

1 **A national assessment of landslide hazard from Outside Party Slopes to the rail network**
2 **of Great Britain.**

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12 **Abstract**

13 In recent years, a number of high profile landslide events have caused disruption, derailments
14 or damage to railway infrastructure in Great Britain. A landslide susceptibility model of the
15 entire railway network was created, designed to give a national overview of potential landslide
16 hazard originating from Outside Party Slopes.

17 The current assessment was compiled using Geographic Information System (GIS) techniques
18 and desktop modelling to apply a structured analysis of each buffered Earthwork Inspection 5
19 Chain (c100 m). Data analysed along the network included the BGS GeoSure instability model
20 and newly updated national models for debris flow, earth flow and rock fall, supported by
21 historic landslide data. In order to further focus the Outside Party Slope zone, a buffer of
22 External Natural Geological Influence (BENGI) was created using 5 m Digital Terrain Model.
23 Landslide susceptibility for each Earthwork inspection 5 Chain was categorised using a
24 'Classification of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes' (CHOPS) score; representing the modelled
25 potential for landslide hazard.

26 The outputs were combined as a series of matrices to present the CHOPS and Network Rail
27 Derailment Criticality Band interactions. This research will allow further focused analysis of
28 the network, in order to prioritise and direct future investigation and policy decisions.

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31 **infrastructure**

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33 Landslide events within Great Britain (GB) (comprising England, Scotland and Wales) are not
34 globally comparable as a catastrophic phenomenon when compared with devastating events
35 widely reported in the media, such as the Sierra Leone landslide in 2017. Neither does GB
36 experience the frequency of events of countries such as Italy (Guzzetti *et al.* 2006). Whilst
37 occasional loss of life is sadly reported (Gibson, *et al.*, 2013) the majority of high profile events
38 in GB are the result of impacts to infrastructure, affecting the economy and transport routes
39 (Postance 2017).

40 GB has, in recent years, experienced a period of wetter than average winters (Pennington *et al.*
41 2014) and landscape response has included a number of high profile landslides causing
42 disruption to rail travel, train derailments or damage to railway infrastructure. Examples of
43 such high profile cases were documented in the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB)
44 Landslips Class Report 2012/13, published in 2014 (Department of Transport 2014). Events
45 ranged in size from small wash out failures (St. Bees, Cumbria), through debris flow and train
46 derailment (Stob Coire; Figure 1) to well publicised large failures causing major track damage,
47 longer term, disruption and costly remediation (Hatfield Colliery, South Yorkshire). More
48 recently high profile failures, causing disruption in Lochailort (2016) and derailment at Glen
49 Finann, (January 2018), both in the Scottish Highlands, gained high levels of media and social
50 media interest.

51 A number of the RAIB investigations identified that landslide material originated from slopes
52 outside of the Network Rail boundary (Department of Transport 2014). Network Rail is
53 responsible for the monitoring and maintenance of all earthwork assets within its property
54 boundary. Earthwork assets within the Network Rail boundary are not included when
55 reviewing outside party slopes. Hazard from Outside Party Slope (OPS), defined as “A *cutting,*
56 *embankment or natural slope, outside of the Network Rail boundary, owned or managed by an*
57 *outside party.*” (Network Rail 2017a), has thus been identified as a key priority for strategic
58 Network Rail operating plans under standard NR/L2/CIV/086 “*Outside Party Slopes*
59 *(irrespective of their height) whose failure could pose an unacceptable risk to the safe*
60 *operation or performance of railway infrastructure*” (Network Rail 2017a). Whilst it is
61 understandable that this is deemed a priority for future management and Route Asset Managers,

62 the reality is that the full extent of the slopes with the potential to affect the rail network is
63 likely to be difficult to access and inspect. The rail network of GB comprises approximately
64 15,445 km of track, traversing a variety of geological formations and terrains which may be
65 susceptible to future instability.

66 The British Geological Survey (BGS) has previously collaborated with Network Rail and
67 partners, to model landslide hazards originating from Outside Party Slopes. Previous research
68 has included a detailed regional study of a particular route, detailed Digital Terrain Models and
69 field verification and assessment. This was followed by a feasibility overview of the application
70 of a single landslide susceptibility model derived through a similar methodology in relation to
71 the full network (Freeborough *et al.* 2016). Both projects proved successful on a local and
72 national level, however identified a limitation on data and terrain model scales applied to the
73 national level (Freeborough *et al.* 2016). The current successful methodology builds and
74 evolves on both approaches, employing new and improved spatial modelling for differing
75 landslide types and applying these to the full network at a suitable scale. The final model and
76 underlying data layers were designed to give a national overview of potential landslide hazard
77 to Network Rail senior management and individual regional Route Asset Managers, to allow
78 further more focused analysis of risk to the network.

