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## Hawkshurst Development - PL/2025/01182/PPOL

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Hi all

I have just been reading the latest set of documents on the Hawkshurst Development proposal (PL/2025/01182/PPOL)..

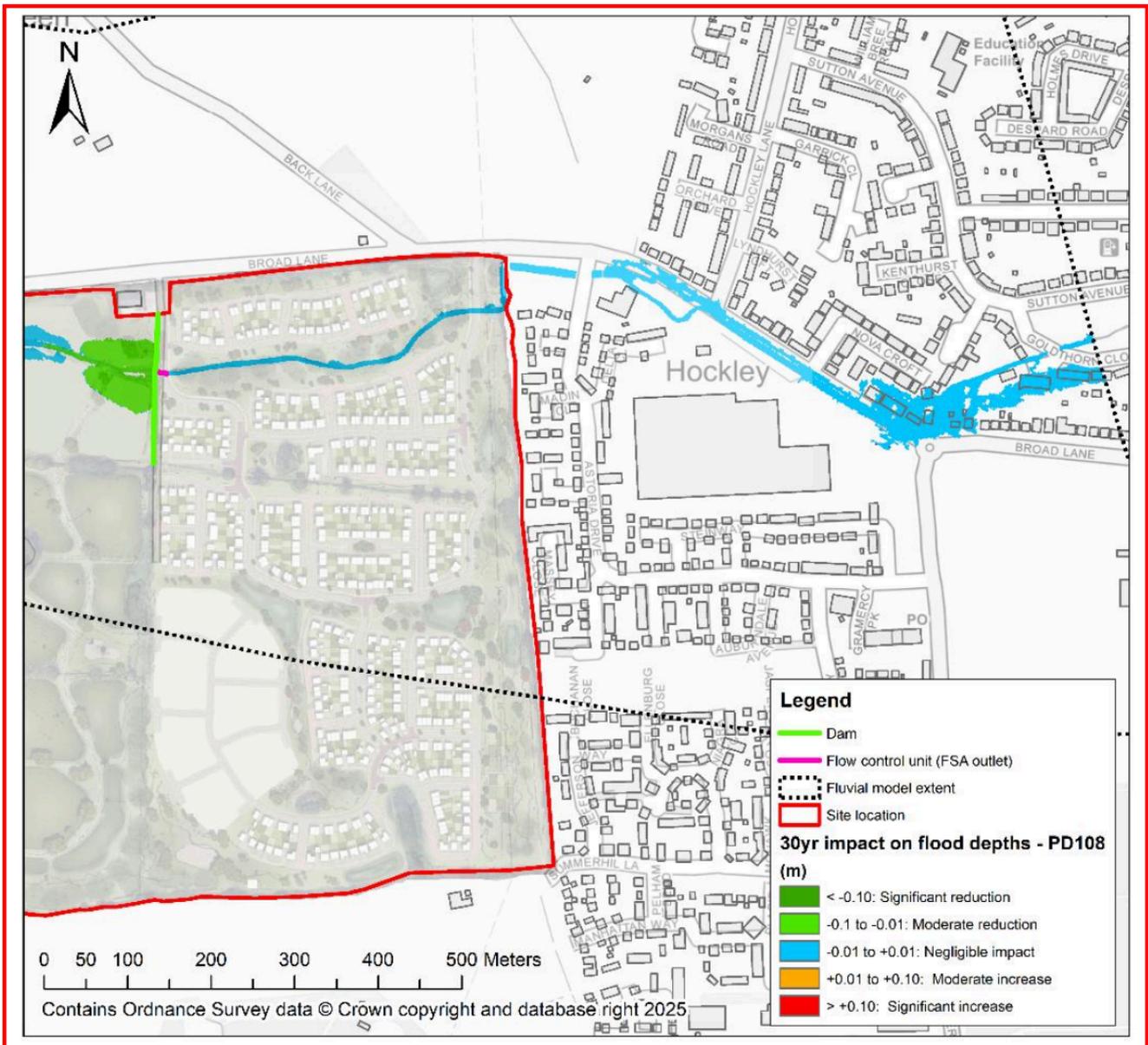
It appears that on Feb 6th the National Highways responded and suggested that the application should not be approved for a period of 3 months from that date for the applicant to provide updates to the National Highways Team. That means, May 6th at the earliest before this will be heard and my guess is 13th May is the possible Planning meeting.

### **Recommended Non-Approval**

**5 February 2026** - It is recommended that the application should not be approved for a period of three months from the date of this response. This will allow sufficient time for the applicant to provide further information and for National Highways to review and respond to the information provided.

On a second point I also looked at the Technical Note supplied by the applicant and they have submitted a plan for the 30 year flood event.

Have a look at the diagram below. It can be found in this [doc](#) on page 6. The plan is to put a dam in place along the track that serves Veolia today and then a Flow Control Unit of 0.775m diameter (where the blue stream flows to the right).



