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1 Introduction

The town of Musselburgh in East Lothian, which is located along both banks of the River Esk, has been subjected to episodes of flooding over many centuries. Figure 1 shows the location of Musselburgh and the River Esk. It is understood that some of these flooding incidents were very serious such as those on 13 August 1948 and 21 September 1891, for which evidence showing the date and the peak flood level were marked as floodmarks on the walls of, now demolished, Inveresk Mill. The peak water levels for these events were 6.99mAOD and 7.37mAOD respectively which were approximately 1.0m above the 'bank full' level.

Although the history of flooding in Musselburgh goes as far back as over a century ago, the most recent and largest flood event which affected the entire region including Musselburgh occurred in 1948. Since then a number of other events have occurred causing flooding mostly of Eskside but none of these events were on the scale of the 1948 event.

Despite relatively frequent flooding incidents on the River Esk in Musselburgh, only a small number of investigations to understand the causes of flooding and possible mitigation measures have been carried out. One of these studies was carried out by Babtie Shaw and Morton (now Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd) in 1993. The study was preliminary in nature and only used limited channel survey information. It involved construction of a MIKE 11 based mathematical model of the River Esk through Musselburgh to predict the peak water levels for a number of flood probabilities in order to assess the likely risk of flooding in Musselburgh.

In view of the apparent increasing frequency of high flow events in the River Esk, East Lothian Council considered that a detailed and updated assessment of the flood risk in Musselburgh should be carried using the more detailed mathematical modelling techniques now available to produce a set of plans providing information on the indicative extent of flood inundation for a range of joint probability river flow and tidal events.

The study has involved:

- The hydrological assessment of flood flows in the River Esk in Musselburgh using methodologies set out in the Flood Estimation Handbook¹.
- The assessment of extreme tide levels at the mouth of River Esk.
- Transfer of the existing mathematical model of the River Esk from the MIKE11 river modelling software platform to the ISIS modelling platform (which is considered as the current industry-standard).

¹ Flood Estimation Handbook, Institute of Hydrology, 1999

- Extension of the model and improvement of representation of key areas using additional channel cross-section and LIDAR survey information.
- Model calibration or sensitivity analysis depending on the availability of historical flow and water level information.
- Undertaking joint probability analysis of flood flows and extreme tides.
- Undertaking model simulations.
- Preparation of a report and plans showing the indicative extent of inundation for a range of flood events.

This report details the work undertaken and the findings of the study together with recommendations for further investigations.

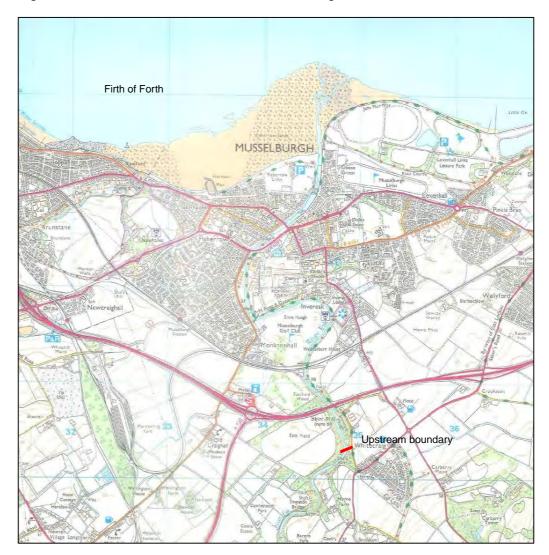


Figure 1 – Location Plan

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Hydrological Assessment

2.1 Estimation of Design Flows

As stated in the previous section, the town of Musselburgh has suffered from flooding from the River Esk for many years. A number of investigations have been undertaken by various consultants assessing the risk of flooding for residential developments in Musselburgh. These required the estimation of design flood flows in the river and used methodologies that were current at the time.

Flows in the River Esk are monitored in Musselburgh using a velocity-area gauging station located in a section with steep banks upstream of Olive Bank Road bridge. The gauging station is operated by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and is also used for flood warning purposes. The low-flow control is a rock bar and the high flow control is formed by the Olive Bank Road bridge buttresses. It is understood that the control exerted by the bridge at extreme flood flows diminishes and the controlling physical influence then becomes the channel downstream of the bridge. The flows in the River Esk have been recorded at Musselburgh Gauging Station since December 1961. It is believed that the high flow control (bridge buttresses and downstream channel) have remained unchanged during this period.

The high flow data recorded by the station was reviewed in detail during the HiFlows-UK study which was initiated in 2001 in collaboration by Environment Agency (EA), Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and River Agency Northern Ireland (RANI)². The study involved the review of gauging station performances at high flows, their indicative suitability for flood analysis, and improving high flow rating equations.

The HiFlows-UK study identified that the Musselburgh high flow rating equation has been changed 12 times over the past 50 years as it appeared to be affected by periodic dredging and accretion of a bar on the right bank. The development and removal of the bank has clear implications to the stage–flow relationship at low and medium flows but it is less clear how this affects the flood flows where the control on the stage-flow relationship is formed by the downstream buttresses and channel. Consequently two annual maximum peak flow series were considered:

- Using rating equations 1 to 12 since 1961 (i.e. the flows provided by SEPA based on use of rating equations 3 to 12).
- Using rating equation 11 for all stages recorded since 1961(i.e. the flows listed in HiFlows-UK)

² http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/hiflows/91727.aspx

The flows are given in Table 1. (Note that the SEPA data comes as values per calendar year whilst the HiFlows-UK data are provided as values per hydrological year [1 Oct to 30 Sept]).

| S | EPA Amax serie | S | HiFI | ows-UK Amax se | eries |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Calendar Year | Date | Peak flow (m ³ /s) | Water Year | Date | Peak flow (m ³ /s) |
| 1962 | 12 Sep 1962 | 96.7 | 1961 | 11 Sep 1962 | 87.8 |
| 1963 | 23 Nov 1963 | 81.3 | 1962 | 05 Mar 1963 | 71.0 |
| 1964 | 11 Oct 1964 | 37.4 | 1963 | 23 Nov 1963 | 78.9 |
| 1965 | 26 Sep 1965 | 89.8 | 1964 | 26 Sep 1965 | 94.5 |
| 1966 | 14 Aug 1966 | 176.0 | 1965 | 13 Aug 1966 | 154.6 |
| 1967 | 16 May 1967 | 51.5 | 1966 | 19 Dec 1966 | 56.1 |
| 1968 | 5 May 1968 | 102.0 | 1967 | 05 May 1968 | 92.0 |
| 1969 | 22 Nov 1969 | 77.1 | 1968 | 01 Nov 1968 | 69.5 |
| 1970 | 31 Oct 1970 | 77.1 | 1969 | 22 Nov 1969 | 73.4 |
| 1971 | 24 Mar 1971 | 66.4 | 1970 | 31 Oct 1970 | 70.3 |
| 1972 | 17 Feb 1972 | 36.1 | 1971 | 17 Feb 1972 | 33.8 |
| 1973 | 22 Dec 1973 | 17.6 | 1972 | 11 Dec 1972 | 17.8 |
| 1974 | 17 Dec 1974 | 40.5 | 1973 | 17 Mar 1974 | 48.3 |
| 1975 | 18 Sep 1975 | 67.9 | 1974 | 18 Sep 1975 | 70.3 |
| 1976 | 15 Oct 1976 | 63.2 | 1975 | 03 Apr 1976 | 30.8 |
| 1977 | 25 Jan 1977 | 71.9 | 1976 | 25 Jan 1977 | 74.1 |
| 1978 | 15 Nov 1978 | 44.6 | 1977 | 30 Oct 1977 | 42.8 |
| 1979 | 8 Dec 1979 | 55.3 | 1978 | 15 Nov 1978 | 52.5 |
| 1980 | 25 Nov 1980 | 97.1 | 1979 | 08 Dec 1979 | 65.7 |
| 1981 | 2 Oct 1981 | 106.0 | 1980 | 25 Nov 1980 | 110.0 |
| 1982 | 3 Jan 1982 | 126.0 | 1981 | 03 Jan 1982 | 114.4 |
| 1983 | 1 Jun 1983 | 78.6 | 1982 | 23 Nov 1982 | 118.9 |
| 1984 | 3 Nov 1984 | 155.0 | 1983 | 04 Feb 1984 | 79.0 |
| 1985 | 21 Sep 1985 | 108.0 | 1984 | 03 Nov 1984 | 166.7 |
| 1986 | 30 Dec 1986 | 47.4 | 1985 | 21 Dec 1985 | 71.8 |
| 1987 | 18 Jul 1987 | 46.9 | 1986 | 30 Dec 1986 | 61.9 |
| 1988 | 2 Jan 1988 | 41.6 | 1987 | 02 Jan 1988 | 56.8 |
| 1989 | 11 Jan1989 | 37.4 | 1988 | 11 Jan 1989 | 49.7 |
| 1990 | 6 Oct 1990 | 175.0 | 1989 | 17 Feb 1990 | 74.1 |
| 1991 | 23 Feb 1991 | 68.9 | 1990 | 06 Oct 1990 | 216.4 |
| 1992 | 8 Jan 1992 | 105.0 | 1991 | 08 Jan 1992 | 134.2 |
| 1993 | 9 Oct 1993 | 102.0 | 1992 | 15 May 1993 | 113.9 |
| 1994 | 11 Dec 1994 | 79.8 | 1993 | 10 Oct 1993 | 130.6 |
| 1995 | 31 Jan 1995 | 41.4 | 1994 | 12 Dec 1994 | 104.3 |
| 1996 | 18 Dec 1996 | 57.0 | 1995 | 16 Nov 1995 | 42.4 |
| 1997 | 20 Feb 1997 | 66.7 | 1996 | 21 Feb 1997 | 53.3 |
| 1998 | 2 Nov 1998 | 95.6 | 1997 | 11 Dec 1997 | 34.6 |
| 1999 | 12 Dec 1999 | 57.4 | 1998 | 03 Nov 1998 | 80.3 |
| 2000 | 26 Apr 2000 | 180.5 | 1999 | 27 Apr 2000 | 180.4 |

| SEPA Amax series | | | HiF | lows-UK Amax se | eries |
|------------------|-------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|
| 2001 | 19 Aug 2001 | 58.1 | 2000 | 07 Nov 2000 | 108.1 |
| 2002 | 22 Oct 2002 | 107.4 | 2001 | 24 Jan 2002 | 50.6 |
| 2003 | 22 Jan 2003 | 54.7 | 2002 | 22 Oct 2002 | 111.0 |
| 2004 | 2 Feb 2004 | 53.1 | 2003 | 02 Feb 2004 | 58.9 |
| 2005 | 8 Jan 005 | 90.3 | 2004 | 08 Jan 2005 | 95.3 |
| 2006 | 16 Nov 2006 | 53.1 | 2005 | 12 Oct 2005 | 59.3 |
| 2007 | 21 Nov 2007 | 69.1 | | | |
| 2008 | 7 Aug 2008 | 90.2 | | | |
| 2009 | 4 Sep 2009 | 66.1 | | | |
| | Median | 69.0 | | Median | 72.6 |

Table 1 - Two alternative annual maximum flow series for the River Esk at Musselburgh

Differences in flow values were discussed with SEPA³ who recommended the use of the SEPA flow estimates. Based on this recommendation (by the gauging authority responsible for the monitoring) the analysis in this study has been based upon the SEPA dataset.

Design flows were calculated using both the FEH pooling group and single site statistical methods described in the Flood Estimation Handbook. The pooling group method requires the estimation of an index QMED flood, which in this case comes directly from the gauged record, and the generation of flood growth factors that are used to multiple this index flood to provide estimates of rarer events. The growth factors are produced during a process (pooling) that identifies hydrologically similar catchments, likely to share similar flood characteristics. The "pooled" catchments' flood records are then standardised and analysed as if belonging to a single gauge to provide an estimate of the appropriate growth factors to apply to the index flood. The benefit being that the pooled data has a much larger sample of floods from which to extract the likely flood behaviour. However it is reliant on being able to select hydrologically similar catchments.

Conversely the single site statistical analysis only uses the flood record from the gauge at the site. Its relevance (assuming no significant catchment change has occurred during the record) is fully specific to the target catchment, but is hampered by only a limited length of record that can only sample a relatively small proportion of the full population of the likely floods from the catchment. Appendix A presents the detailed audit trail of the analyses. Figure 2 presents a summary of the predicted flows based on the two methods. The dotted extrapolation of the "single site" curve indicates that these estimates are less robust due to the limited record length.

³ The discrepancies between the annual maximum estimates were not fully resolved.

