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## **Professional opinion**

Addresses the Law Society practice notes on Contaminated Land and Flood risk.





**Contaminated Land Liability** 

**Passed** 

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**Flood Risk Negligible** 

## **Further guidance**



**Ground Stability** 

**Identified** 

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Radon

**Passed** 



**Planning Constraints** 

**Identified** 

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## Site plan



## **Screenings**



Energy **Identified** 

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**Transportation** Not identified



**Planning Applications** Identified

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Full assessments of the above screenings are available in our Homebuyers report. Please contact Groundsure or your search provider for further details.



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### **Useful contacts**

East Suffolk Council: <a href="https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/">https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/</a> customerservices@eastsuffolk.gov.uk 0333 016 2000

Environment Agency National Customer Contact Centre (NCCC): enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk 03708 506 506

## **Overview of findings and recommendations**

To save you time when assessing the report, we only provide maps and data tables of features within the search radius that we have identified to be of note. These relate to environmental risks that may have liability implications, affect insurance premiums, property values and/or a lender's willingness to lend.

You can view the fully comprehensive library of information we have searched on page 13.



### **Contaminated Land**

The property has passed Groundsure's Contaminated Land Liability assessment. Historical land uses (detailed in the Contaminated Land section of this report) may necessitate further assessment should the property be developed. The Local Planning Authority may formally request this through planning conditions. Occupation and enjoyment of the property for ongoing, continued use should not be affected.



## **Ground stability**

The property is indicated to lie within an area that could be affected by infilled land. You should consider the following:

#### Next steps for consideration:

- if a survey has been undertaken at the property that considers ground instability and no issues were found, no further action is required
- however, based on the findings of this report, the purchaser should be encouraged to consider
  potential instability in any future development or alteration of the ground including planting and
  removing trees, and regardless of the survey outcome
- if no survey has yet been undertaken, we recommend one is carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced person
- if ground instability issues have been or are subsequently identified in a survey we recommend following any advice given in the survey findings
- you should also check whether the property benefits from a current NHBC guarantee or other environmental warranty that often covers structural issues. Please note the presence of an NHBC guarantee wouldn't change the risk assessment of this report



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## **Other considerations**

No additional factors that Groundsure believe require further action have been identified in relation to the property.



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## **Environmental summary**



Environmental searches are designed to ensure that significant hazards and risks associated with this property are identified and considered alongside the investment in or purchase of a property. Please see page 2 for further advice.



### **Contaminated Land**

Our Contaminated Land searches have found some potential contamination risks, although these are not considered to be significant under Contaminated Land legislation. If any part of the site was to be (re)developed it is possible that you might have to investigate the presence of contamination from these land uses further. Please see page 5 for details of the identified issues and page 15 for our assessment methodology.

Passed
Identified
Passed
Passed



### **Flood Risk**

No significant concerns have been identified as a result of the flood risk searches. No action required.

Further explanation of flood risk assessment can be seen in the Flood information on page 15.

River and Coastal Flooding	<b>Very Low</b>
Groundwater Flooding	Low
Surface Water Flooding	Negligible
Past Flooding	Not identified
Flood Storage Areas	Not identified

FloodScore™ insurance rating

**Very Low** 

The rating is compiled by Ambiental, a leading flood risk analysis company. Please see page 15



## **Ground stability**

The property is assessed to have potential for natural or non-natural ground subsidence.

Please see **page 6** for details of the identified issues.

Natural Ground Stability Low
Non-Natural Ground Stability Identified

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Local levels of radon are considered normal. The percentage of homes estimated to be affected by radon in your local area is less than 1%.

Not in a radon affected area



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## **Contaminated Land / Past land use**





### Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale)

These historical land uses have been identified from 1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale Ordnance Survey maps dated from the mid to late 1800s to recent times. They have the potential to have caused ground contamination. Please see the Environmental Summary to find out how these could impact the site.

Please see page 2 for further advice.

Distance	Direction	Use	Date
0	on site	Unspecified Works	1983

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## **Ground stability / Non-natural ground subsidence**





#### **Infilled land**

Maps suggest the property is located near a previous pond, quarry, mine, landfill or other hole in the land. These land cavities are often filled with various materials, and this can cause structural problems. Groundsure's experts recommend that you check whether your structural surveys have taken this into account.

Please see page 2 for further advice.

