



Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan

Westbere
Wastewater System Plan



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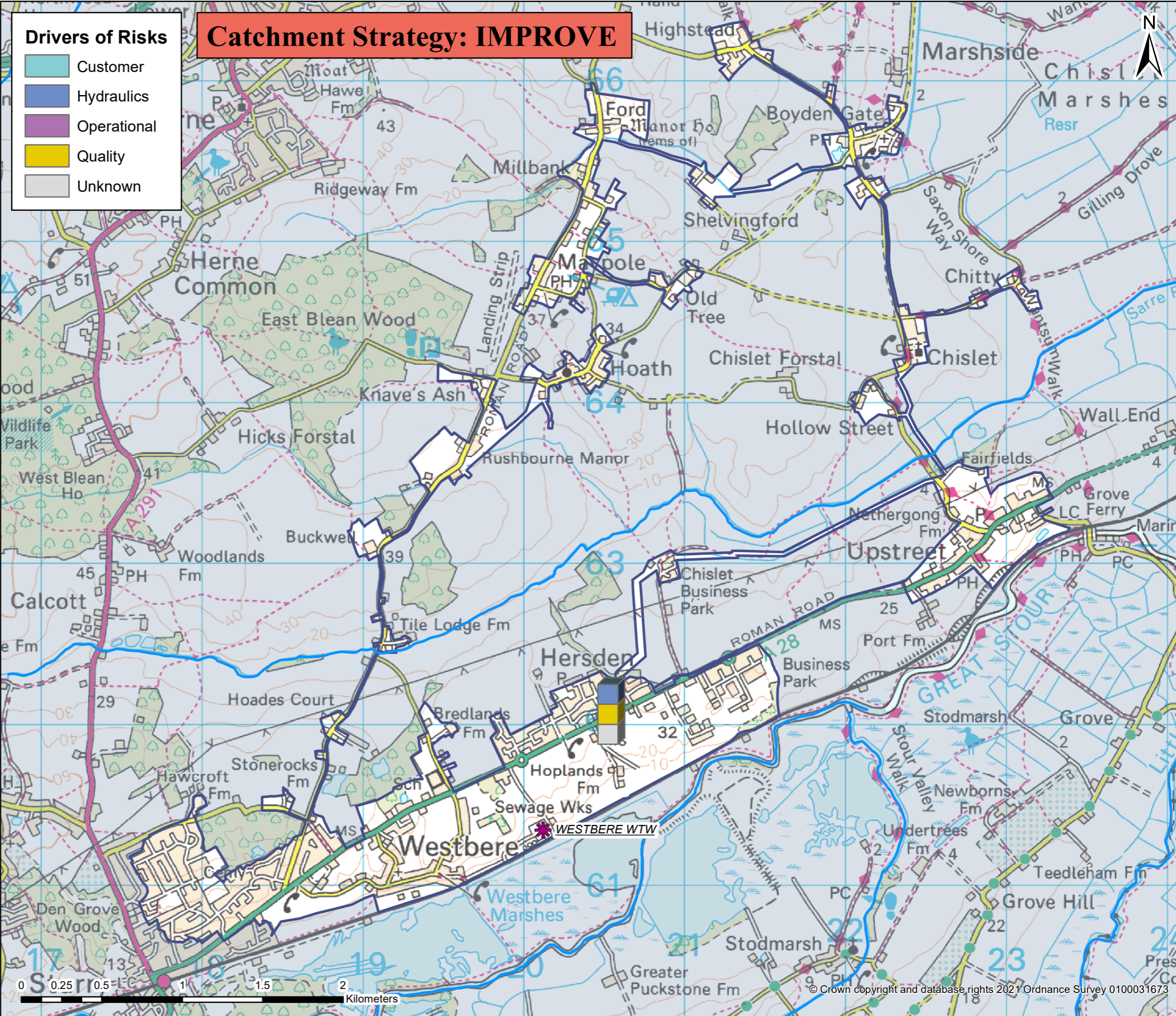
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Population Equivalent (PE)	6,479
Discharge Waterbody	Great Stour between A2 and West Stourmouth
Number of Pumping Stations	19
Number of Overflows	2
Length of Sewer (km)	87.7
Catchment Reference	WBER

