

**CONTAMINATED FIRE WATER STORAGE STRATEGY**  
**FOR PROPOSED**  
**WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY**  
**AT**  
**CROWN HOUSE**  
**CORBY**  
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

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## Revisions

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-	24/7/18	First Issue.

## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 Abington Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Contaminated Fire Water Storage Strategy for the Materials Recycling Facility at Crown House, Corby.

## 2.0 Regulations Requirements

2.1 Fire Prevention Plan guidance was first published by the Government in 2016. This requires containment of fire water run-off in order to prevent pollution of the environment.

2.2 To comply with the guidance, 2000 litres of water per minute is required for a minimum of 3 hours for a 300m<sup>3</sup> pile of combustible material.

2.3 The largest stockpile of waste on the Crown House site will be 750m<sup>3</sup> and therefore the fire water storage requirement will be:

$$V = (750/300) \times (2000/1000) \times 60 \times 3 = 900\text{m}^3$$

2.4 Containment of the fire water should be provided by one or a combination of the following:

- impermeable bunds
- storage lagoons
- shut-off valves
- isolation tanks
- modified areas of your site such as a car park
- pollution control equipment such as fire water booms and drain mats to block drains or divert fire water

## 3.0 Existing Drainage System

3.1 The original building recently burned down, but the below ground drainage that collected roof drainage remains. The remaining concrete floor slab discharges run-off onto the adjacent yard areas.

3.2 The yard areas and access road drain into the drainage system via gullies and drainage channels.

3.3 Surface water is collected at a pumping station via a network of pipes and is then pumped into nearby Gretton Brook. The drainage network is shown on the drawing presented in Appendix 1.

## 4.0 Proposed Fire Water Storage

4.1 It is proposed that fire water will be prevented from leaving the site by shutting down the pumping system. The pumps will be deactivated when the fire alarm is triggered.

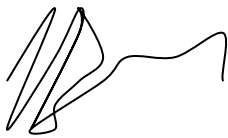
4.2 Fire water will collect in the existing drainage system and above ground within the confines of the site. With the pump deactivated, no pollution will occur off site.

4.3 Following a fire, the fire water will be pumped into tankers and disposed of at a suitably licenced facility.

4.4 In order to assess the capacity of the site to accommodate the 900m<sup>3</sup> fire water storage requirement, a topographical survey of the site has been carried out and the maximum water level established before surface water would overtop the site and discharge onto third party land. This level has been established as 113.70m AOD (refer to drawing presented in Appendix 1) at the site entrance.

4.5 As a conservative estimate, the fire water storage area of the site lost to waste storage has been estimated as 30% of the site area. This assumes that stockpiles of waste are impermeable, but in fact the majority of the waste streams have a large void ratio and are highly permeable.

4.6 Calculations presented in Appendix 2 demonstrate that the site has the capacity to accommodate 3079m<sup>3</sup> of fire water based on a top water level of 113.70m AOD. The calculations also show that to accommodate the requisite 900m<sup>3</sup>, the top water level would be between 113.3m and 113.4m AOD. Therefore, there is plenty of spare capacity to accommodate additional fire water over and above the required standard on site.



