



# Risk Assessment Tool for Weir Removal

With the Environment Agency

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Details of any critical infrastructure that may be at risk of damage following the weir removal (e.g. roads, bridges, utilities, and so on)

Buildings 2



Very High Risk

Buildings 3



Low Risk

3



Very Low Risk

Roads 4



Moderate Risk

Bridges 4



Very Low Risk

Flood Defences



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<https://risk-check.io/>

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# Agenda



Msc in Risk at Durham  
University, Institute  
for Hazards, Risk and  
Resilience (IHRR)

Database analyst

Linguistics 2010



Durham  
University

Combine risks

First stage assessment

User inputs characteristics

Tool outputs risk rating

Usable in business cases

Project Aim



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Data  
Durham

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Geomorphologist  
EA

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# Team Members








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# The Risk Assessment Tool



# Data Structures



	Very High Risk	5.
	High Risk	4.
	Moderate Risk	3.
	Low Risk	2.
	Very Low Risk	1.



# Total Site Risk

Category

Subcategory

Variable

Var Value

Hierarchy



## Variable 1

Value 1

Value 2

Value 3

## Variable 2

Value 1

Value 2

Value 3

Weighting

1

2

3

Ranking

Variable 1		Variable 2	
Archaeology		Aesthetics	
None 1		Unattractive 1	
Regional 2		Somewhat attractive 2	
National 3		Very attractive 3	

2

1

Weighting

Archaeology	Aesthetics
None	Unattractive
Regional	Somewhat attractive
National	Very attractive

1

2

3

Knowledge Weighting

Ranking

2	Certain	1
1.5	Somewhat Certain	
2	Uncertain	

Weighting

- 1
- 2
- 3

Archaeology	Aesthetics
None	Unattractive
Regional	Somewhat attractive
National	Very attractive

$3 * 2 * 2$   
 $= 12$

$12 / 5$   
 $= 2.4$

Ranking

2

1

Knowledge Weighting

Risk =  $W_{arc} * R_{arc} * KW_{arc}$

- 1 Certain
- 1.5 Somewhat Certain
- 2 Uncertain

$= Var1 + Var2...$

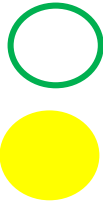
Very High Risk

High Risk

Moderate Risk

Low Risk

Very Low Risk



Example:

	Very High Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk
	Very Low Risk

5 .	> 9.6
4 .	> 7.2    <= 9.6
3 .	> 4.8    <= 7.2
2 .	> 2.4    <= 4.8
1 .	<= 2.4

Weighting

1

2

3

Archaeology

Aesthetics

None

Unattractive

Regional

Somewhat attractive

National

Very attractive

Ranking

2

1

Risk

=

$W_{\text{arc}} * R_{\text{arc}}$

=

$2 * 2$

=

Var1 + Var2...