BRAVA Results Table (WBER)		
Planning Objective	2020	2050
1 Internal Sewer Flooding Risk	0	0
2 Pollution Risk	0	0
3 Sewer Collapse Risk	0	0
4 Risk of Sewer Flooding in a 1 in 50 year storm	2	2
5 Storm Overflow performance	1	1
6 Risk of WTW Compliance Failure	0	2
7 Risk of flooding due to Hydraulic Overload	2	2
8 Dry Weather Flow Compliance	0	0
9 Good Ecological Status / Potential	2	2
10 Surface Water Management	0	0
11 Nutrient Neutrality	1	1
12 Groundwater Pollution	0	0
13 Bathing Waters	NA	NA
14 Shellfish Waters	NA	NA



Problem Characterisation

Westbere (WBEB)

This document describes the causes of the risks identified by the Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA). The BRAVA results for this catchment are summarised in Table 1. The results indicate that flooding, pollution and water quality are the main concerns in this wastewater catchment. We have completed risk assessments for 2050 where we have the data and tools available to do so. For the other planning objectives, we will explore how we can predict future risks for the next cycle of DWMPs. All the risk assessment methods need to be reviewed after the first DWMPs have been produced with a view to improve the methods and data for future planning cycles.

Table 1: Results of the BRAVA for Westbere wastewater system

Planning Objectives		2020	Driver	2050
1	Internal Sewer Flooding Risk	0	-	
2	Pollution Risk	0	-	
3	Sewer Collapse Risk	0	-	
4	Sewer Flooding in a 1 in 50-year storm	2	Hydraulic	2
5	Storm Overflow Performance	1	Hydraulic	1
6	WTW Water Quality Compliance	0	Quality	2
7	Flooding due to Hydraulic Overload	2	Hydraulic	2
8	WTW Dry Weather Flow Compliance	0	-	0
9	Good Ecological Status / Good Ecological Potential	2	Quality	
10	Surface Water Management	0	-	
11	Nutrient Neutrality	1	Unknown	1
12	Groundwater Pollution	0	-	
13	Bathing Waters	NA	-	
14	Shellfish Waters	NA	-	

Key

BRAVA Risk Band	
NA	Not Applicable*
0	Not Significant
1	Moderately Significant
2	Very Significant

*No issues relevant to planning objective within Wastewater System

Catchment Investment Strategy

The risks identified in this wastewater catchment mean that we have assigned the following investment strategy:

Improve

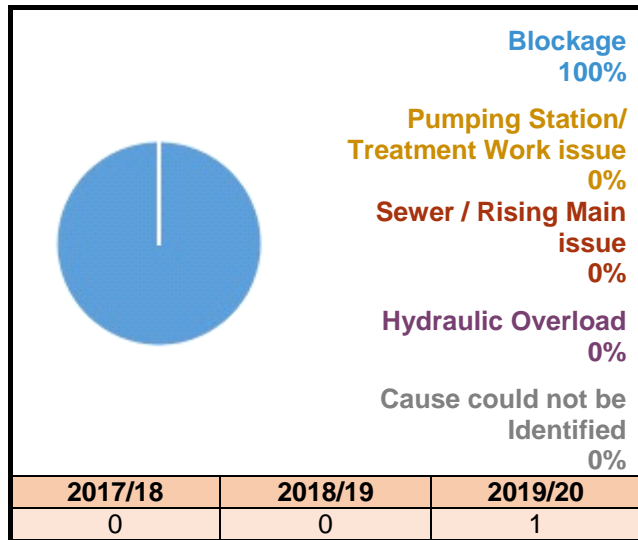
This means that we consider that the current performance of the drainage and wastewater system needs to be improved to reduce the impacts on our customers and/or the environment. We will plan investment to reduce the current risks by actively looking to invest capital funding in the short term to address current performance issues (and consider future risks when implementing improvements).