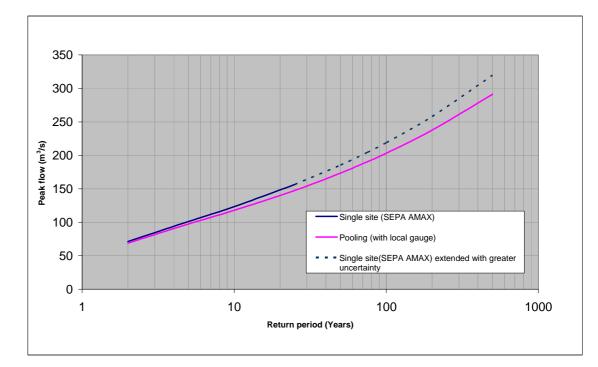


Figure 2 - Summary of the predicted design flows for the River Esk at Musselburgh. [Single site curve is based on only the flow record from the gauge at Musselburgh, whilst the pooling group curve offers an alternative and frequently favoured FEH method].

The results of the two methods are reasonably consistent. The Flood Estimation Handbook guides the analysis towards accepting the pooling group estimate of the flood frequency curve at the higher return periods. However given that the differences between the Hiflows and SEPA estimates of flood flows were not fully resolved, the Hiflows values tending to be slightly higher, it was judged prudent to accept the single site analysis flood frequency curve as the preferred design flows. These are tabulated in Table 2.

| Annual Exceedence Probability ⁴ | Return Period (years) | Growth Factor* | Flow (m ³ /s) |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 50% | 2 | 1.03 | 71 |
| 20% | 5 | 1.47 | 101 |
| 10% | 10 | 1.79 | 123 |
| 4% | 25 | 2.27 | 156 |
| 2% | 50 | 2.69 | 185 |
| 1.33% | 75 | 2.96 | 204 |
| 1% | 100 | 3.17 | 219 |
| 0.5% | 200 | 3.74 | 258 |
| 0.2% | 500 | 4.63 | 320 |

* Growth factor - factor that relates the design flow to the QMED estimate of the index flood

Table 2 - Design flows for the River Esk at Musselburgh

2.2 Estimation of Design Hydrograph Shape

The shape of the flow hydrograph determines the volume of water that passes along the river channel at a given location during a particular event. Both the peak flow rate and the shape of the hydrograph (i.e. volume) are important in terms of determining the risk of flooding along the watercourse.

Where recorded flow is available the most widely used method in determining the shape of the design flood event hydrograph is based on the analysis of the recorded flow hydrographs which represent the general characteristics of the river system at that location. The recorded flow hydrographs for the larger flow events of such as 1993, 1998, 2000, 2005 and 2008 in the River Esk at Musselburgh Gauging Station record were analysed to determine the dominant shape of larger flood event hydrographs.

Figure 3 shows the recorded hydrographs used for the analysis. These are plotted to a common scale for ease of comparison.

⁴Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) is the probability associated with a particular flood event expressed as the chance of occurring in any one year. Flood probability is also sometimes referred to as flood 'return period' – the period during which a flood of a particular magnitude will be equaled or exceeded when taken on average over a very long period of time. An event of return period 50 years (T) has an AEP of 1/T*100 or 2%.

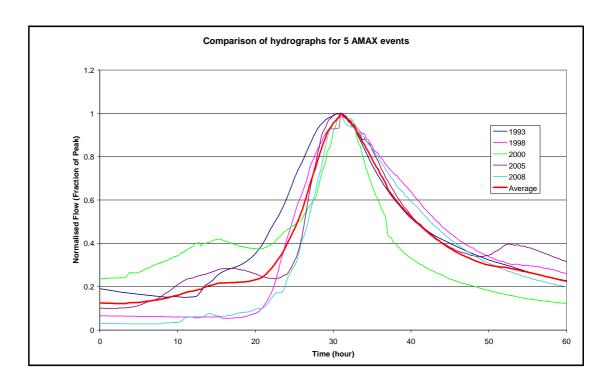


Figure 3 - Estimation of design hydrograph shape at Musselburgh Gauging Station

As can be seen in Figure 3 the hydrographs for large flow events in the River Esk in Musselburgh generally follow a characteristic hydrograph shape with little variation between events and the shape of any one of these hydrographs might be chosen. However it is considered that the average hydrograph which is generated by normalising the hydrographs of these five extreme events would be more representative of the flood event hydrograph shape likely to occur over a range of high flow flood events.

2.3 Climate change allowance

Climate change is projected to increase extreme rainfall events across Scotland and this in turn will influence future flood flows. It is standard practice to make an allowance to design flows for future climate change. In Scotland, as for the rest of the UK, the advice has been to test the sensitivity of the system to a 20% increase in design flows based on the guidance given in Supplementary Note to Operating Authorities-Climate Change Impacts⁵.

⁵ Flood and Coastal defence Appraisal Guidance, FCDPAG3 Economic Appraisal, Supplementary Note to Operating Authorities-Climate Change Impacts, October 2006

3 Extreme Tide Analysis

Water levels at Musselburgh are also significantly influenced by sea levels in the Firth of Forth. Tides are defined as the periodic rise and fall in the level of the water in oceans and seas; the result of gravitational attraction of the sun and moon.

Sea levels are also affected by storm surges which are weather dependent and difficult to predict in comparison to tides. Wind generated waves can also be a significant factor in assessing the risk of flooding due to wave overtopping. However this is usually considered separately and it is accepted practice to present the combined effects of astronomical tides and storm surges under the term "still water level". The extreme water levels estimated in this section of the report for the Firth of Forth at Musselburgh are still water levels and do not included any wave effects. The extreme still water is of more concern than wave overtopping as the still water level could result in inundation over a longer period.

3.1 Extreme Water Level Analysis Methodology

Ideally, extreme water level prediction for a site of interest should be based on good quality records of observed sea water level at the site for a suitably long duration. In the absence of this data, estimates can be made using a number of sources of existing information and analysis. In order to assess water levels in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the River Esk, an extreme water level analysis has been undertaken using the data and methodology detailed in the POL 112 Report (Section 5.2.1). In addition, the likely future impact of climate change on sea water levels at the mouth of the River Esk has been assessed for various climate change scenarios.

3.2 Extreme Water Level Analysis for Musselburgh

The analysis of extreme water levels at the mouth of the River Esk would normally be based on the *Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory (POL) Internal Report 112 'Spatial Analysis for the UK Coast' by Dixon and Tawn 1997*⁶. POL Internal Report 112 presents the work undertaken to develop a spatial model of extreme water levels around the UK coast, based on records of observed levels at 41 sites. The resulting spatial model covering the coast has 89 nodes and the report presents the methodology and data to enable the calculation of a range of extreme probability tide event water levels for a coastal site between two adjacent nodes.

Extreme Water Levels (EWL) for 1% and 0.5% AEP (100 and 200year return period) tide events at the mouth of the River Esk were calculated,

⁶ Spatial Analysis for the UK Coast, Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, Internal Document No.112, Dixon & Town, 1997.

using the predictions for Nodes 12 (Easting 352851, Northing 701072) and 13 (Easting 385631, Northing 670788) which are the closest to the area of interest.

In order to determine the change in EWL between Nodes 12 and 13 and the mouth of the River Esk, a relationship between the distances of these nodes to Wick was used to determine the EWL at these nodes, then a second relationship involving again the distance of the mouth of the River Esk to these nodes was used to determine the weighting of each node on the EWL at the mouth of River Esk. Based on this methodology 3.99mAOD and 4.07mAOD were calculated as representing the 1% and 0.5% AEP extreme event tide levels in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the River Esk.

A review of work by others in the area of interest indicated that there is a range of estimates for the EWL using the same or similar methodologies. A study by Kaya (2008)⁷ estimated the 1% AEP and 0.5% AEP tide event EWL at 4.01mAOD and 4.08mAOD respectively. Jeremy Benn Associates (JBA) indicated in their study⁸ for Cockenzie Power Station that *storm surges within East Lothian area tend to be small and relatively frequent, rather than experiencing large extreme events.* JBA estimated EWL at Leith and translated these levels to Cockenzie using the correlation between Mean High Water Spring (MHWS) levels. Using a similar correlation, the levels at Cockenzie for 1% and 0.5% AEP tide events were translated to the mouth of the River Esk, yielding 3.62mAOD and 3.70mAOD for the 1% and 0.5% AEP tide events respectively.

A similar investigation carried out by HR Wallingford⁹ as part of an assessment of joint probability of flows in the River Esk and the extreme tide levels at the mouth of the watercourse indicated that EWL for the 1% and 0.5% AEP events is likely to be 3.87mAOD and 3.94mAOD respectively.

The report by HR Wallingford indicates that SEPA adopted a still water level of 4.3mAOD for the 0.5% AEP tidal event in the Firth of Forth near Musselburgh to assess the indicative extent of tidal inundation for the Indicative River and Coastal Flood Map (Scotland). It was considered by HR Wallingford, that their estimated value of 3.94mAOD represents the best estimate of still water level for the 0.5% AEP tide event in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the River Esk and 4.3mAOD as used by SEPA should only represent a conservative estimate of the still water level.

⁷ Yusuf Kaya, Kaya Consulting Ltd "Taylor Wimpey, Proposed Development at Pinkie Mains, Musselburgh – Flood Risk Assessment, 14 January 2008

⁸ JBA, Sediment Transport Processes – Cockenzie Power Station Final Report, December 2009

⁹ HR Wallingford, Eskside House, Study of joint probability of river flow, sea level and waves for use in a flood risk study. Technical Note: DEM5791/01, May 2007

A detailed assessment of the extreme still water sea levels around the UK was carried out for Defra, SEPA, the Scottish Government and the Environment Agency and findings of the study were published in a report in February 2011.¹⁰

This study utilises tide-level data as recorded at 40 Class A and 5 other sites to undertake statistical analysis and to generate probabilities of predicted high tide and of skew surge. Combining these two elements is considered to provide the overall design level probabilities. It is understood that these results were further refined using predictions from a continental shelf tide surge model and other corrections to arrive at predictions for various % AEP tide events. Using the information provided in Table 4.1in the published report, and the detailed results provided in the GIS files¹¹, it is estimated that 1% AEP and 0.5% AEP tide events still water levels are 3.88mAOD and 3.96mAOD respectively.

Table 3 shows the comparison of EWL in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the River Esk as estimated by the Defra approach and by the various other investigations.

| AEP | | Pre | dicted Still Wa | ater level (mA | OD) | |
|------|-------|--------|-----------------|----------------|------|------|
| AEF | Defra | POL112 | Kaya | JBA | HR | SEPA |
| 1% | 3.88 | 3.99 | 4.01 | 3.62 | 3.87 | - |
| 0.5% | 3.96 | 4.07 | 4.08 | 3.70 | 3.94 | 4.30 |

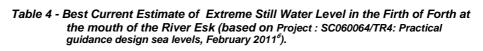
Table 3 - Comparison of EWL in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the River Esk in various studies

Taking all the above comparisons into account, it is considered that the levels derived using the findings of the study for Defra, SEPA, the Scottish Government and the Environment Agency represents the best current estimate of extreme tide levels in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the River Esk. The study is considered to provide the soundest estimates of extreme tide levels based on currently available data and the latest techniques. Table 4 shows the estimated extreme tide levels for all % AEP tide events.

¹⁰ Defra, SEPA, Scottish Government, EA. Coastal flood boundary conditions for UK mainland and islands, Project : SC060064/TR2: Design sea levels, February 2011

¹¹ Defra, SEPA, Scottish Government, EA. Coastal flood boundary conditions for UK mainland and islands, Project : SC060064/TR4: Practical guidance design sea levels, February 2011

| AEP | Return Period (year) | Estimated Extreme Still Water Level (mAOD) |
|------|----------------------------|---|
| 100% | 1 | 3.36 |
| 50% | 2 | 3.43 |
| 20% | 5 | 3.53 |
| 10% | 10 | 3.60 |
| 4% | 25 | 3.71 |
| 2% | 50 | 3.79 |
| 1% | 100 | 3.88 |
| 0.5% | 200 | 3.96 |



4 Joint Probability Analysis

4.1 Dependence between variables

Tidal parts of rivers such as the lower River Esk through Musselburgh are at risk of flooding from both fluvial and tidal events. The probability of both a high flow in the river and an extreme sea level occurring together is termed the joint probability. Joint probability analysis takes into account the dependence of one event upon the other. Even a small amount of dependence between extremes of river flow and sea levels (for example both may occur during the same weather event) can have a significant influence in determining the joint probability of the combined water level, or the water levels calculated for a range of annual exceedance probabilities (%AEP).

An understanding of the dependence between river flow and extreme sea level enables a more accurate estimate of their combined probability of occurrence, and greater confidence in assessment of any associated risk.

The mouth of the River Esk lies on the southern shores of the Firth of Forth. Svensson and Jones (2004)¹² stated that dependence between sea surge and river flow around the coasts of Britain occurs mainly in catchments with slopes exposed to south-westerly winds.

