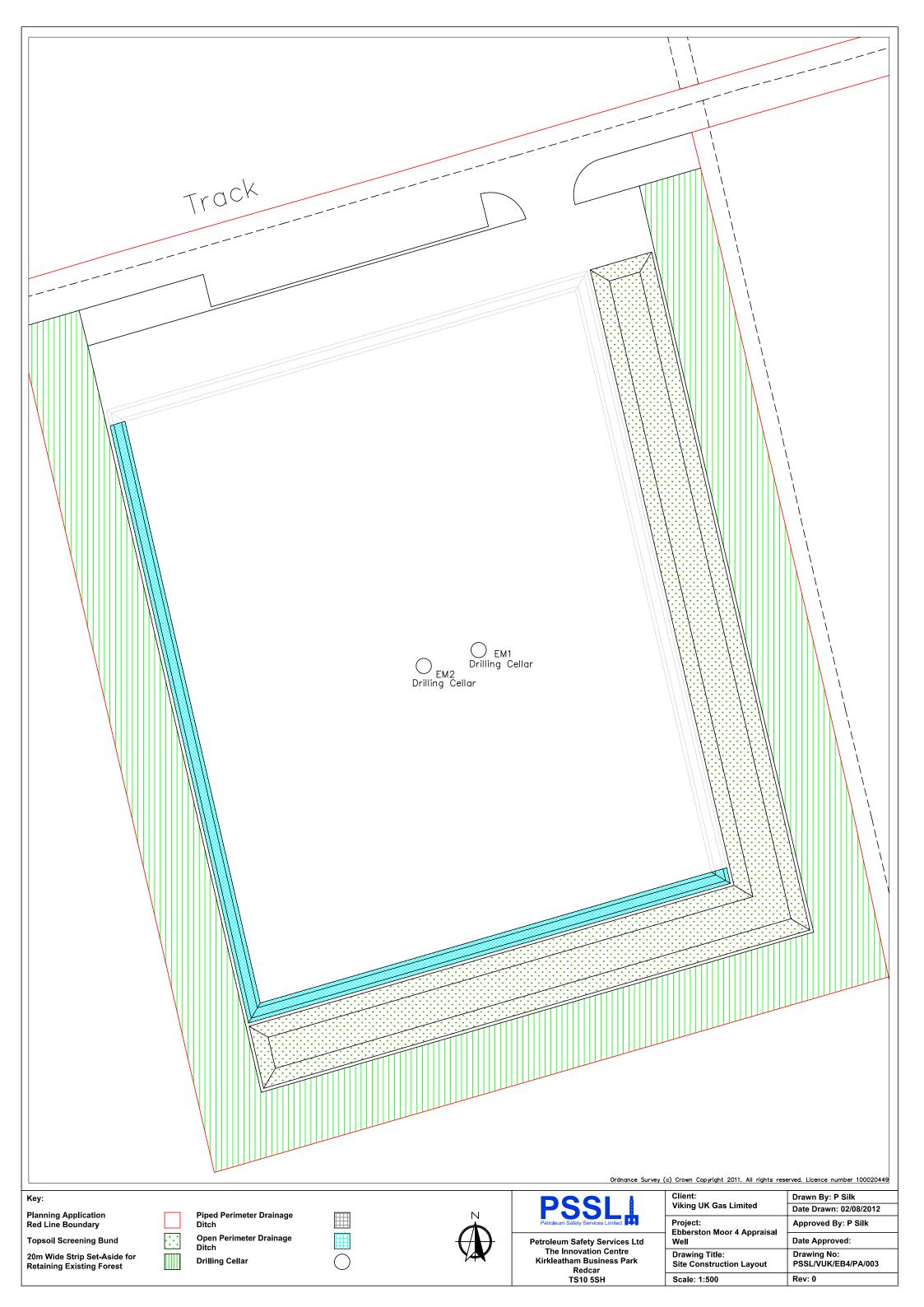
Topographic Survey





APPENDIX C

Proposed Development Plan

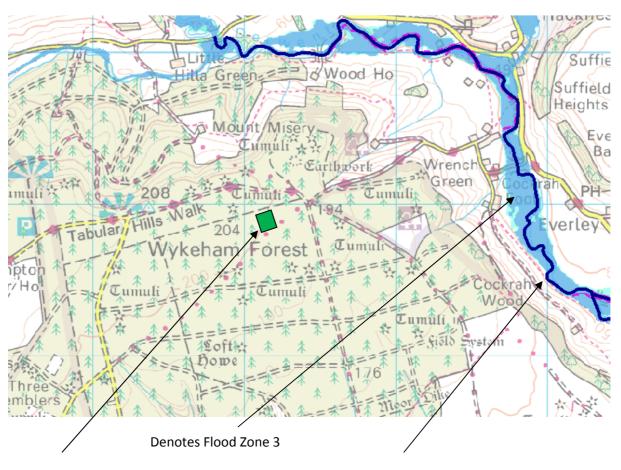




APPENDIX D

Environment Agency Flood Map

FLOOD MAP TAKEN FROM ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WEB SITE.