	Very High Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk
	Very Low Risk



Weighting

1

2

3

Archaeology

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Ranking

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$2 * 2$

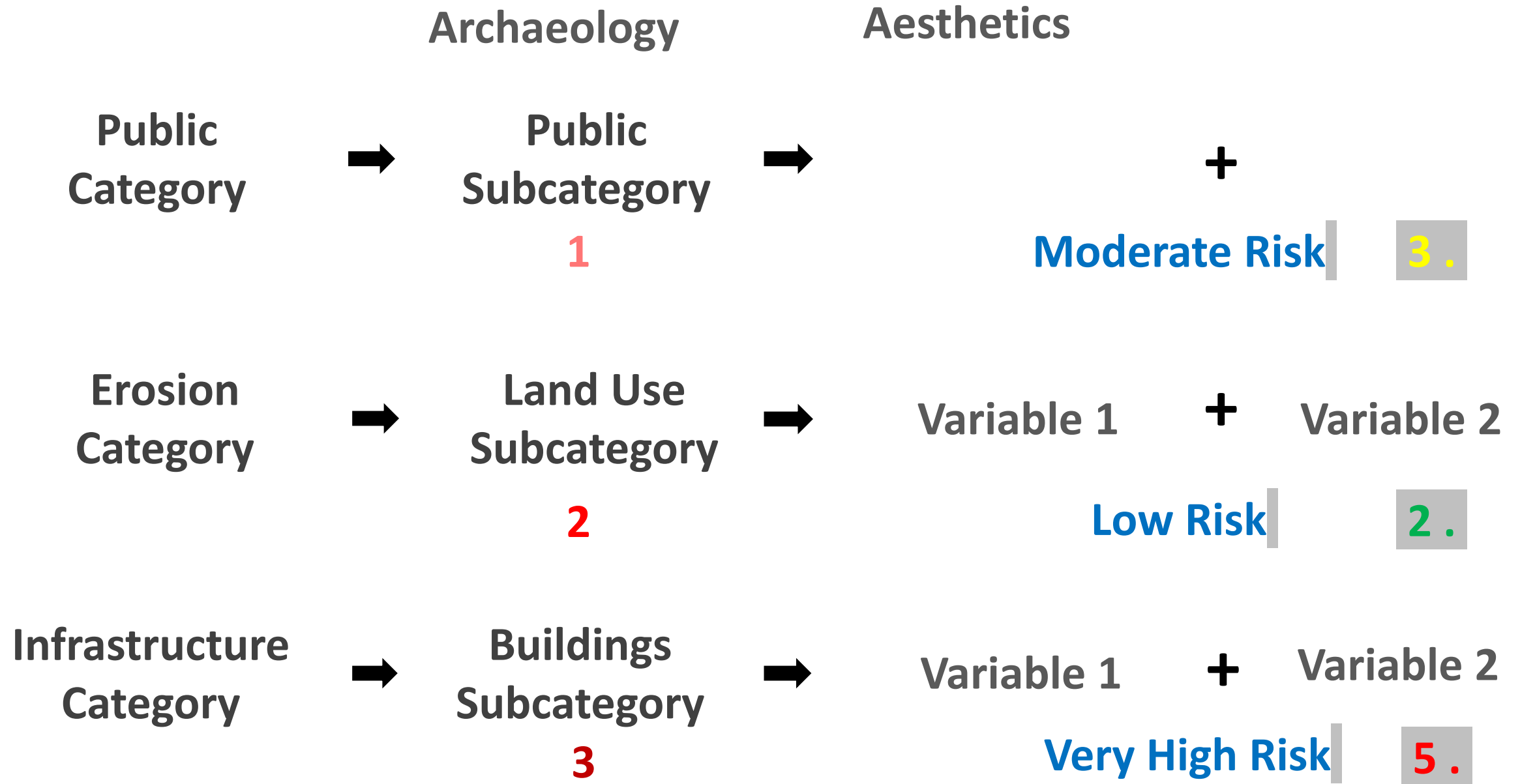
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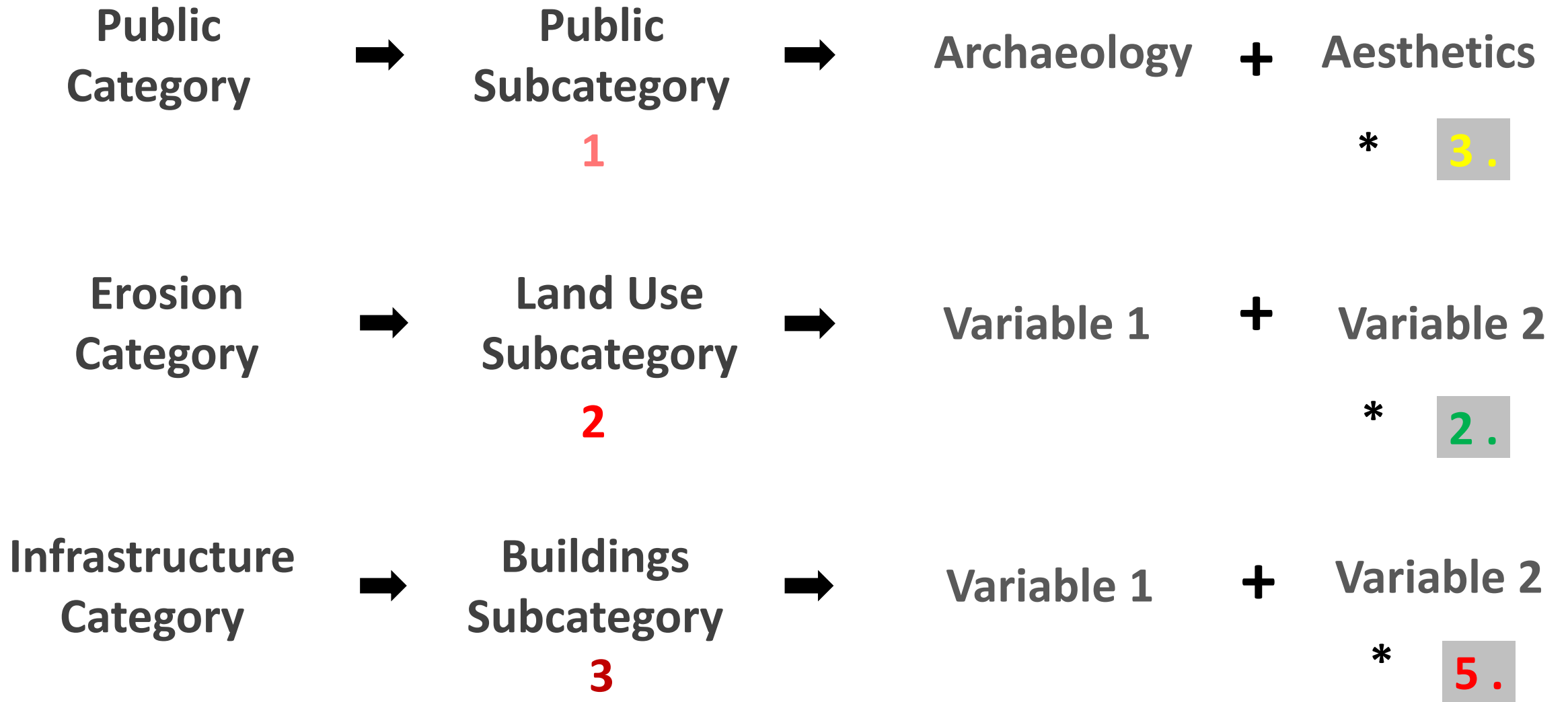
Var1 + Var2...