The areas with higher dependence mainly lie along the western part of English south coast and the south coast of Wales, but also include the Solway Firth area and the area to the north of the Firth of Forth in Scotland. Although the area to the north of Firth of Forth is on the east coast, it is the first hilly area that air in a south westerly flow will encounter. At the same time, the surges on the east coast are often associated with a depression moving eastwards between Scotland and Iceland. These surges are generated as the depression moves onto the continental shelf to the north west of Scotland and propagate into the North Sea in the form of a progressive long-wave. As the depression moves further east, the trailing northerly or north-westerly winds over the North Sea may act to raise the surge height¹³.

Defra and the Environment Agency (2005a)¹⁴ commissioned a study to analyse the dependence between river flow and surge based on long time-series flow and tide level data for 72 river gauging stations and 19 tide gauges. The study also included the analysis of dependence of flows and surges in the River Esk using flow records at Musselburgh Gauging Station and surge observations at Aberdeen and North Shields. A

¹³ D T Pugh, Tides, Surges and Mean Sea-Level, John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 1987

¹² C Svensson, D A Jones, Sensitivity to storm track of the dependence between extreme sea surges and river flows around Britain, Hydrology: Science & Practice for the 21st Century: Volume 1, British Hydrological Society, 2004

¹⁴ Defra/Environment Agency, Joint Probability: Dependence between extreme sea surge, river flow and precipitation: A study in South and West Britain, R&D Technical report FD2308/TR3, March 2005

dependence measure, X, especially suited for extremes was employed to estimate dependence between the river flow and the surge.

Based on the information provided in this study, dependence values between extreme daily mean flow and daily maximum sea surge and between extreme daily mean flow and daily maximum sea surge occurring at high tide at the River Esk based on the Aberdeen surge station were estimated at 0.02 and 0.04 respectively.

Figure 2 in the Defra/Environment Agency $(2005)^{15}$ report, an extract of which is shown in,Figure 4 indicates that for the River Esk in Musselburgh which is identified as Station No: 19007, the extremes of river flow the surge are *independent* with a X value of equal or less than 0.01.

It is recommended in the report that the dependence between two or more conditions, in this case, the river flow and the surge level, should be neither independent nor fully dependent. In view of this, it is considered that a dependence value, X, of 0.02 should be regarded as most representative of the situation in the River Esk.

¹⁵ Defra/Environment Agency, Use of Joint Probability Method in Flood management, A Guide to Best Practice R&D Technical Report FD2308/TR2, March 2005

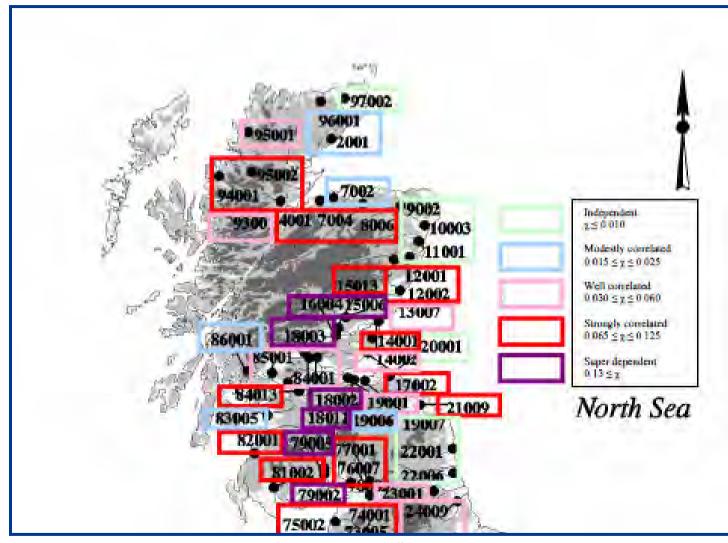


Figure 4 – Summary dependence information for river flow and surge¹⁰

4.2 Joint Probability of Exceedence Analysis

Joint probability is defined as the chance of two or more conditions occurring at the same time, in this particular case the simultaneous occurrence of an extreme river flow in the River Esk and an extreme surge in the Firth of Forth. Such a joint probability of occurrence could involve:-

- Extreme flow in the River Esk coincident with a high surge in the Firth of Forth.
- Extreme surge in the Firth of Forth coincident with an extreme flow in the River Esk.
- High but not extreme river flow and surge are coincident

Extreme situations that are likely to test the suitability and durability of flood defence structures such as walls and embankments for fluvial and coastal flood defence schemes are often caused by a combination of environmental variables. In river engineering, the same joint probability can arise for different combinations of river flow and surge level. Hence a range of possible combinations should be assessed prior to making a decision on the water level appropriate for the construction of a flood defence. For this reason Joint Probability of Exceedence Analysis is necessary.

The desk study methodology described in A Guide to Best Practice, R&D Technical Report FD2308/TR2, March 2005 requires as input high and extreme values of each of two variables (river flow and surge level), together with a simple representation of the dependence between the two. The method provides a list of pre-computed combinations of river flow and surge level with the required joint return period.

Table 5 below shows the results of Joint Probability of Exceedence Analysis for river flow and surge level for the River Esk for 2% AEP and 0.5% AEP joint extreme events.

| | 2% AEP Joint Probability | | 0.5% AEP Joint Probability | | 2% AEP Joint Probability | | 0.5% AEP Joint Probability | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| River Flow | Tide Level | River Flow | Tide Level | River Flow | Tide Level | River Flow | Tide Level | |
| (year) | (year) | (m ³ /s) | (mAOD) | (year) | (year) | (m ³ /s) | (mAOD) | |
| 50 | 0.01 | 185.4 | 2.82 | 200 | 0.01 | 257.9 | 2.82 | |
| 50 | 0.02 | 185.4 | 2.91 | 200 | 0.02 | 257.9 | 2.91 | |
| 20 | 0.05 | 148.4 | 3.01 | 200 | 0.05 | 257.9 | 3.01 | |
| 10 | 0.1 | 123.4 | 3.09 | 160 | 0.1 | 245.3 | 3.09 | |
| 5 | 0.2 | 101.1 | 3.17 | 80 | 0.2 | 208.1 | 3.17 | |
| 2 | 0.5 | 71.3 | 3.27 | 32 | 0.5 | 166.7 | 3.27 | |
| 1 | 1 | 52.0 | 3.36 | 16 | 1 | 140.3 | 3.36 | |
| 0.5 | 2 | 38.0 | 3.43 | 8 | 2 | 116.2 | 3.43 | |
| 0.2 | 5 | 22.0 | 3.53 | 3.2 | 5 | 86.6 | 3.53 | |
| 0.1 | 10 | 15.0 | 3.60 | 1.6 | 10 | 65.1 | 3.60 | |
| 0.04 | 25 | 5.7 | 3.71 | 0.64 | 25 | 43.0 | 3.71 | |
| 0.02 | 50 | 1.3 | 3.79 | 0.32 | 50 | 30.2 | 3.79 | |
| | | | | 0.16 | 100 | 19.7 | 3.88 | |
| | | | | 0.08 | 200 | 12.7 | 3.96 | |

Table 5 – Joint Probability Estimates of River Flow and Tide Level in the River Esk, Musselburgh

As can be seen in the table, a wide range of combinations of river flow in the River Esk in Musselburgh and the tide level in the Firth of Forth at the mouth of the river can produce water levels for a specific joint probability. Model simulations are able to demonstrate whether the flow, or the tide level, or a combination of both is the dominant factor in determining the water level at any specific location along the River Esk. This depends on the physical characteristics of the channel.

5

Mathematical Modelling

5.1 Extent of Mathematical Model

A mathematical model of the River Esk through Musselburgh was set up covering the reach between a location approximately 450m upstream of the A1 Road Bridge over the River Esk near Whitecraigs and the Firth of Forth, covering a total length of approximately 5.0km.

5.2 Model Construction

Version 3.5.1 of the ISIS river modelling software package was used for modelling the River Esk in Musselburgh. The software package is able to model complex looped and branched networks, and is designed to provide a comprehensive range of methods for simulating flood plain flows. ISIS Flow incorporates both unsteady and steady flow solvers, with options that include backwater representation, flow routing and full unsteady simulation. The simulation engine provides a direct steady-state solver and adaptive time-stepping methods to optimise run-time and to enhance model stability

The model requires the input of river cross sections to represent the main channel, input of floodplain data including bank levels to represent out of bank flows and physical geometry of man-made structures such as bridges, culverts and weirs.

A limited number of channel cross-sections in the River Esk were surveyed in 1993 as part of the original study to supplement the crosssection information provided by then the Forth River Purification Board at that time. The survey also included bank level and threshold level information to identify properties likely to be affected by flooding. As these channel cross-sections mainly represented a limited reach in Musselburgh, additional channel cross-section and bridge survey work was undertaken by East Lothian Council in the spring of 2011. In addition to these channel cross-sections the Council also provided survey information to supplement the available data.

The channel cross-sections representing the reach upstream of Inveresk Weir, up to Whitecraigs were extracted from LIDAR survey information. LIDAR survey data was originally provided by the Scottish Government; however review of the survey information indicated that filtered LIDAR data which was expected to represent the 'bare-earth' situation (where the Digital Surface Model is converted to a Digital Elevation Model by removing man-made structures and high vegetation) was not ideally suited for model use. Following the filtering process the definition of the river channel was not clear and there were high points in Musselburgh distorting the ground model. However, in the knowledge that this was the only survey information readily available for the area upstream of Inveresk

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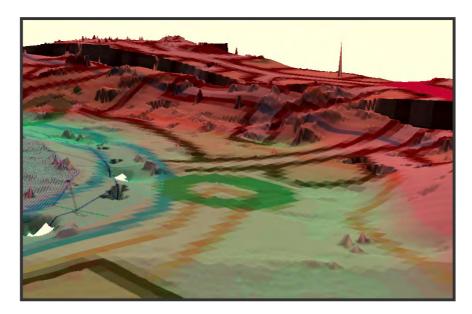
Weir at that time, best use of this information was made to define the channel cross-sections for the reach upstream of the weir.

A walkover inspection of the River Esk was undertaken in March 2011 by the Jacobs modelling team to familiarise the team with the watercourse and the flooding related issues in Musselburgh. The debris marks left on the vegetation over the right bank indicated that the area had been affected by a recent high flow event and flooded up to a depth of 0.5m in places upstream of Inveresk Weir.

Flow and water level data was therefore requested from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for the River Esk at Musselburgh Gauging Station for the first three weeks of February 2011. Review of the data indicated that a high flow event occurred on 7th February 2011 and the recorded peak flow was approximately 67.0m³/s.

A model simulation was undertaken using this flow information to determine if the channel cross-sections were representative of the reach upstream of Inveresk Weir. The model predictions indicated that the right bank was unlikely to flood based on the cross-sections extracted from the LIDAR survey information unless an unrealistic amount of reduction was made to the ground levels.

In view of this, several inquires were made on any other sources of survey information to identify if there was any other suitable data was available. One lead indicated that the Environment Agency also holds LIDAR survey information for locations in Scotland. The Geomatics Group of the Environment Agency were approached to find out if they had any information in Musselburgh and if they could provide an example of the data held. Figure 4 below shows the comparison of the two sets of LIDAR survey information for Musselburgh.



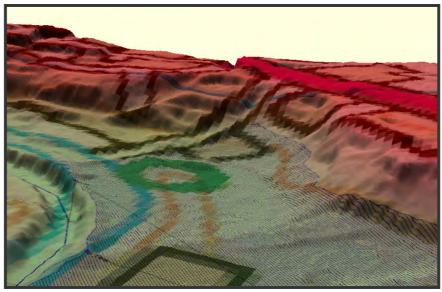


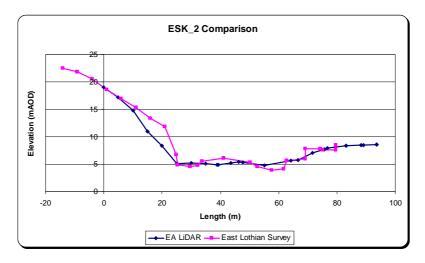
Figure 5 – Comparison of LIDAR data provided by the Scottish Government (SG), (above) and the Environment Agency (below). Note: Musselburgh Golf Course is inside the bend in the river. The lack of channel definition in the SG data is clearly visible

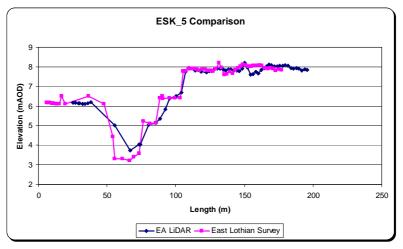
As can be seen in the comparison, the LIDAR data held by the Environment Agency was significantly better for model use due to the much clearer definition of the channel and other land features. This data was therefore requested from the Environment Agency and used in the derivation of channel cross-sections upstream of Inveresk Weir.

It is recognised that LIDAR survey of the river channel is affected by the water surface in the channel as the conventional LIDAR does not penetrate the water surface. In order to determine the effect of water in

the channel on the LIDAR survey level, a comparison of the LIDAR derived channel cross-sections was carried out at locations where conventional channel cross-section survey information was available.

