

Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment

Proposed CEMETERY Development at City West

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cronin & Sutton Consulting Engineers (CS Consulting) have been commissioned by Tetrarch Capital Limited to prepare a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment to accompany a planning application for a proposed development at Garters Lane, Saggart, County Dublin.

In preparing this report, CS Consulting has made reference to the following:

- South Dublin Development Plan 2022–2028; (including Strategic Flood Risk Assessment)
- Greater Dublin regional Code of Practice for Works;
- Office of Public Works Flood Maps;
- Department of the Environment Flooding Guidelines;
- Geological Survey of Ireland Maps;
- Local Authority Drainage Records.

The Flood Risk Assessment is to be read in conjunction with the engineering drawings and documents submitted by CS Consulting and with the various additional information submitted by the other members of the design team, as part of the Planning Submission.



2.0 SITE LOCATION AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Site Location

The proposed development site is located in City West, Saggart, County Dublin. The site is located in the administrative jurisdiction of South Dublin County Council and has a total area of circa 13.45 ha.



Figure 1 – Location of proposed development site (map data and imagery: EPA, OSi, OSM Contributors, Google)

The location of the proposed development site is shown in **Figure 1** above; the indicative extents of the development site, as well as relevant elements of the surrounding road network, are shown in more detail in **Figure 2**.





Figure 2 – Site extents and context (map data and imagery: NTA, EPA, OSM Contributors, Google)

The site is bounded by the N7 motorway to the north and north-west, Garters Lane to the east, and an existing City West Complex to the south and south-west.

2.2 Existing Site Condition

The subject site is currently configured to be a golf course, with associated water courses and golf relief features.

2.3 Description of the Proposed Development

The development will consist of a cemetery including: 8,047 No. traditional burial plots; Columbarium walls; 1 No. single storey reception building (214.7m² Gross Floor Area (GFA)) comprising a reception, 1 No. office, 1 No. reception store, WC, kitchenette with photovoltaic (PV) solar panels at



roof level; and the provision of an ancillary maintenance shed, bin and battery storage structures.

The development includes a new vehicular access road from Garters Lane to the N7/M7 Naas Road, with 2 No. vehicular access points serving the proposed cemetery; 110 No. car parking spaces (25 No. spaces to the east of the reception building and 85 No. within overflow car park areas to the south of the development); 8 No. bicycle parking stands; and all associated hard and soft landscape and boundary treatment works including the reshaping of an existing lake and provision of a footbridge; provision of SUDS measures, associated lighting, associated signage, site services (foul and surface water drainage and water supply); and all other associated site excavation, infrastructural and site development works above and below ground.

Refer to Tom Philips & Associates submission with this application for a detailed breakdown of the proposed development.



3.0 LEVEL OF SERVICE

There is an existing inherent risk of any flood event occurring during any given year. Typically, this likelihood of occurrence has traditionally been expressed as a 1-in-100 chance of a 100-year storm event happening in any given year.

A less ambiguous expression of probability is the Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP), which may be defined as the probability of a flood event being exceeded in any given year. Therefore, a flooding event with a 1-in-100-year return period has a 1% AEP. Similarly, a 100% AEP can be expressed as a 1-in-1-year event.

The Planning System and Flood Risk Management, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Flood Risk Management Guidelines), published in 2009 set out the best practice standards for flood risk assessment in Ireland. These are summarised in **Table 1** below (Table 8.1 from Flood Risk Management Guidelines document).

Table 1 – Summary of Level of Service: Flooding Source

Development	Flooding Source			
Category	Drainage	River	Tidal/Coastal	
Residential	1% AEP	0.1% AEP	0.1% AEP	
Commercial	1% AEP	1% AEP	0.5% AEP	
Water-compatible (docks, marinas)		>1% AEP	>0.5% AEP	

Under these guidelines a proposed development site has first to be assessed to determine the flood zone category it falls under.

It is a requirement of South Dublin County Council and the Flood Risk Management Guidelines that the predicted effects of climate change are



incorporated into any proposed design. **Table 2** below indicates the predicted climate change variations.

Table 2 – Predicted climate change variations

Design Category	Predicted Impact of Climate Change	
Drainage	20% Increase in rainfall	
Fluvial (river flows)	20% Increase in flood flow	
Tidal / Coastal	Minimum Finished Floor Level 4.0 – 4.15m AOD	

The flooding guidelines categorise the risks associated with flooding into three areas: Zones A, B, and C. This categorisation is indicated below.

