

# **East Thames Housing / Epping Forest District Council Housing Delivery Programme**

**Feasibility Report** 

Site: 332-353 (Garages) Ladyfields, Loughton IG10 3RP

Rev: A

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#### 1.0 Introduction and Confirmation of Brief

- 1.1. Pellings LLP are appointed as part of East Thames Group Technical Team in respect of delivery of Development Agent services to Epping Forest District Council for a six year housing delivery programme.
- 1.2. Following initial appraisal by EFDC, 59 sites have been identified as having possible development potential, with a further number of sites in reserve.
- 1.3. Pellings LLP have been instructed to progress feasibility studies to all 59 sites and which will assist in establishing the extent and timing of the overall programme.
- 1.4. Our instructions are in accordance with our fee tender of 13 August 2012, against the previously prepared tender documentation, and email confirmation of 9 April 2013.

## 2.0 Existing Site and Surroundings

- 2.1. The site is located in a residential part of Loughton 150m to the west of Debden station. It adjoins the embankment of the Central Line.
- 2.2. The site consists of 22 garages and hardstanding and it is accessed by way of two crossovers (one at each end) on to Ladyfields. The rear boundary adjoins the railway embankment of the Central Line (the line being above the level of the site), the eastern side adjoins a grassed area and the western side adjoins a substation. The area in general consists of two storey family houses (terraced and semi-detached) with front and rear gardens. There are mature trees on the site and also overhanging the site on the adjoining railway land, and which will need to be recognised in final design.
- 2.3. 'Ladyfield' the road fronting the site was heavily parked at time of our survey.
- 3.0 **Proposals**
- 3.1. Read in conjunction with drawings 612.023/P2-14A attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2. The proposals are:
  - Erection of a 7 x two storey 2 bedroom houses (6 semi-detached and 1 detached) each with gardens. Provision of 14 parking spaces and access/landscaping
- 3.3. Please note that the positions of trees are approximated pending detailed survey information.
- 4.0 Planning Issues and Risks

### Relevant Planning Policies/Considerations

- 4.1. The adopted Development Plan for Epping Forest District Council is the Combined Local Plan 1998 and Local Plan Alterations 2006.
- 4.2. The site is not located in a Conservation Area and it is not designated for any particular purposes in the Epping Forest District Council Combined Local Plan 1998 and Local Plan Alterations 2006. The site does not lie in a Flood Zone on the Environment Agency Flood Map.

- 4.3. There are no specific policies which prevent the loss of existing garages although policy ST4 (Road Safety) states that planning permission will only be granted where there will be no adverse effects on the highway, traffic congestion or harm to the character or appearance of the area. Parking spaces to meet with the Council's standards are proposed for the new dwellings.
- 4.4. It will be necessary to undertake a Parking Survey and to prepare a Transport Statement to demonstrate that the loss of the garages and proposed development would not cause any parking shortfalls or harm to highway conditions or the amenities of the area.
- 4.5. The site is located in the settlement of Loughton and the proposal would be consistent with policy CP7 which encourages the efficient use of existing built-up areas by the 'recycling of vacant, derelict, degraded and under-used land to accommodate the development' and the 're-use of urban sites, which are no longer appropriate to their existing or proposed use in the foreseeable future, for alternative land uses'.
- 4.6. The proposal would comply with policy H4A which states the need for a range of dwellings, including an appropriate proportion of smaller dwellings, to meet identified housing need on a site-by-site basis.
- 4.7. The development of small family homes with rear gardens and private and communal parking would be in keeping with the character and appearance of the area and may comply with Epping Forest's design policies and guidance.

### 5.0 Impact/Implications of Statutory Services

- 5.1. We have undertaken statutory services enquiries to the following:
  - Southern Gas
  - Cable and Wireless
  - Virgin Media
  - Thames Water
  - BT
  - National Grid
  - Scottish and Southern Energy
  - Environment Agency
  - UK Power Networks
- 5.2. Responses received to date are from the Environment Agency, National Grid, UK Power Networks, Virgin Media and Thames Water.
- 5.3. The Environment Agency has not pointed out any watercourses which cross the site.
- 5.3.1. National Grid: No apparatus appears to be located on the site.
- 5.3.2. UK Power Networks: There do not appear to be any installations on the site. There are cables under the highway in front of the site, and there is a substation to the Western end but outside of the site boundary.
- 5.3.3. Virgin Media: No apparatus appears to be located on the site.
- 5.4. Thames Water: No drains or sewers are located on any part of the site.