Figure 6 shows the comparison of the conventional and LIDAR survey channel cross-sections in the River Esk downstream of Inveresk Weir. Comparison shows that the bed level in the conventionally surveyed channel cross-sections is approximately 1.0m lower than the bed level for cross-sections extracted from the LIDAR survey information. Based on this information, the river bed part of the channel cross-sections extracted from the LIDAR survey information of Inveresk Weir were reduced by 1.0m. Subsequent model simulation using the 7 February 2011flow information indicated that the right hand bank upstream of Inveresk Weir would be affected by flooding with depths of up to 0.5m. This exercise increased the level of confidence in the representation of the reach upstream of Inveresk Weir with cross sections based on the adjusted Environment Agency data.





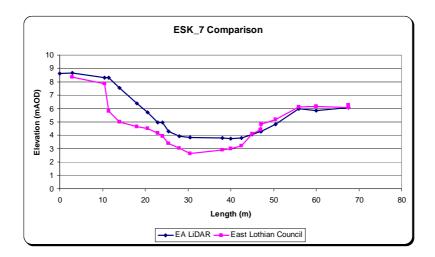


Figure 6 – Comparison of conventional and LIDAR survey channel cross-sections in the River Esk

Identification of the floodplain storage areas upstream of Inveresk Weir was based on the indicative extent of 0.5% AEP flood event as shown on the SEPA Indicative River and Coastal Flood Map (Scotland).

Musselburgh Golf Course and the fields opposite were represented as flood storage reservoirs using LIDAR survey information obtained from the Environment Agency. The likely flow interaction between the main river channel and the flood storage reservoirs during a high flow event were maintained by spill units which represent the high points between the channel and the floodplain.

The narrow strip of land over the right bank upstream of Inveresk Weir was represented as an extended channel cross-section following observations made during the site walkover inspection of March 2011. The field which is located between the River Esk and Inveresk Industrial Estate was represented as a flood storage reservoir due its enclosed nature.

The reach between Inveresk Weir and High Street in Musselburgh was represented as channel cross-sections as this section of the river is either confined between high natural banks or masonry training walls.

Flood storage reservoirs were used to represent the large low lying areas on both sides of the River Esk downstream of High Street. Eskside East and Eskside West are noted in the East Lothian Council severe Weather Response Plan as areas considered for sandbag distribution, indicating likelihood of flooding. With the exception of the banks along the River Esk there is no other higher ground in these areas which could be used for delineation of storage reservoirs; hence roadways and boundary walls were used as spill units to maintain flow of floodwaters between various flood storage reservoirs.

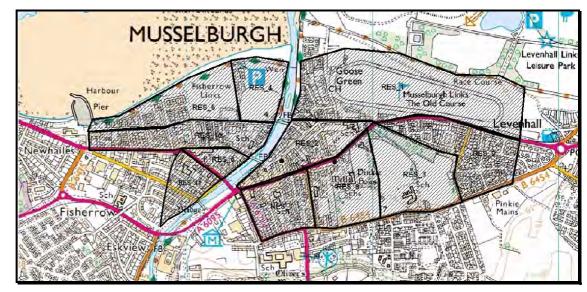


Figure 7 – Flood Storage Reservoirs used in the model

Figure 7 shows the location of each storage reservoir.

There are 5 and 7 flood storage reservoirs modelled along the left and right hand banks respectively. Table 6 shows the area covered by each flood storage reservoir used in the model representation of the river system.

| Flood Storage Reservoir | Location | Coverage |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| RES_1 | RHB | Musselburgh Race Course and Goose Green |
| RES_2 | RHB | Eskside East, Loretto School |
| RES_3 | RHB | Pinkie St Peters Primary School |
| RES_4 | LHB | Newfield Sports Ground |
| RES_5 | LHB | Fisherrow Links and Promenade |
| RES_6 | LHB | Area between North High Street and Bridge Street |
| RES_7 | RHB | Area between High Street and Inveresk Road |
| RES_8 | RHB | Loretto Primary School and Pinkie House |
| RES_9 | RHB | Pinkie Braes |
| RES_10 | LHB | Area between New Street and North High Street |
| RES_11 | LHB | Area between Campie Road and Market Street |
| - | RHB | Station Road and Eskmill |

Table 6 – Flood Storage Reservoirs used in the model

The spill units linking flood storage reservoirs and the River Esk were derived using the top of bank level and centre of the road level information provided by the Council and the LIDAR survey information obtained from the Environment Agency.

The remaining reach of the River Esk downstream of the weir at Goose Green was represented as extended channel cross-sections and the sections were extended to the Fisherrow Sands and the Firth of Forth to properly represent tidal influence on water levels.

The channel roughness coefficients for the large extended cross-sections where storage of tidal water, rather than conveyance of floodwaters is likely to take place were set to a value of zero to represent quiescent storage of tide/floodwater.

Photographs of all key structures represented in the mathematical model of the River Esk are presented in Appendix B,

Initial test runs were carried out using the model of the main channel and the weir structures. Following these tests, any difficulties which were apparent in model operation and conditions that might give rise to unrealistic model results were identified and resolved. Following the inclusion of all major structures further model test runs were carried out as before to identify and resolve any potential anomalies in model operation and model predictions.

Once the initial model results were considered reasonable for conditions representing in-bank flows, the banks representing engineered and natural high ground between the river and the floodplain areas where ponding is likely to occur and storage compartments representing areas in Musselburgh were included in the model.

5.3 Model Calibration

Mathematical river models require to be calibrated against historical flood events to increase confidence in model predictions. The degree of model calibration that can be carried out depends on the quantity and quality of recorded water level and flow data for a number of historical events. Ideally, these events should cover a range from moderate in-bank flood events to out-of-bank events. Model calibration is carried out by adjusting some of the model parameters including channel roughness coefficient and weir coefficient that are not precisely known until a reasonable agreement is obtained with recorded water levels and flows.

The accuracy of prediction of water levels for design events depends on the accuracy with which the main channel and floodplains are represented in the model. In-bank flow events are used to adjust the channel roughness and weir coefficients within the main channel and out-of-bank flow events are used to adjust the coefficients representing overflow to and from floodplains and also head-loss coefficients at bridges and other hydraulic structures.

A good calibration event is one where there are observed water levels (normally in the form of peak levels) at all critical locations within the model area and where the corresponding flows are known. With the exception of Musselburgh Flow Gauging Station which is located

approximately 50m upstream Olive Bank Road Bridge and the water level recorder at Goose Green, there is little other reliable historical water level data available in Musselburgh. In order to increase the level of confidence in the model predictions through Musselburgh, water level observations in the River Esk along the reach between Inveresk Weir and the Goose Green level recorder would be required during, and in the days following, significant tidal and fluvial events.

In view of the absence of historical water level information in the River Esk, the observations made during the walkover inspection in March 2011 and the information available in the national press were used to achieve a degree of calibration of the model parameters to increase the level of confidence in the fluvial and tidal water level predictions.

As indicated earlier, the walkover inspection of March 2011 identified a recent high flow event. Data requested from SEPA indicated that, a high flow event with a peak flow of 67.05m³/s took place on 7th February 2011. The corresponding peak level recorded at Musselburgh Gauging Station was 4.84mAOD. The level recorded at Musselburgh Gauging Station was used to calibrate the channel in the vicinity. Model prediction using a flow of 67.05m³/s indicated that the predicted peak water level would be 4.83mAOD which is 10mm lower than the recorded level and considered to be a good correlation.

Review of national press articles indicated that high water levels were experienced in the River Esk during 30 March 2010. A photograph showing Council operatives placing sandbags on the footpath leading to the entrance of Newfield Sports Ground on Eskside West was also available. The photograph, although not very clear, indicated that the left hand bank downstream of the entrance was under water and the water level was near the crest of the footpath in line with the bollards. Topographical survey information provided by the Council indicated that the ground level at the gate was around 3.40mAOD.

The water level information at Goose Green recorder and the flow at Musselburgh Gauging station were requested from SEPA. Information indicated that the peak tide level and the river flow recorded on 30 March 2010 were 3.44mAOD and 69.28m³/s respectively. Model simulation using time-series tide level and flow data indicated that, the channel roughness coefficient (Manning's n) for the tidally dominated reaches downstream of Goose Green Weir should be reduced to 0.017 in order to achieve an agreement between the recorded and predicted peak water levels at the monitoring site for the recorded high tide conditions. Figure 8 shows the comparison of observed and predicted peak water levels at Goose Green Level Recorder on 30 March 2010. The difference in predicted peak water levels at the lower peak, which is estimated to be around 100mm, is due to the water level recorded at the level recorder located upstream of the weir being used as a downstream boundary without a correction. As the effect of the weir becomes negligible at a high tide situation, it is considered that this difference is not significant for the outcome of the investigation.



It should be noted that due to lack of observed historical water level and flow information the model has been calibrated to the extent possible at this stage and this level of calibration is considered reasonable for the assessment of flood risk for the purposes of this study. However the calibration of the model should be further refined as further recorded data becomes available.



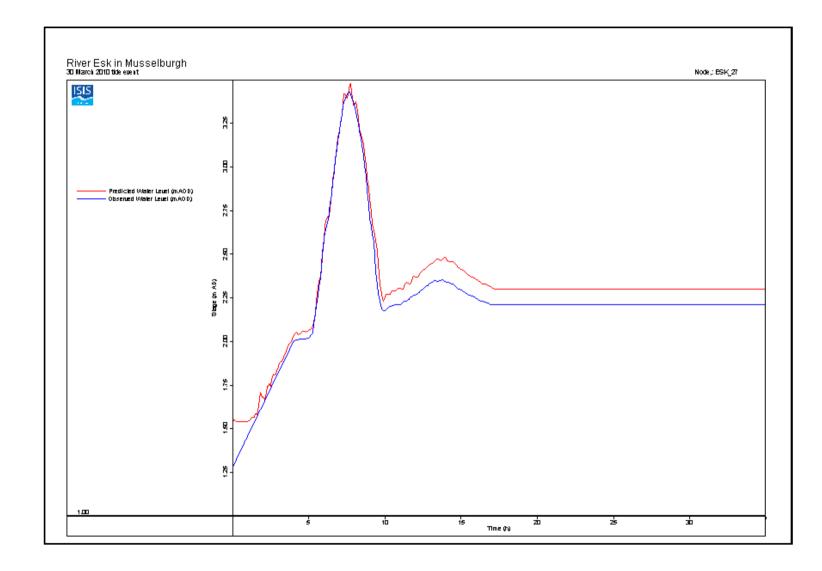


Figure 8 - Comparison of predicted and observed water levels at Goose Green Level Recorder

5.4 Model Simulations

The partially calibrated model of the River Esk was used to predict the peak water levels in order to asses the risk of flooding and identify the indicative extent of flooding due to high tidal and fluvial conditions and combinations of both along the modelled reach of the River Esk between Whitecraigs and its confluence with the Firth of Forth. 62 model simulations, corresponding to the 20%, 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, and 0.5% AEP joint probability flood events were carried out.

A summary of the peak water levels and flows at key locations along the river is presented in Table 7. The table also indicates whether the dominant influence on peak water level is fluvial or tidal or a combination of both.

| | | | | Predicted Pe | eak Water Lo | evel (mAOD |) |
|------------|--------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Model Node | | Location | 20% AEP | 10% AEP | 2% AEP | 1% AEP | 0.5% AEP |
| a | ESK_7 | Gauging Station | 4.60 | 5.17 | 6.02 | 6.24 | 6.47 |
| Fluvial | ESK_15 | u/s Old Bridge | 4.21 | 4.68 | 5.38 | 5.57 | 5.79 |
| L. | ESK_17 | u/s New Bridge | 3.88 | 4.23 | 4.75 | 4.87 | 5.04 |
| Both | ESK_19 | Shorthope Street Footbridge | 3.21 | 3.44 | 4.31 | 4.53 | 4.77 |
| Tidal | ESK_24 | Electricity Footbridge | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.81 | 3.89 | 4.14 |
| Ĕ | ESK_27 | Weir at Goose Green | 3.19 | 3.37 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 3.97 |

A full set of model results with the peak water levels for all above % AEP joint probability fluvial/tidal flood events are presented in Appendix C.

Table 7 – Comparison of predicted peak water levels in the River Esk

Model simulations were carried out for all joint probability combinations. However the comparison of results indicated that for each joint probability event, the extreme fluvial and tidal events coincident with a very small flow or tide appear to produce the highest water levels in the River Esk. An extreme fluvial event in the River Esk is likely to influence the water levels in the reach approximately down to Goose Green Footbridge (ESK_24) depending on the rarity of the event. Similarly the influence of an extreme tidal event could extend as far upstream as Shorthope Street footbridge (ESK_19). The water levels in the locations between Shorthope Street and Goose Green Footbridges are likely to be determined by a combination of both tidal and fluvial events. Figure 9 below shows the effect of tide level and fluvial flows on the resultant water levels in the River Esk at the Goose Green area in Musselburgh.

