## **Howarth Timber & Building Supplies (Chester)**

# Proposed Commercial Re-Development Chester Road Bretton Chester

# Flood Risk Assessment Prepared by EWE Associates Ltd Draft Rev0 October 2019



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#### **CLIENT DETAILS**

Howarth Timber & Building Supplies (Chester)	
Broughton Works	
Chester Road	
Bretton	
Chester CH4 0DH	

## **CONTRACT**

This report describes work commissioned by Howarth Timber & Building Supplies (Chester) following written instruction during September 2019. Howarth Timber & Building Supplies (Chester) representative for the contract was Mr Philip Shaw of Pilgrim Associates Ltd. Lea Favill of EWE Associates Ltd carried out the work.

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## **REVISION HISTORY**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The total site area affected by this development has been estimated at approximately 6654m² (0.665 ha). The site is currently a commercial development which includes several buildings and yard area. The existing impermeable area within the site has been estimated at 3790m². the remainder of the site is generally compacted stone. The existing site is shown below in the aerial photograph.

The ground levels within the site vary from 6.10mOD and 7.00mOD. It is proposed that the roofed and paved areas within the site is directed to the existing 100mm diameter sewer within the site. The discharge into the sewer will be restricted to 5.72l/s. The impermeable area has been calculated at 6151m² (0.615 hectares). This area will be 100% roofed and paved.

The River Dee is located 2200m to the north east of the site and the local watercourse is located 350m to the north east. The site is located within a very low risk area based on the Environment Agency flood maps for the area.

It is therefore recommended that the internal ground floor of the new building is raised to a level at least 150mm above the adjacent external ground level.

The site is located within a very low risk area based on the Environment Agency flood maps for the area.

It is considered that safe access and egress will be available at all times onto the adjacent Chester Road even during extreme flood events.

It is concluded that the site is located within a very low risk area. The proposed development is simply a re-development of the existing commercial use to make better use of the available space within the site. It is considered that recommended mitigation measures will reduce the risk of flooding to an acceptable level.

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Terms of Reference

This report was commissioned by Howarth Timber & Building Supplies (Chester) to support a planning application for the re-development of an existing commercial development. The site is located within the existing Howarth Timber Site off Chester Road in Bretton. The location of the site is shown on Table 2-1.

The development site lies within Zone C of the Environment Agency Flood Map (version 2.8.2). The site is within Flood Zone C, being the zone with risk of 1 in 100 year (1% Annual Exceedance Probability) or greater for river flooding and 1 in 200 year (0.5% AEP) or greater for tidal/coastal flooding. The development site is within an existing developed area and is less than 1 hectare.

It is usual for the Environment Agency to raise an objection to development applications that are within Flood Zones B or C, or those sites which are in excess of 1 hectare, until the question of flood risk has been properly evaluated.

#### 1.2 Approach to the Assessment

As there are three sources of flood risk – the River Dee, Local watercourses and surface water runoff – it is necessary to determine flood water levels at the site for the desired return periods emanating from the three sources. Consideration has also been given to the site flooding from either overland flow or ponding of localised rainfall within the site.

The River Dee is classified by the Environment Agency as Main River. The Environment Agency flood maps shows that the site is located on the edge of the very low risk zone.

There is a local watercourse approximately 350m to the north east of the site. The local watercourse is the responsibility of the riparian owners. There are no estimated or historical flood levels available for the watercourses.

A walk over survey of the site was conducted by Mr Lea Favill, a senior river engineer during June 2019; during the visit a photograph survey of the site and adjacent watercourse was undertaken. A topographical survey of the site was provided by the client's representative. The survey was related to ordnance survey. The site levels have been referred to in this report and a copy of the survey is provided at Appendix A of this report.

The proposed development involves the re-development of an existing commercial development. It is considered that the impermeable area within the site will be increased upon completion of the development.

The requirements for flood risk assessments are generally as set out in TAN15. The detail and complexity of the study required should be appropriate to the scale and potential impact of the development. For the purposes of this study, the following have been considered: -

- Available information on historical flooding in the area.
- Site level information.
- Details of structures, which may influence hydraulics of the watercourse and consideration of the effect of blockage of structures.
- Estimates of design levels, equivalent to a 200-year (coastal/tidal) and a 100-year (fluvial) return period flood event.
- Allowances for increased flows resulting from the effects of climate change.
- Assess the existing runoff characteristics and the potential impact any proposed development will have on the runoff.