5.5. It should be noted there are a number of responses to enquiries that, at time of preparation of this report, have not yet been received.

### 6.0 Site Access and Buildability Issues

- 6.1. The site is accessed from existing site roads and there would not appear to be any particular difficulties for the normal level and size of construction traffic associated with a development of this nature.
- 6.2. Areas should be available for contractor's site set up and accommodation.
- 6.3. The site is within a primarily residential area and, accordingly, any appointed contractor should use all best endeavours to act in a considerate manner and within normal working hours.
- 6.4. Further to initial enquiries made to EFDC, some potential contamination issues have been highlighted with use of the domestic garages.
- 6.5. Possible contaminants in respect of the previous use of the garage site may include asbestos, ash and clinker, hydro-carbons from vehicle maintenance and the like, please see Appendix E.
- 6.6. Accordingly, suitable site investigation will need to be undertaken ahead of any proposals to take this site forward and specific recommendations made to deal with any contamination found, whether by capping or removal from site.

## 7.0 **Neighbourly Matters and Party Walls**

- 7.1. As above, the proposed development site is within a primarily residential area and the appointed contractor should act in a considerate manner. It is proposed that restrictions on working hours, noise levels, requirement for resident liaison and similar matters will be included within contract documentation.
- 7.2. From proposals on Drawing 612.023/P2-14A, Party Wall matters may be relevant to the existing substation position.
- 7.3. Such Party Wall matters may be undertaken ahead of the build contract by direct appointment by EFDC, or included as a requirement for the contractor to deal with within the build contract. This later approach, however, would carry increased risk to programme and cost.

## 8.0 **Proposed Procurement Route**

- 8.1. It is understood that development works will be procured by way of the East Thames Housing Group existing contractor framework arrangements.
- 8.2. It is proposed that works shall be procured on a Design and Build basis with the contractors taking forward RIBA Stage D planning consent drawings into detailed design and construction delivery on site.
- 8.3. Schemes shall be designed to a set of Employer's Requirements to be subsequently confirmed but which substantially shall be formed from existing East Thames Housing Group Design Standards and Employer's Requirement documentation.
- 8.4. It is proposed that all site preparation works will be included within individual contract packages including any required demolitions, adjustment of statutory services, highways works and boundary maintenance/reinstatement/provision.

- 8.5. On completion of the feasibility studies for the whole programme, further recommendations will be made in terms of how works are packaged to ensure size of work packages are optimised for ensuring maximum economies for East Thames Housing Group and EFDC.
- 8.6. It is considered, at this stage, that this may be by way of a mix of different sized contractors dependent upon the numbers and geographical location of individual works packages.
- 8.7. Works will be administered by Pellings LLP as Employer's Agent acting in accordance with East Thames Housing Group terms of appointment and the over arching requirements of the Development Agency agreement.

## 9.0 Impact on Parking

- 9.1. The Council's currently adopted parking standards are contained within Essex County Council's Parking Standards Design and Good Practice Guide September 2009. These revised standards were adopted by the Council as statutory planning guidance in February 2012.
- 9.2. Flats and houses have the same parking standard as follows:
  - 1 bedroom accommodation 1 space per dwelling
  - 2 bedroom accommodation and above 2 spaces per dwelling
  - Visitor parking 0.25 spaces per dwelling (rounded up to the nearest whole number)
- 9.3. The proposals may be considered to meet the Council's parking standards for new development.
- 9.4. However, should the site move forward to planning application stages, it is recommended that a Transport Statement be undertaken, including parking surveys, to demonstrate that the loss of the garages will not give rise to any planning or highway problems.

## 10.0 **Legals**

- 10.1. We have been provided with a Summary Report of legal matters from EFDC Solicitors. The report makes reference to the suggested appropriation of land for planning purposes which would extinguish any prior rights of way.
- 10.2. The report makes reference to possible rights of light risk. A blanket policy against such risk might be considered.
- 10.3. It is stated that the site is subject to a Wayleave Agreement between EFDC and NTL for access for maintenance of telecommunications equipment. The impact of this needs to be clarified.
- 10.4. The existing garages form a retaining wall to a bank in front of the railway line. Any works in this area will need to be cleared with the railway owners.