- Zone A High Probability of Flooding
 Where the average probability of flooding from rivers and sea is highest (greater than 1% annually or 1 in 100 for river flooding or 0.5% annually or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding).
- Zone B Moderate Probability of Flooding Where the average probability of flooding from rivers and sea is moderate (risk between 0.1% annually or 1 in 1000 years and 1% annually or 1 in 100 years for river flooding, and between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 years and 0.5% annually or 1 in 200 years for coastal flooding).
- Zone C Low Probability of Flooding
 Where the probability of flooding from rivers and sea is moderate (risk is less than 0.1% annually or 1 in 1000 years for both rivers and coastal flooding).

In accordance with the Flood Risk Management Guidelines, dwellings are classified as 'highly vulnerable developments' and commercial developments are classified as 'less vulnerable developments'.



A review of SDCC Development Plan Strategic Flood Risk Assessment shows the subject site to be located in **Flood Zone C**. See **Appendix A**.

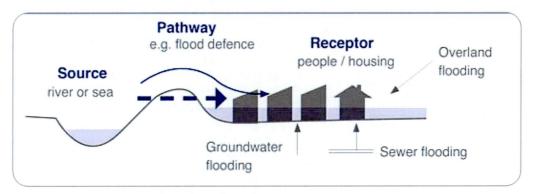


Figure 3 – Source-pathway-receptor model (The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines)

The Flood Risk Management Guidelines have developed an 'appropriateness' matrix for various developments and their potential risk factor. The table indicates if further analysis is required in the form of a justification test. **Table 3** below outlines the conditions that require a justification test.

Table 3 – Flood Zone vs. Justification Test Matrix

Development Category	Flood Zone A	Flood Zone B	Flood Zone C
Highly Vulnerable Development	Justification Test Required	Justification Test Required	Appropriate
Less Vulnerable Development	Justification Test Required	Appropriate	Appropriate
Water-compatible Development	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

As noted above, the subject site is located within **Flood Zone C**. As such, no justification test is required.



4.0 FLOOD RISK AND MITIGATION MEASURES

4.1 Fluvial Flooding

A review of the Office of Public Works flooding records database (www.floodmaps.ie) for the area does not indicate historical flooding at the site. See the OPW map-report included in **Appendix B**.

Flood mapping developed as part of the recently adopted Development Plan, 2022 – 2028. Gives predicted flood mapping for fluvial events. The mapping does not indicate the subject lands is located within a fluvial flood zone. See **Appendix C** for a copy of the fluvial flood maps.

4.2 Tidal Flooding

The sites location is such that it is not affected by tidal water bodies and as such tidal flooding is negligible.

4.3 Pluvial Flooding

Pluvial flooding is flooding which has originated from overland flow resulting from high intensity rain fall. From a review of the OPW flood maps there are no records of flood events due to high rainfall events in the area. However, mapping prepared for the current Development Plan does indicate part of the subject lands, located around the existing artificial pond may experience pluvial flooding. This is due to the current topography of the site as the current pond is part of a local 'water feature' for the current golf course. Post development this pond will be retained as a local water feature and the level of the water will have the capacity to contain any excess storm water generated locally, thereby containing any pluvial rainfall. See **Appendix D** for South Dublin County Council Pluvial map.



4.4 Potential for Proposed Development to Contribute to Off-Site Flooding

The proposed development will require attenuation to be provided. Attenuation will be sized for a 1-in-100 year extreme storm event increased by 20% for the predicated effects of climate change. The attenuation will release the storm water in a controlled manner after the peak storm duration has passed. By restricting the flow, the likelihood of the proposed development adversely affecting the public drainage system or contributing to downstream flooding is mitigated. Please refer to Engineering Services Report (under separate cover).

4.5 Existing Off-Site Drainage

It is the understanding of CS Consulting that at present there are no issues with the local drainage arrangements. The subject lands will only discharge a restricted low flow into the public system thereby reducing the hydraulic pressure on the public network during extreme rainfall events. Notwithstanding this, the development site shall be super-elevated above to the adjacent lands to prevent the egress of off-site drainage onto the site.