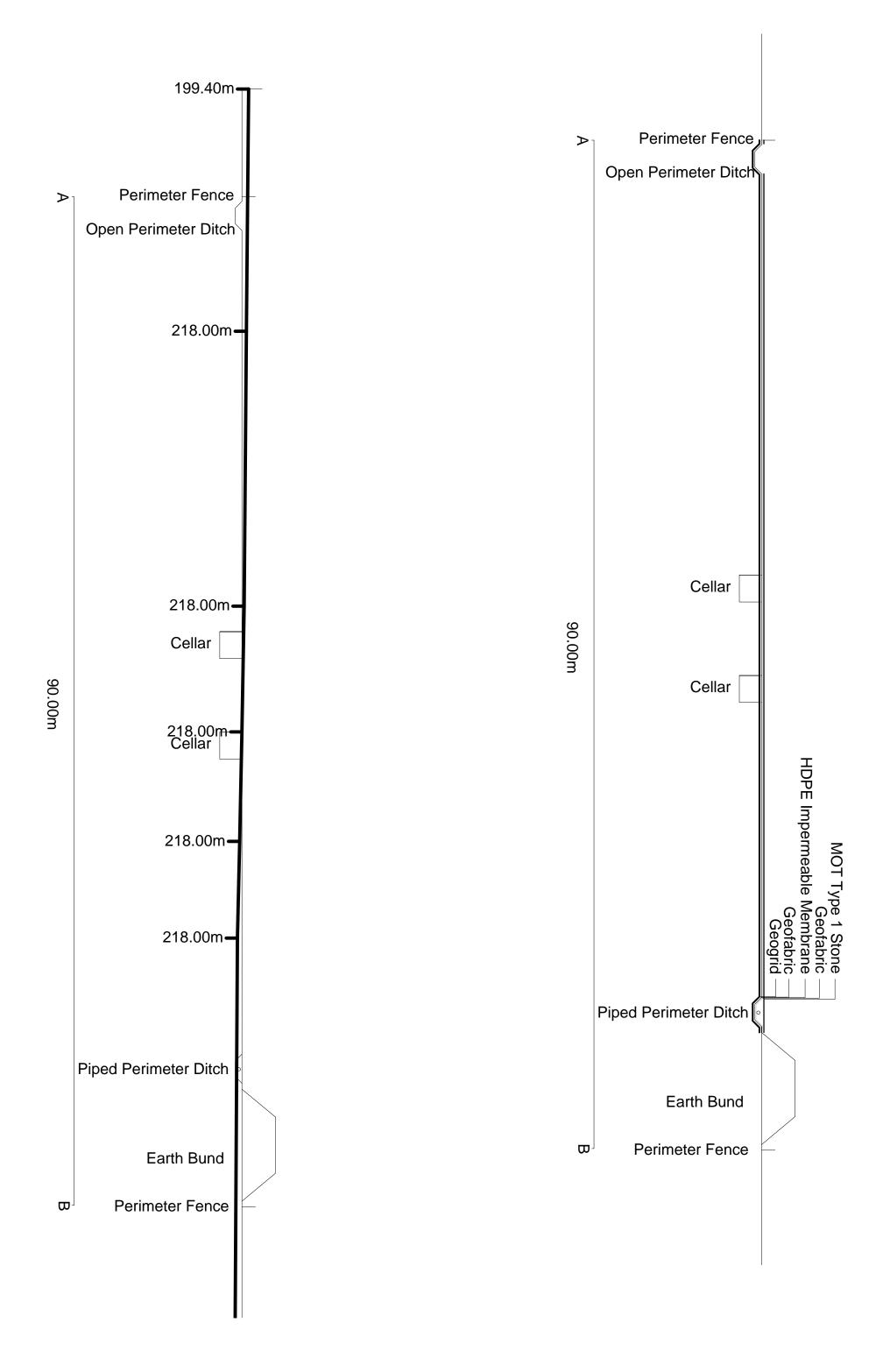


Approx Site location River Derwent



APPENDIX E

Proposed Section Through Perimeter Drainage Ditch





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