#### 11.0 **Costs**

11.1. It is considered that a budget of £1,076.400 should be allowed for this scheme, inclusive of contractor design fees, but exclusive of professional fees and VAT. Please refer to Appendix F.

#### 12.0 **Recommendations and Conclusions**

Pellings LLP

Subject to an overall lifetime cost appraisal, we conclude that the site appears to 12.1. have economic development opportunities and we recommend is considered for taking forward to planning application stage, with a view to incorporating into the overall programme.

Signed:

Date: 1st October 2014

## Appendix A

**Development Proposals** 

Drawings 612.023/P2-14A



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## Appendix B

Site Photographs

## Appendix B - Site Photographs

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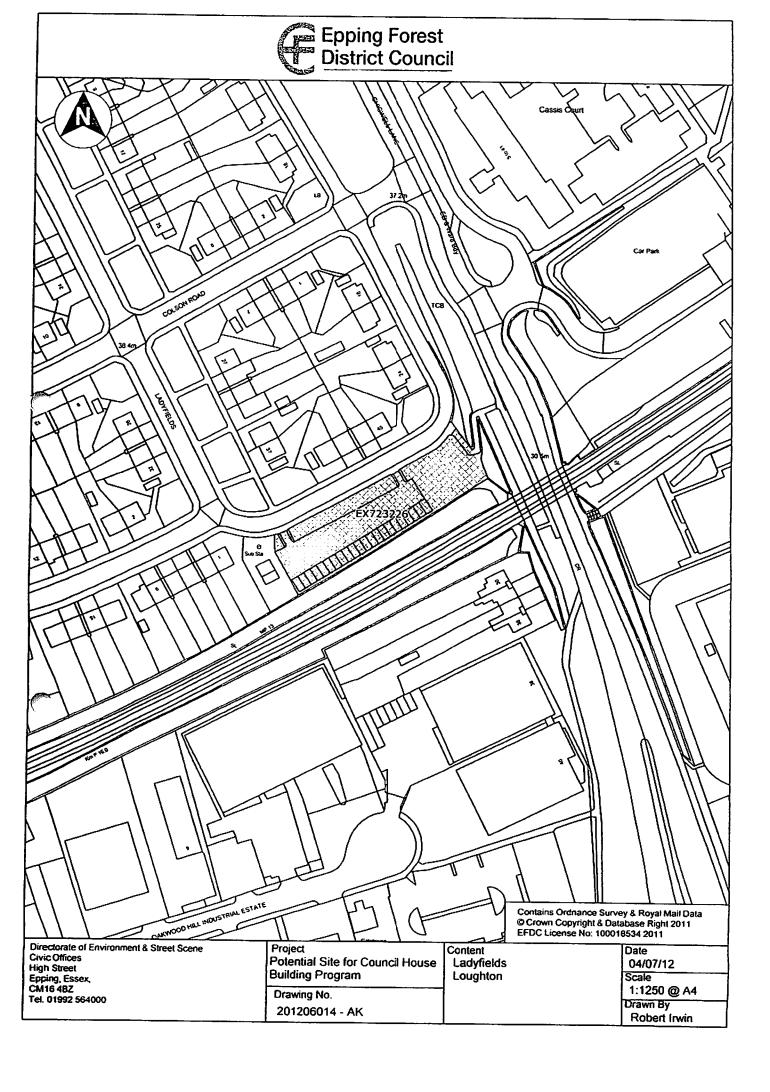






Appendix C

Existing Site Plan



## Appendix D

Statutory Services Information



Adam Greenhalgh Pellings 24 Widmore Road Bromley Kent BR1 1RY

Date: 24/10/2013

Our Ref: NL\_TE\_Z6\_3SW\_042150

Your Ref: LADYFIELDS

RE: Proposed Works, IG10 3RT, ladyfields.loughton, essex

Thank you for your enquiry which was received on 17/10/2013.

Please note this response and any attached map(s) are valid for 28 days.