4.6 Groundwater Flooding

According to the Geological Survey of Ireland, GSI, interactive maps, the subject site is underlain with Dark Limestone & Shale. The area is listed as overlaying a locally important aquifer which has bedrock which is moderately productive only in local zones. The groundwater vulnerability assessment of the site shows that the vulnerability of groundwater in the area is high. The GSI data base does not indicate that the subject lands would be susceptible to groundwater flooding. See **Appendix E** for GSI mapping information for background groundwater & geology data for the subject lands.



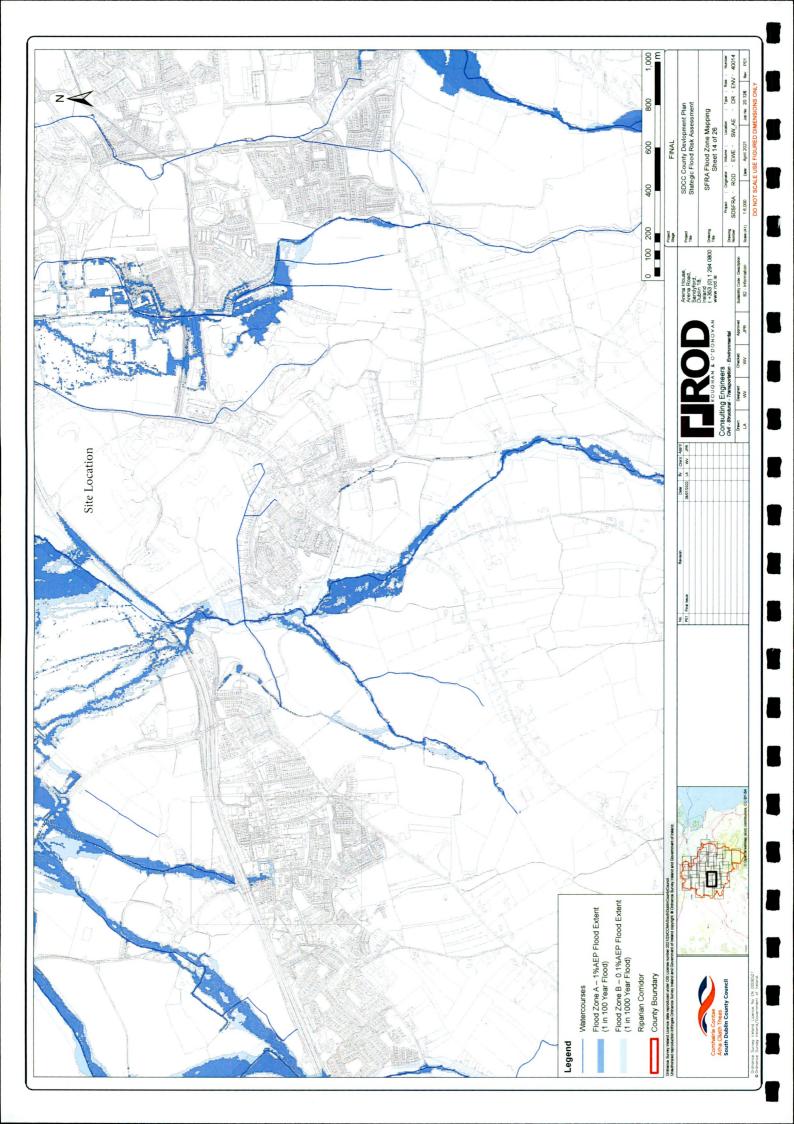
5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- The site historically has no recorded flood events, as noted in the OPW's flood maps. The South Dublin County Council Development Plan Strategic Flood Risk Assessment maps indicate that the development site is located outside the 0.1% AEP Zone.
- Mapping of predicted tidal, and fluvial flooding extents shows that these will not affect the development site.
- Pluvial flooding is indicated on site due to the presence of an existing pond, used as a water feature. This pond is to be re-engineered and retained. All pluvial waters will be contained within this pond.
- The proposed development's surface water drainage network shall
 infiltrate to ground within the site boundary of the site and incorporates
 attenuation storage to cater for a 1-in-100-year storm event, plus a 20%
 allowance for climate change effects. The proposed development is
 therefore not considered to increase the site's potential to contribute
 to off-site flooding.
- The proposed development shall not discharge any stormwater to the public drainage network and therefore shall not have any adverse effect on its operation.
- The likelihood of onsite flooding from the hydrogeological ground conditions is deemed to be minor and within acceptable levels.