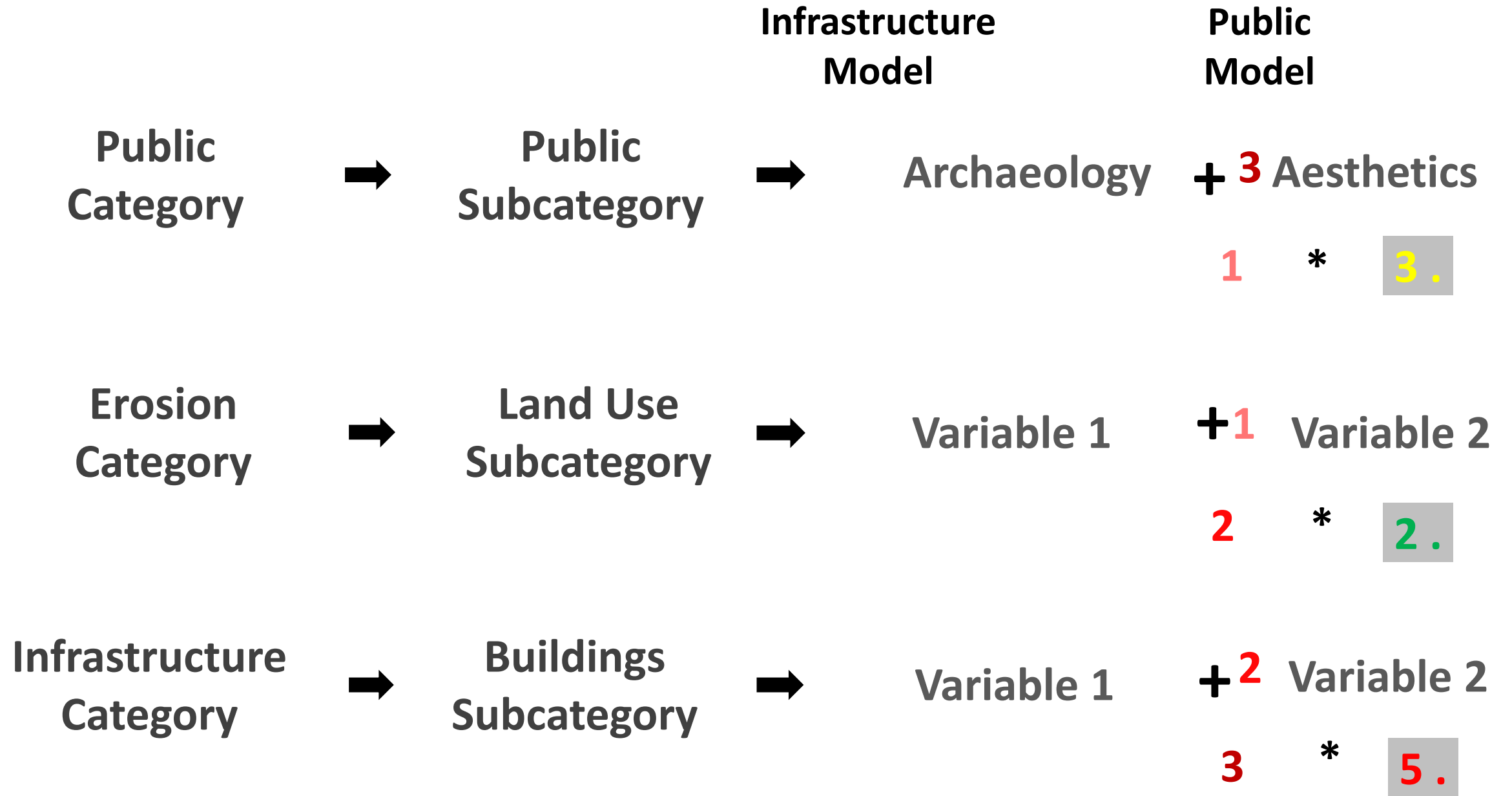
	Very High Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk
	Very Low Risk











