# **Utilities Information**



# Homecheck Flood



# **Overall Flood Risk**



Although the property is in an area that is at some risk of flooding, considering the frequency and/or severity of the risk, we are able to issue a 'Passed'. However, it would be prudent for the home buyer to consider the recommendations detailed on page 1 and visit the online viewer to explore the risks further.



# **Insurability**

Whilst the property is within an area with some risk of flooding, in most cases insurance should remain available and affordable providing the property hasn't flooded in the past. We recommend obtaining buildings and contents insurance terms before exchange of contracts.



# **Flood Defences**

Are there existing river/coastal flood defences that have been identified and taken into account in our overall risk assessment?

No



# **Individual Flood Risks**

The gauges below detail the level and type of individual flood risks at the property.

|   | RIVER | COASTAL | SURFACE | GROUND | OTHER* |  |  |
|---|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--|--|
|   |       |         | WATER   | WATER  |        |  |  |
| HIGH  |       |         |         |        |        |  |  |
| MODERATE TO HIGH  |       |         |         |        |        |  |  |
| MODERATE  |       |         |         |        |        |  |  |
| LOW TO MODERATE   |       |         |         |        |        |  |  |
| LOW   |       |         |         |        |        |  |  |
| * Includes historic flood events, proximity to surface water features and elevation above sea level |       |         |         |        |        |  |  |

This report is issued for the property described as:

47A Lower Mortlake Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 2LW

Report Reference: **172209431** 

National Grid Reference:

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Customer Reference: **18180211\_HCF** 

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http://landmark.ly/F9LUzU



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# Professional Opinion and Recommendations

Please see below our recommendations and next steps with regards to the property.



# **Overall Flood Risk**



# Professional Opinion

Landmark Information Group have identified the property to be within an area that is at a moderate risk of flooding. This means that that although some indication of potential flooding has been identified, it is not considered significant or frequent enough for a Further Action to be issued. The property purchaser should be aware of Landmark's findings and recommendations below:

1. Surface Water Flooding

During a surface water flood event, depths at the property are anticipated to be between 0.1-0.3 metres.

The homebuyer may wish to investigate any additional flood risks to the property highlighted on the flood gauges using the online viewer.

# Recommendations

- 1. While the frequency and/or severity of the risk does not warrant installing flood protection measures, we suggest that the purchaser/owner of the property creates a Flood Action Plan to ensure that they are prepared in the event of a flood occurring. The plan should clearly list actions to carry out if a flood warning was issued. Appropriate steps should include:
  - Sign up to the Environment Agency's (EA's) Flood Warning and Flood Alert Service in order to receive updates on impending floods in your area;
  - Find out whether a local Flood Risk Community Group exists in your area who can provide a better localised account of where flooding has occurred;
  - Preparing a list of actions to do in the event of a flood including; switching off building services (gas, water and electricity), moving valuable items to safe places and putting up any flood protection measures if owned;
  - Prepare an emergency flood kit. This should include warm waterproof clothes, torches, batteries, medical kit and an evacuation plan.
- 2. Ask the seller and other nearby residents if flooding has historically occurred in the area. If it has, why did it occur, what was the impact and what areas were affected. If the property has recently flooded, you may wish to consider flood protection measures.
- 3. As a moderate risk of flooding has been identified, Landmark recommend the property purchaser/owner explores the viewer to understand the risks further.

### Insurance

Whilst the property is within an area with some risk of flooding, in most cases insurance should remain available and affordable providing the property hasn't flooded in the past. We recommend obtaining buildings and contents insurance terms before exchange of contracts.

# Flood Risk

Flood risk is based on probability; to understand more about flood and the information reviewed, including flood protection measures, please explore the online viewer or visit the 'Know Your Flood Risk Website at: www.knowyourfloodrisk.co.uk/sites/default/files/FloodGuide\_ForHomeowners.pdf