Appendix A

South Dublin County Council Development Plan Flood Maps





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Office of Public Works Historic Flood Maps

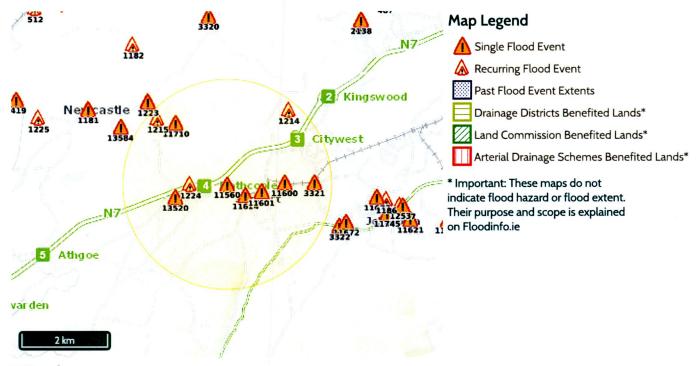
Past Flood Event Local Area Summary Report



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11 Results

Name (Flood_ID)	Start Date	Event Location
1. Fortunestown Lane Nov 2000 (ID-3321)	06/11/2000	Approximate Point
Additional Information: Reports (1) Press Archive (0)		
2. A Baldonnell Barneys Lane Recurring (ID-1214)	n/a	Approximate Point
Additional Information: Reports (2) Press Archive (0)		
3. A Newcastle Greenoge Recurring (ID-1215)	n/a	Approximate Point
Additional Information: Reports (2) Press Archive (0)		
4. A Rathcoole Bridge recurring (ID-1224)	n/a	Approximate Point
Additional Information: Reports (2) Press Archive (4)		
5. 1 Flooding at Avoca Road, Saggart on 24th Oct 2011 (ID-11560)	23/10/2011	Exact Point
Additional Information: Reports (1) Press Archive (0)		
6. Flooding at Fortunestown Lane, Citywest, Co. Dublin on 24th Oct 2011 (ID-11600)	23/10/2011	Approximate Point