### **Subcategory risk level index:**

$$(R_{\text{var1}} * W_{\text{var1}} * KW_{\text{var1}}) + (R_{\text{var2}} * W_{\text{var2}} * KW_{\text{var2...}})$$

Where R = variable rank; W = variable value weighting; KW = knowledge weighting

### **Category risk level index:**

$$(CW_{\text{subcat1}} * RL_{\text{subcat1}}) + (CW_{\text{subcat2}} * RL_{\text{subcat2...}})$$

Where CW = internal subcategory weighting; RL = risk level (1 - 5)

### **Total site risk level index:**

$$(GW_{\text{subcat1}} * RL_{\text{subcat1}}) + (GW_{\text{subcat2}} * RL_{\text{subcat2...}})$$

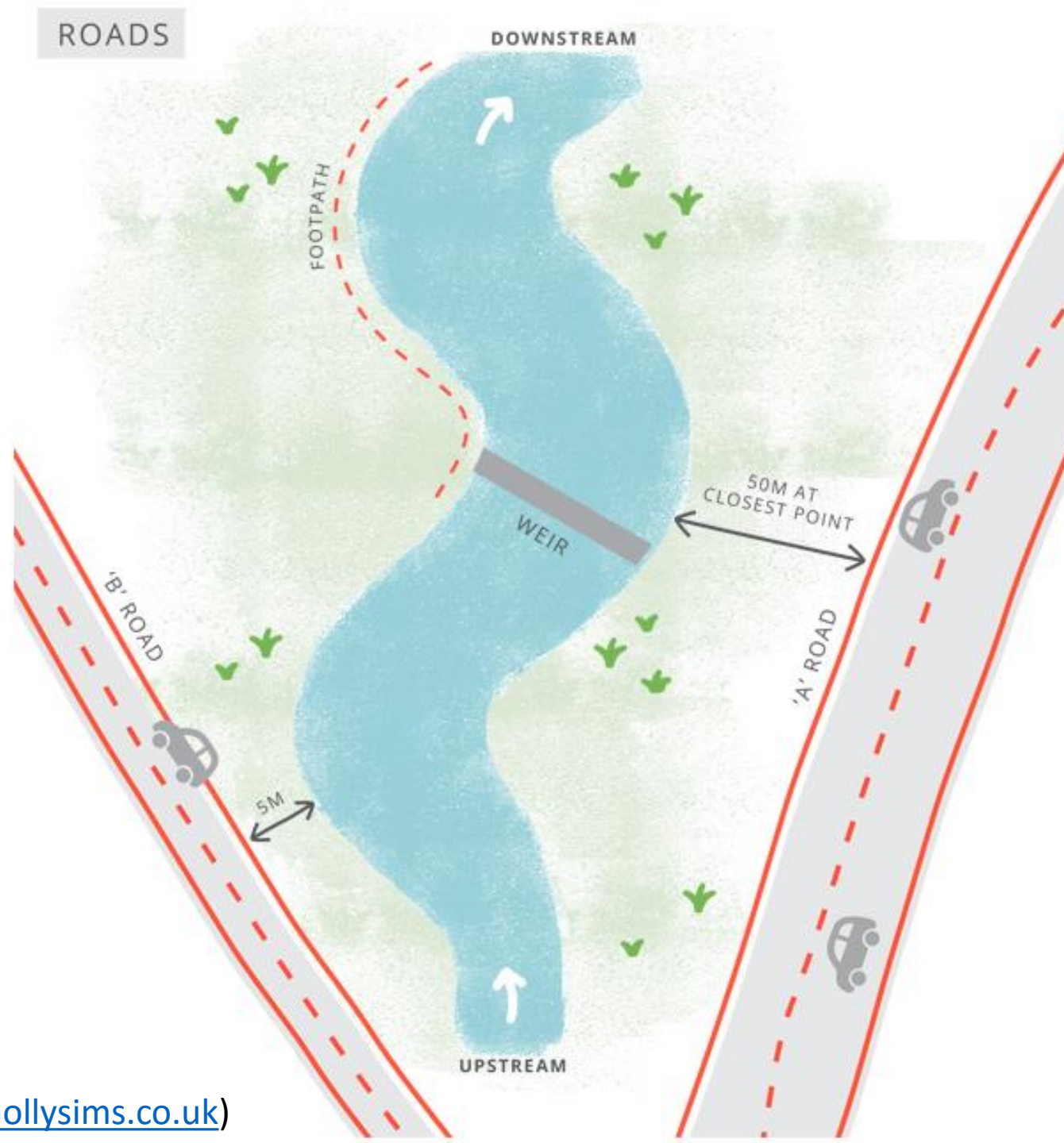
Where GW = global subcategory weighting; RL = risk level (1 - 5)



Category	Subcategory
Infrastructure	Buildings
	Roads
	Bridges
	Utilities
	Mining
	Flood Defences
Erosion	River Typology
	Geomorphological Characteristics
	Primary Habitat Types
	Secondary Habitat Types
	Land Use
Contaminated Sediments	Contaminated Sediment
Fisheries	Fisheries
Public	Public
Flooding	Flood Zone
	Flood Perception
Function	Historical Function(s)
	Current Function(s)
Conservation	Conservation



ROADS



# The Finished Product

<https://risk-check.io/>



Home

Kelly Quantrill's Assessments

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Name	Description	Model	Risk Rating
<a href="#">Test - 20 August 2017</a>	Testing description	Infrastructure High	Moderate Risk
<a href="#">Test - 15 December 2017</a>	Testing description	Infrastructure High	Low Risk
<a href="#">Test</a>	Test	Infrastructure High	Low Risk
<a href="#">test2</a>	test2	Infrastructure High	Very Low Risk
<a href="#">Test3</a>	test3	Infrastructure High	Very Low Risk



## Create Assessment

- ⚠ Once created, an assessment submission takes on average **45 minutes** to complete.
- 💾 Your answers to assessment questions are automatically saved.