# Professional Opinion and Recommendations

# **Useful Information:**

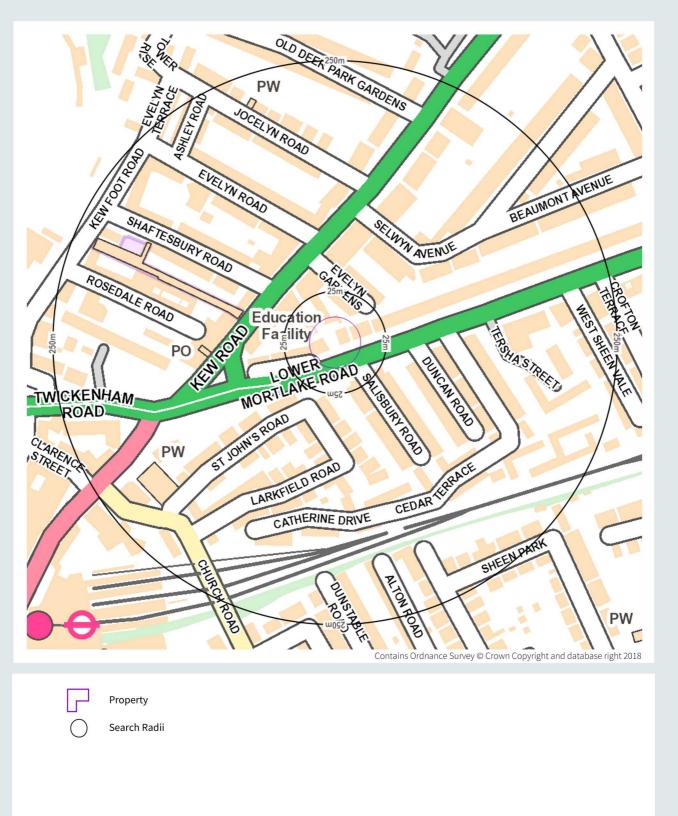
No physical site inspection has been carried out or is proposed. This report highlights only the information which we have determined should be drawn to your attention however, other risks may be present. To review the complete information and for a full list of the data used for this report, please see the Useful Information section on the online viewer. Available at http://landmark.ly/F9LUzU.

# Next Steps:

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# **Property Location**





# Property Purchaser Guide



# Understanding this report

The purpose of this report is to provide a professional opinion on the likelihood of flooding at the property. The front page provides an overall assessment, an indication of the availability of insurance, as well as a flood gauge which is broken down into River, Coastal, Surface, Groundwater and Other flood risks to help visualise the potential flood risks. Within the report, we provide recommendations and further detail of any risk requiring further attention.

### Overall Flood Risk

The overall flood risk is an assessment of all the flood data which has been analysed. It may differ from the individual risks on the flood gauge as we consider the overall risk to the property.

# Risk Rating

Landmark Information Group provide one of three possible responses for the Overall Flood Risk at the property. These are:

Passed: this means no risk of flooding has been identified.

Passed moderate: this means that while potential flood risks have been found, these are not considered significant or frequent enough for a Further Action to be issued. The property purchaser should refer to the online viewer to explore these potential issues further.

**Further Action**: this means a significant risk of flooding at the property has been identified. Further assessment will be required.

# Insurability

Based on the data assessed within this report, an indication of whether buildings insurance is likely to be available and affordable is provided.

## Flood Defences

If river/coastal flood defences are known to be present, these are assumed to be operational and are taken into consideration in our Overall Flood Risk analysis.

#### Individual Flood Risks

These enable you to easily identify your level of risk from the various causes of flooding. However, a residual risk of flooding may be present if flood defences fail. We therefore, provide on the Professional Opinion and Recommendation

page the level of risk should any defences identified fail. It is important to note that flood defences do not usually protect the site against groundwater or surface water.

# Flooding Types

There are several types of flooding taken into account when making our overall opinion. These are explained below. Where a risk is found, this is shown on the front page and further details are provided within the body of the report.

#### River Flooding

River flooding occurs when rivers and streams are unable to carry away floodwaters within their usual drainage channels. River flooding can cause widespread and extensive damage because of the sheer volume of water.

#### Coastal Flooding

Coastal flooding results from a combination of high tides, low lying land and sometimes stormy conditions. Coastal flooding can cause widespread and extensive damage because of the sheer volume of water.

## Surface Water Flooding

Surface water flooding is common during prolonged or exceptionally heavy downpours, when rainwater does not drain away into the normal drainage systems or soak away into the ground.

### Ground Water Flooding

Groundwater flooding generally occurs during long and intense rainfall when underground water levels rise above surface level. Groundwater flooding may last for weeks or several months.

#### Other Flooding

We analyse any historic flood events records, the proximity of the property to surface water features and the elevation of the property above sea level to enhance our overall analysis of the property.