Planning Objective 1: Internal Sewer Flooding Risk

The number of internal sewer flooding incidents reported during the three years considered by the risk assessment are shown in Figure 1. The total number of connections in this wastewater system means there have been less than 1.68 incidents per 10,000 connections per year (a threshold set by Ofwat) so the risk is in the 'not significant' band.

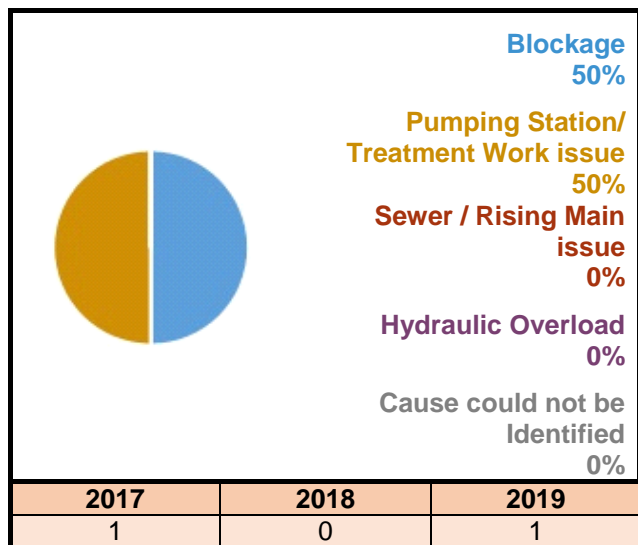
Figure 1: Number of internal flooding incidents per annum and causes



Planning Objective 2: Pollution Risk

The number of pollution incidents reported during the three years considered by the risk assessment are shown in Figure 2. The length of sewer in this wastewater system means there have been less than 24.51 incidents per 10,000km per year (a threshold set by Ofwat) so the risk is in the 'not significant' band.

Figure 2: Number of pollution incidents per annum and causes



Planning Objective 3: Sewer Collapse Risk

The number of sewer collapses reported during the three years considered by the risk assessment are shown in Table 2. The length of sewer in this wastewater system means there have been less than 5.72 incidents per 1,000km per year (a threshold set by Ofwat) so the risk is in the 'not significant' band.

Table 2: Sewer collapses and rising main bursts

Sewer Collapse	2017/18	1
	2018/19	0
	2019/20	0
Rising Main Bursts	2017/18	0
	2018/19	0
	2019/20	0

Planning Objective 4: Sewer Flooding in a 1 in 50 Year Storm

The risk of flooding in a 1 in 50 year storm is very significant in 2020 and 2050. A hydraulic model is not available for this wastewater system, however our wastewater system vulnerability assessment (using Ofwat's guidance on Risk of Sewer Flooding in a Storm) identified this wastewater system as grade 5 (highly vulnerable).

Our wastewater networks are generally designed with capacity for up to a 1 in 30 year storm, hence flooding is expected to occur during more severe storms such as a 1 in 50 year event. Flooding will occur due to insufficient capacity of the drainage system either on the surface before it enters the drainage system, and/or from manholes, in people's homes or at a low point elsewhere in the system.

Planning Objective 5: Storm Overflow Performance

The storm overflow performance risk has been assessed as moderately significant in 2020 and 2050. Table 3 shows the overflows that discharge above the low threshold set for storm overflow discharges to Shellfish Water, Bathing Water and inland rivers.

The primary driver for the Storm Overflow Performance is 'Hydraulic.'

Table 3: Overflows exceeding discharge frequency threshold per annum

	Number of overflows		Threshold for number of discharges per annum		
	2020	2050	Low	Medium	High
Shellfish Waters	0	0	Less than 8	Between 8-10	10 or more
Bathing Waters	0	0	Less than 3	Between 3-10	10 or more
Freshwater	1 Medium	1 Medium	Less than 20	Between 20-40	40 or more

Planning Objective 6: Wastewater Treatment Works Water Quality Compliance

The risk of non-compliance with our wastewater quality permit has been assessed as not significant for 2020 but is predicted to increase to very significant by 2050. This is because the wastewater treatment works has no record of compliance failure during the last three years (2018-2020). However it was assessed to not have adequate capacity to cope with future growth in the wastewater system.