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80 **Susceptibility maps and historical inventory**

81 Landslides can be divided into different types, according to different failure mechanisms,
82 geology and geotechnical properties (Cruden & Varnes 1996; Hungr *et al.* 2014; Figure 2).
83 Whilst the geology and slope angle control the location and failure type of the landslide, the
84 degree of strength lost during failure determines the velocity. The failure stage may involve a
85 kinematic change from sliding to flow or fall, all related to the speed, distance and
86 destructiveness of the landslide. Cruden & Varnes (1996) proposed separate names for the
87 movement mode during each stage of a given landslide. Susceptibility modelling provides the
88 opportunity to identify known characteristics of landslide failures and their associated failure
89 mechanisms, and thus provide key information and identify areas that may have the potential
90 to develop instability.

91 The earthworks across the GB strategic rail network are broken down into distances of 5 Chains
92 (~100 m), which are referred to as Earthwork Inspection 5 Chains (EI5C). EI5C are used by
93 Network Rail to subdivide the railway corridor into manageable sections that can be examined

94 and assessed. To reflect the two sides of a railway corridor, each EI5C has an Up and/or Down
95 side attributed to it. As this study was requested as a national overview of potential hazard
96 location, a different phenomenon to hazard pathway or potential risk, the highest ranked
97 category present within the length of the buffered EI5C was used as the final rating regardless
98 of percentage coverage. The hazard rating for each Earthwork Inspection 5 Chain was compiled
99 by calculating and recording the percentage of each A (low) – E (high) category contained
100 within the EI5C buffer.

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102 **i. GeoSure: Slope Instability (Landslides)**

103 As described in Freeborough *et al.* (2016), a scientifically based 1:50 000 scale assessment of
104 the potential susceptibility to natural slope failure at a location is provided by the national
105 GeoSure: slope instability (Landslides). Data on slope angle, material strength and the known
106 susceptibility to instability of different lithologies, are combined using a multi-criteria and
107 heuristic approach; applying a series of rules against the available data to provide a hazard
108 ‘score’ at each location (Lee & Diaz Doce 2014). A high susceptibility score of D or E indicates
109 that the ground conditions imply a significant potential for future instability via down slope
110 movement of material (Table 1). The GeoSure Instability Landslides Susceptibility Model
111 Great Britain (Version 7.0) dataset is produced for use at 1:50 000 scale providing 50 m ground
112 resolution. For this study further information on the instability of specific Glacial Till
113 formations was included in the algorithm.

114 **ii. GeoSure Extra: Debris Flow Susceptibility**

115 Areas of potential debris flow hazard are identified in GIS format in the Debris Flow
116 susceptibility model. Debris flows (Hungry *et al.* 2014) are a widespread phenomenon in
117 mountainous terrain and are distinct from other types of landslides as they can occur
118 periodically on established paths, usually gullies and first- or second-order drainage channels
119 (Winter *et al.* 2005) . The mechanism of this particular type of failure is such that potential
120 locations are not as well represented in the GeoSure methodology. Debris flows in GB are most
121 commonly found in upland Scotland but also in parts of Wales and the Lake District. Previous
122 studies have used debris flow susceptibility methodology developed for the landscape of
123 Scotland (Winter *et al.*, 2005; Harrison *et al.* 2008). Requiring a national coverage, and with
124 increasing availability of data and improvements in process understanding, the BGS developed
125 a new national product, the Debris Flow Susceptibility Model dataset (Bee *et al.* 2017). The

126 dataset is produced for use at 1:50 000 scale providing 50 m ground resolution, and uses inputs
127 to determine the characteristics of weathering products formed by the underlying geological
128 materials, slope angle, presence of streams, and indications of infiltration potential (Bee *et al.*
129 2017). A high susceptibility score of D or E indicates that the ground conditions imply a
130 significant potential for future instability via down slope movement of material (Table 1). The
131 model was correlated with an inventory of 2,000 debris flows (Dashwood *et al.* 2017).

132 **iii. Earth Flow**

133 In this research the term earth flow is used as the closest to these types of movement and failures
134 seen on the rail network. Earth flows are mass movements of fine-grained materials that range
135 from rapid earth flows formed in highly sensitive clay deposits to relatively slower earth flows
136 common in fine-grained soils and in some cases, weathered fine-grained rocks such as
137 mudstones (Sharpe, 1938; Varnes, 1978). Glacial Tills are an extremely heterogeneous range
138 of deposits, with variations occurring across the country related to topographic region, nature
139 of the underlying bedrock and depositional processes. Different glacial till (Glacigenic) units
140 have now been identified and the regional variation in behaviour used in this research. Particle
141 sizes distribution can range from clay to boulders. Many tills comprise varying proportions of
142 coarse material in a fine-grained (clay or silt) matrix, whilst others are coarse-grained. Some
143 till units contain beds or lenses of sand and gravel (glaciofluvial deposits) and laminated clay
144 and silt (glaciolacustrine deposits). These beds or lenses can lead to marked variations and local
145 changes in engineering characteristics. Variations in soil properties such as hydraulic
146 conductivity within a till unit may result local increases in pore water pressures at the interface
147 between the coarse-grained and fine-grained material with associated seepage erosion and
148 flowing of material at the surface.