# **Next Steps:**

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# Preparation for a Flood Event

# Understanding Flood Risk

It is important to understand that flooding can happen anywhere, even if you don't live near to a watercourse or the sea. This is because in periods of very heavy rainfall, water can collect in many places where there may be a dip in the ground or a barrier blocking the water's path. Severe rainfall events can also lead to water rising from under the ground as the ground becomes saturated and water is unable to drain away naturally.

The impacts of flooding are not just financial as flooding can also devastate lives, causing both severe disruption at the time as well as continued disturbance through the drying out period in the months that follow. Therefore, it is important to consider any potential flood risk when purchasing a property.

Insurance may be expensive or difficult to obtain if your home is at risk, so it is vital to understand the risk of flooding of your home or before purchasing a property.

#### How is the Overall Flood Risk Calculated?



**Impact:** We consider the expected depths of flooding at your house. Low depths, for example, 10cm, are unlikely to put people at risk but water damage to buildings and contents may be significant without any flood protection. High water depths, for example 1m, may severely threaten the safety of people and may cause extensive damage to buildings. It may be dangerous to keep deep floods out of a building because of the large weight of water pressing against the wall.



**Likelihood:** Flood risk is based on probability and different approaches to flood protection may be needed depending upon how likely flooding is expected. A common way of expressing how likely a flood event is to occur is 'return period'. For example, a 1:100 year event has a 1% likelihood of occurring in any given year, whereas a 1:200 year event has a 0.5% likelihood of occurring in any given year. The 1:200 event would be expected to result in a greater extent of flooding than the 1:100 event, as it would be more severe, but the likelihood of it occurring is lower.



# **Useful Information**

# The Purpose and Scope of the Report

The Homecheck Flood report is a desktop flood risk screening report, designed to satisfy the concerns raised by the Law Society Practice Note and to enable home buyers and property professionals to assess the risk of flooding at residential sites. It examines two key areas: (1) the overall risk of flooding at a site taking into account any flood defences present (where these are identified within the vicinity of the property and based on the presence of flood defences registered by The Environment Agency). It should be noted that a residual risk of flooding may remain if such defences were to fail owing to extreme weather conditions, over-topping or poor maintenance. In addition, it should be noted that flood defences do not generally offer protection against groundwater or surface water flooding (2) how flood risk affects the availability of insurance for a site. Where no flood defences are present in the vicinity of the property the overall risk rating provides a worst case scenario which may be alleviated by smaller scale local flood defences or recently constructed flood defences not currently registered by The Environment Agency.

Where several flood risks have been identified, the report highlights the most risky and details the information Landmark consider should be drawn to your attention as part of the conveyancing transaction. However, other flood risks may be present. A home buyer may wish to review the complete information at and around the property using the online viewer.

The Homecheck Flood report is a general purpose indicative screening tool, and is intended to provide a useful initial analysis for a residential conveyancing transaction. It does not provide an alternative to a property specific assessment, such as the Flood Solutions Consult Report, which should be used when this report suggests 'Further Action'.

### The Individual Flood Risks

The individual flood risk gauges on the front page highlight the individual river, coastal, surface water, ground water and other types of flooding risk at the property, taking into consideration any flood defences found. These risks are used to determine the overall flood risk to the property. The individual flood risks are demonstrated in the gauges as follows:

| High<br>Moderate To High | Landmark consider the individual flood risk to be significant. This is because there is a potential flood risk that would be likely to occur fairly frequently or the predicted depth of any flood event would result in significant impact and/or there is a flood water storage area on property and/or there is information to suggest a flood has happened in the past. It is recommended that you refer to the Overall Flood Risk and take note of the Professional Opinion and Recommendations as further action will be required. |
|--------------------------|--|
| Moderate                 | Landmark consider the individual flood risk to be moderate. This is either because of a potential flood that is likely to occur with moderate frequency, or because the predicted depth of potential flooding at the property is likely to be shallow and insufficient to cause a significant issue. It is recommended that you check the Overall Flood Risk result and refer to the Professional Opinion and Recommendations for guidance and next steps.   |
| Low To Moderate          | This describes areas that Landmark Information Group consider are at low to moderate risk flooding. These are areas where we have found some indication of potential flood risk, however any resulting flooding would be expected to be infrequent, or have a low predicted depth. It is recommended that you check the Overall Flood Risk to the property as this may differ from the individual flood risks.   |
| Low                      | This describes areas that Landmark Information Group consider are at minimal or no risk of flooding. These are areas where there may be some indications of potential flood risk, however any flooding would be expected to be very infrequent, or have a very low predicted depth. It is recommended that you check the Overall Flood Risk to the property as this may differ from the individual flood risks.  |

# **Useful Information**

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The Property Ombudsman scheme Milford House 43-55 Milford Street Salisbury Wiltshire SP1 2BP

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# Keeping you up-to-date

2017 is the 15th anniversary of the CON29DW. From just two drainage and water related questions in the local authority search, the CON29DW now comprises of 25 standard questions answered in full, from sewerage and water asset information to sewer flooding history and connection information, providing peace of mind and mitigating risk for homebuyers, property owners, and conveyancers alike.