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's and National Grid Gas plc's apparatus. Please note it does not cover the items listed in the section "Your Responsibilities and Obligations", including gas service pipes and related apparatus.

For details of National Grid's network areas please see the National Grid website (http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Safety/work/) or the enclosed documentation.

As your works are at a "proposed" stage, any maps and guidance provided are for information purposes only. This is not approval to commence work. You must submit a "Scheduled Works" enquiry at the earliest opportunity and failure to do this may lead to disruption to your plans and works. National Grid will endeavour to provide an <u>initial</u> assessment within 14 days of receipt of a Scheduled Works enquiry and dependent on the outcome of this, further consultation may be required.

In any event, for safety and legal reasons, works must not be carried out until a Scheduled Works enquiry has been completed and final response received.

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National Gas Emergency Number: 0800 111 999\*

\* Available 24 hours, 7 days/week. Calls may be recorded and monitored.

www.nationalgrid.com

## Your Responsibilities and Obligations

The "Assessment" Section below outlines the detailed requirements that must be followed when planning or undertaking your scheduled activities at this location.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you have submitted is accurate and that all relevant documents including links are provided to all persons (either direct labour or contractors) working for you near National Grid's apparatus, e.g. as contained within the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations.

This assessment solely relates to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) and National Grid Gas plc (NGG) apparatus. This assessment does **NOT** include:

- National Grid's legal interest (easements or wayleaves) in the land which restricts activity in proximity to National Grid's assets in private land. You must obtain details of any such restrictions from the landowner in the first instance and if in doubt contact National Grid.
- Gas service pipes and related apparatus
- Recently installed apparatus
- Apparatus owned by other organisations, e.g. other gas distribution operators, local electricity companies, other utilities, etc.

It is YOUR responsibility to take into account whether the items listed above may be present and if they could be affected by your proposed activities. Further "Essential Guidance" in respect of these items can be found on the National Grid Website (<a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/6D6525F9-59EB-4825-BA89-DBD7E68882C7/51319/EssentialGuidance.pdf">http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/6D6525F9-59EB-4825-BA89-DBD7E68882C7/51319/EssentialGuidance.pdf</a>).

This communication does not constitute any formal agreement or consent for any proposed development work; either generally or with regard to National Grid's easements or wayleaves nor any planning or building regulations applications.

NGG and NGET or their agents, servants or contractors do not accept any liability for any losses arising under or in connection with this information. This limit on liability applies to all and any claims in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (excluding fraudulent misrepresentation), breach of statutory duty or otherwise. This limit on liability does not exclude or restrict liability where prohibited by the law nor does it supersede the express terms of any related agreements.

If you require further assistance please contact the National Grid Plant Protection team via e-mail (<u>click here</u>) or via the contact details at the top of this response.

Yours faithfully

National Grid Plant Protection Team

## **ASSESSMENT**

### **Affected Apparatus**

The National Grid apparatus that has been identified as being in the vicinity of your proposed works is:

 Low or Medium pressure (below 2 bar) gas pipes and associated equipm ent. (As a result it is highly likely that there are gas services and associated apparatus in the vicinity)

## Requirements

## BEFORE carrying out any work you must:

- Carefully read these requirements including the attached guidance documents and maps showing the location of National Grid apparatus.
- Contact the landowner and ensure any proposed works in private land do not infringe National Grid's legal rights (i.e. easements or wayleaves). If the works are in the road or footpath the relevant local authority should be contacted.
- Ensure that all persons, including direct labour and contractors, working for you on or near National
  Grid's apparatus follow the requirements of the HSE Guidance Notes HSG47 'Avoiding Danger from
  Underground Services' and GS6 'Avoidance of danger from overhead electric power lines'. This
  guidance can be downloaded free of charge at <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk">http://www.hse.gov.uk</a>
- In line with the above guidance, verify and establish the actual position of mains, pipes, cables, services and other apparatus on site before any activities are undertaken.

