



Norwich Western Link

Environmental Statement Chapter 13: Geology and Soils

Appendix 13.1: Interpretative Environmental Desk Study Report

Sub Appendix C: CIRIA Risk Definitions

Author: WSP

Document Reference: 3.13.01c

Version Number: 00

Date: March 2024



Contents

1	Introduction	3
---	--------------------	---



1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 WSP UK Ltd was commissioned by NCC to complete a Preliminary Risk Assessment to inform the baseline assessment for Environmental Statement Chapter 13: Geology & Soils. This appendix contains the definition of risk and the risk matrix as applied within the report assessment.
- 1.1.2 We have included a summary of key information shown in this document in an accessible format in section 1.1.1. However, some users may not be able to access all technical details that are included in the rest of this document. If you require this document in a more accessible format, please contact norwichwesternlink@norfolk.gov.uk

CIRIA RISK DEFINITIONS

Table A1 - Classifications of Probability

Classification	Definition
High Likelihood	There is a pollution linkage / identified geotechnical hazard and an event that either appears very likely in the short term and almost inevitable over the long term, or there is evidence at the receptor of harm or pollution.
Likely	There is a pollution linkage and all the elements are present and in the right place, which means that it is probable that an event will occur. Circumstances are such that an event is not inevitable, but possible in the short term and likely over the long term.
Low Likelihood	There is a pollution linkage and circumstances are possible under which an event could occur. However, it is by no means certain that even over a longer period such event would take place, and is less likely in the shorter term.
Unlikely	There is a pollution linkage but circumstances are such that it is improbable that an event would occur even in the very long term

Table A2 - Classifications of Consequence

Classification	Definition
Severe	Short-term (acute) risk to human health likely to result in "significant harm" as defined by the Environment Protection Act 1990, Part IIA. Short-term risk of pollution of sensitive water resource. Catastrophic damage to buildings/property. A short-term risk to a particular ecosystem, or organism forming part of such ecosystem.
Medium	Chronic damage to Human Health ("significant harm" as defined in DETR, 2000). Pollution of sensitive water resources. A significant change in a particular ecosystem, or organism forming part of such ecosystem.
Mild	Pollution of non-sensitive water resources. Significant damage to crops, buildings, structures and services (significant harm as defined in the Draft Circular on Contaminated Land, DETR, 2000). Damage to sensitive buildings/structures/services or the environment.
Minor	Harm, although not necessarily significant harm, which may result in a financial loss, or expenditure to resolve, Non-permanent health effects to human health (easily prevented by means such as personal protective clothing etc.). Easily repairable effects of damage to buildings, structures and services

The risk categories presented in this report, taking into account both probability and severity, are based on the matrix presented in **Table A3** below, following CIRIA C552.

Table A3 - Adopted Risk Categories / Comparison of Consequence Against Probability

Probability	Consequence			
	Severe	Medium	Mild	Minor
High Likelihood	Very High Risk	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low to Moderate Risk
Likely	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low to Moderate Risk	Low Risk
Low Likelihood	Moderate Risk	Low to Moderate Risk	Low Risk	Very Low Risk
Unlikely	Low to Moderate Risk	Low Risk	Very Low Risk	Very Low Risk