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	Name (Flood_ID)	Start Date	Event Location
7.	Flooding at Garter Lane, Saggart, Co. Dublin on 24th Oct 2011 (ID-11601)	23/10/2011	Approximate Point
	Additional Information: Reports (1) Press Archive (0)		
8.	Flooding at Mill Road, Saggart, Co. Dublin on 24th Oct 2011 (ID-11624)	23/10/2011	Approximate Point
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9.	Flooding at Greenogue Business Park, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin on 24th Oct 2011 (ID-11710)	23/10/2011	Exact Point
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10	. <u> </u>	07/03/2016	Approximate Point
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11.	⚠ Flooding at Saggart on 07/03/2016 (ID-13521)	07/03/2016	Approximate Point
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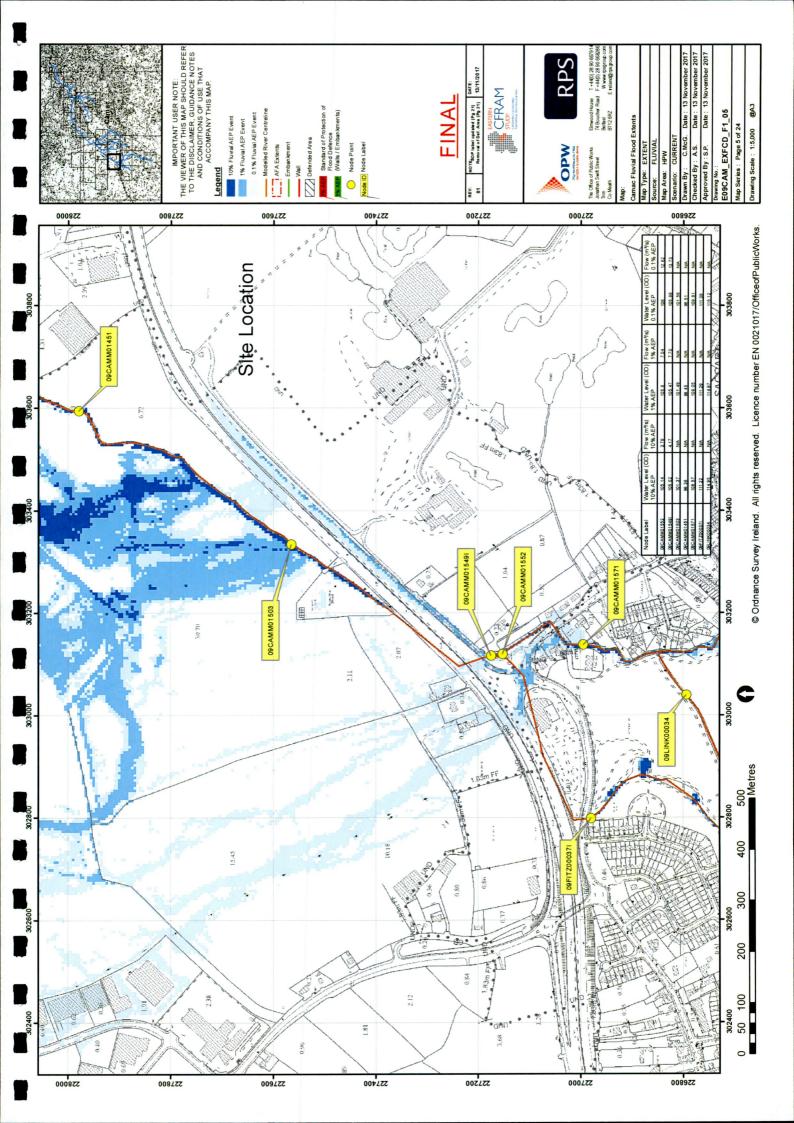
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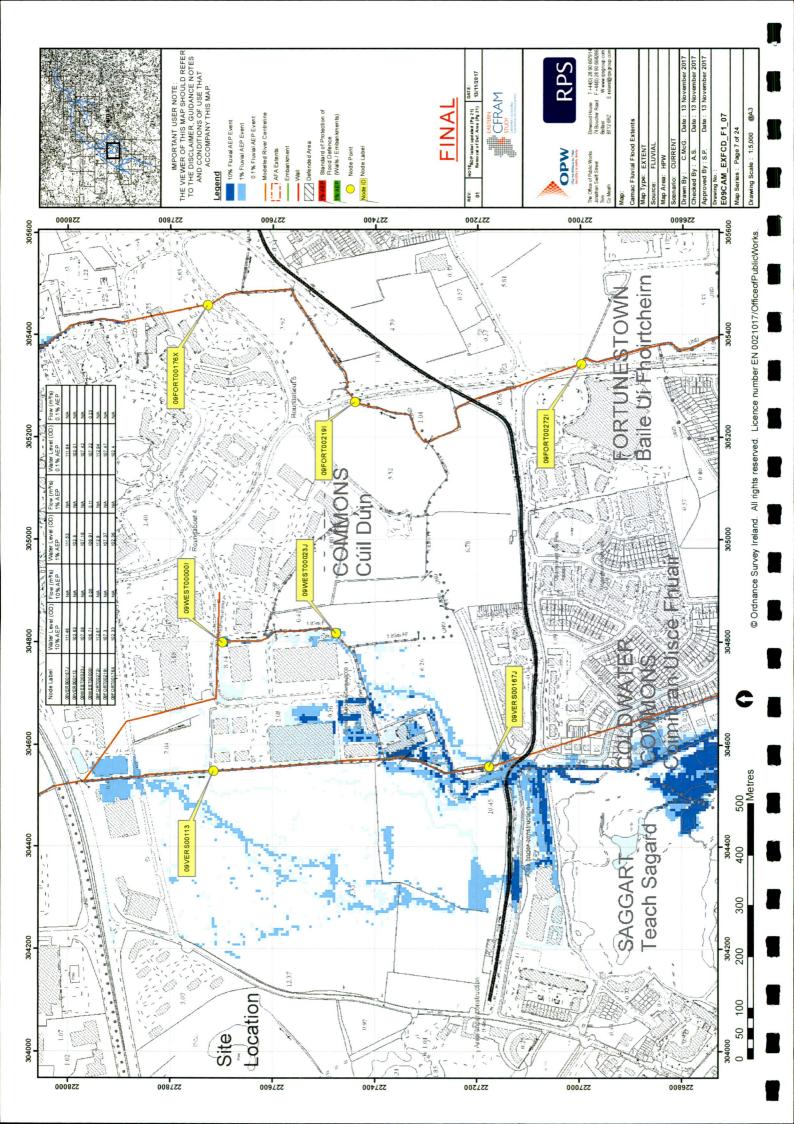
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Appendix C