Planning Objective 7: Flooding due to Hydraulic Overload

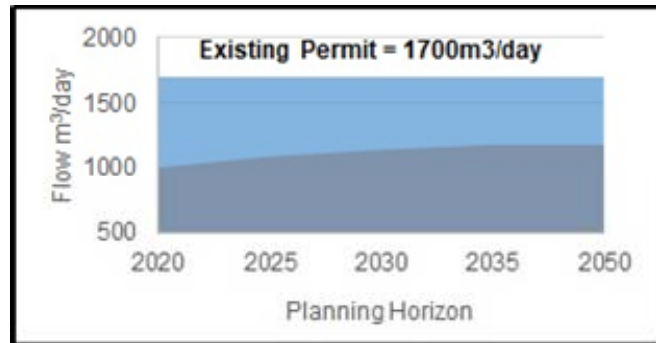
This is an assessment of the risk of flooding from sewers during a 1 in 30 year storm, and more frequent rainfall, to understand where flooding could occur. The risk of sewer flooding due to hydraulic overload is very significant in 2020 and 2050. A network model was not available for this assessment, however the network in the wastewater system exceeds its design capacity for 2020 and 2050.

This indicates that the existing capacity of the wastewater network can already be exceeded during 1 in 30 year storms (or more frequent events).

Planning Objective 8: Wastewater Treatment Works Dry Weather Flow Compliance

The risk of Wastewater Treatment Works Dry Weather Flow (DWF) Compliance is not significant for both 2020 and 2050. This is because the average annual DWF for 2017, 2018 and 2019 has been below 80% of the current permit. The predicted DWF in 2050 is also expected to remain below 80% of the current permit, shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Recorded and predicted dry weather flow with existing permit



Planning Objective 9: Good Ecological Status / Good Ecological Potential

Table 4 shows the waterbodies connected to this wastewater catchment are not achieving Good Ecological Status or Potential (GES/GEP). The Environment Agency has attributed the 'reasons for not achieving good status' to water company operations. Our risk assessment has been assessed based on the worst assigned status (Poor) and is very significant. This is because we are might not be complying with our permit from the Environment Agency, or the permits need to be tightened to reduce the risk.

Table 4: Waterbodies not achieving GES/GEP

Waterbody	Classification	EA-Status	Activity
Sarre Penn and River Wantsum	Phosphate	Moderate	Sewage discharge (intermittent)
Great Stour between A2 and West Stourmouth	Phosphate	Poor	Sewage discharge (continuous)

The primary driver is 'Quality'.

Planning Objective 10: Surface Water Management

A network model was not available for this assessment, therefore the risk has been moderated to not significant for this planning objective.

Planning Objective 11: Nutrient Neutrality

The risk to internationally designated habitat sites from this wastewater system is moderately significant in 2020 and 2050. This is because Natural England have advised that there is a risk to condition for the habitat sites (hydraulically linked to our wastewater catchment) shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Habitat Sites hydraulically linked to wastewater system

Habitat Sites	
Stodmarsh	Phosphate and Nitrate permit review required Overflow Spills

Planning Objective 12: Groundwater Pollution

The risk of Groundwater Pollution is not significant. Although our wastewater network crosses over Source Protection Zones (SPZ) used for water supply, there is no evidence to suggest our network is leaking into these SPZs.

Planning Objective 13: Bathing Waters

This wastewater system does not discharge into a designated bathing water.

Planning Objective 14: Shellfish Waters

The discharges from this wastewater system do not impact on any designated shellfish waters.

Generic Options Assessment for: Westbere (WBEP)



