



31 Benslow Rise, SG4 9QX

Flood Risk Assessment

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Project Details



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Introduction & Context

Description of Development

Proposed ground floor rear extension, internal ground floor and first floor plan redesign and all associated works at 31 Benslow Rise, SG4 9QX

Policy Context

This Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been developed based on the following sources of information:

- National Planning Policy Framework
- Flood Risk and Coastal Change PPG
- Environment Agency Guidelines for Flood Risk Assessments for Planning
- Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning

The assessment has been undertaken by a range of environmental professionals at Resi, who have a range of expertise that include suitable credentials to develop the document.

Site Location

The site is located in Flood Zone 1. The property is currently, and will remain, in residential use. It is therefore a 'More Vulnerable' use for the purposes of this assessment and has a lifetime of over 100 years.

According to the Environment Agency there is an annual probability of:

- Very low chance of flooding from surface water
- Very low chance of flooding from streams or rivers, or coastal flooding.

2.1 Flood Risk Map



Site Analysis

2.2 Site Photographs



Front view



Rear view

Mitigation Measures

Assessment

This site specific FRA has been prepared in order to assess the risk of flooding to the proposed development at the application site.

The flood risk of the site has been carefully considered with due regard to relevant planning policies and guidance, and the site specifics of the application site and the proposed development.

In accordance with these relevant policies and guidance, we have reviewed flood resistance features to ensure that any potential risk to the occupants of the property and its surroundings has been suitably designed into the development.

These include the features opposite:

Construction Materials

- Foundations - Trench Fill
- External Walls - Brick
- Windows and Doors - uPVC/Aluminium

Sustainable Drainage

- Surface water drainage will not be altered

Mitigation

- The FFL will not be altered
- The existing exterior ground level will not be altered.
- Hard surfaces will not be significantly increased.
- The proposed doors will be sealed to protect from the elements.
- The construction detailing of the walls and floor will include stainless steel ties, lime based plaster, rigid insulation, lapped DPC/DPM,
- Electrical services will run through the ceiling and the walls rather than the floors.
- Drainage channels, aco drains and surface water drains will be provided where necessary.
- The use of a soakaway aims to reduce any further risk of surface water flooding

Flood Alerts

- The occupants of the property will sign up for EA Flood Alerts
- In the event of a flood the electricity will be turned off at the consumer unit
- Depending on the risk defined in the alert the occupants shall protect the property with sandbags located to mitigate property damage