Name

Description

Assessment Model

The model you select here can not be changed once you start your assessment. The models prioritise different categories in the tool. For example, if you are aware that there is a high volume of infrastructure in the area then select the "Infrastructure High" model. If you are uncertain of which one to choose then leave it set to the default.

Infrastructure High



How familiar are you with the site you are assessing?

This can not be changed once the assessment has been started.

Very familiar / Familiar



Save

Activate Windows  
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

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Infrastructure High

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▼








# Test - 20 August 2017






Testing description

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## Risk Rating

-  Very High Risk
-  High Risk
-  ← **Moderate Risk**
-  Low Risk
-  Very Low Risk

## Expected Benefits

-  ← **Very High Benefit(s)**
-  High Benefit(s)
-  Moderate Benefit(s)
-  Low Benefit(s)
-  Very Low Benefit(s)

In this category you can fill out the details of any critical infrastructure that may be at risk of damage following the weir removal. This is anything in the area that you might be concerned about (buildings, roads, bridges, utilities, and so on)

<div>Buildings 1<div></div></div> <div>Very Low Risk</div>	<div>Buildings 2<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>	<div>Buildings 3<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>	<div>Buildings 4<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>
<div>Buildings 5<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>	<div>Roads 1<div></div></div> <div>Very High Risk</div>	<div>Roads 2<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>	<div>Roads 3<div></div></div> <div>Low Risk</div>
<div>Roads 4<div></div></div> <div>Very High Risk</div>	<div>Roads 5<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>	<div>Bridges 1<div></div></div> <div>Very High Risk</div>	<div>Bridges 2<div></div></div> <div>Not Applicable</div>

## Proximity

How near or far are these buildings from the weir or area of expected adjustment?

None



None

Selected

Far: more than 20m from the weir or area of adjustment

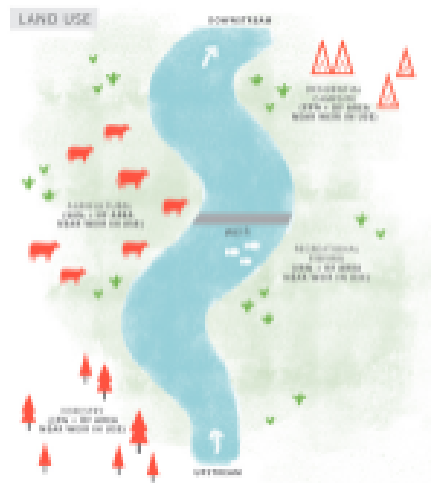
Between 5m and 20m of the weir or area of adjustment

Press enter to select

Close: Less than 5m from the weir or area of adjustment

Select option





(click to zoom)

Land use near the site, which may be a cause of concern in the event of weir removal for various reasons (e.g. soil compaction, erosion, etc.). There are multiple optional entries available as separate Land Use subcategories in the event of several land use types being present at the site that you may be concerned about contributing to the risk. Feel free to fill out as many as are relevant to your project.

## Type

What is the type of land use near the site?

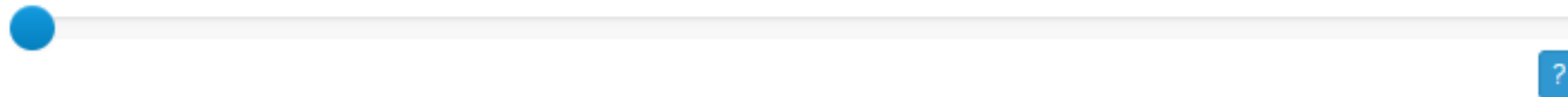
Residential (incl temporary or informal homes eg caravan parks, camping) ▼

None

Moderate

Significant

Access



Public safety



Tourism



Fisheries



Hydromorphology



Ecological status of the water body



Activate Windows ?



## Benefits



These are the areas that you expect will improve as a direct or indirect result of the removal project.