There have been multi-million pound investments in this process by CON29DW producers including Thames Water Property Searches in order to improve product quality and speed of response.



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| Questi | on   | Summary Answer   |
|--------|--|------------------|
| Maps   |  |                  |
| 1.1    | Where relevant, please include a copy of an extract from the public sewer map.   | Map Provided     |
| 1.2    | Where relevant, please include a copy of an extract from the map of waterworks.  | Map Provided     |
| Draina | ge   |                  |
| 2.1    | Does foul water from the property drain to a public sewer?   | Connected        |
| 2.2    | Does surface water from the property drain to a public sewer?  | Connected        |
| 2.3    | Is a surface water drainage charge payable?  | Charge Payable   |
| 2.4    | Does the public sewer map indicate any public sewer, disposal main or lateral drain within the boundaries of the property?   | No               |
| 2.4.1  | Does the public sewer map indicate any public pumping station or any other ancillary apparatus within the boundaries of the property?  | No               |
| 2.5    | Does the public sewer map indicate any public sewer within 30.48 metres(100 feet) of any buildings within the property?  | Yes              |
| 2.5.1  | Does the public sewer map indicate any public pumping station or any other ancillary apparatus within the 50metres of any buildings within the property?                                 | No               |
| 2.6    | Are any sewers or lateral drains serving, or which are proposed to serve the property, the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement?            | No               |
| 2.7    | Has a sewerage undertaker approved or been consulted about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain? | No               |
| 2.8    | Is the building which is or forms part of the property, at risk of internal flooding due to overloaded public sewers?  | Not At Risk      |
| 2.9    | Please state the distance from the property to the nearest boundary of the nearest sewage treatment works.   | 2.929 Kilometres |
| Water  |  |                  |
| 3.1    | Is the property connected to mains water supply?   | Connected        |
| 3.2    | Are there any water mains, resource mains or discharge pipes within the boundaries of the property?  | No               |
| 3.3    | Is any water main or service pipe serving or which is proposed to serve the property, the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement?             | No               |
| 3.4    | Is the property at risk of receiving low water pressure or flow?   | No               |
| 3.5    | What is the classification of the water supply for the property?   | Hard             |
| 3.6    | Please include details of the location of any water meter serving the property.  | See Details      |
| Chargi | ing  |                  |
| 4.1.1  | Who are the sewerage undertakers for the area?   | Thames Water     |
| 4.1.2  | Who are the water undertakers for the area?  | Thames Water     |
| 4.2    | Who bills the property for sewerage services?  | Thames Water     |
| 4.3    | Who bills the property for water services?   | Thames Water     |
| 4.4    | What is the current basis for charging for sewerage and/or water services at the property?   | Metered          |
| 4.5    | Will the basis for charging for sewerage and water services at the property change as a consequence of a change of occupation?   | No               |
|        |  |                  |





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The following records were searched in compiling this report: - the Map of Public Sewers, the Map of Waterworks, Water and Sewer billing records, Adoption of Public Sewer records, Building Over Public Sewer records, the Register of Properties subject to Internal Foul Flooding, the Register of Properties subject to Poor Water Pressure and the Drinking Water Register. Thames Water Utilities Ltd (TWUL), Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading RG1 8DB, holds all of these.

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## Interpretation of CON29DW Drainage and Water Search

Appendix 1 contains definitions of terms and expressions used in this report.

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- provide compensation, if no response or acknowledgment that we are investigating the case is given within 10 working days of receipt of the complaint;
- keep you informed of the progress and, depending on the scale of investigation required, update with new timescales as necessary;
- o provide an amended search, free of charge, if required;
- provide a refund if we find your complaint to be justified; take the necessary action within our power to put things right.

