



East Devon District Council Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Detailed Site Summary Tables



Site Code	Feni_07
Address	Land north of Broad Road, Feniton
Area	4.0 hectares
Current land use	Greenfield
Proposed land use	Housing and Mixed Use
Flood Risk Vulnerability	More Vulnerable
Sources of flood risk	
Location of site	<p>The site is located to the northeast of Feniton, north of Broad Land and East of Mount View.</p> <p>The site is not located near to any main rivers or ordinary watercourses, however there is a flood alleviation scheme in Feniton, detailed below in existing drainage features.</p>
Topography	<p>The Environment Agency's 1m resolution 2022 Composite LiDAR shows that the topography of the site falls from the northeast (92mAOD) to the southwest (82mAOD), with a continuous gradient. The gradient is approximately 4%, therefore the site is considered to have a gentle slope and is unlikely to affect any proposed SuDS features.</p> <p>The catchment drains south before joining the River Otter.</p>
Existing drainage features	<p>The Feniton Flood Alleviation Scheme is proposed in Feniton comprising of the construction of channels, culverts and swales (Planning Ref: 24/0331/MFUL). The scheme will be located at the south and western boundary of the site and continues off site in a southerly direction across greenfield land, down Warwick Close and alongside Green Lane via underground pipes¹. The aim of the scheme is to collect flood water from above the village and divert it via a 1050mm diameter pipe down through the village to a new section of open channel at Metcombe Cottage.</p> <p>It is understood that the Feniton Flood Alleviation Scheme will run full bore during a 1% AEP plus Climate Change event thus making it unlikely that it could be a viable point of discharge for the development.</p>
Fluvial	The proposed development site has not been identified to be in an area at risk of fluvial flooding.
Fluvial plus climate change	The proposed development site has not been identified to be in an area at risk of fluvial flooding in the future.
Surface Water	<p>Available data and mapping: Environment Agency's Risk of Flooding from Surface Water dataset for the 3.33%, 1% and 0.1% AEP events.</p> <p>Feni_07 - Surface Water 3.33% AEP - Depth Feni_07 - Surface Water 3.33% AEP - Hazard Feni_07 - Surface Water 3.33% AEP - Velocity Feni_07 - Surface Water 1% AEP - Depth Feni_07 - Surface Water 1% AEP - Hazard Feni_07 - Surface Water 1% AEP - Velocity Feni_07 - Surface Water 0.1% AEP - Depth Feni_07 - Surface Water 0.1% AEP - Hazard</p>

¹ <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/flooding/flood-alleviation-schemes/feniton-flood-alleviation-scheme/>




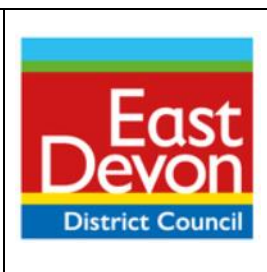
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	<p>Devon County Council highlights that Feniton is an area of flood risk. However, Devon County Council do not hold any historic flood risk data for the site. The nearest recorded incident in their dataset is located to the southwest of the site, where six properties flooded from surface water in October 2008.</p> <p>It should be noted that Feniton has been subjected to flooding more frequently than stated above with other events in 2010 and 2012.</p>	
Policy zones		
Critical drainage areas	<p>The site is located within the centre of Feniton’s critical drainage area. Information on the New Feniton CDA can be found on the Devon County Council website: https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/planning-and-development/</p> <p>See the <i>Broad-scale assessment of possible SuDS</i> Section for more details of the drainage requirements for this site.</p> <p>Mapping: Feni_07 - Critical Drainage Area</p>	
Coastal change management areas	The site is not located within a coastal change management area.	
Flood risk management infrastructure		
Existing defences	The Environment Agency’s AIMS dataset shows there are no formal flood defences within the vicinity of the site.	
Proposed flood alleviation scheme	The proposed Feniton flood alleviation scheme will comprise of the construction of channels, culverts and swales, and mitigation works to individual properties including flood defences and bypass channel. Due to its location on site, East Devon District Council should be consulted to discuss appropriate access on site for maintenance of the scheme. An appropriate buffer strip should be left alongside the scheme.	
Emergency planning		
Flood warning	<p>The site has not been identified to be located within an area of flood warning or alerts.</p> <p>Mapping: Feni_07 - Flood Warnings and Alerts</p>	
Access and egress	Access and egress during the 1% AEP plus climate change event is likely to be possible along Broad Road to the south of the site. Access and egress is shown to be largely unaffected during all assessed events, with depths of up to 0.22m in Broad Road shown in the 1% AEP plus climate change surface water modelling.	



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Requirements for drainage control and impact mitigation

**Broad-scale
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Geology and Soils

The geology consists of interbedded sandstone and conglomerate. There are no superficial deposits at the development site. The soils are shown to be freely draining slightly acid loamy soils. This suggests that infiltration may be a viable means of surface water disposal.