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Further guidance is also provided in the CIRIA Research Project 624 "Development and Flood Risk: Guidance for the Construction Industry".

## DETAILS OF THE SITE

## 2.1 Site Details

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Site Details	
Table 2-1 Devel	lopment Location
Site Name:	Howarth Timber Chester Road Bretton
Purpose of Development:	Commercial
Existing Land Use:	Commercial
OS NGR:	SJ 35069 64279
Country:	Wales
County:	Flintshire
Local Planning Authority:	Flintshire County Council
Internal Drainage Board:	Not Applicable
Other Authority (e.g. British Waterways/	Not Applicable
Harbour Authority) Location Plan:	
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Bretton Farm

Ordnance Survey Licence no.: WL1005160

#### 2.2 Site Description

The total site area affected by this development has been estimated at approximately 6654m² (0.665 ha). The site is currently a commercial development which includes several buildings and yard area. The existing impermeable area within the site has been estimated at 3790m². the remainder of the site is generally compacted stone. The existing site is shown below in the aerial photograph. The existing site plan which shows the impermeable area and sewers within the site is provided at Appendix A of this report.

The ground levels within the site vary from 6.10mOD and 7.00mOD. The ground levels within the site are illustrated in Appendix A of this report.

It is proposed that the roofed and paved areas within the site is directed to the existing 100mm diameter sewer within the site. The discharge into the sewer will be restricted to 5.72l/s. The impermeable area has been calculated at 6151m² (0.615 hectares). This area will be 100% roofed and paved. The proposed layout plans are provided at Appendix B.



## 3 INITIAL ASSESSMENT

## 3.1 Past Flooding History

A search on the British Hydrological Society Chronology of British Hydrological Events website<sup>1</sup> found no records of past flooding within the Bretton area.

Undertaking an internet based search for flooding in the area provided no further information.



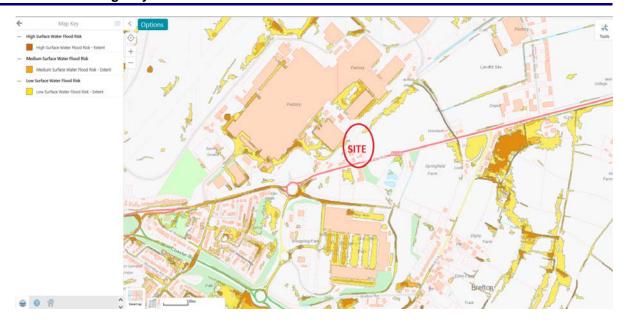
## 3.2 Environment Agency Reservoir Flood Risk



http://www.dundee.ac.uk/geography/cbhe/

The site is not within an area which is affected by flood risk from a reservoir or canal.

## 3.3 Environment Agency Surface Water Flood Risk



According to the Environment Agency surface water flood risk map of the area the site is not at risk.

## 3.4 Possible Flooding Mechanisms

As there is a single source of flood risk which requires detailed consideration – onsite runoff – it is necessary to determine flood water levels at the site for the desired return periods emanating from this source.

The River Dee which is approximately 2200m to the north east of the proposed development. The River Dee is defended by earth embankments which are elevated above the adjacent natural ground level. The Environment Agency flood map shows the site is located at the edge of the very low risk area. It is therefore considered that only extreme flood events could impact on the lower end of the site where no buildings are to be located. As such no further consideration has been given to the River Dee.

The local watercourse is the responsibility of the riparian owners and located to the 350m north east of the development site. The watercourses are not defended by earth embankments or flood walls and as such rely upon the natural ground level to provide a flood defence. The surface water flood maps do not show any flooding from this watercourse impact on the site. As such no further consideration has been given to the local watercourse.

The proposed development will increase the impermeable area and hence runoff from the site will be increased. Consideration will need to be given to the existing drainage route and the drainage characteristics in order to evaluate the impact surface water runoff from the site will have on the site and elsewhere.

There is no higher ground directly adjacent to the site which may encourage overland flow on to the site. As such no further consideration has been given to overland flow onto the site. There are no depressed areas within the site which could encourage ponding. As such no further consideration has been given to ponding.