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#### Maps

#### 1.1 - Where relevant, please include a copy of an extract from the public sewer map.

A copy of an extract of the public sewer map is included, showing the public sewers, disposal mains and lateral drains in the vicinity of the property.

## For your guidance:

- The Water Industry Act 1991 defines Public Sewers as those which Thames Water have responsibility for. Other assets and rivers, watercourses, ponds, culverts or highway drains may be shown for information purposes only.
- The company is not generally responsible for rivers, watercourses, ponds, culverts or highway
  drains. If any of these are shown on the copy extract they are shown for information only.
- Any private sewers or lateral drains which are indicated on the extract of the public sewer
  map as being subject to an agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 are
  not an 'as constructed' record. It is recommended these details be checked with the
  developer.
- Assets other than public sewers may be shown on the copy extract, for information.

### 1.2 – Where relevant, please include a copy of an extract from the map of waterworks.

A copy of an extract of the map of waterworks is included, showing water mains, resource mains or discharge pipes in the vicinity of the property.

- The "water mains" in this context are those, which are vested in and maintainable by the water company under statute.
- Assets other than public water mains may be shown on the plan, for information only.
- Water companies are not responsible for private supply pipes connecting the property to the
  public water main and do not hold details of these. These may pass through land outside of
  the control of the seller, or may be shared with adjacent properties. The buyer may wish to
  investigate whether separate rights or easements are needed for their inspection, repair or
  renewal.
- If an extract of the public water main record is enclosed, this will show known public water
  mains in the vicinity of the property. It should be possible to estimate the likely length and
  route of any private water supply pipe connecting the property to the public water network.





#### Drainage

#### 2.1 – Does foul water from the property drain to a public sewer?

Records indicate that foul water from the property drains to a public sewer.

#### For your guidance:

- Water companies are not responsible for any private drains that connect the property to the
  public sewerage system and do not hold details of these. The property owner will normally
  have sole responsibility for private drains serving the property. These may pass through land
  outside the control of the seller and the buyer may wish to investigate whether separate rights
  or easements are needed for their inspection, repair or renewal.
- If foul water does not drain to the public sewerage system, the property may have private
  facilities in the form of a cesspit, septic tank or other type of treatment plant.
- An extract from the public sewer map is enclosed. This will show known public sewers in the
  vicinity of the property and it should be possible to estimate the likely length and route of any
  private drains and/or sewers connecting the property to the public sewerage system.

## 2.2 - Does surface water from the property drain to a public sewer?

Records indicate that surface water from the property drains to a public sewer.

- Sewerage Undertakers are not responsible for any private drains that connect the property to the public sewerage system, and do not hold details of these.
- The property owner will normally have sole responsibility for private drains serving the
  property. These private drains may pass through land outside of the control of the seller and
  the buyer may wish to investigate whether separate rights or easements are needed for their
  inspection, repair or renewal.
- In some cases, 'Sewerage Undertakers' records do not distinguish between foul and surface water connections to the public sewerage system.
- At the time of privatisation in 1989, Sewerage Undertakers were sold with poorly-kept records
  of sewerage infrastructure. The records did not always show which properties were
  connected for surface water drainage purposes. Accordingly, billing records have been used
  to provide an answer for this element of the drainage and water search.
- Due to the potential inadequacy of 'Sewerage Undertakers' infrastructure records with respect
  to surface water drainage, it is the customer's responsibility to inform the Sewerage
  Undertaker that they do not receive the surface water drainage service. If on inspection, the
  buyer finds that surface water from the property does not drain to a public sewer, then the
  property may be eligible for a rebate of the surface water drainage charge. For further
  information, please contact Thames Water on Tel: 0800 316 9800, or refer to the website at
  www.thameswater.co.uk.
- If surface water from the property does not drain to the public sewerage system, the property
  may have private facilities in the form of a soakaway or private connection to a watercourse.
- An extract from the public sewer map is enclosed. This will show known public sewers in the
  vicinity of the property and it should be possible to estimate the likely length and route of any
  private drains and/or sewers connecting the property to the public sewerage system.





## 2.3 - Is a surface water drainage charge payable?

Records confirm that a surface water drainage charge is payable for the property and the charge is £25.15 for the current financial year.

#### For your guidance:

- If surface water from the property drains to a public sewer, then a surface water drainage charge is payable.
- Where a surface water drainage charge is currently included in the property's water and sewerage bill but, on inspection, the buyer finds that surface water from the property does not drain to a public sewer, then the property may be eligible for a rebate of the surface water drainage charge. For further information, please contact Thames Water on Tel: 0800 316 9800 or refer to the website www.thameswater.co.uk.