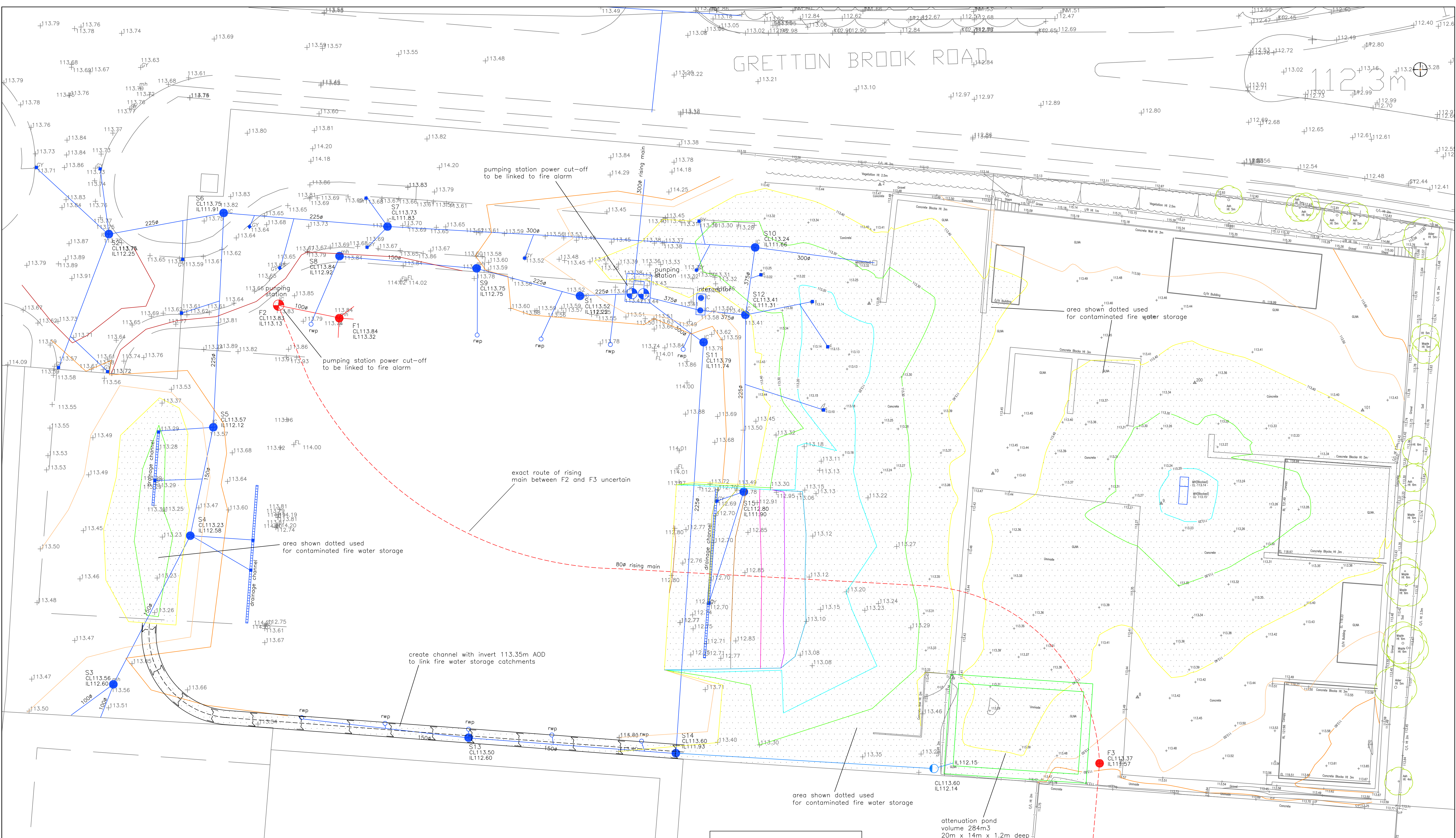
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**APPENDIX 1 – Drawings**

# GRETTON BROOK ROAD



KEY - Existing Drainage	
<span style="color: red;">●</span>	Foul water sewer and manhole
<span style="color: red;">○</span>	Foul water pumping station and rising main
<span style="color: blue;">●</span>	Surface water sewer and manhole
<span style="color: blue;">○</span>	Surface water pumping station and rising main
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	Surface water sewer and gully
rwp	Rain water pipe (now redundant)

KEY - Existing Ground Contours	
<span style="color: red;">—</span>	113.70m AOD
<span style="color: orange;">—</span>	113.60m AOD
<span style="color: yellow;">—</span>	113.50m AOD
<span style="color: lightgreen;">—</span>	113.40m AOD
<span style="color: green;">—</span>	113.30m AOD
<span style="color: cyan;">—</span>	113.20m AOD
<span style="color: lightblue;">—</span>	113.10m AOD
<span style="color: blue;">—</span>	113.00m AOD
<span style="color: purple;">—</span>	112.90m AOD
<span style="color: magenta;">—</span>	112.80m AOD
<span style="color: pink;">—</span>	112.70m AOD

attenuation pond  
volume 284m<sup>3</sup>  
20m x 14m x 1.2m deep

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**APPENDIX 2 - Calculations**

**CROWN HOUSE, CORBY – CONTAMINATED FIRE WATER STORAGE CALCULATIONS**

**Storage requirements**

The biggest stockpile is 750m<sup>3</sup>

This requires 5000 litres of water a minute for a minimum of 3 hours

$$V = (5000/1000) \times 60 \times 3 = \mathbf{900m^3}$$

**Storage provision**

Surface water balancing pond provision = **284m<sup>3</sup>**

Above ground provision based on 30% occupied by waste:

Level	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Av. A (m <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	70% (m <sup>3</sup> )	Cumulative volume including pond (m <sup>3</sup> )
112.70	9	120	0.1	12.0	8.4	292.4
112.80	232	278	0.1	27.8	19.5	311.9
112.90	324	365	0.1	36.5	25.6	337.5
113.00	406	441	0.1	44.1	30.9	368.4
113.10	477	738	0.1	73.8	51.7	420.1
113.20	1000	1645	0.1	164.5	115.2	535.3
113.30	2290	3727	0.1	372.7	796.2	1331.5
113.40	5165	6448	0.1	644.8	451.4	1782.9
113.50	7731	8566	0.1	856.6	599.6	2382.5
113.60	9401	9956	0.1	995.6	696.9	3079.4
113.70	10511					

Total volume **3079m<sup>3</sup>**

Storage volume requirement of 900m<sup>3</sup> would be reached at a level between 113.3m AOD and 113.4m AOD.