#### QUANTATIVE FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

#### 4.1 Requirements of the Environment Agency

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The Environment Agency, as part of its development control procedures, generally require finished floor levels to be set above the 1% AEP flood water level at the site. The development is commercial, as such it is considered that access and egress from the development site will be essential during times of extreme floods.

#### 4.2 Increase Runoff due to the Development

#### **Existing Runoff from the Site**

The total site area affected by this development has been estimated at approximately 6654m<sup>2</sup> (0.665 ha). The site is currently a commercial development which includes several buildings and yard area.

There is surface water drainage system within the site which collects runoff from the buildings, access road and yard areas within the site. During the site visit there was evidence of roof gutters and downpipes to all the buildings and drainage channels and gullies to access road and yard areas. It is therefore considered that the site is positively drained.

The manholes where lifted within the site and it appears that the drainage is directed north via a 100mm diameter surface water sewer. At the northern boundary of the site the sewer is only 1.25m deep. The sewer heads north into the adjacent commercial development where it is believed to turn east to discharge into an open watercourse.

The existing impermeable area within the site has been estimated at 3790m². the remainder of the site is generally compacted stone.

The existing site plan which shows the impermeable area and sewers within the site is provided at Appendix A of this report.

The site is within an area with an SPR value of 39.9% suggesting that the site will not allow adequate infiltration.

Table 4-1: Modified Rational Method flows from existing site 0.379 hectares

Return Period	Flow in litres per second (I/s)
1 in 1 year	32.13
1 in 30 year	99.63
1 in 100 year	139.07

The Modified Rational Method has been used to calculate the existing runoff from the impermeable part of the site. The calculation sheet is provided at Appendix C of this report.

However, the discharge from the site is currently controlled by the final length of 100mm diameter sewer which exits the site to the north. The sewer has a gradient of 1 in 83. Using the pipe table provided at Appendix D the peak pipe capacity has been estimate at 5.72l/s.

Any discharge from the site will require the consent of the appropriate water authority/riparian owner, as such, they will also need to be approached to agree the discharge restriction from the site.

Therefore, a peak discharge rate of 5.72l/s has been adopted for this development.

#### Discharge to surface water sewer

It is proposed that the roofed and paved areas within the site is directed to the existing 100mm diameter sewer within the site. The discharge into the sewer will be restricted to 5.72l/s. The impermeable area has been calculated at 6151m² (0.615 hectares). This area will be 100% roofed and paved.

An assessment of the required balance volume has been made using the estimated post development impermeable area of 0.615 hectares discharging to the 100mm diameter sewer at a peak rate of 5.72ls. Using WinDes Source Control software developed by Microdrainage the required attenuation has been calculated for the 1 in 100 year plus climate change (30%) event.

Reference should be made to Appendix E where the calculation sheets are provided. The attenuation size has been tabulated below in Table 2. It is estimated that during the 1 in 100 year plus climate change (30%) event that 327.5m³ of storage will be required. This will be provided within a 0.4m deep crate tank. The drainage strategy drawing provided at Appendix F shows the initial drainage strategy for the site which includes the tank.

Table 4-2: WinDes 1 in 100 year+CC Storage Volume

Return Period	Required Attenuation	Approx Volume (m³)
1 in 100 year + CC	715m2 of 0.4m deep crate	327.5
_	tank	

#### MITIGATION MEASURES

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#### 5.1 Raising Floor Levels/Land Raising

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It is therefore recommended that the internal ground floor of the new building is raised to a level at least 150mm above the adjacent external ground level.

## 5.2 Emergency Access and Egress

The site is located within a very low risk area based on the Environment Agency flood maps for the area.

It is considered that safe access and egress will be available at all times onto the adjacent Chester Road even during extreme flood events.