South Dublin County Council Fluvial Flood Maps







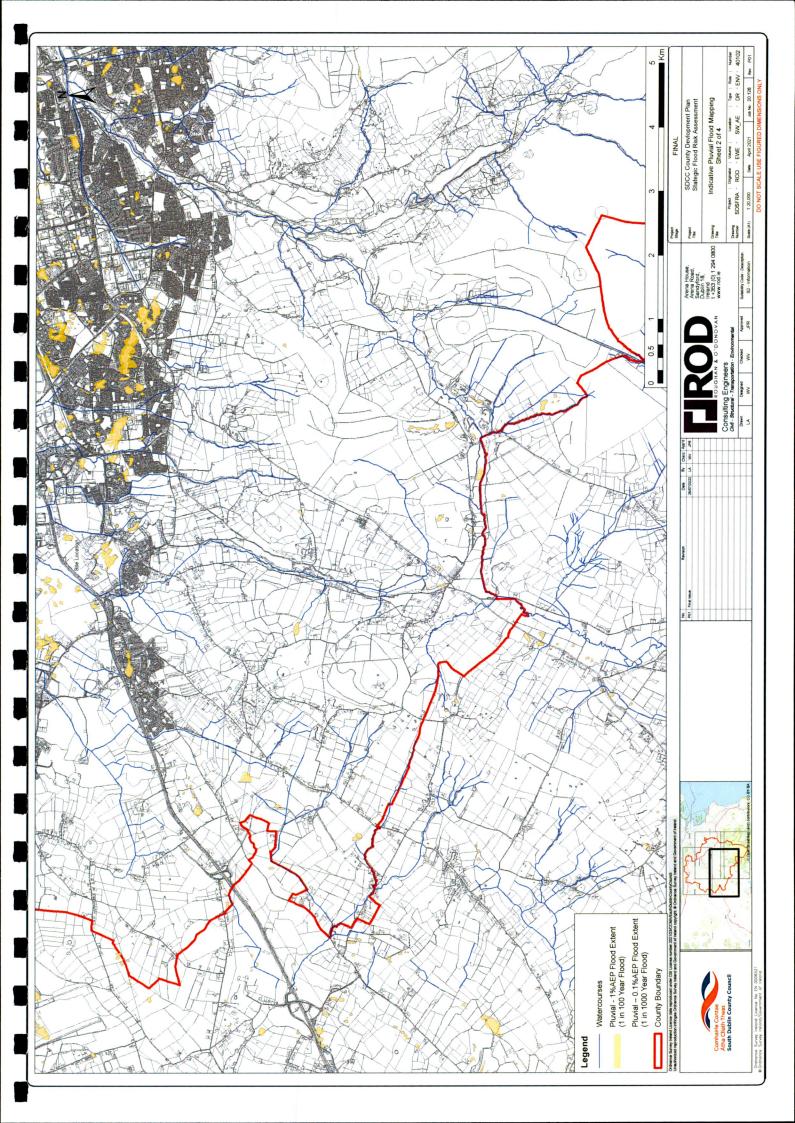
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Appendix D:

South Dublin County Council Pluvial Flood Maps





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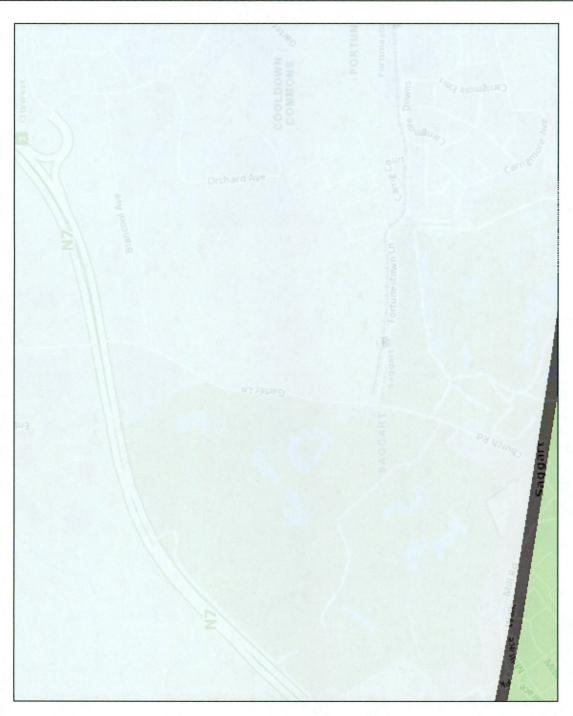