Planning Objectives		2020	Driver	2050	Type of Measures	Generic Option Categories	Icon	Take Forward?	Reasons	Examples of Generic Options
PO1	Internal Flooding	0	-	-	Source (Demand) Measures (to reduce likelihood)	Control / Reduce surface water run-off		Y	-	Natural Flood Management; rural land management and catchment management; SuDS including blue and green infrastructure; storm management
PO2	Pollution Risk	0	-	-		Reduce groundwater levels		N	Reducing groundwater levels would reduce the risks from infiltration into the network. However, in practice, reducing groundwater levels will be detrimental to the environment, ground conditions and is prohibitively too costly to implement. For these reasons, this generic option has been discounted.	Reduce leakage from water supply pipes; pump away schemes to locally lower groundwater near sewer network
PO3	Sewer Collapse	0	-	-		Improve quality of wastewater		N	None of the significant risks are caused by the quality of wastewater entering the wastewater system.	Domestic and business customer education; incentives and behaviour change (reduce Fats, Oils & Grease, wet wipes etc.); monitoring trade waste at source; on-site black water and/or greywater pre-treatment
PO4	Risk of Sewer Flooding in 1 in 50 yr	2	Hydraulic	2		Reduce the quantity / demand		Y	-	Water efficient appliances; water efficient measures; blackwater and/or greywater re-use; treatment at source
PO5	Storm Overflow Performance	1	Hydraulic	1	Pathway (Supply) Measures (to reduce likelihood)	Network Improvements		Y	-	Asset optimisation; additional network capacity; storage; separate flows; structural repairs; re-line sewer pipe and manholes; smart networks.
PO6	Risk of WTW Compliance Failure	0	Quality	2		Improve Treatment Quality		Y	-	Increase treatment capacity; rationalisation of treatment works (centralisation / de-centralisation); install tertiary plant; UV plant or disinfection facilities; innovation; improve Technical Achievable Limits; new WTWs
PO7	Annualised Flood Risk/Hydraulic Overload	2	Hydraulic	2		Wastewater Transfer to treatment elsewhere		N	The causes of risk are not due to where our systems discharge to the environment or our ability to increase the capacity to connect more homes. Transferring wastewater for treatment elsewhere will not reduce any of the significant risks in this catchment.	Transfer flow to other network or treatment sites; transport sewage by tanker to other sites
PO8	DWF Compliance	0	-	0	Receptor Measures (to reduce consequences)	Mitigate impacts on Air Quality		N/A	Not included in first round of DWMPs	Carbon offsetting; noise suppression /filtering; odour control and treatments
PO9	Achieve Good Ecological Status	2	Quality	-		Improve Land and Soils		N/A	Not included in first round of DWMPs	Sludge soil enhancement
PO10	Improve Surface Water Management	0	-	-		Mitigate impacts on receiving waters		Y	-	River enhancement, aeration
PO11	Secure Nutrient Neutrality	1	Unknown	1		Reduce impact on properties		Y	-	Property flood resilience; non-return valves; flood guards / doors; air brick covers
PO12	Reduce Groundwater Pollution	0	-	-	Other	Study / Investigation		Y	-	Additional data required; hydraulic model development; WQ monitoring and modelling
PO13	Improve Bathing Water Quality	NA	-	-						
PO14	Improve Shellfish Water Quality	NA	-	-						