149 The heterogeneity of glacial till deposits and the subsequent influence of this on landslide
150 susceptibility, was captured in the scoring system for Earth flow which reflects the presence
151 of sand and gravel lenses and in particular laminated clays and silts within the different till
152 deposits. Trenter (1999) emphasises the contribution of glaciolacustrine deposits to instability,
153 due to their lower shear and residual strengths when compared with the bulk of the till unit.

154 The data on till susceptibility has been combined with a Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and
155 appropriate slope angle categories to create a refined Earth Flow Susceptibility Model. A high
156 susceptibility score of D or E indicates ground conditions with a significant potential for future
157 instability via down slope movement of material (Table 1).

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159 **iv. Rock Fall**

160 Detachment of fragments of strong or hard rock from cliff faces is a common phenomenon in
161 many areas of GB. A binary data layer was created indicating the potential presence of
162 susceptible rock. Identification of crags and cliffs using breaks in slope, combined with
163 engineering property data (Dobbs *et al.* 2012) and a Digital Terrain Model (DTM) to create an
164 indicative layer of conditioning factors present within a pixel; indicating present (E) or not (A)
165 for each pixel processing (Table 1). The binary layer does not take into account the process or
166 pathway of a rock fragment (i.e. rolling, toppling, sliding), nor does it include jointing or
167 structural controls which could increase the likelihood of failure.

168 **v. Inventory data and information.**

169 Landslide Inventory information is provided by geological mapping and database sources.
170 Landslide deposits are spatially represented on the BGS published digital 1:50 000 geological
171 maps of Great Britain (DiGMap50) after retrospective digitisation of geological maps.
172 Historically, geological mapping has recorded the location of identifiable landslide deposits as
173 'landslip' on field slips. Due to controlling factors such as: natural landform degradation,
174 minimum-scale mapping rules, and identifiable visible extents, the physical recording of
175 deposit detail and classification on a map is not always captured. The National Landslide
176 Database (NLD) is the most comprehensive inventory of landslide events in GB. The database
177 currently holds information for over 17 000 records (Pennington *et al.* 2015). NLD data are
178 point based, thus new or small event information can be recorded without a corresponding
179 spatially mapped deposit. The underpinning Oracle database is linked to an ArcGIS which
180 displays the NLD landslides as point data.

181 Each NLD event entry has an identification number (NLD ID) and is documented at a minimum
182 index level with information on location, name, and full bibliographic reference
183 (Foster *et al.* 2012a; Pennington *et al.* 2015). The source reference may provide further
184 detailed information which is also included in the record (Foster *et al.* 2012a). The NLD is
185 continually being updated as new events are recorded or reported (Taylor *et al.* 2015). The
186 Network Rail failure reporting standard, NR/L3/CIV/185, (previously CIV028; Network Rail
187 2017b) dataset of earthwork failures on the rail network was also used to cross correlate and
188 further enrich the NLD information on Outside Party Slope failures.

189 Using these datasets in parallel, ensured all current BGS records of historic or recent
190 movement, within the 1 km railway corridor, were included in the model as a landslide
191 inventory.

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193 **Creation of a terrain guided buffer**

194 Although the model does not address pathway or likelihood of an event affecting the railway,
195 the included data is limited by the creation of a buffer influenced by the geometry of the terrain
196 perpendicular to the railway. Previous studies (Foster *et al.* 2012b) have been carried out using
197 a BGS generated 1 km buffered corridor along the railway, termed 'Wavy Buffer'. The wavy
198 buffer is based on a distance/ catchment rather than assessment of topographical features,
199 500 m either side of the centre rail line, it is known to overestimate potential hazard. There is
200 no consideration of pathway or slope determination in the processing of the wavy buffer.

201 The Network Rail property boundary is removed from the OPS model calculation to avoid
202 inclusion of Network Rail owned and managed earthworks (embankments and cuttings), (Arup
203 2015; Power *et al* 2016) and thus focussing the model on Outside Party Slopes. In order to
204 further focus the potential Outside Party Slope zone, a Buffer of External Natural Geological
205 Influence (BENGI) was created using Ordnance Survey Terrain 5 (OST5) DTM interpretation
206 and a set of terrain rules. The OST5 is a mid-level DTM product from the Ordnance Survey, a
207 United Kingdom national mapping agency, based on a 5 m grid with a typical accuracy of 2 m
208 Root Mean Square Error.