Distance	Direction	Use	Date
7 m	E	Unspecified Heap	1952



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Groundsure's experts systematically analyse historical maps, which can highlight areas that, over time, may have been filled with various materials. The materials used are usually safe, although in some cases contaminative materials may also have been used. Past ground workings have been identified at the site. These workings may be associated with railway cuttings or other ground engineering but may also indicate mining activity. Information is taken from features identified on Ordnance Survey historical maps, which do not indicate the distance or direction that mines extend beneath the surface. For example, features such as mine shafts only indicate the entrance to a mine. From this, we may infer the potential for underground features to extend outward from this point. Some features within this database may also relate to non-mining underground activities e.g. air shafts for underground railways.



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### **Energy summary**



The property has been identified to lie within 5km of one or more solar energy features or within 10km of one or more wind energy features.

If required, full details on these energy features including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Energy and Transportation Report via your preferred searches provider.



### Oil and Gas

No historical, active or planned wells or extraction areas have been identified near the property.

Oil and Gas Areas Oil and Gas Wells

Not identified Not identified



### Wind and Solar

Our search of existing and planned renewable wind and solar infrastructure has identified results.

**Planned Multiple Wind** Identified **Turbines** 

**Planned Single Wind Turbines Identified Existing Wind Turbines** Not identified **Proposed Solar Farms Identified Existing Solar Farms Identified** 

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## **Energy Infrastructure**

Our search of major energy transmission or generation infrastructure and nationally significant infrastructure projects has not identified results.

**Power stations Energy Infrastructure Projects** 

Not identified Not identified Not identified



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### **Transportation summary**



Not identified

The property has not been identified to lie within the specified distance of one or more of the transportation features detailed below.

If required, full details on these transportation features including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Energy and Transportation Report via your preferred searches provider.



HS2

No results for Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the HS2 project (including the 2016 amendments) have been identified within 5km of the property. However, HS2 routes are still under consultation and exact alignments may change in the future.

Visual assessments are only provided by Groundsure if the property is within 2km of Phase 1 and 2a. Other assessments may be available from HS2.

HS2 Route	Not identified
<b>HS2 Safeguarding</b>	Not identified
<b>HS2 Stations</b>	Not identified
<b>HS2 Depots</b>	Not identified
HS2 Noise	Not assessed
<b>HS2 Visual impact</b>	Not assessed



### Crossrail

The property is not within 250 metres of either the Crossrail 1 or Crossrail 2 project.

Crossrall 1 Route	Not identified
Crossrail 1 Stations	Not identified
Crossrail 1 Worksites	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Route	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Stations	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Worksites	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Safeguarding	Not identified
Crossrail 2 Headhouse	Not identified



## **Other Railways**

The property is not within 250 metres of any active or former railways, subway lines, DLR lines, subway stations or railway stations.

Active Railways and Tunnels
Historical Railways and
Tunnels
Railway and Tube Stations
Underground
Not identified
Not identified
Not identified



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### **Planning summary**





### **Planning Applications**

Using Local Authority planning information supplied and processed by Glenigan dating back 10 years, this information is designed to help you understand possible changes to the area around the property. Please note that even successful applications may not have been constructed and new applications for a site can be made if a previous one has failed. We advise that you use this information in conjunction with a visit to the property and seek further expert advice if you are concerned or considering development yourself.



### **Total applications**

This total includes large developments within 750 m, small developments within 500 m and house extensions within 125 m. If required, full details on these applications including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Planning Report via your preferred searches provider.



### **Planning constraints**

Protected areas have been identified within 50 metres of the property.

Please see **page 11** for details of the identified issues.

Environmental Protected Areas Not identified Visual and Cultural Protected Identified Areas



## **Telecoms**

There are no mobile masts, mobile phone base stations or planning applications for mobile masts identified within 250 metres of the property.