Westbere Wastewater System - Outline Options Appraisal

Generic Option	Location of Risk	Planning Objective and Description of Risk	Option Reference	Description	Further Description	Unconstrained Option?	Constrained Option?	Feasible Option?	Net Benefits	Estimated Cost	Preferred Option	Best value / Least cost or Reasons for Rejection
Control/ Reduce surface water entering the sewers												
Control / Reduce groundwater infiltration												
Improve quality of wastewater entering sewers (inc reducing FOG, RAG, pre-treatment, trade waste)												
Control / Reduce the quantity / flow of wastewater entering sewer system												
Network Improvements (eg increase capacity, storage, conveyance)												
Improve treatment (capacity and quality at existing works or develop new WTWs)	WESTBERE WTW	PO6 (2050)- WTW compliance	WBBER.PW02.1	Increase WTW Treatment Capacity	Catchment was banded 0 in 2020 ; Catchment was banded 2 in 2050 because; Due to the recorded EPR data between 2018-2020 Increase FST capacity at the WTW.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minor Positive +	£740K	Yes	Best Value
Improve treatment (capacity and quality at existing works or develop new WTWs)	WESTBERE WTW	PO5, PO9 - Spill Assessments	WBBER.PW02.2	Storage Tank	Conventional storage tank.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minor Positive +	£2,325K	Yes	Best Value
Wastewater Transfer												
Mitigate impacts on Air Quality (e.g. Carbon neutrality, noise, odour)												Not included in the first round of DWMPs
Improve Land and Soils												Not included in the first round of DWMPs
Mitigate impacts on Water Quality	A28 Staines Hill, Heath Close	PO4- 1 in 50 year Flooding PO5- Storm Overflow PO7- Hydraulic Overload	WBBER.RC03.1	Property Flood Mitigation / Resistance	Short-term property level protection ahead of flood alleviation scheme - Non-return valves and flood mitigation doors / gates.	No						Risk and uncertainty - future resilience
Reduce consequences Properties (e.g. Property Flood Resilience)												
Study/ investigation to gather more data	Sarre Penn and River Wantsum Great Stour between A2 and West Stourmouth	PO9- GE Status / Potential Sewage discharge (intermittent) Sewage discharge (continuous)	WBBER.OT01.1	Study and Investigations to Achieve Good Ecological Status	Catchment was banded 2 in because; Sarre Penn and River Wantsum-Phosphate (Moderate Sewage discharge (intermittent)) Great Stour between A2 and West Stourmouth-Phosphate (Poor Sewage discharge (continuous)).	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minor Positive +	£695K	No	Best Value
Study/ investigation to gather more data	Stodmarsh	PO11 - Nutrient Neutrality	WBBER.OT01.2	Nutrient Budget	Catchment is Hydraulically linked to; Stodmarsh (Threat/Remedy Identified or Anticipated).	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minor Positive +	£TBC - With Partners	Yes	Best Value
Study/ investigation to gather more data	Catchment Wide	PO4- 1 in 50 year Flooding PO5- Storm Overflow PO7- Hydraulic Overload	WBBER.OT01.3	Build Hydraulic Model	CAS, Flow surveys and Model build for entire catchment comprising 88km of sewers, 2 overflows and 19 WPSs.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minor Positive +	£225K	Yes	Best Value
Study/ investigation to gather more data	Flooding Cluster WBBER FC01_1 - Stains Hill, WBBER FC01 A28 Stains Hill Flooding Cluster WBBER FC01_3 - Stains Hill, WBBER FC01 A28 Stains Hill	PO4 and PO7 Flooding	WBBER.OT01.4	Study and modelling investigation	DAP Option.	No						

Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP)

DWMP Investment Needs

1. The options listed in the DWMP Investment Needs below are the preferred options in our DWMP. They will need further refinement as we implement the DWMP to confirm the exact location and scope of action needed, and the cost.
2. The costs are indicative costs for planning purposes only. The basis for the cost estimates, including assumptions and uncertainties, are explained in our DWMP Investment Plans.
3. The table of Investment Need provides an indicative cost so we know what level of funding is needed to reduce the risks. It is not a commitment to fund or deliver any option.
4. The Indicative Timescale is when the investment is needed. Some options may take several investment periods to achieve the desired outcomes.
5. Potential Partners have been identified in the table of Investment Needs. This is to indicate where there may be opportunities for us to work with these partners when developing and delivering these options. It is not a commitment by any of the partners to work with us.
6. These options will inform our future business plans as part of the Ofwat periodic review process to secure the finance to implement these options.
7. The options listed are prioritised by the method stated in the [Programme Appraisal Technical Summary](#).