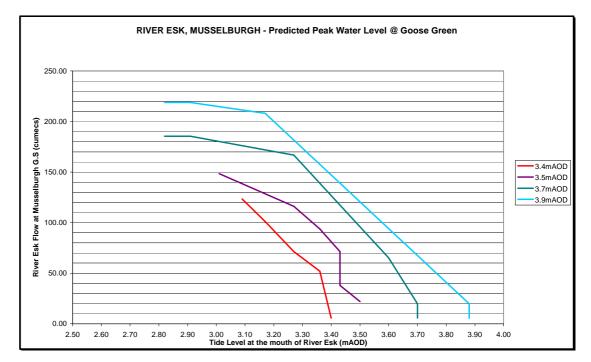


Figure 9 – Effect of Tide and Fluvial Flows on the Water Levels in the River Esk at Goose Green area in Musselburgh

Sensitivity to Climate Change

The Flood and Coastal Defence Appraisal Guidance FCDPAG3 Economic Appraisal Supplementary Note to Operating Authorities – Climate Change Impacts (October 2006) by DEFRA supports applicability of a 20% allowance up to 2080 for peak river flow. This applicability of this allowance was also confirmed by the findings of a joint Defra/Environment Agency study of Regionalised Impacts of Climate Change on Flood Flows¹⁶ in 2009.

The updated Defra allowances use only the IPCC High Emissions 'highest estimate' of projected sea-level rise. The guidance suggests these allowances are appropriate for detailed flood and coastal risk management and planning, and should be used for these purposes until further updates are provided by Defra. However, there remain significant uncertainties associated with climate change scenarios and the resulting projections of future sea-level rise.

Table 8 below shows the net sea-level rise for Scotland up to 2115 as indicated by the Defra guidance.

¹⁶ Defra/EA, Regionalised impacts of climate change on flood flows, R&D Technical report FD2020/TR, November 2009

| Administrative or | Assumed Vertical | Net Sea-Level Rise (mm/yr) | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Devolved Region | Land Movement (mm/yr) | 1990- 2025 | 2025- 2055 | 2055- 2085 | 2085- 2115 |
| NW England, NE England, Scotland (north of Flamborough Head) | +0.8 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 13.0 |

Table 8 – Defra regional net sea-level allowances

Based on the above allowances it is estimated that by 2080, the sea-level rise in coastal waters near Musselburgh could be around 550mm.

UK Climate Projections, UKCP09, provide the latest predictions for the effect of climate change on a range of parameters including sea-level. Table 9 below provides a summary of predictions for sea-level rise for the period between 2012 and 2080 for a range of probability and emission scenarios at site 12612 which represents the grid cell in UKCP09 User Interface, where Musselburgh is located.

| Emission Securatio | | Net Sea-Level Rise (m) | |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Emission Scenario | 5%ile | 50%ile | 95%ile ¹⁷ |
| Low | 0.04 | 0.16 | 0.28 |
| Medium | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.37 |
| High | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.47 |

Table 9 – UKCP09 sea-level predictions at Musselburgh up to 2080

Based on the above predictions, it is considered that a value of 0.27m is likely to provide the best estimate of sea-level rise in the Firth of Forth near Musselburgh up to 2080.

As the model simulations indicated that the flooding in Musselburgh is predominantly fluvially dominated, in order to predict the effect of a 20% increase in the fluvial flow in the River Esk on the water levels, an additional model simulation was undertaken using a flow of 0.5% AEP flood event with 20% increase in the flows coincident with a tide level of 2.82mAOD (0.01 year return period tide level) to represent the effect of climate change on fluvial flows only. Model simulation shows that significant increases of around 300mm could be experienced in the water levels of the River Esk increasing the depth and possibly extent of flooding in Musselburgh.

 $^{^{\}rm 17}$ The 95th percentile means that 95% of the time, the value is below this amount.

| Model Node | | | Predict Water Lev | | |
|------------|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | Location | 0.5% AEP | 0.5% AEP+20% increase in flow | Difference (mm) |
| a | ESK_7 | Gauging Station | 6.58 | 6.91 | +330 |
| Fluvial | ESK_15 | u/s Old Bridge | 5.81 | 6.07 | +260 |
| Ē | ESK_17 | u/s New Bridge | 5.05 | 5.24 | +190 |
| Both | ESK_19 | Shorthope Street Footbridge | 4.73 | 4.97 | +240 |
| Tidal | ESK_24 | Electricity Footbridge | 4.14 | 4.47 | +330 |
| Τi | ESK_27 | Weir at Goose Green | 3.50 | 3.72 | +220 |

 Table 10– Comparison of the effect of 20% increase in flows due to Climate Change on peak water levels in the River Esk

Other Sensitivity Checks

In addition to assessing the sensitivity of water levels to changes in the fluvial flows due to climate change, the sensitivity against the changes in the channel roughness was also investigated. A model simulation for the 0.5% AEP fluvial flood event coincident with 2.82mAOD tide level was carried out by increasing the channel roughness coefficient by 20%. Model simulations indicate that the predicted peak water level in the River Esk could increase by as much as 300mm for a 20% increase in the channel roughness coefficient. The largest increase occurs in the fluvially dominated upstream reaches of the River Esk.

It is emphasised that the water level values quoted in this report are predictions from a one –dimensional mathematical model of the River Esk which does not include effects such as variation of water surface across the channel cross-section, local effects, and fluctuations or elevation of water surface due to wind induced or other turbulence etc.

5.5 Inundation Mapping

Although the model simulations were undertaken using the ISIS river modelling software based mathematical model of the River Esk, due to ease of data manipulation and faster model simulation times, the indicative extents of inundation for various % AEP flood events were generated using a one-dimensional InfoWorks RS river modelling software package which combines the ISIS Flow simulation engine with geographical analysis and a relational database within a single model environment. Geographical analysis and the relational database allows instantaneous flood-mapping of any simulated event, including full dynamic replay and display of peak indicative extent of flooding. This

method was also selected due to the availability of LIDAR survey information as the basis for mapping.

It should be noted that due to the one-dimensional nature of the modelling software, the lines showing the extent of flooding for various % AEP flood events are indicative only and should not be used for assessing the risk of flooding to individual properties.

The inundation maps have been plotted for the 4% AEP, 2% AEP, 1% AEP, 0.5% AEP fluvial and tidal joint probability flood events are provided in Appendix D.

For a 0.5% AEP joint probability flood event the modelling indicates that the likely areas that would be flooded in Musselburgh town are as shown in the table below.

| Areas likely to be flooded | Flooding Mechanism |
|--|--|
| Both banks between Whitecraigs and railway bridge | Narrow strip of land over both banks would be affected by high water levels in the River Esk. The source of the flooding is fluvial. |
| Right hand bank between Wedderburn House and Inveresk Lounge | Low-lying agricultural fields between Wedderburn Terrace and the River Esk to the north of railway embankment would be affected by flooding due to overtopping of natural banks along the watercourse. The source of flooding is fluvial |
| Musselburgh Golf Course | Golf course would be inundated by flood flows overtopping the banks downstream of the railway embankment. Flood flows would traverse the golf course grounds in a north- westerly direction and rejoin the River Esk over the bank upstream of Inveresk Weir. Although it is understood that there are informal flood embankments around the golf course, the mathematical model uses information provided in the LIDAR survey information. |
| Right hand bank upstream of Inveresk Weir | A narrow strip of land including the foot and cycle path between Inveresk Lodge and Inveresk Weir would be affected by flooding. The vacant land to the south of Inveresk Mills Industrial Park would also be inundated by floodwaters overtopping the informal flood embankment separating the field from the foot and cycle path. |
| Right hand bank between Eskmills and Olive Bank Road bridge | The low-lying area currently occupied by Eskmills Industrial Business Park, Eskmill Villas, Jobcentre Plus and Eskmill Bowling Club would be affected floodwaters entering the site along the low bank downstream of the footbridge. Floodwaters would return the channel over the bank upstream of the Gauging Station. |
| Haugh Park over left hand bank | Haugh Park on the bank opposite to Inveresk Industrial Business Park would be affected by flooding as it forms part of the natural floodplain. It is expected that the flooding of Haugh Park is likely to occur for a flood event with 2% AEP or rarer. |
| Left hand bank between Olive Bank Road bridge and New Bridge | The left bank from a point half-way between Campie Road and West Holmes Gardens and Market Street would be overtopped by floodwaters during 2% AEP or rarer flood events. Floodwater entering Eskside West is likely to flow towards Bridge Street and join larger ponding further downstream |
| Left hand bank between Bridge Street and North High Street | Eskside West and residential properties along Eskside West would be affected by floodwaters overtopping the bank for |

| Areas likely to be flooded | Flooding Mechanism |
|--|--|
| | flood events rarer than 4%AEP. Although extent of inundation would largely be limited to Eskside West and properties in the immediate vicinity, the extent would move further inland towards North High Street. And the floodwater would flow further downstream over North High Street. |
| Left hand bank between North High Street and New Street | The flooding would be the result of floodwaters flowing downstream over North High Street and floodwaters overtopping the left bank immediately downstream of Shorthope Street footbridge and spreading inland. Floodwaters would spread further north and enter New Street and some would spill back into the River Esk over the banks upstream of Goose Green footbridges. |
| New Street, Newfield Sports Grounds and Fisherrow Links | Flow entering New Street from Eskside West is likely to spread westwards along New Street. While the floodwaters are moving west, the openings on either side of New Street are likely to act as conduits allowing the land on both sides of New Street to become affected by floodwaters. Current predictions indicate that for a 0.5% AEP flood event, Newfield Sports Grounds and Fisherrow Links are likely to be affected by floodwaters entering these areas through openings along continuous walls. The level information separating New Street and land on either side originated from the available LIDAR survey information; hence it is likely that the walls were not represented. Therefore it is considered that extent of flooding shown for Fisherrow Links and Newfield Sports Ground could be viewed as conservative. |
| Right hand bank between New Bridge and Shorthope Street footbridge | The area is likely to be affected by flooding by floodwaters overtopping the banks downstream of New bridge and upstream of Shorthope Street footbridge. The floodwater entering the area is likely to use the roadways to spread eastwards into Pinkie, Goose Green and Musselburgh Race Course. Depending on the magnitude of the flood events, varying amount of floodwater would return to the River Esk over the banks upstream of Goose Green footbridges. |

Table 11 - Summary of Areas Affected by Flooding and Mechanism of Flooding

When interpreting the indicative flood maps the following must be taken into account:

- The flood maps provide an indicative estimate of the extent of flooding, based upon the predicted levels of a one-dimensional mathematical model.
- It should be noted that certain locations may be at risk of flooding from other sources such as pluvial flooding (surface flooding associated with very intense rainfall), sewer flooding, road drainage, field ditches, water mains etc; also from other watercourses not modelled in this study.
- The inundation outlines are based upon water levels predicted at discrete points along the main channel and on floodplains where appropriate. The inundation at all other locations is based on interpolation and therefore the flood outlines need to be considered as broadly indicative.

- Transfer of floodwaters between various floodplain storage reservoirs is based on the level information obtained form the current LIDAR survey information, which does not represent boundary walls and openings on these walls. Hence in general, the inundation outlines shown on the indicative extent of inundation plans could represent an area larger than might actually be affected in reality.
- Channel roughness used in the model represents average conditions and would not necessarily reflect conditions if heavy weed growth, or debris were allowed to build up in the channel.
- The modelling cannot predict the potential occurrence of transitory debris dams and the associated consequences.

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Conclusions and Recommendations

In order to assess the risk of flooding in Musselburgh from the River Esk a mathematical model of the River Esk between Whitecraigs and the Firth of Forth has been constructed. Channel cross-sections used for the model construction were either provided by East Lothian Council or extracted from the LIDAR survey information obtained from the Environment Agency by the Council. The Council also provided survey information for significant hydraulic structures over the River Esk and spot level information along the banks between New Bridge and Goose Green footbridges. A walking survey was carried out to assess current conditions along the river.

The model has been partially calibrated using information gathered during the walkover inspection and information available in the press in relation to recent high flow events. Flow and water level information for these events was provided by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. The close agreement between the model results and the recorded flood event data provides confidence in model predictions for the design events. The predicted flood pattern in Musselburgh town confirmed the existing understanding of the mechanism of flooding.

The current investigation sets a benchmark in terms of flows and indicative extent of inundation in Musselburgh town and areas in the vicinity for a range of % AEP flood events. The current modelling indicates that extensive areas are likely to be at significant risk of flooding. These areas are indicated in the flood inundation mapping and summarised in Table 11

In order to consider further the viability of flood mitigation measures for Musselburgh and, if necessary, surrounding areas, we would recommend that the following be undertaken:

- Undertake observations of water levels and survey of wrack marks during and in the days following significant future flow and/or tidal events.
- Further refine the mathematical model using detailed topographical survey information and observations made during future significant flow/tidal events and refine the assessment of flood risk based on this information.
- Assess in outline possible flood mitigation options. This may involve further application of the mathematical model.
- Undertake an assessment of the outline costs for technically viable options and undertake a benefit/cost appraisal of these options to assess economical viability.
- Assess the risk of flooding from other sources including surface water flooding. This would involve a preliminary assessment of

pluvial flood risk; also liaison with Scottish Water to determine the risk of flooding through sewers and surface water drains.