209 The BENGI was created by Network Rail in collaboration with BGS using OST5 to determine
210 breaks of slope along 1 km cross-sections; 500 m either side of the centre rail line. The
211 methodology created individual cross sections of maximum 500 m either side of the railway at
212 20 m intervals perpendicular to the rail line (Figure 3a). Spot heights were added at 10 m
213 intervals along each cross-section and connected together to create individual slope profiles. If
214 the angle between two spot heights was greater than 5 degrees this indicated a slope, a change
215 equal to 5 degrees or less was considered to be flat. Benched slopes on the cross sections were
216 automatically detected and removed where the slope direction either side of the bench were
217 identical (cutting, bench cutting, or embankment, bench embankment) and the bench was less
218 than 30% of the slope length. Slopes occurring within 50 m of the Network Rail property
219 boundary and/or 50 m from rail centre line were considered, therefore removing large flat
220 expanses of land and slopes beyond the 50 m limit. A 100 m lateral buffer was applied to each

221 of the cross sections, to generate a polygon that deliberately exaggerates the total amount of
222 land where a slope may be present; to accommodate the fact that the methodology does not
223 model flow path analysis.

224 Each EI5C has been assigned a final score to represent the potential for landslide hazard termed
225 the 'Classification of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes' (CHOPS) (Figure 3b). The final
226 processing combined the maximum susceptibility model score and inventory data in ArcGIS
227 and was clipped to the BENGI, to assign the CHOPS hazard. Any EI5C determined by the
228 processing to have no Outside Party Slope are classified as CHOPS_U. This provides a national
229 overview of modelled potential landslide hazard from Outside Party Slopes for the full network
230 (Figure 4).

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232 **Outputs**

233 The current assessment was compiled based on Geographic Information System (GIS)
234 techniques and desktop modelling to adopt a structured analysis of the network, providing a
235 hazard score for each buffered EI5C. The layers and final results are all scored resulting in a
236 maximum score of the A- E susceptibility schema; the highest final hazard rating being a
237 CHOPS_E. The level of potential hazard is not an indication that a damaging event is going to
238 happen rather an indication of how many causative factors may be present and how severe they
239 are thought to be.

240 Research carried out by Network Rail (Arup 2015; Powers *et al* 2016) assessing the Earthworks
241 of the strategic network resulted in the refinement in the evaluation of the potential safety
242 consequences of a train derailment at a given location. This is derived through the Common
243 Consequence Tool (CCT) (Arup 2015) and takes into account factors such as train speed,
244 number of tracks at location and track position (potentially increasing the magnitude of the
245 safety consequence should a derailment occur), in addition to distance to obstacles such as
246 body of water, tunnel portal or other significant line-side structure. The CCT aims to provide
247 a consistent means of modelling consequences of derailment for any location; from this is
248 derived Derailment Criticality Band (DCB). The DCB is recorded as a value 1-5; a score of 0
249 is assigned where no Earthwork has previously been identified. The final information for each
250 EI5C are presented spatially in a series of Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.
251 (ESRI) shapefiles, the accompanying attribute table, and numerically in Excel spreadsheet
252 form. The CHOPS score is combined with the Network Rail DCB in a 6 x 5 matrix

253 configuration presenting scientific interpretation of baseline mapping directly in line with
254 stakeholder focussed datasets (Figure 5).

255 Differences between national and regional context reporting is a key communication point for
256 future focused analysis of the network. When reporting figures in a national versus route
257 context of EI5C scoring, differences arise in potential interpretation of resulting statistics and
258 need to be addressed clearly. When evaluating the national overview, 2.49 % of Wales is
259 reported as CHOPS_ E and 4.08 % in Scotland. On paper this could imply that a greater
260 consideration should be given to Scotland. In comparison, on further examination of
261 information at the regional scale these figure change to 26.24 % for Wales and 23.89 % for
262 Scotland. When combined with the DCB matrix, just two EI5C lengths in Wales are identified
263 as both high hazard potential (CHOPS_E) and high DCB (5), providing a final score of E5. In
264 comparison Scotland identifies fifty-six EI5C with a final score of E5 (Table 2). Further
265 Network Rail analyses will need to focus on the implications of prioritising potentially lower hazard
266 score, but a higher DCB score.

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268 **Conclusions**

269 Outside Party Slope hazard identification is a key priority for Network Rail operating plans,
270 however the full extent of network slope is likely to be difficult to access and inspect. This
271 research offers a national overview of the full strategic network. The model is a desk-top tool
272 to aid site prioritisation for the next phase of route investigations and funding. It is not a risk
273 map and should not be used as such. A high hazard score within the model does not
274 necessarily translate to a high risk; there is no interpretation of likelihood, preventative
275 construction or hazard management schemes in place. Nor does the model assess the cost of a
276 hazard being realised or the exposure to assets or people. The hazard score only examines the
277 conditions that leave an area predisposed to a hazard occurring, based on the geological
278 mapping at the location. The data on the models should not be used as a definitive measure of what
279 is at a given a location, but rather as an indication of what may be there. The data are, of course, not
280 intended as a replacement for detailed site-specific studies or Route Asset Manager knowledge. The
281 research and future liaison with Route Asset Managers will enable strategically focused
282 analysis of the network, in order to prioritise and direct future investigation and policy
283 decisions.