# 2.4 – Does the public sewer map indicate any public sewer, disposal main or lateral drain within the boundaries of the property?

The public sewer map indicates that there are no public sewers, disposal mains or lateral drains within the boundaries of the property. However, from the 1st October 2011 there may be lateral drains and/or public sewers which are not recorded on the public sewer map but which may prevent or restrict development of the property.

- Thames Water has a statutory right of access to carry out work on its assets. Employees of Thames Water or its contractors may, therefore, need to enter the property to carry out work.
- Please note if the property was constructed after 1st July 2011 any sewers and/or lateral drain within the boundary of the property are the responsibility of the householder.
- The approximate boundary of the property has been determined by reference to the Ordnance Survey Record or the map supplied.
- The presence of a public sewer running within the boundary of the property may restrict further development. The company has a statutory right of access to carry out work on its assets, subject to notice. This may result in employees of the company, or its contractors, needing to enter the property to carry out work.
- Any private sewers or lateral drains which are indicated on the extract of the public sewer
  map as being subject to an agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 are
  not an 'as constructed' record. It is recommended these details be checked with the
  developer.





# 2.4.1 – Does the public sewer map indicate any public pumping station or any other ancillary apparatus within the boundaries of the property?

The public sewer map included indicates that there is no public pumping station within the boundaries of the property.

#### For your guidance:

- Private pumping stations installed before 1 July 2011 will be transferred into the ownership of the sewerage undertaker.
- The approximate boundary of the property has been determined by reference to the Ordnance Survey Record or the map supplied.
- The presence of a public Pumping station running within the boundary of the property may restrict further development. The company has a statutory right of access to carry out work on its assets, subject to notice. This may result in employees of the company, or its contractors, needing to enter the property to carry out work.
- Any private sewers or lateral drains which are indicated on the extract of the public sewer
  map as being subject to an agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 are
  not an 'as constructed' record. It is recommended these details be checked with the
  developer.

# 2.5 – Does the public sewer map indicate any public sewer within 30.48 metres (100 feet) of any buildings within the property?

The public sewer map included indicates that there is a public sewer within 30.48 metres (100 feet) of a building within the property.

- From the 1st October 2011 there may be additional lateral drains and/or public sewers which
  are not recorded on the public sewer map but are also within 30.48 metres (100 feet) of a
  building within the property.
- The presence of a public sewer within 30.48 metres (100 feet) of the building(s) within the property can result in the local authority requiring a property to be connected to the public sewer.
- The measurement is estimated from the Ordnance Survey record, between the building(s) within the boundary of the property and the nearest public sewer.
- Any private sewers or lateral drains which are indicated on the extract of the public sewer
  map as being subject to an agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 are
  not an 'as constructed' record. It is recommended these details be checked with the
  developer.





# 2.5.1 – Does the public sewer map indicate any public pumping station or any other ancillary apparatus within 50 metres of any buildings within the property?

The public sewer map included indicates that there is no public pumping station within 50 metres of any buildings within the property.

#### For your guidance:

- Private pumping stations installed before 1 July 2011 will be transferred into the ownership of the sewerage undertaker.
- The presence of a public pumping station within 50 metres of the building(s) within the property can result in the local authority requiring a property to be connected to the public sewer.
- The measurement is estimated from the Ordnance Survey record, between the building(s) within the boundary of the property and the nearest public sewer.
- Any private sewers or lateral drains which are indicated on the extract of the public sewer
  map as being subject to an agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 are
  not an 'as constructed' record. It is recommended these details be checked with the
  developer.

# 2.6 – Are any sewers or lateral drains serving or which are proposed to serve the property the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement?

Records confirm that Foul sewers serving the development, of which the property forms part are not the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement.

The Surface Water sewer(s) and/or Surface Water lateral drain(s) are not the subject of an adoption agreement.

- Any sewers and/or lateral drains within the boundary of the property are not the subject of an
  adoption agreement and remain the responsibility of the householder. Adoptable sewers are
  normally those situated in the public highway.
- This enquiry is of interest to purchasers of new homes who will want to know whether or not the property will be linked to a public sewer.
- Where the property is part of a very recent or ongoing development and the sewers are not the subject of an adoption application, buyers should consult with the developer to ascertain the extent of private drains and sewers for which they will hold maintenance and renewal liabilities.
- Final adoption is subject to the developer complying with the terms of the adoption agreement under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and meeting the requirements of 'Sewers for Adoption' 6<sup>th</sup> Edition.