- Assess the potential impact of possible flood mitigation measures on the sewerage and drainage system and local watercourses.
- Determine ownership of areas of land likely to be affected directly by likely flood mitigation options.
- Collate information on the condition of existing masonry walls and river retaining walls and undertake further structural inspection and condition assessment where necessary to determine the areas where existing walls might need repair or replacement. Carry out an initial assessment of stability under design flood conditions.
- Enter into discussions with SEPA and other relevant organisations to determine their views on possible flood mitigation options and in particular the impact on amenity, habitat, groundwater and water quality and likely CAR (Controlled Activities Regulations) issues.
- Consider the public acceptability of proposals through initial consultation, possibly via elected members.
- Obtain information on water, sewerage, electricity, gas, cable networks and any other utilities and make contact with authorities to identify 'sensitive' apparatus and obtain preliminary estimates for diversion works.
- Undertake a geotechnical desk study to determine availability of site investigation (SI) data and requirements for subsequent ground investigation.
- Undertake a preliminary environmental scoping study to identify key issues to be addressed.



| Appendix A | Audit Trail |
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FEH pooling group analysis

1 General

The following analysis was undertaken using the FEH CD-ROM Version 3.0 (2009) and Winfap-FEH Version 3.0.003 (2009). The Jacobs Winfap-FEH database uses the HiFlows-UK database v 3.02 dated November 2009, published on Environment Agency website.

2 Catchment description

Grid Reference of the outflow: NT 33850 72350

2.1 FEH catchment descriptors:

| AREA | 322.54 |
|------------|--------|
| FARL | 0.944 |
| PROPWET | 0.49 |
| ALTBAR | 239 |
| ASPBAR | 27 |
| ASPVAR | 0.23 |
| BFIHOST | 0.567 |
| DPLBAR | 24.8 |
| DPSBAR | 94.8 |
| LDP | 44.55 |
| RMED-1H | 8.6 |
| RMED-1D | 35.9 |
| RMED-2D | 49.9 |
| SAAR | 837 |
| SAAR4170 | 853 |
| SPRHOST | 34.09 |
| URBEXT1990 | 0.0236 |
| URBEXT2000 | 0.0326 |
| | |

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2.2 Presence of significant land-use or catchment factors:

| Factors | Comment | Potential Significance |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| Reservoir\lake | There is minimal attenuation due to rivers | NIL |
| | or lakes FARL = 0.944 | |
| Urban | URBEXT2000 = 0.0326 updated using the | NIL |
| | national model of urban growth to | |
| | URBEXT2010 = 0.0334. The catchment is | |
| | slightly urbanised. | |
| Land use | The catchment is slightly urbanised | Possible increased Tp |
| | encompassing the urbanised areas of | due to impermeable |
| | Musselburgh, Gorebridge and many other | urban surfaces. |
| | small villages. | |
| Soils\Geology | Topography ranges from approximately | NIL |
| | 480m upstream, to 3m downstream. | |
| | | |
| | BFIHOST = 0.567, SPRHOST = 34.09 | |

2.3 Flow record:

Target site: Gauged

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3 Estimation of QMED

3.1 Approach used

| Used | Condition | Approach followed | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| \checkmark | N >=30 | Estimate QMED using annual maxima | | | |
| | | Estimate QMED from annual maxima & | | | |
| | 14=< N =<29 | optionally adjust for climatic variation | | | |
| | 2 N 42 | Estimate QMED from POT data & adjust | | | |
| | 2=< N= <13 | for climatic variation | | | |
| | N <2 | Ignore record at subject site; transfer | | | |
| | & suitable donor site with 20 years or more of | QMED from donor site | | | |
| | record | | | | |
| | N <2 | Estimate QMED using procedure based on | | | |
| | & suitable donor with 10 to 19 years of record | flood peak regression | | | |
| | & 12 month overlap between records | | | | |
| | N <2 | Ignore record at subject site; transfer | | | |
| | & suitable donor with 10 to 19 years of record | QMED from donor site | | | |
| | but no 12 month overlap | | | | |
| | N <2 | Estimate QMED from very short POT | | | |
| | & no long-record site nearby | record | | | |
| | N <2 | Treat site as upgauged estebaget | | | |
| | & no long-record site nearby | Treat site as ungauged catchment | | | |
| | N <2 | Defer analysis until longer flow record available | | | |
| | & no long-record site nearby | | | | |
| | | (Abstract flood event information and apply | | | |
| | N <2 | the UH rainfall-runoff model as an | | | |
| | & no long-record site nearby | alternative, to the pooling group procedure. | | | |
| | a no long-record site hearby | Particularly recommended when site is | | | |
| | | urbanised) | | | |
| | Ungauged catchment | Estimate QMED from catchment | | | |
| | ongauged calonment | descriptors | | | |
| | I lagginged estebaint | Estimate QMED by data transfer from | | | |
| | Ungauged catchment | donor catchment | | | |
| | Ungauged catchment | Estimate QMED by data transfer from | | | |
| | Ungaugeu Calchinient | analogue catchment | | | |
| | Ungauged catchment | Estimate QMED from channel dimensions | | | |
| | Ungauged catchment | Compare to regional pattern of mapped | | | |
| | ongaugeu calchment | QMED adjustment factors | | | |

* preferred method

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QMED Calculation

Two annual maximum datasets are available for the River Esk at Musselburgh. One is held and maintained by the gauging authority SEPA, the other was collated as part of the Environment Agency / SEPA HiFlows-UK project, originally to provide data for the Flood Estimation Handbook statistical method, and available on the Environment Agency's HiFlows-UK website. The two datasets are provided in Appendix 4.

No comments have been received either from SEPA or within HiFlows as to the reliability of the high flow record at this station. The station is decribed in HiFlows as being a *velocity-area* station in a section with steep banks. Low flow control is a rock bar, high flow control formed by bridge buttresses. In extreme flows, control of bridge diminishes and control becomes the downstream channel and a Roman footbridge. All flows to date have been contained. Rating derived from current meter gaugings up to 2.5m (about 1.8 QMED), simple extrapolation beyond. High rating appears to oscillate with periodic dredging and accretion of a bar on the right bank.

It was felt that since the SEPA gauging authority maintain the gauging station the records held by them would be the most up to date. The HiFlows-UK dataset is updated only every few years due to the size of the data collection task.

The SEPA record runs from 1962 – 2009, a period of 48 years. The information was provided in calendar years. Checks were made and there are no events within the record which run over the end of the calendar year and therefore it was thought appropriate to use the list to provide the median annual maximum flood.

QMED taken from AMAX is 69.0m³/s.

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4 Steps involved in construction and analysis of a pooling group – standard method

4.1 **Pooling group construction**

| Number | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| | N/A | | (b) Name | | Esk@Muss | selburgh |
| ved .feh group | file | | River E | sk@Mu | sselburgh_ | rev2.feh |
| n period (years | s) for 5T rul | е | 100 |) | | |
| ng group deta | nils | | | | | |
| er of sites | 17 | | Total numbe | er of yea | rs | 674 |
| er of initial high N/A | discordan | cy sites | | | 0 |] |
| er of short reco | rds (< 7 ye | ars) ren | noved | | 0 | |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| ooled years af | ter sites re | moved | | | 674 | |
| ics on validity | of pooling | g group | for flood fre | quency | analysis | |
| ity test | H2 value | = | 1.53 | | | |
| Review not ne | cessarv | | H2 < 1 | | | |
| | - | \checkmark | 1 < H2 < 2 | | | |
| | | | 2 < H2 < 4 | | | |
| Review essent | tial | | H2 > 4 | | | |
| | | | | | | Valu |
| of-fit test | Z values | GL | • | | | 1.06 |
| | | | • | | • | |
| | | PT3 | accentable | / not a | agantahla | 1.2 |
| | | | accoptable | , not a | cceptable | |
| | other | | · | , | cceptable | 1.2 |
| EH the GL is the ge | enerally favou | | ution for use) | , nora | cceptable | 1.2 |
| | ng group deta er of sites er of initial high <u>N/A</u> er of short reco <u>N/A</u> booled years at e Details te included as eason why: its on validity ity test Review not ne Review option Review desira | ng group details er of sites 17 er of initial high discordanc <u>N/A</u> er of short records (< 7 ye <u>N/A</u> booled years after sites re e Details te included as Rank 1 in p eason why: The subject catchment its on validity of pooling ity test H2 value Review not necessary Review optional Review desirable Review essential | er of sites 17 er of initial high discordancy sites N/A er of short records (< 7 years) rem | ng group details er of sites 17 Total number er of initial high discordancy sites N/A er of short records (< 7 years) removed | ng group details er of sites 17 Total number of yea er of initial high discordancy sites | ng group details er of sites 17 Total number of years er of initial high discordancy sites 0 0 N/A 0 0 er of short records (< 7 years) removed |

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4.5 Revision of Pooling Group

| | Revis | ion No. | 1 | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|----------|--|-------|--|
| Station Nu | umber | Reason fo | or chang | es in pooling g | group | |
| 43005, 43 | 008, 42010 | Removed | SPRHC | ST<15% | | |
| 0.9. | Since the subject site has a FARL value below 0.95 – the threshold was reduced to 0.9. Number of sites 14 Years 544 | | | | | |
| Heterogeneity test H2 value = | | | | 2.12 | | |
| Status | Review not ne Review optior Review desira Review esser | nal Ible | ✓ | H2 < 1 1 < H2 < 2 2 < H2 < 4 H2 > 4 | | |

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Note: FEH Vol.3, chapter 16.3.2: "The ideal pooling-group is homogeneous. However, a representative but heterogeneous pooling-group gives better flood frequency estimates than either single-site data or a pooling-group that has been made homogeneous by inappropriately removing sites. In general, it is anticipated that a significant proportion of pooling-groups will remain heterogeneous, even after review."

| | | | | | | Value |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|---------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| Goodness- | of-fit test | Z values | GL | acceptable | / not acceptable | 1.66 |
| | | | GEV | acceptable | / not acceptable | -0.29 |
| | | | PT3 | acceptable | / not acceptable | -1.75 |
| | | other | | | | |
| ACTION | is construction | n of flood fre | equency | curve valid? | | |

No

es

Comment?

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4.6 Flood frequency analysis of pooling group

| Distributions selected | GL GEV | | | PT3 other | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Standardisation method | | Median | , | | eck as median is Illowed within | |
| | | | Mean | the pool | ing group | method) |
| Construct flood frequency curve | | | | | | |
| | | | If yes | | | |
| URBEXT updated | yes | no | from | 0. | .0326 to | 0.0334 |
| Urban adjustment* | yes | no | | | | |
| Value of QMED = | | 69.0 | r | n³/s | | |

| GL | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Return period | Growth factors | Design flows |
| (yrs) | | (m³/s) |
| 2 | 1.000 | 69.0 |
| 5 | 1.377 | 95.0 |
| 10 | 1.653 | 114.0 |
| 25 | 2.053 | 141.7 |
| 50 | 2.400 | 165.6 |
| 75 | 2.624 | 181.0 |
| 100 | 2.794 | 192.8 |
| 200 | 3.246 | 224.0 |
| 500 | 3.948 | 272.4 |

| GEV | for comparison | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Return Period | Growth factors | Design flows |
| (yrs) | | (m ³ /s) |
| 2 | 1.000 | 69.0 |
| 5 | 1.415 | 97.6 |
| 10 | 1.704 | 117.6 |
| 25 | 2.086 | 143.9 |
| 50 | 2.381 | 164.3 |
| 75 | 2.558 | 176.5 |
| 100 | 2.686 | 185.3 |
| 200 | 3.001 | 207.1 |
| 500 | 3.435 | 237.0 |

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4.7 Pooling group including site gauge

A revised pooling group was developed to include the local gauge. This is because the catchment descriptors suggest that the catchment is only slightly urbanised, though the long Musselburgh record quite possibly samples a period when the urbanisation in the catchment was less and might have been classed as essentially rural. Such a subtle reason for exclusion is likely to be out weighed by the local information brought to the analysis by the inclusion of the gauged record. Therefore this pooling is considered to be stronger than the pooling without the inclusion of the gauge at the site.

This could not be done as a simple exercise of inserting the station to the pooling group, as WINFAP v.3 does not allow any gauges not suitable for pooling to be inserted in a pooling group. It is possible to derive this result by inserting gauge 19011 instead of 19007 (site gauge), changing all catchment descriptors and AMAX to reflect the 19007 information provided by SEPA and run the growth curve. This cannot be saved on WINFAP (limitation of the model).

The growth curve factors derived by pooling group within the site gauge are shown below.