## **GUIDANCE**

Excavating Safely - Avoiding injury when working near gas pipes: <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/2D2EEA97-B213-459C-9A26-18361C6E0B0D/25249/Digsafe">http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/2D2EEA97-B213-459C-9A26-18361C6E0B0D/25249/Digsafe</a> leaflet3e2finalamends061207.pdf

## **Standard Guidance**

#### **Essential Guidance document:**

http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/6D6525F9-59EB-4825-BA89-DBD7E68882C7/51319/EssentialGuidance.pdf

### General Guidance document:

http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/55C13C4D-A1AA-4B13-BFDA-1CF59F88B326/51318/GeneralGuidance.pdf

Excavating Safely in the vicinity of gas pipes guidance (Credit card): <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/A3D37677-6641-476C-9DDA-E89949052829/44257/ExcavatingSafelyCreditCard.pdf">http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/A3D37677-6641-476C-9DDA-E89949052829/44257/ExcavatingSafelyCreditCard.pdf</a>

Excavating Safely in the vicinity of electricity cables guidance (Credit card): <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/35DDEC6D-D754-4BA5-AF3C-D607D05A25C2/44858/ExcavatingSafelyCreditCardelectricitycables.pdf">http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/35DDEC6D-D754-4BA5-AF3C-D607D05A25C2/44858/ExcavatingSafelyCreditCardelectricitycables.pdf</a>

Copies of all the Guidance Documents can also be downloaded from the National Grid Website: <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Safety/work/downloads/">http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Safety/work/downloads/</a>

## **ENQUIRY SUMMARY**

## Received Date

17/10/2013

## Your Reference

LADYFIELDS

## **Location**

Centre Point: 544125, 196047

X Extent: 73 Y Extent: 59

Postcode: IG10 3RT

Location Description: IG10 3RT,ladyfields.loughton,essex

## **Map Options**

Paper Size: A4

Orientation: LANDSCAPE Requested Scale: 500 Actual Scale: 1:1250 (GAS)

Real World Extents: 361m x 196m (GAS)

## **Recipients**

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## **Enquirer Details**

Organisation Name: Pellings Contact Name: Adam Greenhalgh Email Address: bromley@pellings.co.uk