2.7 – Has a sewerage undertaker approved or been consulted about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain?

There are no records in relation to any approval or consultation about plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain. However, the sewerage undertaker might not be aware of a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain.

- From the 1st October 2011 most private sewers, disposal mains and lateral drains were transferred into public ownership and the sewerage undertaker may not have been approved or consulted about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of these.
- Buildings or extensions erected over a sewer in contravention of building controls may have to be removed or altered.





# 2.8 – Is the building which is or forms part of the property at risk of internal flooding due to overloaded public sewers?

The property is not recorded as being at risk of internal flooding due to overloaded public sewers.

From the 1st October 2011 most private sewers, disposal mains and lateral drains were transferred into public ownership It is therefore possible that a property may be at risk of internal flooding due to an overloaded public sewer which the sewerage undertaker is not aware of. For further information it is recommended that enquiries are made of the vendor.

- For reporting purposes buildings are restricted to those normally occupied and used for residential, public, commercial, business or industrial purposes.
- A sewer is "overloaded" when the flow from a storm is unable to pass through it due to a
  permanent problem (e.g. flat gradient, small diameter). Flooding as a result of temporary
  problems such as blockages, siltation, collapses and equipment or operational failures are
  excluded.
- "Internal flooding" from public sewers is defined as flooding, which enters a building or passes below a suspended floor. For reporting purposes, buildings are restricted to those normally occupied and used for residential, public, commercial, business or industrial purposes.
- "At Risk" properties are those that the water company is required to include in the Regulatory Register that is presented annually to the Director General of Water Services. These are defined as properties that have suffered, or are likely to suffer, internal flooding from public foul, combined or surface water sewers due to overloading of the sewerage system more frequently than the relevant reference period (either once or twice in ten years) as determined by the Company's reporting procedure.
- Flooding as a result of storm events proven to be exceptional and beyond the reference period of one in ten years are not included on the At Risk Register.
- Properties may be at risk of flooding but not included on the Register where flooding incidents have not been reported to the Company.
- Public Sewers are defined as those for which the Company holds statutory responsibility under the Water Industry Act 1991.
- It should be noted that flooding can occur from private sewers and drains which are not the
  responsibility of the Company. This report excludes flooding from private sewers and drains
  and the Company makes no comment upon this matter.
- For further information please contact Thames Water on Tel: 0800 316 9800 or website www.thameswater.co.uk





# 2.9 – Please state the distance from the property to the nearest boundary of the nearest sewage treatment works.

The nearest sewage treatment works is Mogden STW which is 2.929 kilometres to the west of the property.

- The nearest sewage treatment works will not always be the sewage treatment works serving the catchment within which the property is situated.
- The sewerage undertaker's records were inspected to determine the nearest sewage treatment works.
- It should be noted that there may be a private sewage treatment works closer than the one
  detailed above that has not been identified.
- As a responsible utility operator, Thames Water Utilities seeks to manage the impact of odour
  from operational sewage works on the surrounding area. This is done in accordance with the
  Code of Practice on Odour Nuisance from Sewage Treatment Works issued via the
  Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). This Code recognises that
  odour from sewage treatment works can have a detrimental impact on the quality of the local
  environment for those living close to works. However DEFRA also recognises that sewage
  treatment works provide important services to communities and are essential for maintaining
  standards in water quality and protecting aquatic based environments. For more information
  visit www.thameswater.co.uk





#### Water

### 3.1 – Is the property connected to mains water supply?

Records indicate that the property is connected to mains water supply.

#### For your guidance:

 The Company does not keep details of private supplies. The situation should be checked with the current owner of the property.

# 3.2 – Are there any water mains, resource mains or discharge pipes within the boundaries of the property?

The map of waterworks does not indicate any water mains, resource mains or discharge pipes within the boundaries of the property.

### For your guidance:

- The boundary of the property has been determined by reference to the plan supplied. Where
  a plan was not supplied the Ordnance Survey Record was used. If the Water company
  mentioned in 4.1.2 is not Thames Water Utilities Ltd the boundary of the property has been
  determined by the Ordnance Survey.
- The presence of a public water main within the boundary of the property may restrict further
  development within it. Water companies have a statutory right of access to carry out work on
  their assets, subject to notice. This may result in employees of the company, or its
  contractors, needing to enter the property to carry out work.