Mobile phone masts

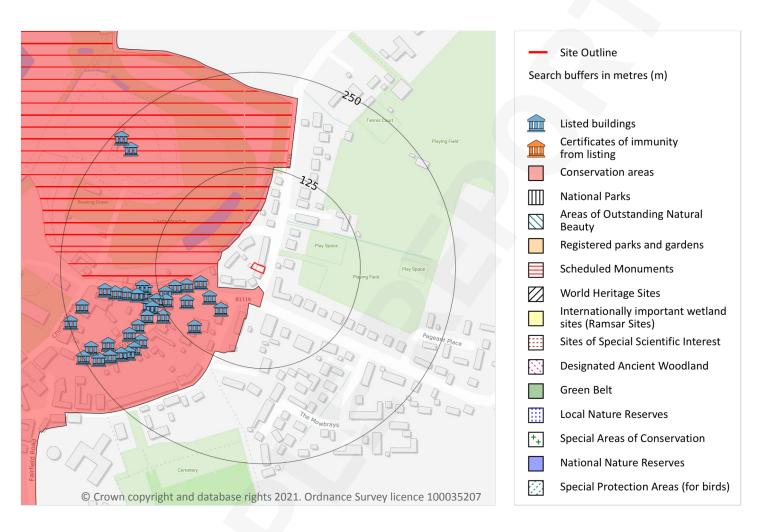
Not identified



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### **Planning Constraints**





#### **Conservation Areas**

Conservation Areas exist to protect special architecture and historic interest in an area. It may mean that the property is located in or close to a beautiful or architecturally interesting place to live. There may be extra planning controls restricting some development. This particularly applies to developing the outside of the building and any trees at the property.

Distance	Direction	Name	District
18 m	S	Framlingham	Suffolk Coastal

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This data is sourced from Local Authorities. For more information please see https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/local/conservation-areas/.



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#### **Scheduled Monuments**

Scheduled Monuments have been officially protected as they are considered of national importance. If you are the owner of a scheduled monument and you wish to carry out works to the monument, you will need to apply for prior written permission from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. This applies to works above or below ground level.

Scheduled monuments are not always ancient, or visible above ground. There are over 200 'classes' of monuments, ranging from prehistoric standing stones, through to many types of medieval site - castles, monasteries, abandoned farmsteads - to the more recent results of human activity, such as collieries.

Scheduling is reserved for carefully selected sites, which create a representative sample of sites from different epochs. Please see Historic England's website for further information.

Distance	Direction	Ancient Monument Name	Listed Entry
39 m	NW	Framlingham Castle and its associated landscape including the mere, town ditch and Anglo-Saxon cemetery	1002965



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### **Datasets searched**

This is a full list of the data searched in this report. If we have found results of note we will state "Identified". If no results of note are found, we will state "Not identified". Our intelligent filtering will hide "Not identified" sections to speed up your workflow.

Contaminated Land	
Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale)	Identified
Former tanks	Not identified
Former energy features	Not identified
Former petrol stations	Not identified
Former garages	Not identified
Former military land	Not identified
Former landfill (from Local Authority and historical mapping records)	Not identified
Waste site no longer in use	Not identified
Active or recent landfill	Not identified
Former landfill (from Environment Agency Records)	Not identified
Active or recent licensed waste sites	Not identified
Recent industrial land uses	Not identified
Current or recent petrol stations	Not identified
Hazardous substance storage/usage	Not identified
Sites designated as Contaminated Land	Not identified
Historical licensed industrial activities	Not identified
Current or recent licensed industrial activities	Not identified
Local Authority licensed pollutant release	Not identified
Pollutant release to surface waters	Not identified
Pollutant release to public sewer	Not identified
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 1)	Not identified

	Contaminated Land	
	Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 2)	Not identified
	Pollution incidents	Not identified
	Flood Risk	
	Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea	Not identified
	Flood storage areas: part of floodplain	Not identified
	Historical flood areas	Not identified
	Areas benefiting from flood defences	Not identified
	Flood defences	Not identified
	Proposed flood defences	Not identified
/	Surface water flood risk	Not identified
	Groundwater flooding	Not identified
	Ground stability	
	Natural ground subsidence	Not identified
	Natural geological cavities	Not identified
	Coal mining	Not identified
	Non-coal mining	Not identified
	Mining cavities	Not identified
	Infilled land	Identified
	Radon	
	Radon	Not identified



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#### **Energy Infrastructure**

Planning constraints	
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Not identified
Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites)	Not identified
Special Areas of Conservation	Not identified
Special Protection Areas (for birds)	Not identified
National Nature Reserves	Not identified
Local Nature Reserves	Not identified
Designated Ancient Woodland	Not identified
Green Belt	Not identified
World Heritage Sites	Not identified
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Not identified
National Parks	Not identified
Conservation Areas	Identified
Listed Buildings	Not identified
Certificates of Immunity from Listing	Not identified
Scheduled Monuments	Identified
Registered Parks and Gardens	Not identified

Planning	
Mobile phone masts	Not identified
Mobile phone masts planning records	Not identified



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## Contaminated land liability assessment methodology