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## **Description of Works**

MAP FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

## **Enquiry Type**

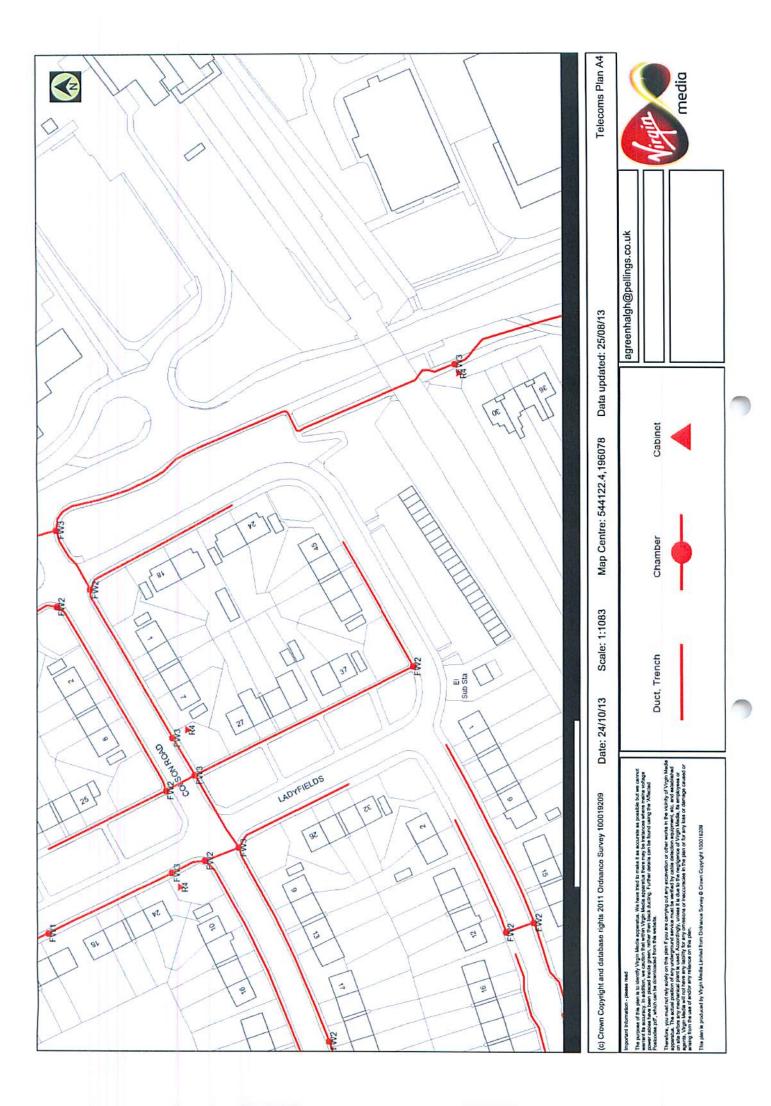
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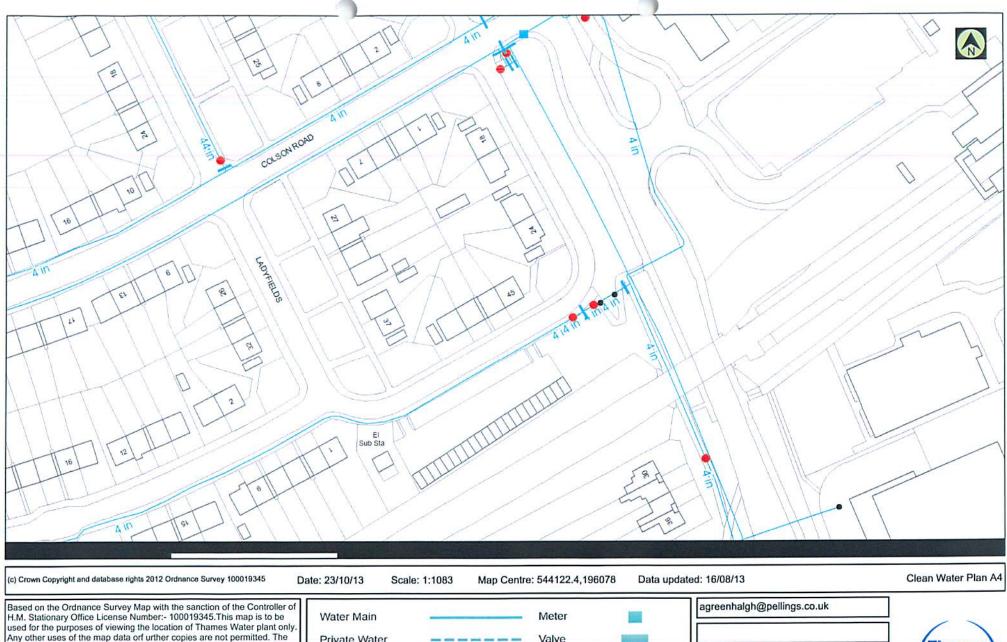
## **Activity Type**

