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Barn Elms Reach



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NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Mariners are advised of the continued interim operation of the Tideway Tunnel Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) at the Putney Embankment site.

The CSO may discharge onto the foreshore and into the river whenever there is, or has recently been, a significant amount of rain in the local catchment area. The discharge amount and velocity will vary, but during a storm this could be up to 4 knots at low water, lessening the further from the outfall (example modelled flow velocities are included at the end of this Notice).

The approximate location of the CSO at the Putney Embankment Foreshore site is shown in red on the chartlet below.

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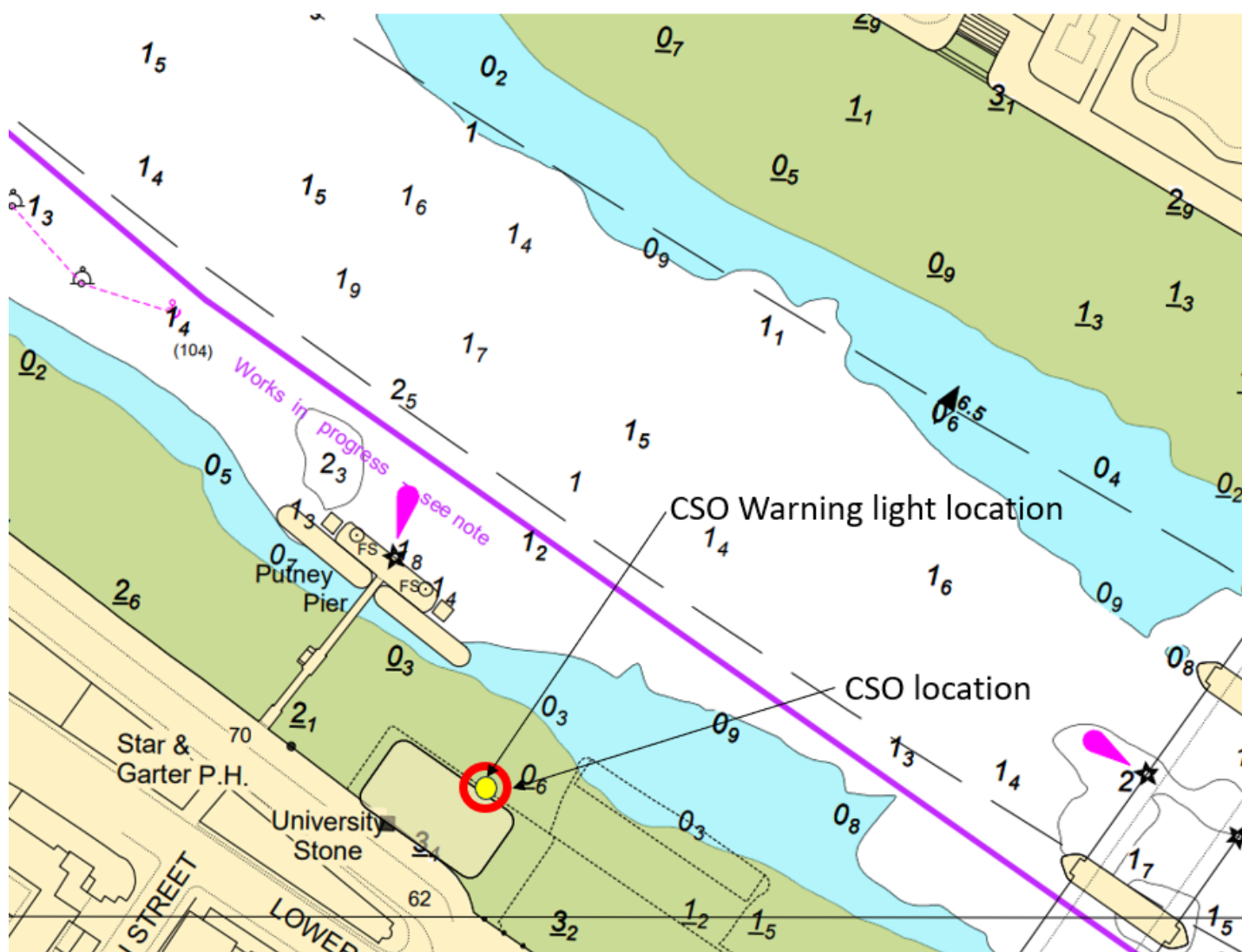
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A set of warning lights will be mounted vertically in front of a black backboard on the permanent works structure embankment wall above the CSO with a set of repeater lights mounted above. The location of the CSO warning lights are marked in yellow on the above chartlet.

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The lights will flash a yellow alternating 1 second pattern, visible by day and by night whenever the CSO is discharging or likely to discharge.