	None	Moderate	Significant	
Access				
Public safety				
Tourism				
Fisheries				
Hydromorphology				
Ecological status of the water body				

Activate Windows  
Go to Settings to activate Windows

Very High	maximum value $\geq 7$ & count $> 1$
High	maximum value $\geq 7$
Moderate	$4 \leq$ maximum value $\leq 6$
Low	$2 \leq$ maximum value $\leq 3$
Very Low	maximum value $\leq 1$

# Benefits



# Test - 20 August 2017

Testing description

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## Risk Rating



Very High Risk



High Risk



← Moderate Risk



Low Risk



Very Low Risk

## Expected Benefits



← Very High Benefit(s)



High Benefit(s)



Moderate Benefit(s)



Low Benefit(s)



Very Low Benefit(s)

# Development Stages



Wireframe in Mockflow

<http://weir.enactlabs.com/>



Data structures in  
spreadsheet

<http://bit.ly/2uDp18p>

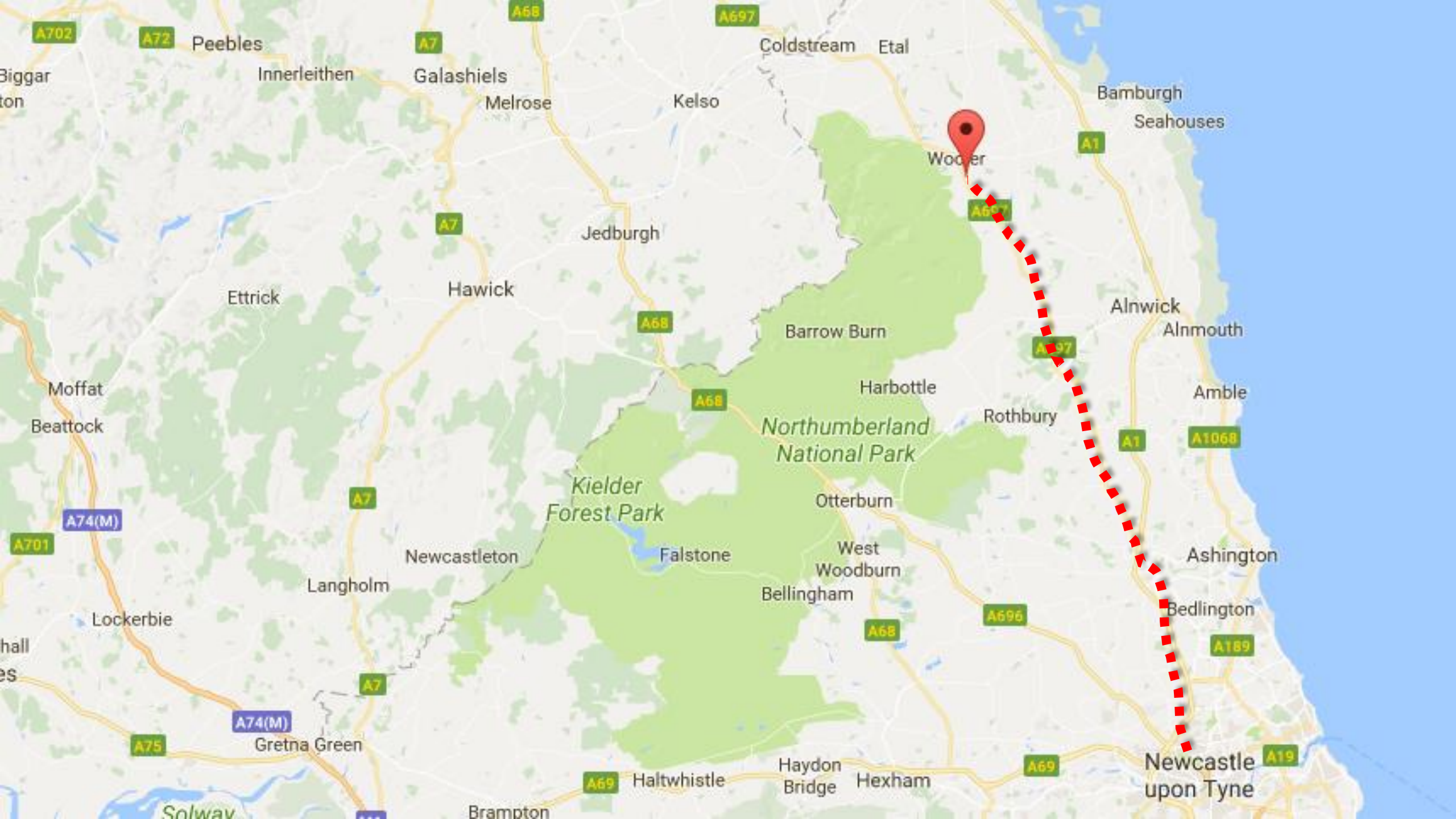


Web App

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# Case Study









Haugh Head ford on Wooler Water. Pic by Kelly Quantrill





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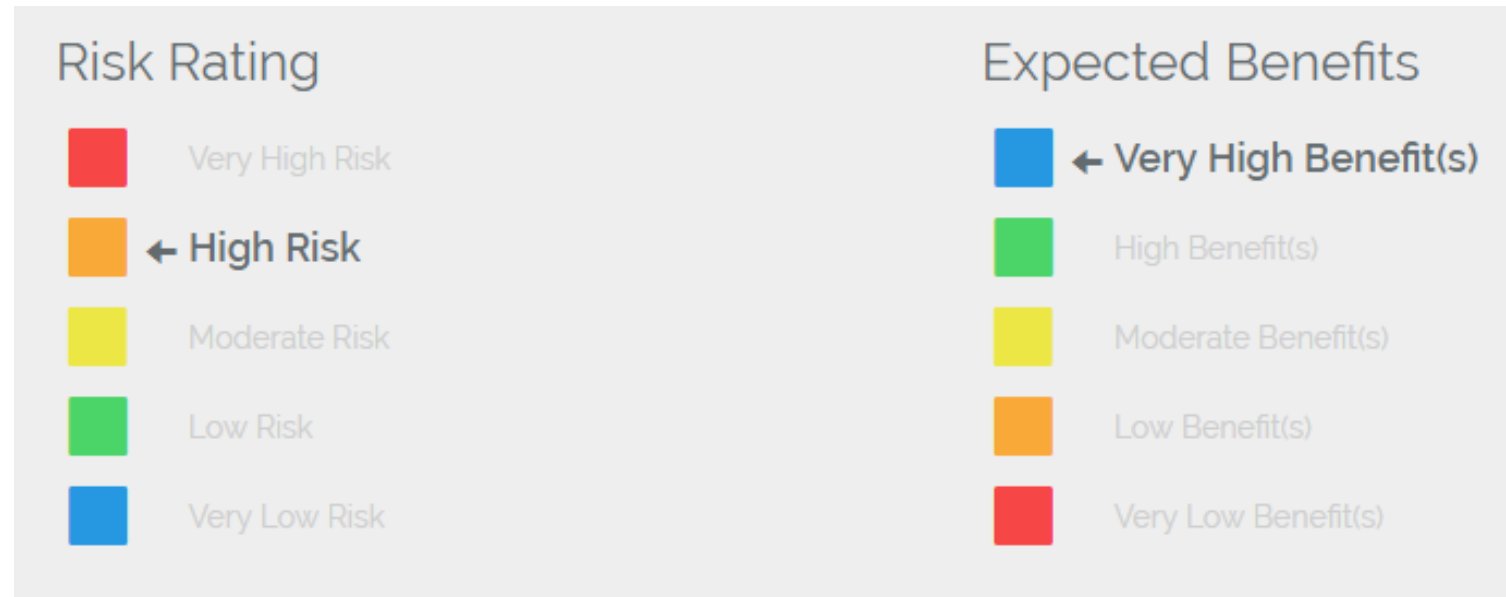
Haugh Head ford on Wooler Water. Pic by Kelly Quantrill

“Very Familiar” familiarity model  
“Infrastructure High” assessment model

# In the Wild

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## Haugh Head Weir



**High Risk:**

Infrastructure; Morphological Adjustment Including Erosion

**Moderate Risk:**

Fisheries; Flooding; Function

**Benefits:**

Public Safety; Fisheries; Conservation; Ecological Status of the Water Body

Thank You

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User guide available on request

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