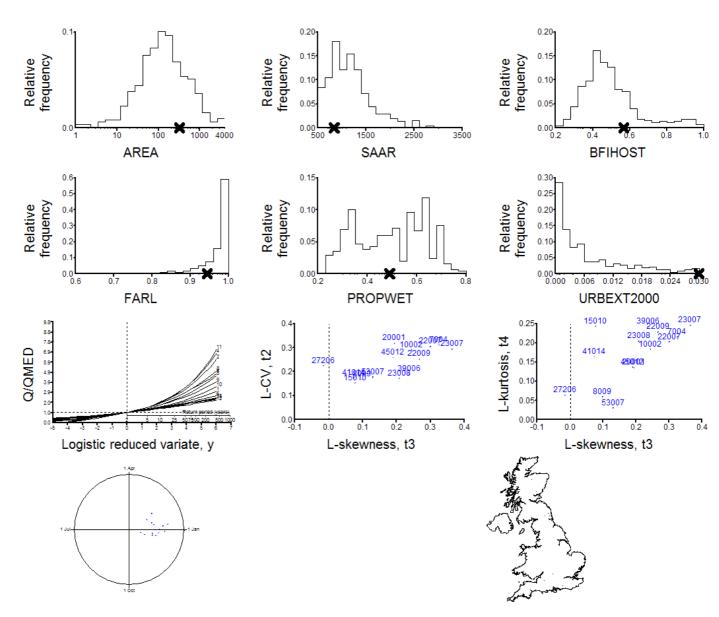
| Return | Growth | Design flows |
|--------|--------|---------------------|
| period | Factor | (m ³ /s) |
| 2 | 1 | 69 |
| 5 | 1.412 | 97.4 |
| 10 | 1.707 | 117.8 |
| 25 | 2.138 | 147.5 |
| 50 | 2.515 | 173.5 |
| 75 | 2.759 | 190.4 |
| 100 | 2.946 | 203.2 |
| 200 | 3.443 | 237.6 |
| 500 | 4.222 | 291.3 |

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Cuiross Burntisland North Berwi Inverkeithing Bo'Ness 20002 Aberlady 7005 South Queensferry Linlithgow Athelstane 108 Longniddry Haddington Edinburgh 19017 Torphichen Macmerry Broxburn 20007 Whitecroig Ge Ratho Bathgate 9012 Pencai Livingst 31900 Gifford Dalkeitn Balerno Whitburn ong Newton Newtongrange Ainville West Calder Humbie Goreoridge Fala Breich Penicuik Temple Mount Lothian Leadhurn Gilston 2103grlops Wilsontown Carfraemill Heriot West Linton Waterheads Braehead Fountainhall Romanno Bridge Eddleston Lauder Cathpair Carnwath Boo Stow Elsnickle Nether Blains 84004 Libberton Colquhar Hallyne Bowland Langshaw a Beelalaso E Thankerton, Biggar Stobo Broughton 21019 Innerleithen Galashiels Symington Castlehill Drumelzier Traquair Melrose Posso 210 Fairnilee

Appendix 1 Location of catchment

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Appendix 2 Pooling Group Details – Graphs

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Appendix 3 Pooling Group Details – Table

Standard Pooling Group

| Station | Distance | Years | QMED | L-CV | L-SKEW | Discordancy |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------------|
| | | of | AM | | | |
| | | data | | | | |
| 23008 (Rede @ Rede Bridge) | 0.326 | 40 | 134.549 | 0.173 | 0.208 | 0.809 |
| 22007 (Wansbeck @ Mitford) | 0.332 | 46 | 100.859 | 0.305 | 0.300 | 0.496 |
| 22009 (Coquet @ Rothbury) | 0.373 | 33 | 129.967 | 0.254 | 0.266 | 0.262 |
| 7004 (Nairn @ Firhall) | 0.390 | 25 | 95.830 | 0.312 | 0.325 | 0.655 |
| 20001 (Tyne @ East Linton) | 0.419 | 47 | 57.803 | 0.320 | 0.193 | 1.175 |
| 53007 (Frome(somerset) @ | 0.423 | 47 | 57.750 | 0.177 | 0.130 | 2.261 |
| Tellisford) | | | | | | |
| 27206 (Esk @ Briggswath) | 0.425 | 15 | 140.325 | 0.225 | -0.016 | 2.110 |
| 10002 (Ugie @ Inverugie) | 0.440 | 35 | 45.871 | 0.291 | 0.243 | 0.301 |
| 45012 (Creedy @ Cowley) | 0.449 | 44 | 72.632 | 0.260 | 0.189 | 0.161 |
| 39006 (Windrush @ Newbridge) | 0.451 | 58 | 11.300 | 0.191 | 0.237 | 0.821 |
| 23007 (Derwent @ Rowlands Gill) | 0.491 | 44 | 40.910 | 0.294 | 0.364 | 0.912 |
| 15010 (Isla @ Wester Cardean) | 0.528 | 22 | 85.020 | 0.154 | 0.077 | 2.127 |
| 41014 (Arun @ Pallingham Quay) | 0.536 | 34 | 76.299 | 0.177 | 0.073 | 0.671 |
| 8009 (Dulnain @ Balnaan Bridge) | 0.543 | 54 | 94.451 | 0.169 | 0.097 | 1.240 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total | | 544 | | | | |
| Weighted means | | | | 0.237 | 0.199 | |

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Appendix 4 Single Site Analysis

Gauge name and number: Esk at Musselburgh (19007)

Two annual maximum datasets are available for the gauging station at Musselburgh. One is held by the gauging authority, SEPA, the other was collated as part of the HiFlows programme and is available via the Environment Agency's web site. A single-site analysis has been undertaken on both of these sets of data and a comparison made.

SEPA 1962 - 2009 (48 station years)

1990

6OCT1990

Data is held by SEPA in calendar years. The data was checked and there was no double counting of events at the end of the year and therefore a standard single-site analysis on the dataset was deemed appropriate. The AMAX data are provided below.

| Calendar Year | Date | Flow (m ³ /s) | Esk @ Musselburgh sepa |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| 1962 | 12SEP1962 | 96.7 | |
| 1963 | 23NOV1963 | 81.3 | |
| 1964 | 110CT1964 | 37.4 | |
| 1965 | 26SEP1965 | 89.8 | |
| 1966 | 14AUG1966 | 176.0 | :55- |
| 1967 | 16MAY1967 | 51.5 | |
| 1968 | 5MAY1968 | 102.0 | 5 |
| 1969 | 22NOV1969 | 77.1 | 100- |
| 1970 | 31OCT1970 | 77.1 | |
| 1971 | 24MAR1971 | 66.4 | |
| 1972 | 17FEB1972 | 36.1 | |
| 1973 | 22DEC1973 | 17.6 | |
| 1974 | 17DEC1974 | 40.5 | |
| 1975 | 18SEP1975 | 67.9 | |
| 1976 | 15OCT1976 | 63.2 | ، <mark>مُسترك المركبين المسترك المست</mark> |
| 1977 | 25JAN1977 | 71.9 | 1001 1001 1001 1000 1000 1000 1000 100 |
| 1978 | 15NOV1978 | 44.6 | Wateryears |
| 1979 | 8DEC1979 | 55.3 | |
| 1980 | 25NOV1980 | 97.1 | |
| 1981 | 2OCT1981 | 106.0 | |
| 1982 | 3JAN1982 | 126.0 | |
| 1983 | 1JUN1983 | 78.6 | |
| 1984 | 3NOV1984 | 155.0 | |
| 1985 | 21SEP1985 | 108.0 | |
| 1986 | 30DEC1986 | 47.4 | |
| 1987 | 18JUL1987 | 46.9 | |
| 1988 | 2JAN1988 | 41.6 | |
| 1989 | 11JAN1989 | 37.4 | |

175.0

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| 1991 | 23FEB1991 | 68.9 |
|------|-----------|-------|
| | | |
| 1992 | 8JAN1992 | 105.0 |
| 1993 | 9OCT1993 | 102.0 |
| 1994 | 11DEC1994 | 79.8 |
| 1995 | 31JAN1995 | 41.4 |
| 1996 | 18DEC1996 | 57.0 |
| 1997 | 20FEB1997 | 66.7 |
| 1998 | 2NOV1998 | 95.6 |
| 1999 | 12DEC1999 | 57.4 |
| 2000 | 26APR2000 | 180.5 |
| 2001 | 19AUG2001 | 58.1 |
| 2002 | 22OCT2002 | 107.4 |
| 2003 | 22JAN2003 | 54.7 |
| 2004 | 2FEB2004 | 53.1 |
| 2005 | 8JAN2005 | 90.3 |
| 2006 | 16NOV2006 | 53.1 |
| 2007 | 21NOV2007 | 69.1 |
| 2008 | 7AUG2008 | 90.2 |
| 2009 | 4SEP2009 | 66.1 |
| | | |

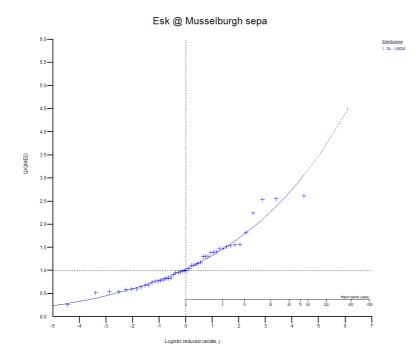
QMED: 69.0 m³/s

The WINFAP-FEH software was used to run the single site analysis and the results were as follows:

| Growth factors | Design flows (m³/s) |
|----------------|---|
| 1.033 | 71.3 |
| 1.465 | 101.1 |
| 1.788 | 123.4 |
| 2.266 | 156.4 |
| 2.687 | 185.4 |
| 2.962 | 204.4 |
| 3.173 | 218.9 |
| 3.738 | 257.9 |
| 4.632 | 319.6 |
| | 1.033 1.465 1.788 2.266 2.687 2.962 3.173 3.738 |

* return period > record length

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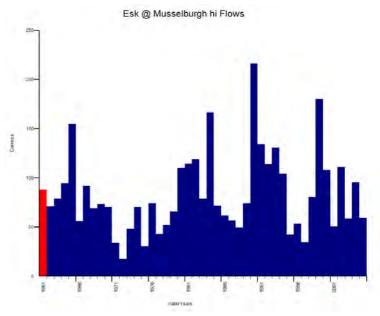


HiFlows-UK Dataset dated Nov 09 1961-2005 (44 years)

(1961 was rejected as an incomplete water year)

QMED: 72.6 m³/s

| Water year | Date | Flow (m ³ /s) |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1961 | 11Sep1962 | 87.8 |
| 1962 | 05Mar1963 | 71.0 |
| 1963 | 23Nov1963 | 78.9 |
| 1964 | 26Sep1965 | 94.5 |
| 1965 | 13Aug1966 | 154.6 |
| 1966 | 19Dec1966 | 56.1 |
| 1967 | 05May1968 | 92.0 |
| 1968 | 01Nov1968 | 69.5 |
| 1969 | 22Nov1969 | 73.4 |
| 1970 | 31Oct1970 | 70.3 |
| 1971 | 17Feb1972 | 33.8 |
| 1972 | 11Dec1972 | 17.8 |
| 1973 | 17Mar1974 | 48.3 |
| 1974 | 18Sep1975 | 70.3 |
| 1975 | 03Apr1976 | 30.8 |
| 1976 | 25Jan1977 | 74.1 |



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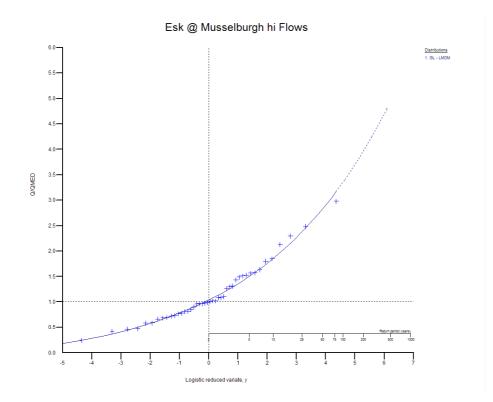
| 1977 | 30Oct1977 | 42.8 |
|------|-----------|-------|
| | | - |
| 1978 | 15Nov1978 | 52.5 |
| 1979 | 08Dec1979 | 65.7 |
| 1980 | 25Nov1980 | 110.0 |
| 1981 | 03Jan1982 | 114.4 |
| 1982 | 23Nov1982 | 118.9 |
| 1983 | 04Feb1984 | 79.0 |
| 1984 | 03Nov1984 | 166.7 |
| 1985 | 21Dec1985 | 71.8 |
| 1986 | 30Dec1986 | 61.9 |
| 1987 | 02Jan1988 | 56.8 |
| 1988 | 11Jan1989 | 49.7 |
| 1989 | 17Feb1990 | 74.1 |
| 1990 | 06Oct1990 | 216.4 |
| 1991 | 08Jan1992 | 134.2 |
| 1992 | 15May1993 | 113.9 |
| 1993 | 10Oct1993 | 130.6 |
| 1994 | 12Dec1994 | 104.3 |
| 1995 | 16Nov1995 | 42.4 |
| 1996 | 21Feb1997 | 53.3 |
| 1997 | 11Dec1997 | 34.6 |
| 1998 | 03Nov1998 | 80.3 |
| 1999 | 27Apr2000 | 180.4 |
| 2000 | 07Nov2000 | 108.1 |
| 2001 | 24Jan2002 | 50.6 |
| 2002 | 22Oct2002 | 111.0 |
| 2003 | 02Feb2004 | 58.9 |
| 2004 | 08Jan2005 | 95.3 |
| 2004 | 12Oct2005 | 59.3 |
| 2000 | 120012000 | 00.0 |

