

**Appendix A**  
**EA Response**

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**From:** NET Enquiries <HNLenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 September 2023 13:16  
**To:** Louisa Anscomb  
**Subject:** HNL 316244 BF - Flood Risk Data Request\_ SG9 9PU Cottered Airfield SG9 9PU

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of RPS.

Dear Louisa

I have seen your email asking for an update on data requested for Cottered Airfield, Buntingford, SG9 9PU, I'm sorry you did not get our response. I have found the response that appears to have been sent in July and included it below.

If there is anything else we can help you with please let us know.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** NET Enquiries  
**Sent:** 04 July 2023 14:22  
**To:** Louisa.Anscomb@rpsgroup.com  
**Subject:** HNL 316244 BF - Flood Risk Data Request\_ SG9 9PU Cottered Airfield SG9 9PU

Dear Louisa

**Enquiry regarding Product 4**

Thank you for your enquiry which was received 15 June 2023.

We respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

We have not carried out any detailed flood modelling in the area you have requested. We are not able to confirm your flood levels without any modelling in place. Our Flood Map in this area is formed of national generalised modelling which was used in 2004 to create fluvial floodplain maps on a national scale. This data was later improved using a more detailed terrain model for the area. This modelling is not a detailed local assessment; it is used to give an indication of areas at risk from flooding. In the future we may carry out detailed modelling in this area, but we do not currently have any plans to do so.

We do hold details of flooding in the local area which can be found in the links below.

This address is within 15m of an area at High risk of surface water flooding.

Following the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Lead Local Flood Authorities are responsible for the management of groundwater and surface water flooding. They also maintain a register of property flooding incidents. You may want to seek further advice from the Hertfordshire County Council, who may have further information.

This information is provided subject to the [Open Government Licence](#), which you should read.

For more information on maps that you can access yourself please see the links below.

Here is the link to the climate change allowances: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/peak-river-flow-climate-change-allowances-by-management-catchment>

Further details about the Environment Agency information supplied can be found on the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather>

If you have requested this information to help inform a development proposal, then you should note the information on GOV.UK on the use of Environment Agency Information for Flood Risk Assessments <https://www.gov.uk/planning-applications-assessing-flood-risk>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-planning-application-enquiry-form-preliminary-opinion>

### Data Available Online

Many of our flood datasets are available online:

- Flood Map For Planning ([Flood Zone 2](#), [Flood Zone 3](#), [Flood Storage Areas](#), [Flood Defences](#))
- [Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea](#)
- [Historic Flood Map](#)
- [Assets and Defences](#)
- [Current Flood Warnings](#)
- [Open data](#)

You can also view and print surface water flood maps online at: <http://watermaps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiyby.aspx?topic=ufmfsw#x=357683&y=355134&scale=2>

I hope that we have correctly interpreted your request. If you are not satisfied with our response to your request for information you can contact us within 2 calendar months to ask for our decision to be reviewed.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Louisa Anscomb <[Louisa.Anscomb@rpsgroup.com](mailto:Louisa.Anscomb@rpsgroup.com)>

**Sent:** 15 June 2023 11:35

**To:** NET Enquiries <[HNLenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:HNLenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Flood Risk Data Request: SG9 9PU Cottered Airfield

Good Morning,

Could you please provide the following Product 4 / Product 8 (if available) flood risk data for Cottered Airfield, Buntingford, SG9 9PU.

- Flood Map confirmation
- Modelled flow and flood levels
- Details of the existence of flood defences
- Details of the standard of protection afforded by flood defences
- Details of any historical flood events impacting the site

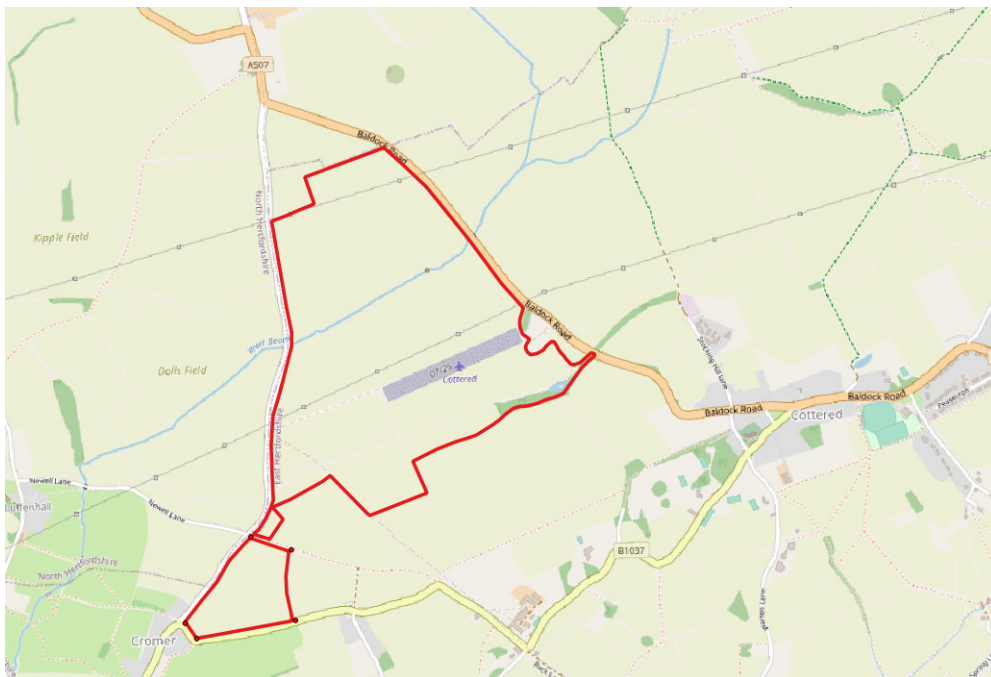
- Modelled breach flood extents and flood levels
- Breach hazard mapping (Product 8).

Site Location Plan is attached below for your reference.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Louisa



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