Tideway advise the lights will activate a minimum of 3.5 minutes before any discharge will occur.



**CSO
Warning
Lights**

**CSO Outfall
Location**

All mariners are advised to exercise caution when passing the site, particularly over the slack water period (around two hours over low water and an hour over high water) if there has been heavy rain or if there is a Met Office weather warning for rain or storms in force for the London area and to pay attention to warnings given. The foreshore in the vicinity of the CSO should be avoided during these times.

System wide CSO discharge alerts and warnings will be broadcast by London VTS on Ch 14. Additionally, the live status of each CSO is available on the PLA website, www.pla.co.uk/cso-status.

The CSO is partly connected to the tunnel which will intercept most of the discharges, but any larger storms and rain downpours may result in a discharge directly into the river. The Tunnel is expected to be in full service later in 2025. A new Notice will be issued at a later date to advise of permanent Tideway Tunnel operations.

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Further information on the characteristics of the CSO discharges, assessments of risk and potential impacts on mariners, which were undertaken by Tideway's designers, are available on their website. Go to www.tideway.london/contact-us/document-library and follow the link to [CSO DISCHARGES - RISK TO NAVIGATION](#). Mariners should consult these documents when passage planning.

(This link will take you to a third-party website which does not belong to the Port of London of Authority and may have different security, privacy and accessibility standards).

Example discharge plumes and velocities in m/sec for a typical year return period discharge

(1 m/sec = 1.94 knots)

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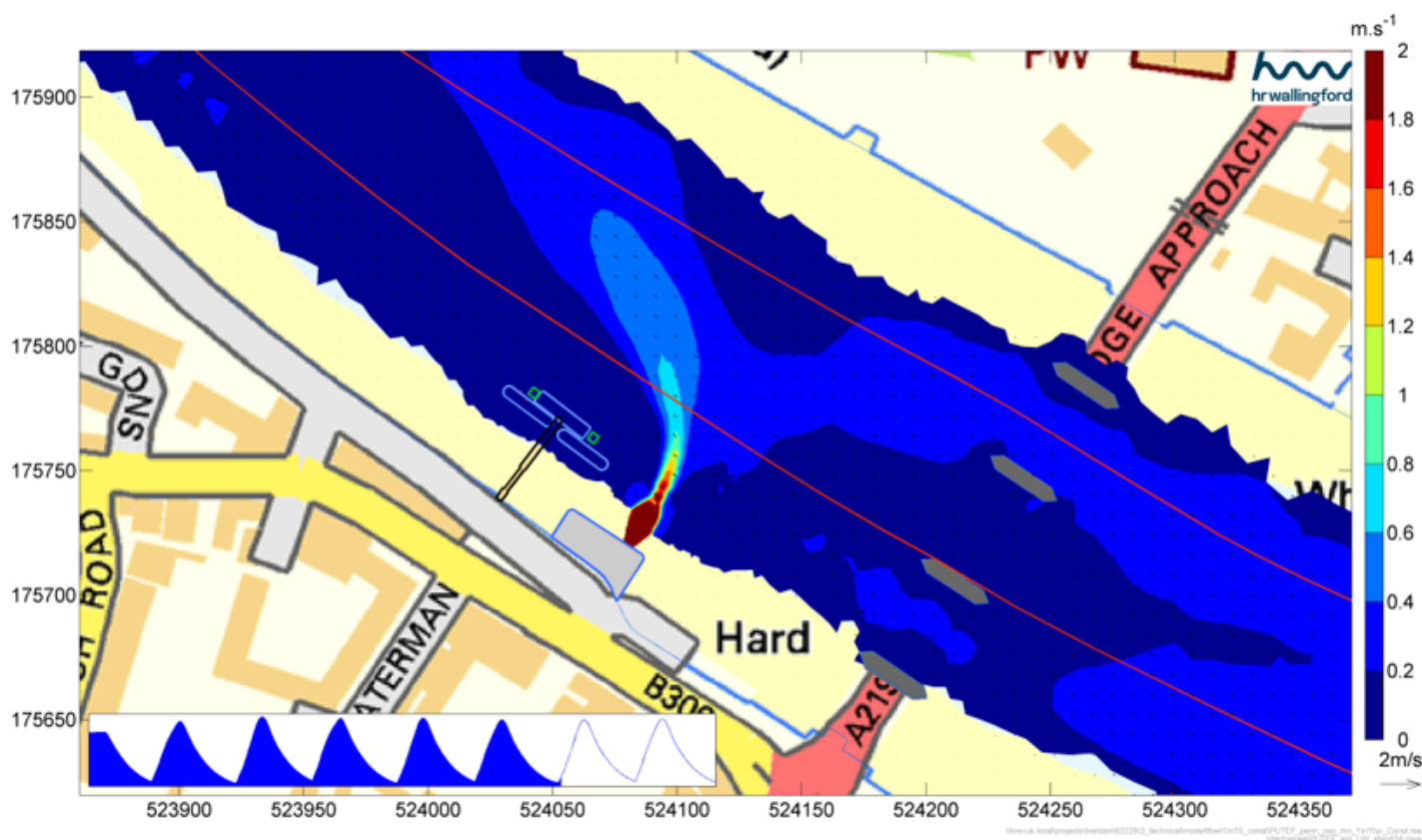
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Typical year return period discharge 10 minutes after low water slacks