284 This is emerging Research & Development with which the BGS have assisted Network Rail in
285 understanding natural hazards using mapped geology products and digital terrain models. This
286 research has been undertaken as ongoing continuous improvement to understand the potential
287 threats from land beyond the immediate railway infrastructure. The evolution of understanding
288 from natural threats beyond the land owned by Network Rail is a significant step forward.
289 However, the baseline assessment that has been undertaken is not yet ready for immediate
290 integration into the infrastructure owners' policy or standards framework. Further validation,
291 review and consideration are now needed to ascertain the best way of proportionally
292 incorporating potential threats from natural slopes into the already challenging area of
293 geotechnical asset management.

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373 **Figure Captions**

374 **Fig. 1.** Derailment of train at Stob Coire Sgriodian, Scottish Highlands 28.06.2012, caused by
375 a shallow planar landslide that developed into a Debris flow (©NERC)

376 **Fig. 2.** Schematic representation of the classification of landslide type after Cruden and Varnes
377 (1996) (©NERC)

378 **Fig. 3.** A schematic representation of the Outside Party Slope final Earthwork Inspection 5
379 Chain (EI5C) sections using the Buffer of External Natural Geological Influence (BENGI).
380 Any cross section within Network Rail property or a spot of change of less than 5 degrees is
381 excluded from the analysis).

382 **Fig. 4.** National output of the Outside Party Classification of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes
383 research, presenting the maximum hazard score for each Earthwork Inspection 5 Chain for
384 Great Britain (©NERC)

385 **Fig. 5.** Graphic representation of Classification of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes (A – E)
386 and Derailment Criticality Band (0 - 5) matrices results.

387 **Table 1.** *Text descriptions for the A-E hazard ratings of the landslide susceptibility models*
388 *used in the assessment of the rail network*

389 **Table 2.** *Example data extract showing regional route analysis of final matrices Classification*
390 *of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes (CHOPS) score (C- E) and Derailment Criticality Band*
391 *(DCB) (4 and 5).*

Susceptibility model hazard rating definition				
Legend	GeoSure instability: (Landslides)	Debris Flow	Earth Flow	Rock fall
A	<p>Slope instability problems are not thought to occur</p> <p>Slope instability problems are not thought to occur, but potential problems of adjacent areas impacting on the site should always be considered.</p>	<p>Debris flows are not thought to occur.</p> <p>This is due to a lack of available slope materials, high drainage rates or low slope angle.</p>	<p>Earth flow failures are not thought to occur.</p> <p>Till deposits are not thought to be present or till deposits are present but considered not susceptible to failure due to very low slope angles.</p>	Factors contributing to a potential rock fall hazard are not indicated as being present within this pixel
B	<p>Slope instability problems are not likely to occur</p> <p>Slope instability problems are not likely to occur, but potential problems of adjacent areas impacting on the site should always be considered.</p>	<p>Debris flows are not likely to occur.</p> <p>This is either due to a limited availability slope materials, sufficient drainage rates or low slope angles.</p>	<p>Earth flow failures are not likely to occur.</p> <p>Low to moderately susceptible till deposits are present, but earth flow type failures are not likely to occur due to controlling slope angles.</p>	-
C	<p>Slope instability problems may be present or anticipated.</p> <p>Site investigation should consider specifically the slope stability of the site.</p>	<p>Debris flows may be present or anticipated.</p> <p>The combinations of increasing slope angle, poor drainage condition and the presence of available material may increase the potential for failures to occur.</p>	<p>Earth flow failures may be present or anticipated.</p> <p>Earth flow failures may be anticipated due to moderately susceptible lithology and potentially controlling slope angles.</p>	-
D	<p>Slope instability problems are probably present or have occurred in the past.</p> <p>Land use should consider specifically the stability of the site.</p>	<p>Debris flows are probably present or have occurred in the past.</p> <p>The combinations of steep slopes, poor drainage conditions and an increased presence of available material suggest that debris flows are likely to be present at these sites.</p>	<p>Earth flow failures are likely to be present.</p> <p>Slopes at this location are particularly susceptible to earth flow failures due to the moderate – high susceptible tills and indicated controlling slope angles.</p>	-
E	<p>Slope instability problems almost certainly present and may be active.</p> <p>Significant constraint on land use.</p>	<p>Debris flows are highly likely to be present.</p> <p>The heightened combinations of steep slopes, poor drainage conditions and the presence of available material suggest that debris flows are highly likely to be present at these sites.</p>	<p>Earth flow failures are highly likely to be present.</p> <p>Slopes at this location are particularly susceptible to Earth flow failures due to the presence of highly susceptible tills and indicated 20 -35 degree slope angle.</p>	Factors contributing to a potential rock fall hazard are indicated as being present within this pixel:

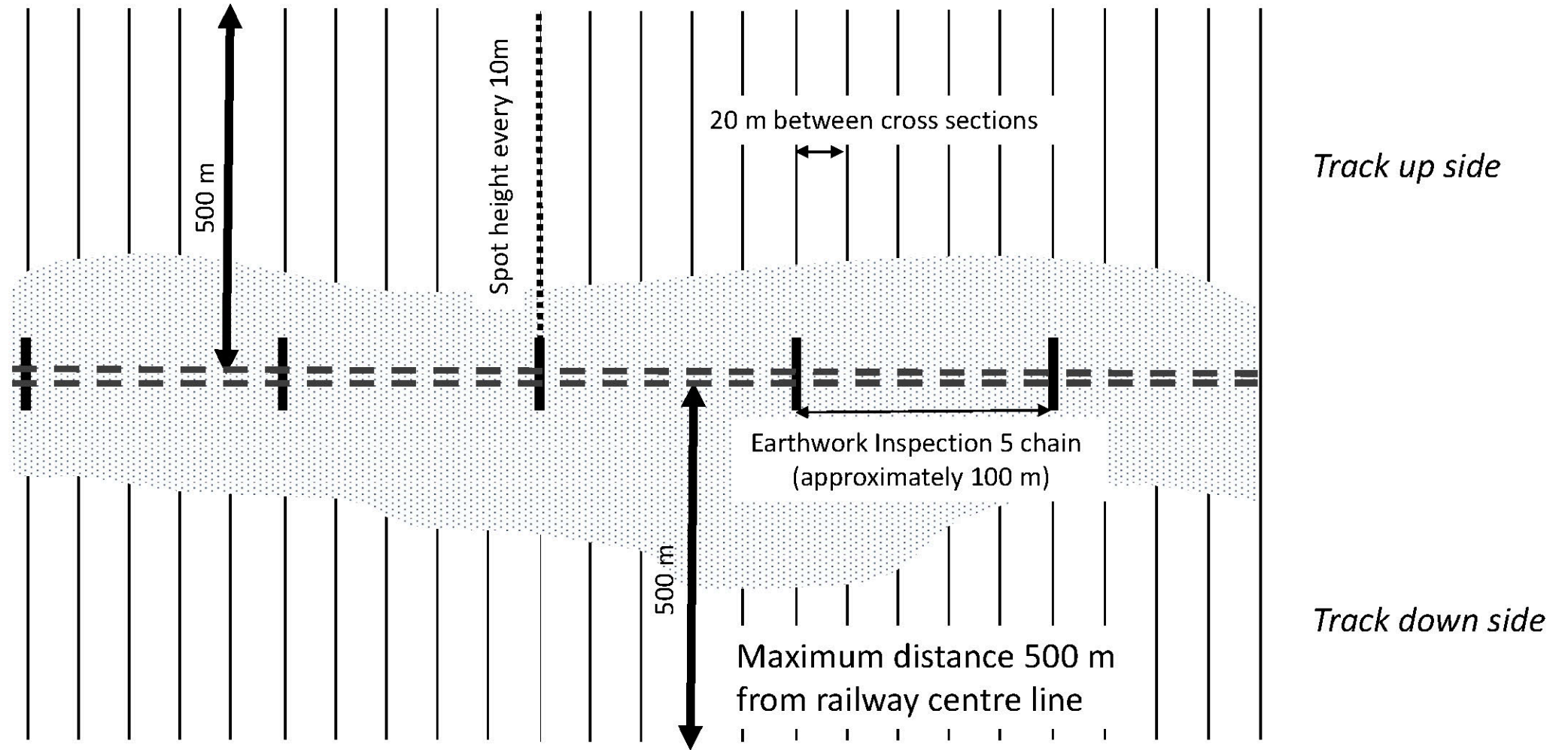
Table 1. Descriptions for hazard ratings of the landslide susceptibility models used in the assessment of the rail network




Regional Network Rail Route	Hazard rating score (CHOPS and DCB)									Total extract count
	C3	C4	C5	D3	D4	D5	E3	E4	E5	
Anglia	159	91	44	11	5	3	14	0	0	327
LNEEM	820	561	308	184	108	43	233	164	106	2527
LNW	896	748	450	294	135	85	188	114	73	2983
Scotland	544	355	180	236	133	59	342	139	56	2044
South East	337	75	159	55	12	35	149	27	62	911
Wales	88	33	19	23	16	7	28	23	2	239
Wessex	233	29	15	33	7	0	89	9	2	417
Western	828	368	120	138	71	25	200	124	85	1959
Total extract count	3905	2260	1295	974	487	257	1243	600	386	11407