As part of this report Groundsure provide a professional assessment of the risks posed by key environmental information which could lead to the property being designated as 'Contaminated Land' as defined under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This assessment is based on the following data:

- historical land use (compiled from 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 maps)
- petrol stations, garages, energy features and tanks (compiled from 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 maps) for selected areas.
- historic military / ordnance sites
- landfill and waste transfer/treatment or disposal sites (including scrap yards)
- current and recent industrial uses (as defined by PointX data)
- Catalist petrol station
- Part A(1), Part A(2) and Part B Authorisations
- sites determined as Contaminated Land under Part 2A EPA 1990
- Planning Hazardous Substance Consents
- Environment Agency Recorded Pollution Incidents
- Dangerous Substances Inventory Releases (DSI)
- Red List Discharge Consent

The level of risk associated with the property is either Passed or Action Required. If the report result is Action Required it does not necessarily mean that the site is unsuitable for purchase, but only that further assessment of the risk associated with the site is required.

#### **Method Statement**

In assessing specific site risk, Groundsure follows principles used extensively throughout the environmental consultancy sector. Our system looks at the potential for specific industries to have generated residual contamination and for this contamination to remain at a site, or to have migrated to neighbouring sites. Sites are scored based on this system and if a site scores highly it indicates a high level of risk.

#### Limitations of the Study

This report has been prepared with the assumption that the site is in residential use and that no significant (re)development is planned. The screening process reviews historical mapping and a range of current databases. The historical land use database reviewed for this study does NOT include 1:2,500 or 1:1,250 scale maps except for Groundsure's additional information database of selected features namely tanks, energy features, petrol filling stations and garages. This additional information database covers the majority of the UK, but not all. Where 1:2500 or 1:1250 scale maps are utilised all relevant and available map epochs to Groundsure are used. Additionally, this review does NOT include specific enquiries to the Local Authority who may hold additional information and it does NOT include a site visit/inspection. Your attention is drawn to the Terms and Conditions of Groundsure Limited under which this service is provided.

### Flood information

The Flood Risk Assessment section is based on datasets covering a variety of different flooding types. No inspection of the property or of the surrounding area has been undertaken by Groundsure or the data providers. The modelling of flood hazards is extremely complex and in creating a national dataset certain assumptions have been made and all such datasets will have limitations. These datasets should be used to give an indication of relative flood risk rather than a definitive answer. Local actions and minor variations, such as blocked drains or streams etc. can greatly alter the effect of flooding. A low or negligible modelled flood risk does not guarantee that flooding will not occur. Nor will a high risk mean that flooding definitely will occur. Groundsure's overall flood risk assessment takes account of the cumulative risk of river and coastal data, historic flood events and areas benefiting from flood defences provided by the Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales (in England and Wales) and surface water (pluvial) and groundwater flooding provided by Ambiental Risk Analytics. In Scotland the river and coastal flood models are also provided by Ambiental Risk Analytics.



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#### Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea

This is an assessment of flood risk for England and Wales produced using local data and expertise, provided by Environment Agency. It shows the chance of flooding from rivers or the sea presented in categories taking account of flood defences and the condition those defences are in. The model uses local water level and flood defence data to model flood risk.

#### Historic flood events

Over 86,000 events are recorded within this database. This data is used to understand where flooding has occurred in the past and provides details as available. Absence of a historic flood event for an area does not mean that the area has never flooded, but only that Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales do not currently have records of flooding within the area. Equally, a record of a flood footprint in previous years does not mean that an area will flood again, and this information does not take account of flood management schemes and improved flood defences.

#### Surface water flooding

Ambiental Risk Analytics surface water flood map identifies areas likely to flood following extreme rainfall events, i.e. land naturally vulnerable to surface water or "pluvial" flooding. This data set was produced by simulating 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year, 1 in 250 year and 1 in 1000 year rainfall events. Modern urban drainage systems are typically built to cope with rainfall events between 1 in 20 and 1 in 30 years, though older ones may even flood in a 1 in 5 year rainstorm event.

#### **Proposed flood defences**

The data includes all Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales's projects over £100K that will change or sustain the standards of flood defence in England and Wales over the next 5 years. It also includes the equivalent schemes for all Local Authority and Internal Drainage Boards.

