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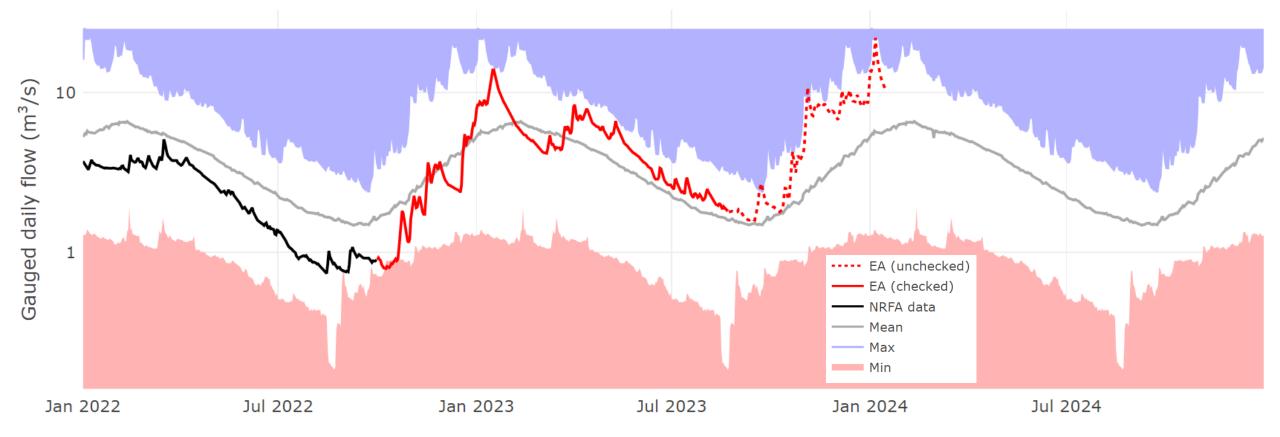


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Ashley Road flooding Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

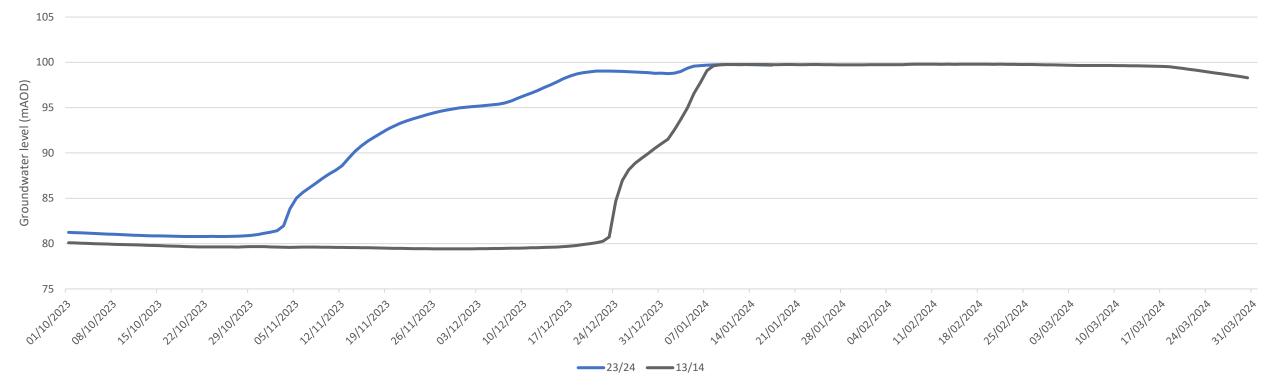
- Prior to flood event catchment was already saturated
- 2013 was the wettest year on record for the catchment (record goes back to 1871)
- Between January 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> received 60% of the monthly rainfall
- Record flows at times throughout the year

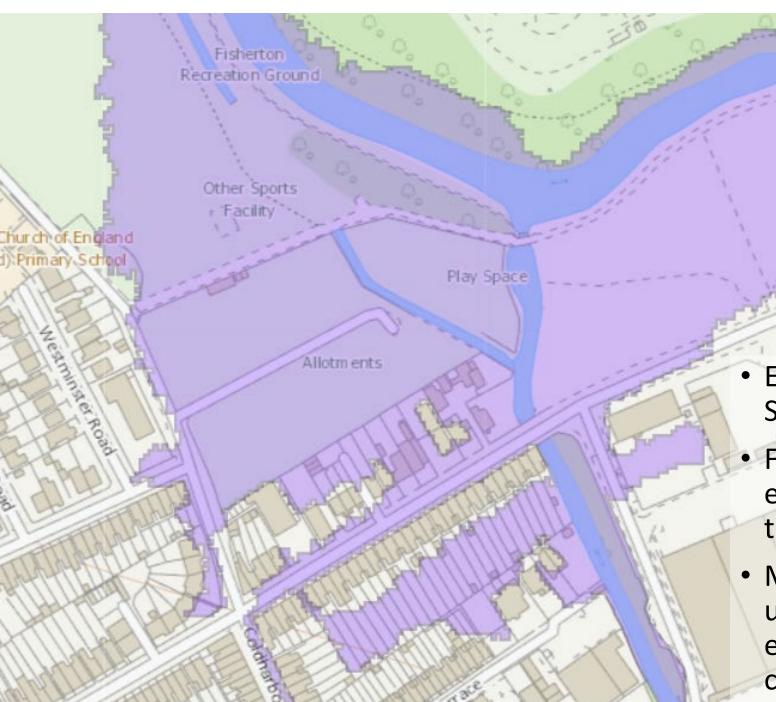




- Catchment far more saturated than in winter 2013/14
- Key impact of this was that the watercourses gained more flow from the groundwater as they moved downstream
- This resulted in the peak flow becoming more extreme as it moved downstream
- Peak flow at Amesbury was approximately a 1 in 20 annual probability event at Amesbury, but rarer by the time it reached Salisbury

Comparing groundwater levels from 203/14 to 2023/24





 Estimated as 1 in 25 event through Salisbury

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- Flood extent is what would have been expected to flood in this event prior to the scheme
- Matches with what happened upstream of Ashley Road due to flood embankments having not been completed

- Flow control structure upstream of Ashley Road did successfully reduce flooding downstream
- At least 10 additional properties would have flooded downstream with another 50 being surrounded and some flooding to A36
- No major issues in Maltings/Fisherton Street area due to scheme benefits