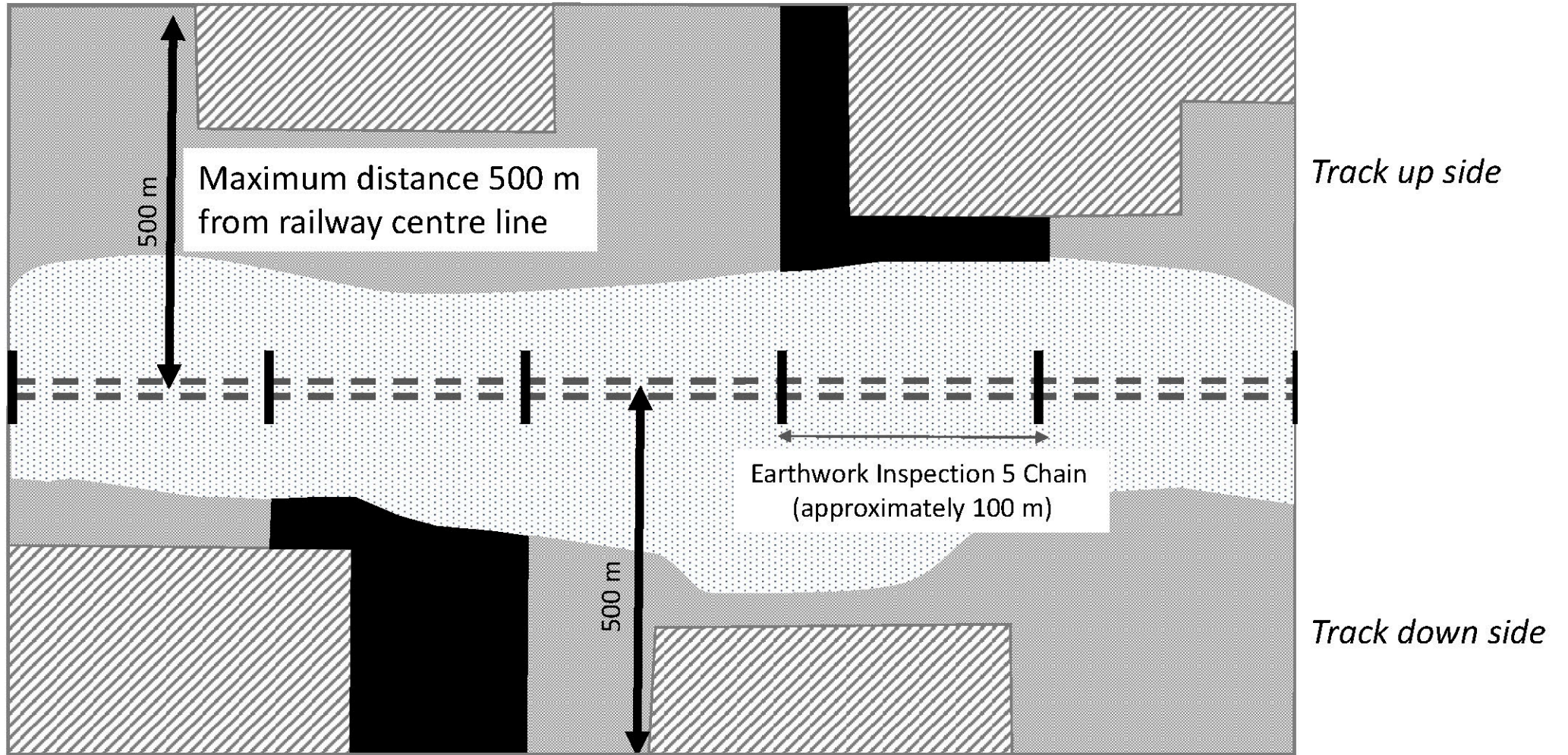
Table 2. Example data extract showing regional route analysis of final matrices Classification of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes (CHOPS) score (C- E) and Derailment Criticality Band (DCB) (4 and 5)


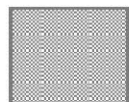




Material		ROCK	DEBRIS	EARTH
Movement type				
FALLS		<p>Scar Rock fall Rock Fall Debris</p>	<p>Scar Debris fall Scree Debris cone</p>	<p>Scar Earth fall Fine soil Colluvium Debris cone</p>
		<p>Rock topple</p>	<p>Debris topple Debris cone</p>	<p>Cracks Earth topple Debris cone</p>
SLIDES	Rotational	<p>Single rotational slide (slump) Failure surface</p>	<p>Crown Head Multiple rotational slide Minor Scarp Failure surface Toe</p>	<p>Successive rotational slides</p>
	Translational (Planar)	<p>Rock slide</p>	<p>Debris slide</p>	<p>Earth slide</p>
SPREADS	<p>Cap rock Normal sub-horizontal structure Gully Camber slope Dip and fault structure Valley bulge (planed off by erosion) Thinning of beds Plane of décollement Competent substratum</p> <p>e.g. cambering and valley bulging</p>			<p>Earth spread</p>
FLOWS	<p>Solifluction flows (Periglacial debris flows)</p>	<p>Debris flow</p>	<p>Earth flow (mud flow)</p>	
COMPLEX	<p>e.g. Slump-earthflow with rockfall debris</p>	<p>e.g. composite, non-circular part rotational/part translational slide grading to earthflow at toe</p>		