#### Flood storage areas

Flood Storage Areas may also act as flood defences. A flood storage area may also be referred to as a balancing reservoir, storage basin or balancing pond. Its purpose is to attenuate an incoming flood peak to a flow level that can be accepted by the downstream channel. It may also delay the timing of a flood peak so that its volume is discharged over a longer time interval. These areas are also referred to as Zone 3b or 'the functional floodplain' and has a 5% or greater chance of flooding in any given year, or is designed to flood in the event of an extreme (0.1%) flood or another probability which may be agreed between the Local Planning Authority and Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales, including water conveyance routes. Development within Flood Storage Areas is severely restricted.

#### **Groundwater flooding**

Groundwater flooding is flooding caused by unusually high groundwater levels. It occurs as excess water emerging at the ground surface or within underground structures such as basements. Groundwater flooding tends to be more persistent than surface water flooding, in some cases lasting for weeks or months, and it can result in significant damage to property. This risk assessment is based on a 5m Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and 1 in 100 year and 1 in 250 year return periods.

#### Ambiental FloodScore™ insurance rating

The property has been rated as Very Low risk. Ambiental's FloodScore™ risk rating gives an indicative assessment of the potential insurance risk classification from flooding, which can provide an indication of how likely it is that a property's policy will be ceded to Flood Re. The assessment is based on Ambiental's river, tidal and surface water flood data and other factors which some insurers may use in their assessment are not included.

Flood Re is a re-insurance scheme that makes flood cover more widely available and affordable as part of your residential property home insurance. Properties at higher risk of flooding may have the flood part of their policy ceded to Flood Re by their insurer. It is important to understand that Flood Re does not apply to all situations. Exclusions from Flood Re includes properties constructed after 1 January 2009; properties not within domestic Council Tax bands A to H (or equivalent); commercial properties, certain buy to let scenarios and buildings comprising four or more residential units. A full list of the exemptions can be found on the Flood Re website (https://www.floodre.co.uk/can-flood-re-help-me/eligibility-criteria/). The Ambiental FloodScore™ insurance rating is classified into six different bandings:

Very High indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a very high possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, particularly if the property has flooded in the past.



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**High** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a high possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, particularly if the property has flooded in the past.

**Moderate-High** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a moderate possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, particularly if the property has flooded in the past.

**Moderate** indicates a level of risk that may make it more likely that standard insurance premiums will be higher, or additional terms may apply to the provision of flood cover. There is a low possibility that the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, unless the property has flooded in the past.

**Low** indicates a level of risk that is likely to mean standard cover and premiums are available for flood cover. There is a low possibility the cover for flooding at the property will be ceded into the Flood Re scheme, unless the property has flooded in the past.

Very Low indicates a level of flood risk that should not have any impact on the provision of flood cover for the property.

### **Subsidence data limitations**

The natural ground subsidence assessment is based on the British Geological Survey's GeoSure data. GeoSure is a natural ground stability hazard susceptibility dataset, based on the characteristics of the underlying geology, rather than an assessment of risk. A hazard is defined as a potentially damaging event or phenomenon, where as a risk is defined as the likelihood of the hazard impacting people, property or capital. The GeoSure dataset consists of six data layers for each type of natural ground subsidence hazard. These are shrink-swell clay, landslide, compressible ground, collapsible ground, dissolution of soluble rock and running sand. Each hazard is then provided with a rating on is potential to cause natural ground subsidence. This rating goes from A-E, with A being the lowest hazard, E being the highest. This is then represented within Groundsure reports as either Negligible-Very Low (A&B ratings), Low (C ratings) or Moderate-High (D&E ratings). The GeoSure data only takes into account the geological characteristics at a site. It does not take into account any additional factors such as the characteristics of buildings, local vegetation including trees or seasonal changes in the soil moisture content which can be related to local factors such as rainfall and local drainage. These factors should be considered as part of a structural survey of the property carried out by a competent structural surveyor. For more information on the "typical safe distance" trees should be from a property please see this guide: https://www.abi.org.uk/globalassets/sitecore/files/documents/publications/public/migrated/home/protecting-your-home-from-subsidence-damage.pdf

## **Planning data limitations**

The Planning Applications section of this report contains data provided under licence from Glenigan, who are widely recognised in the industry as the market leaders in the collection and distribution of planning information in the UK. Glenigan collects on average 4,000 planning applications per day. As such, neither Groundsure or Glenigan are able to check the accuracy of the information that has been submitted by the applicant. All application information is based on the information submitted at the time of application and no additional checks are made to ensure its accuracy. As with any dataset of this size and complexity there are limitations, which are highlighted below.