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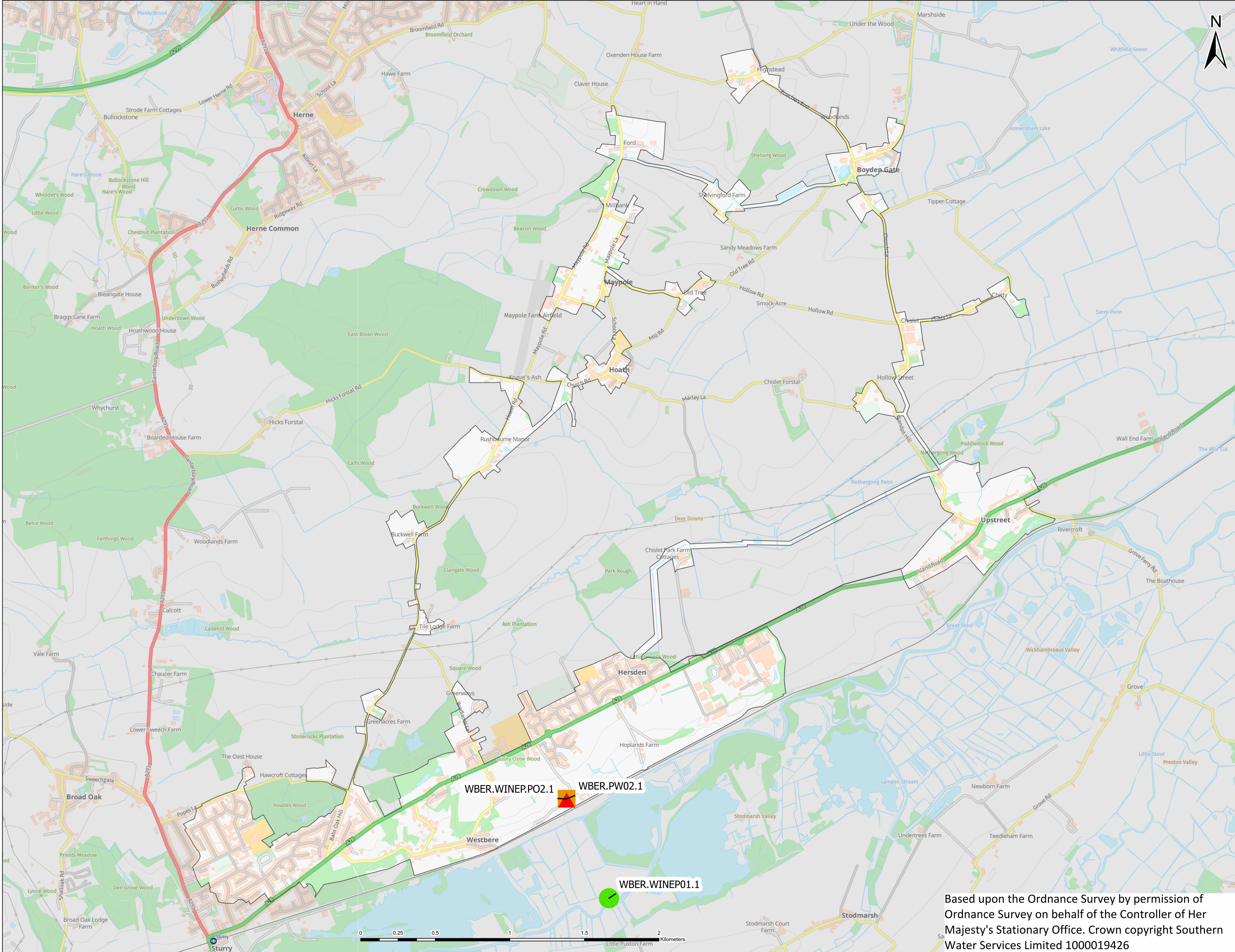
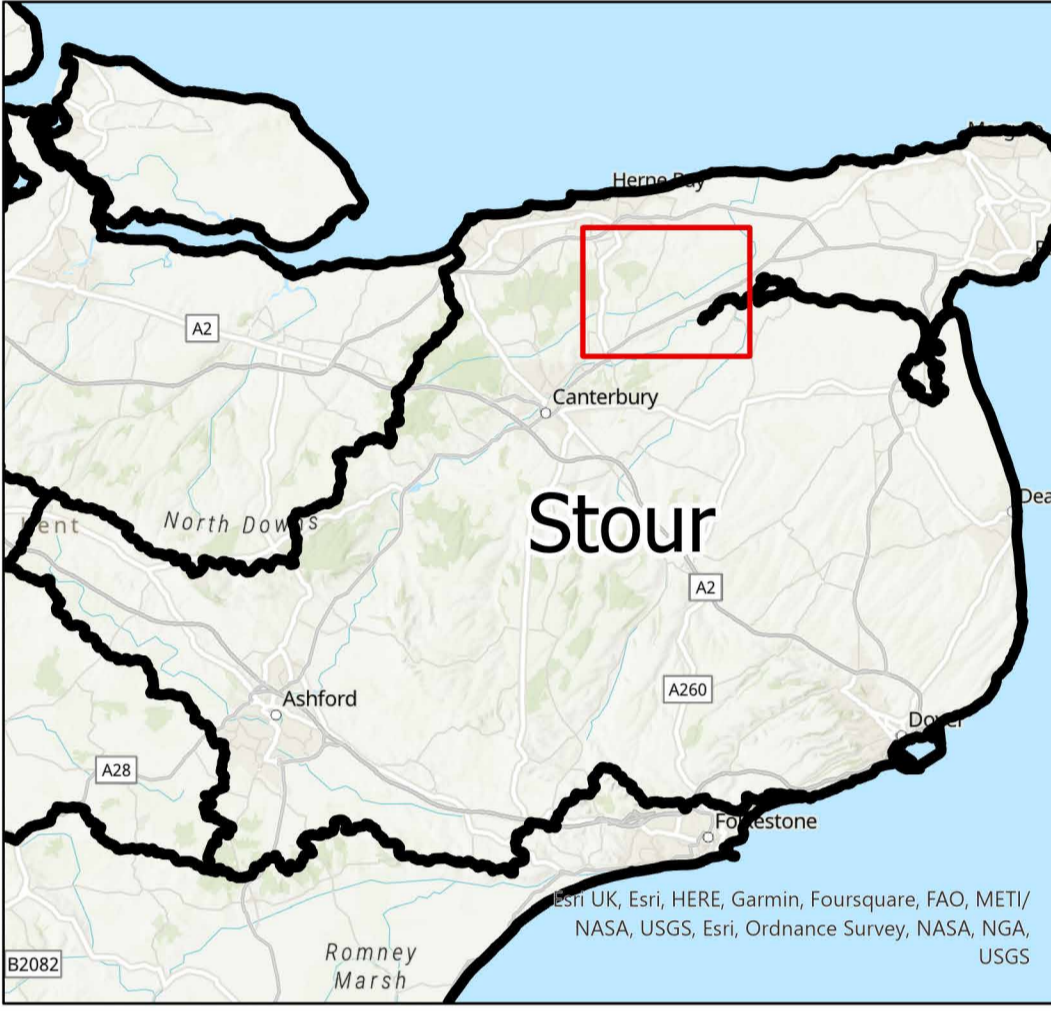
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Reference	River Basin (L2)	Wastewater System (L3)	Location	Option	Indicative Cost	Indicative Timescales	Potential Partners	Applicable Planning Objectives
Stour								
Westbere								
WBER.PW02.1	Stour	Westbere	Westbere WTW	Increase treatment capacity to allow for planned new development	£740K	AMP9	-	PO6
WBER.OT01.1	Stour	Westbere	System Wide	Study and Investigation to understand the impact of wastewater discharges on the local environment and identify measures required to achieve good ecological status in the receiving waterbody	£695K	AMP8	Environment Agency	PO9
WBER.OT01.3	Stour	Westbere	System Wide	Improve the Hydraulic Model: Surveys and reverification of model to improve confidence and accuracy	£225K	AMP8	-	PO4 PO5 PO7
WBER.WINEP01.1	Stour	Westbere	WESTBERE SSO	Reduce the number of storm discharges from WESTBERE SSO by a combination of SuDS and storage options	£4,880K	AMP10	-	PO4 PO5 PO9

Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan: Location of Potential Options WESTBERE Wastewater system in Stour River Basin Catchment



(i) This map should be read in conjunction with the list of Investment Needs for this wastewater system
 (ii) The areas shown on this map are the potential locations for the options. The location of the risk may be elsewhere in the system.
 (iii) Labels for each location are the option references in the list of Investment Needs
 (iv) Drainage Area Plan (DAP) options on flooding and growth are not shown.



- Customer Education
- Pipe Rehabilitation
- Asset Resilience
- Wastewater Treatment
- WINEP Nutrient Neutrality
- WINEP Storm Overflows

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