SuDS

- The site is located within a groundwater Source Protection Zone therefore early engagement with the LLFA and the EA is recommended to determine requirements for mitigating the impacts to aquifers as a consequence of the surface water drainage system. The infiltration potential of the site should be confirmed through infiltration testing, in line with BRE 365. Groundwater mapping suggests levels on site could be between 0.025m and 0.5m below the ground surface during a 1% AEP flood event, therefore infiltration may not be appropriate at all times. Offsite discharge may therefore be required to discharge surface water runoff during flood events.
- The site is also located within a nitrate vulnerable zone. Therefore, early engagement with the LLFA and the EA is recommended to determine requirements for the site to manage the impact to surrounding watercourses. Consideration of water quality is likely to be of high importance and demonstrated through the use of the Simple Index Approach.
- The site has not been identified to be located within an historic landfill site.
- The site was identified to be located within a Critical Drainage Area, and the East Devon District Council website states that:
 - 'All new development will have to play their part in reducing current rainfall runoff rates. The SuDS hierarchy should be followed, by using infiltration as far as is practicable.
 - All off-site surface water discharges from development should mimic "Greenfield" performance up to a maximum 1 in 10 year discharge rate.
 - On-site all surface water should be safely managed up to the "1 in 100+climate change" conditions. This will require additional water storage areas to be created thereby contributing to a reduction in flooding downstream.'

It is therefore highly recommended that the LLFA and the EA are consulted with regards to the development site and the infiltration potential/proposed SuDS measures.

- SuDS measures should follow the discharge hierarchy, and if it is proposed to discharge runoff to a watercourse or sewer system, the condition and capacity of the receiving watercourse or asset should be confirmed through surveys and the discharge rate agreed with the asset owner.
- Due to the topography, any surface water not intercepted via infiltration will drain via gravity to the southwestern boundary towards the



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proposed flood alleviation scheme (discussed above). It is therefore recommended that the LLFA and the EA are consulted about the potential for combining the scheme with the surface water discharge and SuDS requirements on site. The scheme will need to be assessed to identify whether this could be a viable discharge outlet for surface water from the site and its attenuation potential.

Opportunities for wider sustainability benefits and integrated flood risk management

- Implementation of SuDS at the site could provide opportunities to deliver multiple benefits including volume control, water quality, amenity and biodiversity, helping meet requirements for the groundwater source protection zone and the critical drainage area. This could also provide wider sustainability benefits to the site and surrounding area. Proposals to use SuDS techniques should be discussed with relevant stakeholders (LPA, LLFA and EA) at an early stage to understand possible constraints.
- The design of the surface water management proposals should take into account the impacts of future climate change over the projected lifetime of the development, and the critical drainage area requirements.
- Opportunities to incorporate source control techniques such as green roofs, permeable surfaces and rainwater harvesting must be considered in the design of the site.
- SuDS are to be designed so that they are easy to maintain, and it should be set out who will maintain the system, how the maintenance will be funded and should be supported by an appropriately detailed maintenance and operation manual.
- SuDS should be designed with a holistic approach, combining ecology, landscape and drainage requirements specific to the site, incorporating the flood alleviation scheme where possible, and Biodiversity Net Gain requirements.
- Opportunities to incorporate filtration techniques such as filter strips, filter drains and bioretention areas must be considered. Consideration should be made to the existing condition of receiving waterbodies and their Water Framework Directive objectives for water quality, along with the location of the site in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone. The use of multistage SuDS treatment will improve water quality of surface water runoff discharged from the site and reduce the impact on receiving water bodies.
- The potential to utilise conveyance features such as swales to intercept and convey surface water runoff should be considered. Conveyance features should be located on common land or public open space to facilitate ease of access.
- SuDS should be designed in line with Devon County Councils SuDS Guidance.
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/document/sustainable-drainage-system-guidance-for-devon-2023/#dcc-documents-cpt-contents>



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Key messages

The site is generally identified to be at low risk, and development is likely to progress if:

- A site-specific FRA is undertaken to assess the risk of surface water flooding in relation to the proposed development.
- Development is placed outside of the areas at risk from surface water flooding.
- Infiltration rates are assessed on site as part of a drainage strategy.
- Surface water is not discharged into the combined sewer.
- There is early engagement with the LLFA and the EA on the proposed SuDS measures and infiltration rate to discuss requirements on the site meeting relevant conditions due to the sites location within a groundwater source protection area, nitrate vulnerable zone and critical drainage area.
- There is early engagement with East Devon District Council to discuss the implications of the Feniton Flood Alleviation Scheme on the proposed development.
- Cumulative Impact Assessment policy documents must be understood, and the cumulative impact of development should be considered.