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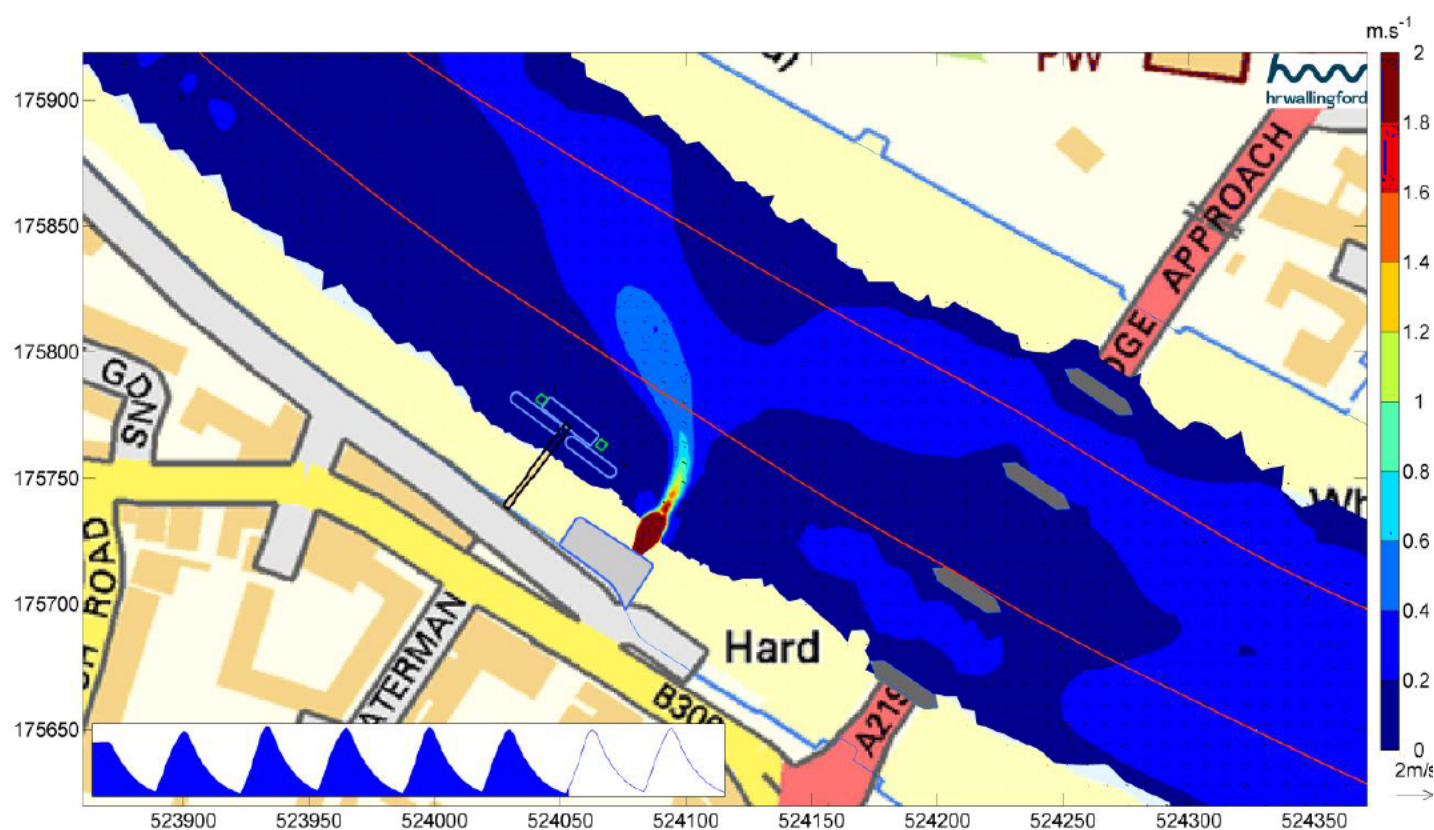
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Typical year discharge event at spring low water slack

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