-  Earthwork Inspection 5 Chain section
-  Railway track and centre line
-  Network Rail Property



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|  | Earthwork Inspection 5 Chain section |  | Area covered by topological buffer (BENGI) |
|  | Railway track and centre line |  | Area removed by topological buffer (BENGI) |
|  | Network Rail Property |  | Example area covered by final buffered sections
Classification of Outside Party Slope (EI5C + BENGI) |



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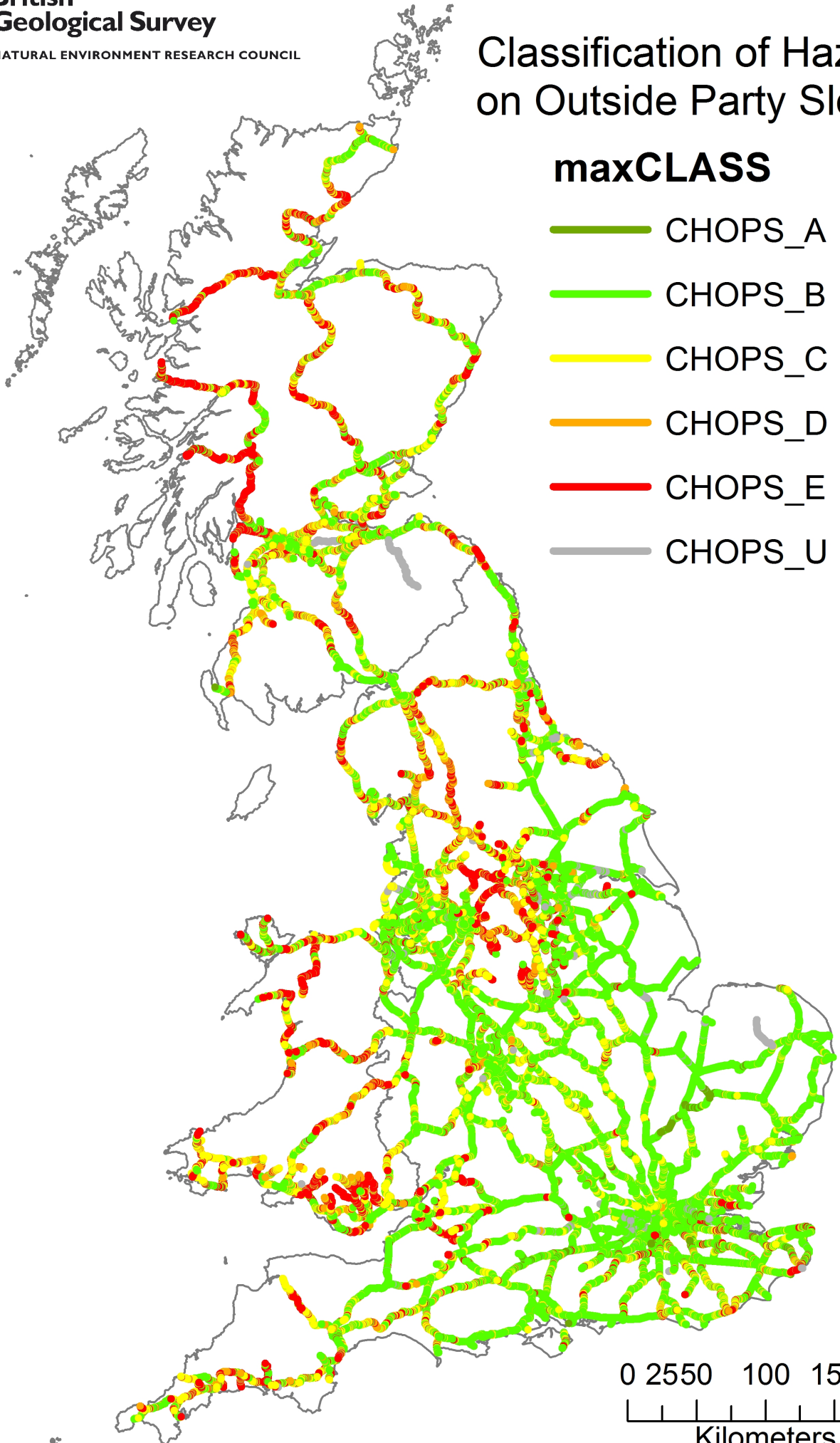
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Classification of Hazards on Outside Party Slopes

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-  CHOPS_A
-  CHOPS_B
-  CHOPS_C
-  CHOPS_D
-  CHOPS_E
-  CHOPS_U



0 25 50 100 150 200



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