The WINFAP-FEH software was used to run the single site analysis and the results were as follows:

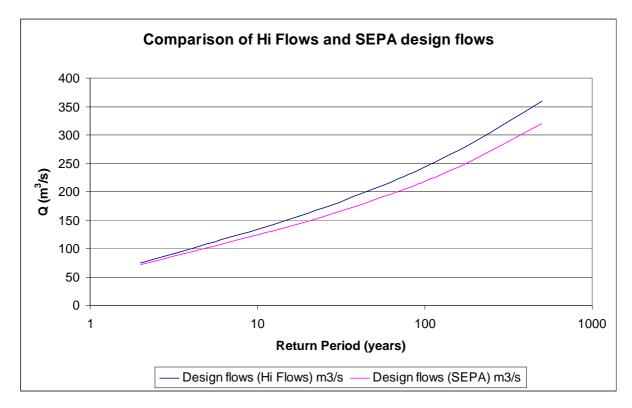
| Growth factors | Design flows (m ³ /s) |
|----------------|---|
| 1.036 | 75.2 |
| 1.502 | 109.0 |
| 1.852 | 134.5 |
| 2.370 | 172.1 |
| 2.827 | 205.2 |
| 3.127 | 227.0 |
| 3.356 | 243.6 |
| 3.972 | 288.4 |
| 4.948 | 359.2 |
| | 1.036 1.502 1.852 2.370 2.827 3.127 3.356 3.972 |

* return period > record length

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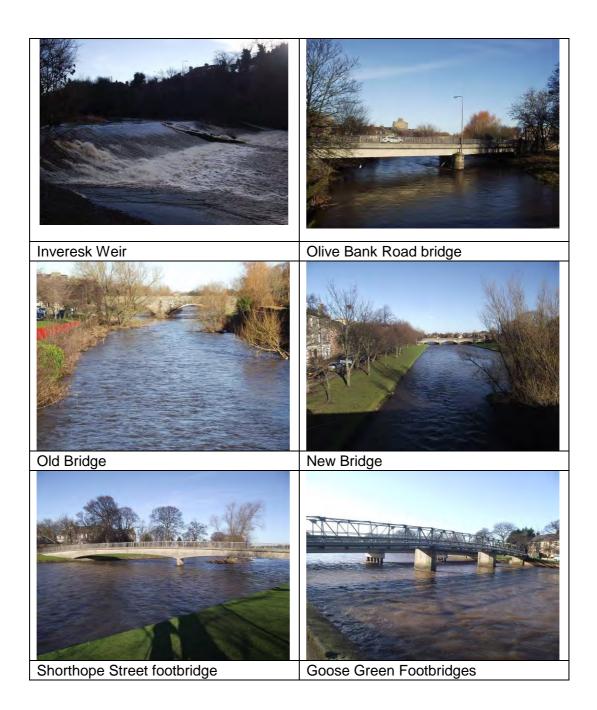


The HiFlows-UK data analysis provides higher flows at all return periods.





Appendix B Photographs





Appendix C Water Level Predictions

| Node | Pred | icted Peak Wa | Location | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|--|
| | 20%AEP | 10%AEP | 4%AEP | 2%AEP | 1%AEP | 0.5%AEP | |
| SEC_1 | 12.88 | 13.47 | 14.17 | 14.46 | 14.82 | 15.21 | |
| SEC_2 | 12.36 | 13.09 | 13.89 | 14.28 | 14.70 | 15.34 | |
| SEC_3 | 12.23 | 13.01 | 13.81 | 14.16 | 14.55 | 15.31 | |
| SEC_4 | 12.17 | 12.97 | 13.83 | 14.24 | 14.65 | 15.33 | |
| SEC_5 | 12.10 | 12.93 | 13.81 | 14.20 | 14.59 | 15.28 | A1 Road Bridge |
| SEC_6 | 11.44 | 12.11 | 12.66 | 12.88 | 13.03 | 13.54 | |
| SEC_7 | 11.35 | 12.03 | 12.58 | 12.82 | 12.96 | 13.29 | |
| SEC_8 | 10.77 | 11.39 | 11.97 | 12.23 | 12.56 | 12.85 | |
| SEC_9 | 10.71 | 11.40 | 11.86 | 12.06 | 12.25 | 12.49 | |
| SEC_10 | 10.48 | 11.19 | 11.58 | 11.70 | 11.78 | 11.82 | |
| SEC_11 | 10.41 | 11.12 | 11.59 | 11.78 | 11.94 | 12.10 | |
| SEC_12 | 10.27 | 10.97 | 11.43 | 11.61 | 11.78 | 11.91 | |
| SEC_13 | 10.11 | 10.76 | 11.20 | 11.38 | 11.54 | 11.62 | |
| SEC_14 | 9.62 | 10.19 | 10.58 | 10.75 | 10.90 | 11.21 | |
| SEC_15 | 9.22 | 9.74 | 10.11 | 10.27 | 10.39 | 10.80 | |
| SEC_16 | 9.18 | 9.76 | 10.14 | 10.24 | 10.33 | 10.47 | LHB - Musselburgh Golf Course RHB – Wedderhouse Terrace |
| SEC_17 | 9.06 | 9.63 | 10.03 | 10.14 | 10.24 | 10.40 | |
| SEC_18 | 8.95 | 9.49 | 9.89 | 9.99 | 10.08 | 10.20 | |
| SEC_19 | 8.89 | 9.41 | 9.80 | 9.88 | 9.96 | 10.08 | |
| SEC_20 | 8.86 | 9.41 | 9.81 | 9.90 | 9.99 | 10.12 | |
| SEC_21 | 8.64 | 9.07 | 9.58 | 9.69 | 9.81 | 9.99 | |
| SEC_22 | 8.33 | 8.74 | 9.23 | 9.37 | 9.50 | 9.65 | |
| SEC_23 | 7.93 | 8.24 | 8.49 | 8.61 | 8.72 | 8.85 | |
| WEIR_US | 8.07 | 8.34 | 8.61 | 8.71 | 8.80 | 8.92 | u/s Inveresk Weir |
| WEIR_DS | 6.05 | 6.60 | 7.23 | 7.51 | 7.78 | 8.06 | d/s Inveresk Weir |
| ESK_1 | 6.04 | 6.59 | 7.22 | 7.51 | 7.78 | 8.05 | |
| ESK_2 | 5.75 | 6.33 | 7.00 | 7.30 | 7.58 | 7.85 | |
| ESK_3 | 5.46 | 6.09 | 6.83 | 7.14 | 7.44 | 7.71 | |
| ESK_4 | 5.05 | 5.63 | 6.22 | 6.46 | 6.67 | 7.19 | |
| ESK_5 | 4.85 | 5.47 | 6.12 | 6.46 | 6.79 | 7.19 | |

| Node | Predie | cted Peak Wa | Location | | | | |
|---------|--------|--------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|---------------------------|
| | 20%AEP | 10%AEP | 4%AEP | 2%AEP | 1%AEP | 0.5%AEP | |
| ESK_6 | 4.74 | 5.27 | 5.81 | 6.02 | 6.21 | 6.45 | |
| ESK_7 | 4.60 | 5.17 | 5.77 | 6.02 | 6.24 | 6.47 | Gauging Station |
| ESK_8 | 4.59 | 5.18 | 5.83 | 6.10 | 6.34 | 6.64 | Olive Bank Road Bridge |
| ESK_9 | 4.57 | 5.15 | 5.77 | 6.02 | 6.25 | 6.52 | Olive Bank Road Bridge |
| ESK_10 | 4.45 | 4.97 | 5.50 | 5.70 | 5.88 | 6.08 | |
| ESK_11 | 4.36 | 4.84 | 5.32 | 5.50 | 5.62 | 5.73 | |
| ESK_12 | 4.26 | 4.73 | 5.22 | 5.39 | 5.53 | 5.70 | |
| ESK_13 | 4.26 | 4.74 | 5.26 | 5.46 | 5.62 | 5.83 | |
| ESK_14 | 4.25 | 4.72 | 5.23 | 5.43 | 5.60 | 5.82 | Old Bridge |
| ESK_15 | 4.21 | 4.68 | 5.19 | 5.38 | 5.57 | 5.79 | |
| ESK_16 | 3.92 | 4.28 | 4.65 | 4.78 | 4.90 | 5.06 | |
| ESK_17 | 3.88 | 4.23 | 4.61 | 4.75 | 4.87 | 5.04 | New Bridge |
| ESK_18 | 3.86 | 4.19 | 4.54 | 4.64 | 4.73 | 4.84 | |
| ESK_19 | 3.21 | 3.47 | 4.08 | 4.31 | 4.50 | 4.73 | Shorthope Road footbridge |
| ESK_20 | 3.21 | 3.37 | 3.74 | 3.82 | 4.03 | 4.30 | |
| ESK_21 | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.73 | 3.81 | 3.99 | 4.29 | |
| ESK_22 | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.73 | 3.81 | 3.96 | 4.29 | |
| ESK_23 | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.73 | 3.81 | 3.92 | 4.26 | |
| ESK_24 | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.73 | 3.81 | 3.89 | 4.14 | Goose Green footbridges |
| ESK_25 | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.73 | 3.81 | 3.89 | 3.97 | |
| ESK_26 | 3.20 | 3.37 | 3.73 | 3.81 | 3.89 | 3.97 | |
| ESK_27 | 3.19 | 3.37 | 3.72 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 3.97 | Weir |
| ESK_28 | 3.19 | 3.37 | 3.72 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 3.97 | |
| ESK_29 | 3.19 | 3.37 | 3.72 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 3.96 | |
| ESK_30 | 3.19 | 3.37 | 3.72 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 3.96 | |
| ESK_31 | 3.19 | 3.36 | 3.72 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 3.96 | |
| ESK_32 | 3.18 | 3.36 | 3.71 | 3.79 | 3.88 | 3.96 | |
| ESK_32! | 3.17 | 3.36 | 3.71 | 3.79 | 3.88 | 3.96 | |

| | Predicted Peak Water Level (mAOD) | | | | | | Location |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| | 20%AEP | 10%AEP | 4%AEP | 2%AEP | 1%AEP | 0.5%AEP | |
| LEFT BANK | | | | | | | |
| PNL_9 | No flooding | 8.98 | 9.57 | 9.74 | 9.88 | 10.04 | Musselburgh Golf Course |
| RES_11 | | No flooding | No flooding | 4.34 | 5.13 | 5.33 | South Eskside West |
| RES_6 | | | 4.07 | 4.31 | 3.82/4.49 | 3.98/4.67 | North High Street-Bridge Street |
| RES_10 | | | 3.35/3.59 | 3.56/3.86 | 3.82/3.98 | 3.98/4.29 | New Street-North High Street |
| RES_4 | | | 3.35/3.59 | 3.56/3.86 | 3.82/3.98 | 3.98/4.28 | Newfield Sports Ground |
| RES_5 | | | | 3.27 | 3.02/3.98 | 3.48/4.29 | Fisherrow Links & Promenade |
| RIGHT BANK | | | | | | | |
| PNR_6 | | No flooding | No flooding | | | | |
| PNR_9 | No flooding | | No flooding | 10.19 | 10.89 | 11.17 | A1 Road bridge - Railway bridge |
| PNR_22 | | | 8.62 | 8.70 | 8.79 | 8.89 | west of Wedderhouse Terrace |
| PNR_ESK_6 | | | 5.32 | 6.07 | 6.29 | 6.52 | Upstream of Inveresk Weir |
| RES_1 | | | 3.67 | 2.03/3.96 | 3.10/4.14 | 3.47/4.29 | Station Road/Eskmill Bowling Club |
| RES_2 | | | 3.67 | 2.60/3.96 | 3.15/4.14 | 3.47/4.29 | Musselburgh Race Course |
| RES_3 | | | 3.62 | 3.96 | 4.14 | 4.29 | Eskside East/Loretto School |
| RES_7 | | | | 3.96 | 4.14 | 4.29 | Pinkie/St Peters Primary School |
| RES_8 | | | No flooding | 3.96 | 4.14 | 4.29 | Loretto Primary School & Pinkie House |
| RES_9 | | | | 3.96 | 4.14 | 4.29 | Pinkie Braes |

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