**General Excavation** 

#### Work Types

Work Type: Plans Only



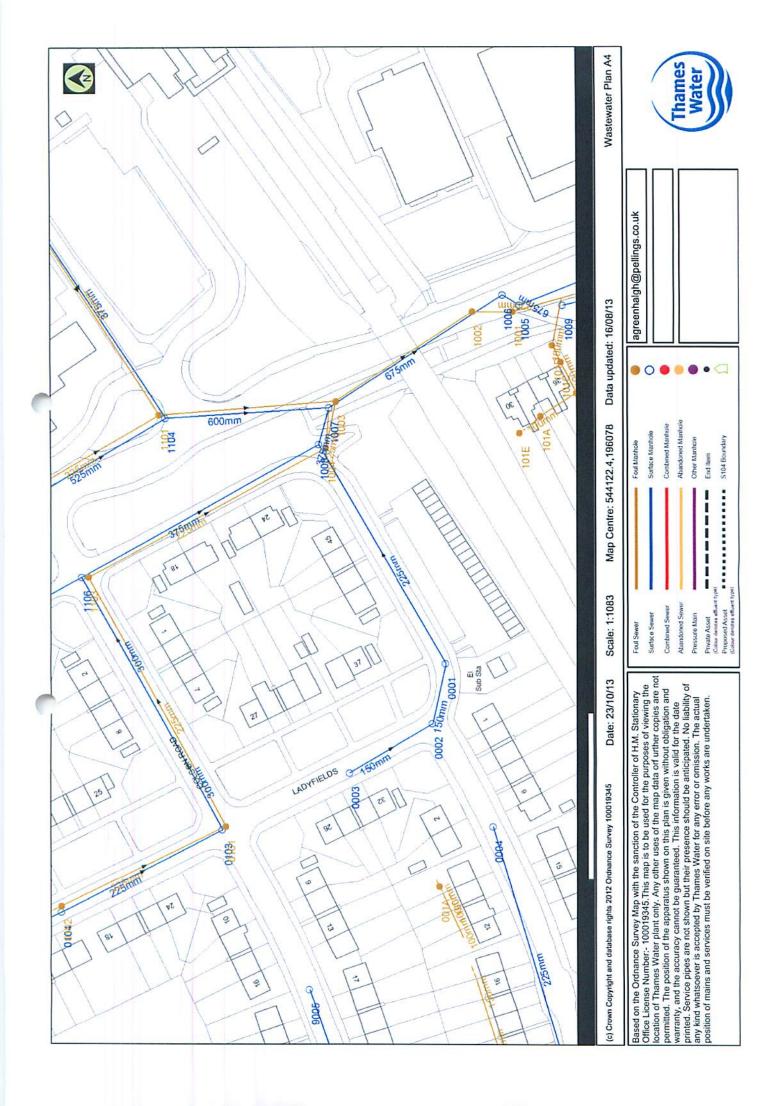


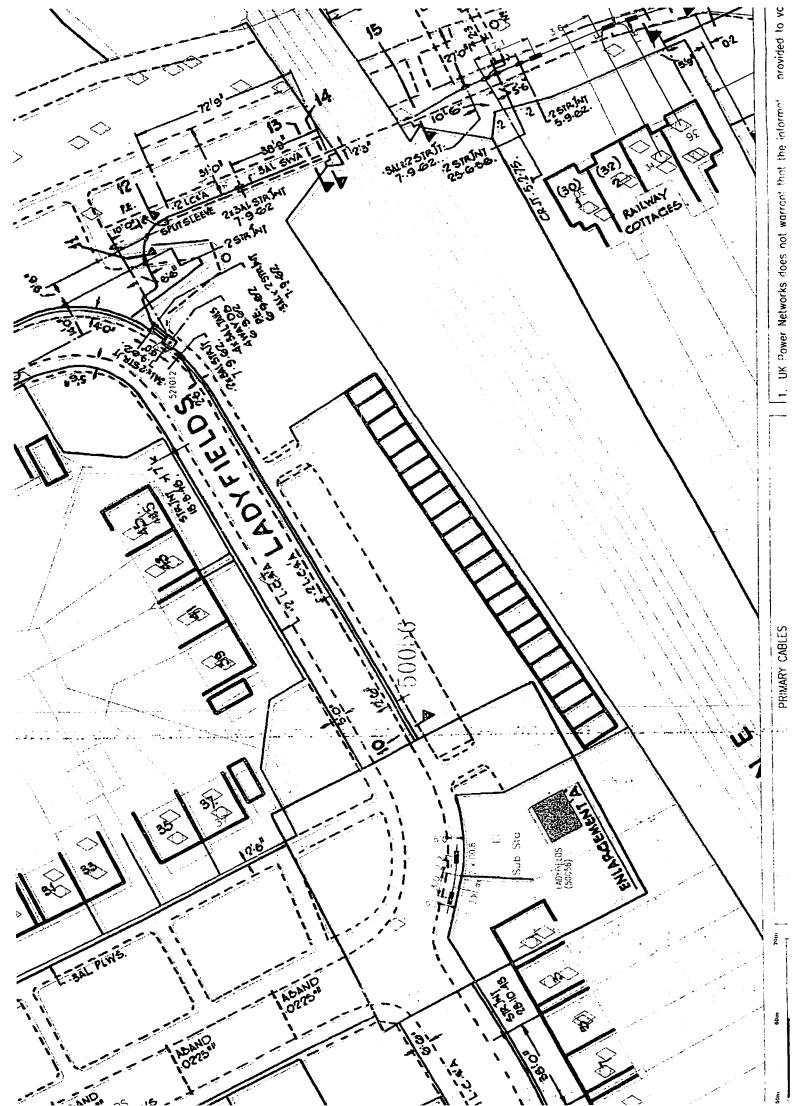
Based on the Ordnance Survey Map with the sanction of the Controller of H.M. Stationary Office License Number:- 100019345. This map is to be used for the purposes of viewing the location of Thames Water plant only. Any other uses of the map data orf urther copies are not permitted. The position of the apparatus shown on this plan is given without obligation and warranty, and the accuracy cannot be guaranteed. This information is valid for the date printed. Service pipes are not shown but their presence should be anticipated. No liability of any kind whatsoever is accepted by Thames Water for any error or omission. The actual position of mains and services must be verified on site before any works are undertaken.