The planning section in our report is fully automated and Groundsure do not undertake visits to the Local Authority or manually search for planning records against other sources as this would be cost-prohibitive to most clients. With each report, Glenigan provides Groundsure with the location detail for each planning application, which is then published within our report. The method for deriving the location detail depends on the type of planning application.

The location of applications are represented in this report as single points for small developments and points and polygons for large developments. If an application associated with a small development is shown on the map as a polygon it is because it was once



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developments. If an application associated with a small development is shown on the map as a polygon it is because it was once classified as a large development and has been downgraded. The location of applications is derived from either the grid references provided by the applicant on the planning application form or by address finding software using the site address. If the application is represented by a point, it may not represent the nearest border of the development and may fall outside of the development boundary. If the application is represented by a polygon, we only map the outer extents of proposed developments. Some developments are comprised of multiple areas and in these cases we will show all polygons on the map but only label the one closest to the study site. The information contained within this report should be used in conjunction with a visit to the relevant local authority's website to determine the exact location of the development, determine any possible distinctions within the development area, and how this may impact the subject property.

Groundsure have incorporated a dynamic search radius to ensure the most relevant data is presented. This variable search distance is based on House of Commons Library data which categorises areas according to the size of the settlement. Groundsure have distilled these into three core categories. These categories are mega urban, urban and rural and the following search distances apply:

- Mega urban: 250m for large projects, 75m for small projects and 50m for house extensions
- Urban: 500m for large projects, 125m for small projects and 50m for house extensions
- Rural: 750m for large projects, 500m for small projects and 250m for house extensions

Please note, the search radius assigned to this property is detailed within the planning section of the report.

Due to differing methodologies adopted by Local Authorities, some planning applications identified as having been refused may have subsequently been granted on appeal without appearing as such within this report. As such, if any refused applications be identified within this report, or should the existence or absence of a planning application, consent or similar have a material impact with regard to the decision to purchase a property, the client or beneficiary should make independent thorough enquiries of the Local Authority. Groundsure have excluded certain records of the publicly available data from this report which may have created duplications of reference to the same application. This includes, but is not limited to, data relating to applications such as amendments or variations of planning applications, discharge of conditions, or other associated applications. The report also excludes information on Lawful Development Certificates, Permitted Developments, Prior Approvals, Tree Preservation Orders, and other applications that are considered minor in terms of the level of construction. Additionally, an area of land may be identified for development within the local authority development plan, but for which no formal planning application exists. As such these are not included within the search.

Groundsure provides a web link to individual planning records in this report, but over time Local Authorities may have altered their website structure or record storage and so not all links may still be active. In the case of broken links, customers can use the planning application reference to search the Local Authority planning website manually. Due to data collection methods and processing time, there may be a period of up to 10 days between the application being published on the local authority website and appearing within the Groundsure report.

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### **Conservation Area data limitations**

Please note the Conservation Area data is provided by Historic England and may be incomplete. We recommend reviewing your local search for confirmation.



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#### **Complaints Advice**

If you have a query or complaint about your search, you should raise it directly with the search firm, and if appropriate ask for any complaint to be considered under their formal internal complaints procedure.

If you remain dissatisfied with the firm's final response, after your complaint has been formally considered, or if the firm has exceeded the response timescales, you may refer your complaint for consideration under The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPOs). The Ombudsman can award up to £5,000 to you if the Ombudsman finds that you have suffered actual financial loss and/or aggravation, distress or inconvenience as a result of your search provider failing to keep to the Standards.

Please note that all queries or complaints regarding your search should be directed to your search provider in the first instance, not to TPOs.

### COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE: If you want to make a complaint, we will:

- acknowledge it within 5 working days of receipt
- normally deal with it fully and provide a final response, in writing, within 20 working days of receipt
- liaise, at your request, with anyone acting formally on your behalf

#### Complaints should be sent to:

Operations Director, Groundsure Ltd, Sovereign House, Church Street, Brighton, BN1 1UJ. Tel: 08444 159 000. Email: <a href="mailto:info@groundsure.com">info@groundsure.com</a> If you are not satisfied with our final response, or if we exceed the response timescales, you may refer the complaint to The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPOs): Tel: 01722 333306, E-mail: <a href="mailto:admin@tpos.co.uk">admin@tpos.co.uk</a> We will co-operate fully with the Ombudsman during an investigation and comply with their final decision.

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