# 3.3 – Is any water main or service pipe serving or which is proposed to serve the property the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement?

Records confirm that water mains or service pipes serving the property are not the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement.

### For your guidance:

 This enquiry is of interest to purchasers of new homes who will want to know whether or not the property will be linked to the mains water supply.





### 3.4 - Is the property at risk of receiving low water pressure or flow?

Records confirm that the property is not recorded on a register kept by the water undertaker as being at risk of receiving low water pressure or flow.

- The boundary of the property has been determined by reference to the plan supplied. Where a plan was not supplied the Ordnance Survey Record was used.
- "Low water pressure" means water pressure below the regulatory reference level, which is the minimum pressure when demand on the system is not abnormal.
- Water Companies are required to include in the Regulatory Register that is presented annually to the Director General of Water Services, properties receiving pressure below the reference level, provided that allowable exclusions do not apply (i.e. events which can cause pressure to temporarily fall below the reference level)
- The reference level of service is a flow of 9 litres/minute at a pressure of 10metres / head on the customer's side of the outside stop valve (osv). The reference level of service must be applied on the customer's side of a meter or any other company fittings that are on the customer's side of the main stop tap. The reference level applies to a single property. Where more than one property is served by a common service pipe, the flow assumed in the reference level must be appropriately increased to take account of the total number of properties served. For two properties, a flow of 18 litres/minute at a pressure of 10metres/head on the customers' side of the osv is appropriate. For three or more properties the appropriate flow should be calculated from the standard loadings provided in BS6700 or the Institute of Plumbing handbook.
- Allowable exclusions The Company is required to include in the Regulatory Register properties receiving pressure below the reference level, provided that allowable exclusions listed below do not apply.
- Abnormal demand: This exclusion is intended to cover abnormal peaks in demand and not
  the daily, weekly or monthly peaks in demand, which are normally expected. Companies
  should exclude from the reported figures properties which are affected by low pressure only
  on those days with the highest peak demands. During the report year companies may
  exclude, for each property, up to five days of low pressure caused by peak demand.
- Planned maintenance: Companies should not report low pressures caused by planned maintenance. It is not intended that companies identify the number of properties affected in each instance. However, companies must maintain sufficiently accurate records to verify that low-pressure incidents that are excluded because of planned maintenance are actually caused by maintenance.
- One-off incidents: This exclusion covers a number of causes of low pressure; mains bursts; failures of company equipment (such as pressure reducing valves or booster pumps); firefighting; and action by a third party. However, if problems of this type affect a property frequently, they cannot be classed as one-off events and further investigation will be required before they can be excluded
- Low-pressure incidents of short duration: Properties affected by low pressures, which only
  occur for a short period, and for which there is evidence that incidents of a longer duration
  would not occur during the course of the year, may be excluded from the reported figures.
- Please contact your water company mentioned in Question 4.1.2 if you require further information on water pressure.





# 3.5 - What is the classification of the water supply for the property?

The water supplied to the property has an average water Hardness of 105.2mg/l calcium which is defined as Hard by Thames Water.

#### For your guidance:

- Water hardness can be expressed in various indices for example the hardness settings for dishwashers are commonly expressed in Clark's degrees, but check with the manufacturer as there are also other units. The following table shows the normal ranges of hardness.
- · Sample table for information only:

| Thames Water<br>Hardness<br>Category | Calcium<br>(mg/l) | Calcium<br>Carbonate<br>(mg/l) | English<br>Clarke<br>degrees | French<br>degrees | General/<br>German<br>degrees |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Soft                                 | 0 to 40           | 0 to 100                       | 0 to 7                       | 0 to 10           | 0 to 5.6                      |
| Medium                               | 41 to 80          | 101 to 200                     | 8 to 14                      | 11 to 20          | 5.7 to 11.2                   |
| Hard                                 | Over 80           | Over 200                       | Over 14                      | Over 20           | over 11.2                     |

### 3.6 – Please include details of the location of any water meter serving the property.

Records indicate that the property is served by a water meter, the location of the water meter has not been confirmed.

#### For your guidance:

Where a meter does not serve the property and the customer wishes to consider this method
of charging, they should contact the water undertakers mentioned in Question 4.1.2.