Appendix E:

Geological Survey of Ireland, (GSI) Maps



Geological Survey Ireland Public Data



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Structural Symbols 100K ITM 2018 Legend

GSI data First foliation parallel <all other values> main foliation, old Dip of bedding or

band (R1-R4) Lithological boundary

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Tectonic Slide, barbs

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unit, diagrammatic Thrust, barbs on hanging-wall side

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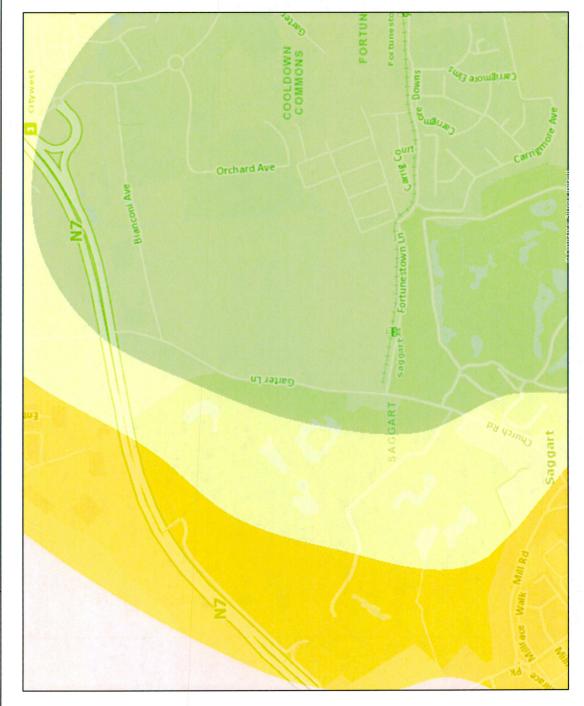
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Bedrock Linework 100k **TM 2018**

- ◆ Antiformal axis ◆ Anticlinal Axis
- Aquifer Boundary
 - - Area
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Preliminary Source Protection Areas **Group Scheme**

Gravel Aquifer

gravel aquifer Regionally important Locally important gravel aquifer

National Groundwater Vulnerability Ireland

Rock at or near Surface or Karst Extreme

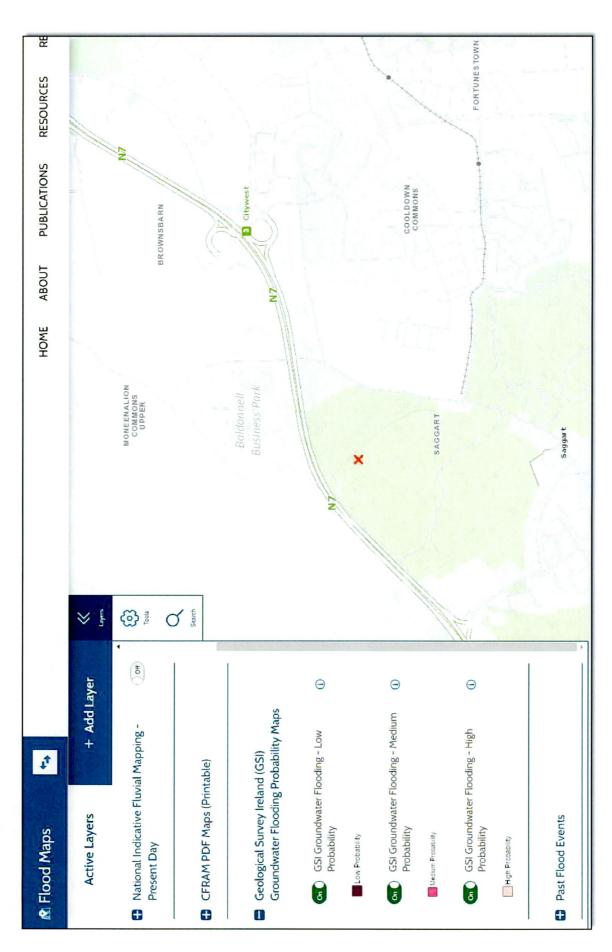
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