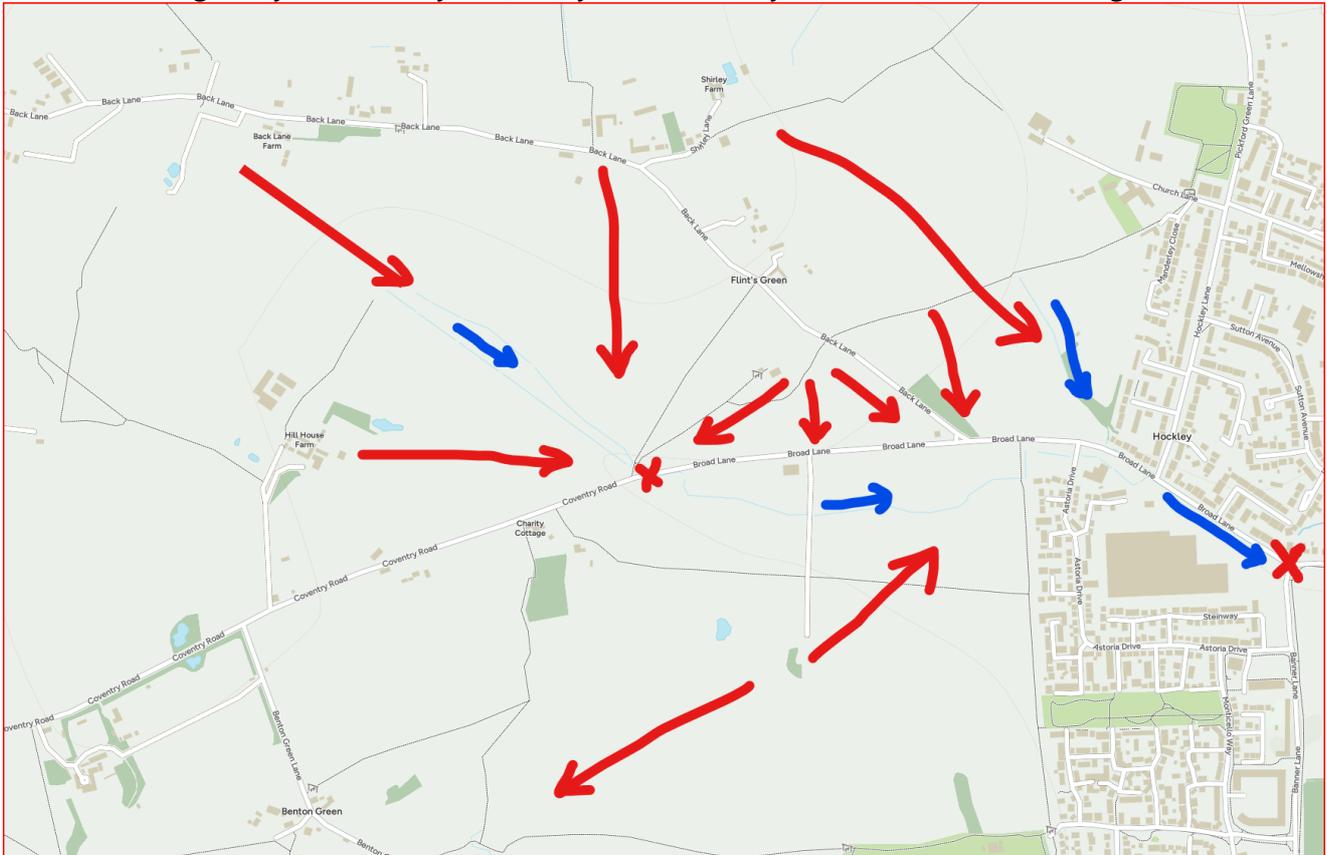
Here's my crude downhill flow analysis using heights of the OS maps. This gave the rough heights as:

- **Flints Green down to houses on Broad Lane = 474ft to 395ft - 79ft drop**
- **Back Lane Farm to Broad Lane (before it crosses over) = 479ft - 423ft - 56ft drop over the fields**
- **Broad Lane (southern side of the stream crossing) to Veolia dirt track (following the stream)- 420ft - 411ft - 9ft drop**
- Veolia dirt track to Astoria Drive - 411ft to 397ft - a 14ft drop
- **Veolia shed to Astoria Drive - 444ft to 397ft - 47ft drop**
- Massey Ferguson Social Club to Hockley lane - 397ft - 393ft - a 4ft drop
- Hockley Lane to Enterprise Car Rental roundabout tunnel - 393ft - 388ft - a 5ft drop

Now using the above end points:

1. Flints Green down to Enterprise Car Rental roundabout - 474ft - 388ft - a drop of 86ft (or 26.8m) over a distance of approx 0.93 of a mile (going down Back Lane from Shirley Lane).
2. Given the flood storage area (FSA) is planned to be from the red cross on Broad Lane to the blue arrow on the image below, that is likely to impact Broad Lane. Personally I would like to see the road raised by a metre at the red cross area and levelled (but can't see that happening).

- 3. I don't see any flood storage area for the second tributary feeding the houses at the end of Broad Lane opposite the Massey Social Club. That water drops as per point 1 and down the road off the hills of Back Lane on to Broad Lane and down to Enterprise.
- 4. The fact that I think we have 2 or is 3 occurrences of flooding in the last 10 years and they are doing analysis over 30 years, 100 years and 100 years + 21% climate change is farcical.



And my final point especially for you all is the cemetery TRIP calculations (via National Highways response) are based on a burial sites in Lancashire so I read.

Regards

Nick