

REGIONAL UNEXPLODED BOMB RISK

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

DENSITY OF BOMBS PER BOROUGH			
Borough	High explosive	Anti-personnel	Incendiary
Dumfries	0	0	0
Lockerbie	0	0	0
Langholm	0	0	0
Peebles	0	0	0
Moffat	0	0	0
Irvine	10	0	0
Kilmarnock	15	0	0
Selkirk	0	0	0
Girvan	0	0	0



BOMB TONNAGE

- >1000
- >500
- >100
- > 0
- unverified

BOMB RISK

- high
- moderate
- low

OTHER WWII TARGETS

- military
- transport
- utilities
- industry
- docks
- other

The information in this regional UXB risk map is derived from a number of sources and should be read in conjunction with the "Users' Guide" (printed overleaf). Zetica cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the information or data.

This map covers regions of coast with beaches, estuaries and alike. Further consideration of the bomb risk is required in these areas. The often inaccessible nature and changing ground conditions (e.g. movement of silt that may contain ordnance) means that historical bombing records for these areas are often poor or inaccurate and further assessment of the bomb risk may be required as part of a site specific study.

A FOUR-STEP PROCESS



Risk assessment and method statement from a qualified explosive ordnance clearance (EOC) operative.



Surface geophysical survey to allow shallow groundwork.



MAGCONE detects UXBs and obstructions on piling layout to the no-risk depth.



Detected UXBs can be dealt with by our EOC engineers and a Clearance Certificate issued for the site.

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BOMB MAP USERS' GUIDE

Sources of information and explanation of bomb risk

Why?

Unexploded bombs (UXB) still present a risk to construction projects long after the end of the Second World War (WWII). UXBs often entered the ground unnoticed at high velocity and penetrated to a depth of several metres. Here they remain – vulnerable to disturbances from construction work. Beyond the depth of shallow excavation work, the greatest risk is to piling, drilling and probing crews. A piling rig could repeatedly hit a UXBs with considerable force before the crew realises an obstruction has been impacted. It could then be up to 72 hours before the detonator activates.

Who?

The responsibility for avoiding UXB risk usually lies with construction companies or house builders particularly those who are redeveloping urban sites. In addition, project engineering or environmental consultants are expected to advise their clients of a site's history. Other interested parties include those organisations whose employees are physically at most risk from intrusive works, normally piling companies, drillers or probing operators.

How?

UXB risk should be assessed for every site, but especially those in known heavily bombed areas or those situated near war-time strategic installations that were priority targets for enemy aircraft, for example, airfields. Zetica's regional bomb risk map is therefore a first point of reference from which the relative, potential abundance of UXBs can be judged. Consultants then advise their clients that an ordnance-risk desk study is required, which they may obtain from external sources. Construction companies or house builders who assess their own risk could choose to come direct to Zetica.

When?

Do not wait for the piling or drilling company to be on site before thinking about UXB risk – it will inevitably cause delays and higher costs. Request the regional bomb risk map from Zetica as soon as a site is being considered, and then use it to help you or your clients to decide if an ordnance-risk desk study is required.

Where?

Maps can be obtained for any county in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland – or for any London borough. They can help determine the areas that were most heavily bombed – but no part of the country should be considered 100% safe from UXB risk. Even remote rural areas can have a high risk if, for example, they were locations for decoy airfields or beacons that were lit to fool enemy pilots into thinking they had located a burning city that had been successfully hit by others in the raid.

How to use this regional map

This map is designed to give you an indication of the potential risk from UXBs in your area. If you are conducting work that involves excavation, piling or other disturbance of the ground, then you should use the map to identify the category of risk for your site.

The risk boundaries are a guide, compiled from data based on the political areas for which records are held; being just outside a high-risk area does not mean there is no UXB risk. You should use the map to assist in your decision of whether to investigate the UXB risk further.

Information on the regional risk remaining from UXBs in the UK

Zetica has built the largest UXB database of its kind in the UK. It includes a unique digital library of bomb census data, and maps showing key strategic points and bombing densities from the First and Second World Wars. The main sources of information include records from central government (Public Records Office), the Ministry of Defence, and the German Luftwaffe.