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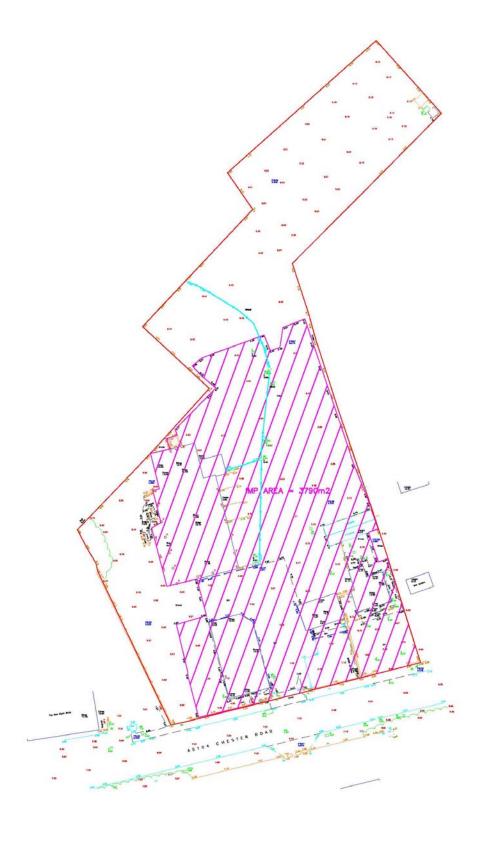
#### 6 CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the site is located within a very low risk area. The proposed development is simply a re-development of the existing commercial use to make better use of the available space within the site. It is considered that recommended mitigation measures will reduce the risk of flooding to an acceptable level.

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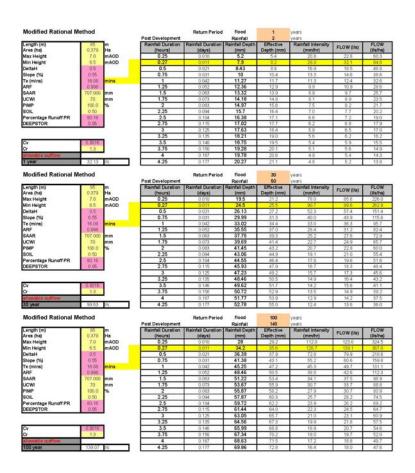
Appendix A: -**Existing Site** Levels



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Proposed Layout Plans Appendix B: -

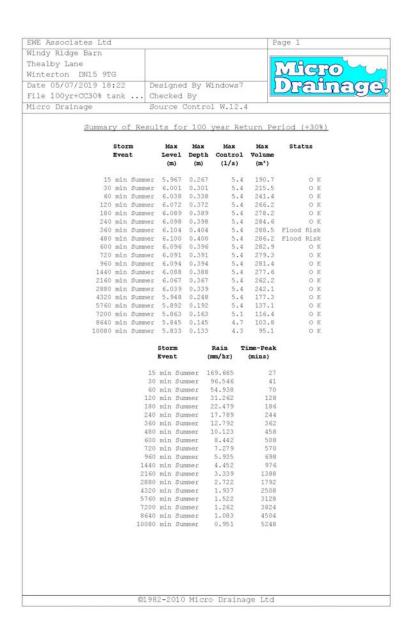
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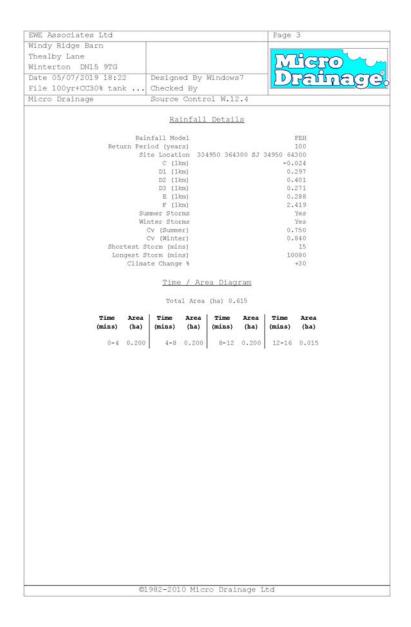
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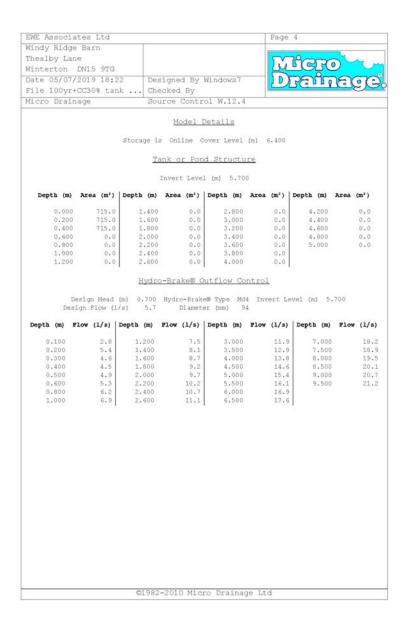
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## Appendix E: - WINDES Calculation



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#### Appendix F: -**Drainage Strategy Drawing**