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Water Main	Meter		
Private Water	 Valve		
Proposed Water	 Hydrant		
Abandoned Asset	 End Item	•	

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## Appendix E

## **Information on Possible Contamination**

Information on possible contamination has been forwarded by Epping Forest District Council by way of email of 22nd May 2013, giving information on potential contamination across all the primary sites.

This clarifies possible ground contamination derived from asbestos, made ground, hydrocarbons, petroleum hydrocarbons and the like.

It is likely that any Planning Consent will carry a Condition that all contamination issues are to be remediated.

Accordingly, we recommend that initial site investigation is undertaken for all sites that move forward to Planning Applications.

## Appendix F

Cost Build-up

## Ladyfields, Epping Forest Indicative Estimate of Cost for East Thames HA



Gross Internal floor area	m2	ft2
Affordable Flat Units	0	0
Allowance for communal space @ 20%	0	0
Affordable House Units	539	5,802
TOTAL GIA	539	5,802

Item	Element		Qty Unit	Rate Total £/unit £	
	Demolition				
1.1	Demolition		260 m²	50	13,022
	? Site clearance		1,276 m²	10	12,756
1.2	2 Allowance for removal of asbestos		22 Per roof	1,000	22,000
		Sub-total		say	50,000
	Affordable Flat units (xx nr. units)				
	Flats Private areas		0 m²	1,350	0
2.2	Prints communal areas (20% allowed)		0 m²	900	0
	Afficial delication of the (OT 1) and (1)	Sub-total		say	0
	Affordable House units (07 nr. units)		E002	4.050	674.000
3.1	House areas	Sub-total	539 m²	1,250	674,000
4.0	Abnormals / E/o and External Works	Sub-totai		say	670,000
	Private gardens (incl. fencing)		727 m²	40	29,000
	Private gardens (incl. fericing)		251 m <sup>2</sup>	30	8,000
	Access road, parking and turning		151 m²	65	10.000
	Pedestrian paving		0 m²	50	Incl.
	Cross over / highways adaptions		7 item	2,000	14,000
	S Allowance for contaminated ground		0 item	2,000	Excl.
	Boundary treatment (fencing/walls)		193 m	160	31,000
	Allowance for achieving CfSh Level 3		7 nr	4,500	32,000
	<b>3</b>	Sub-total		say	120,000
			£/m	2 £/ft2	
	INDICATIVE CONSTRUCTION COST				840,000
	CONTINGENCY @ 5%				40,000
	CONTRACTORS DESIGN FEES @ 8%				70,400
	PRELIMS AND OVERHEADS AT 15%				126,000
	TOTAL INDICATIVE CONSTRUCTION COST		1,99	7	1,076,400

### **Clarifications and Assumptions**

Estimate based on Pellings Feasibility drawings and standard ETG specifications

GIA is approximate due to early stage of design

Costs are based on a Q3 2014 start on site

Costs are based on a Single Stage Competitive D&B procurement route

Costs are based on a Contractor 'best programme' contract period

All units assumed to achieve Code for sustainable Homes Level 3

It is assumed that a traditional construction (concrete strip foundations, brick/block walls, timber floor structure, sloped tiled roofs) will be

Contractors design fees are based upon appointment with planning consent under JCT D&B contract

Assumed no Party Wall or Rights of Lights issues

#### Exclusions

Clients professional fees (including statutory fees)

VAT

Asbestos (except removal of low risk asbestos roofs priced above) and hazardous material removal

Excludes any off-site works

Provision of loose fittings and furnishings

Costs of compliance of any conditions imposed by TFL or other statutory bodies

Costs of Section 106, S108, S278 Agreement(s) or Community Infrastructure Levy charges