Using information from this database, Zetica has published maps of UXB risk on a regional, county and borough scale. The maps indicate relative degrees of UXB risk based on available records for bombing densities and known targeted areas for regions within the UK. The risk is broken down into individual boroughs, towns or cities. The data are based on the historical boroughs and are then overlaid onto the modern map. It is important to note that more-detailed research may be required for individual sites, particularly where proximity to a potential WWII target means the local risk may be higher.

High risk

Areas designated as high risk are those that show a high density of bombing hits (50+ bombs per 1000 acres) and abundant potential WWII targets. In high-risk regions, further action to mitigate UXB risk is considered essential.

Moderate risk

Moderate-risk regions are those that show a bomb density of between 11 and 50 bombs per 1000 acres and that may contain potential WWII targets. Action to mitigate the risk is considered essential, albeit more likely that a reduced scope of work is required compared with that needed for high-risk regions.

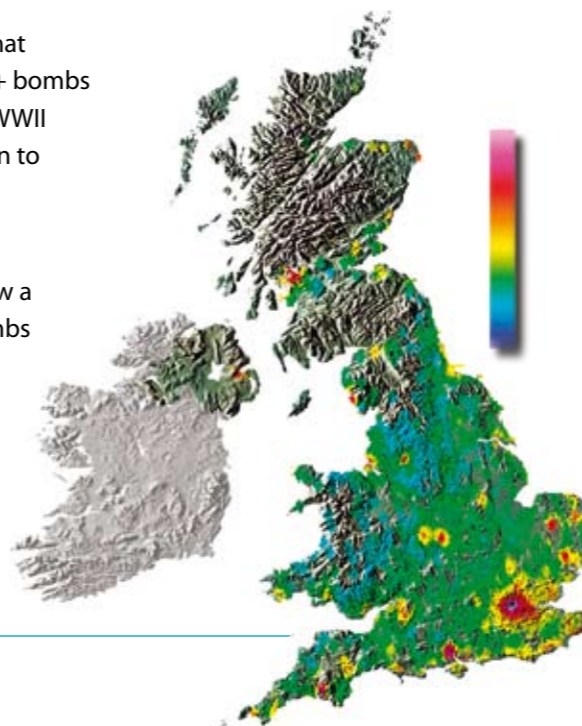
Low risk

Low-risk regions are those with a bombing density of up to 10 bombs per 1000 acres. These areas are considered to have a significant but low UXB risk. In general, further action to mitigate the risk is considered prudent, although not essential. Care is required when assessing the risk for specific sites where the risk may be higher because of local wartime activity.

Other WWII targets

Other regions with the risk of UXBs are key strategic points as defined by the government during WWII as representing potential enemy targets. Where these exist outside areas mapped as high, moderate or low risk, a site-specific assessment of the UXB risk may be required.

Relative UXB risk across UK



What to do if...

...you have a site that has a potential UXB risk

In the absence of current legislation requiring you to address the risk from UXBs, your responsibilities under health and safety legislation and regulations such as construction design and management require that you address all identified risks. The first stage is to request further advice from a professional adviser such as Zetica, or to gain more site-specific information by commissioning an ordnance-risk desk study. Then a strategy to deal with the risk can be established that is tailored to your proposed work.

...you find a suspect item or require advice

If during site works you find a suspect (ordnance-related) item, it is very important that you do not touch or move it (even if it has already been moved by an excavator). If it is clearly ordnance related, then dial 999 and ask for the police. Ensure that the area around the item is kept as clear as possible without placing yourself at risk. If you are unsure and do not wish to cause undue alarm, or you just require some advice, then you can call Zetica. We have experienced qualified UXB specialists on hand who can offer support and advice during any site works.

More-detailed procedures should be established in advance if you are in an area where the risk of finding a UXB is shown to be significant (moderate to high).

Site-specific desktop studies

Zetica is able to provide high-quality, site-specific UXB risk information for any residential, industrial or commercial property in the UK. These desktop studies provide details of the bombing density within an area and for the site itself, in order to indicate the risks of UXBs still being present. A risk assessment is provided to facilitate informed decision making on whether any further risk mitigation measures are required.