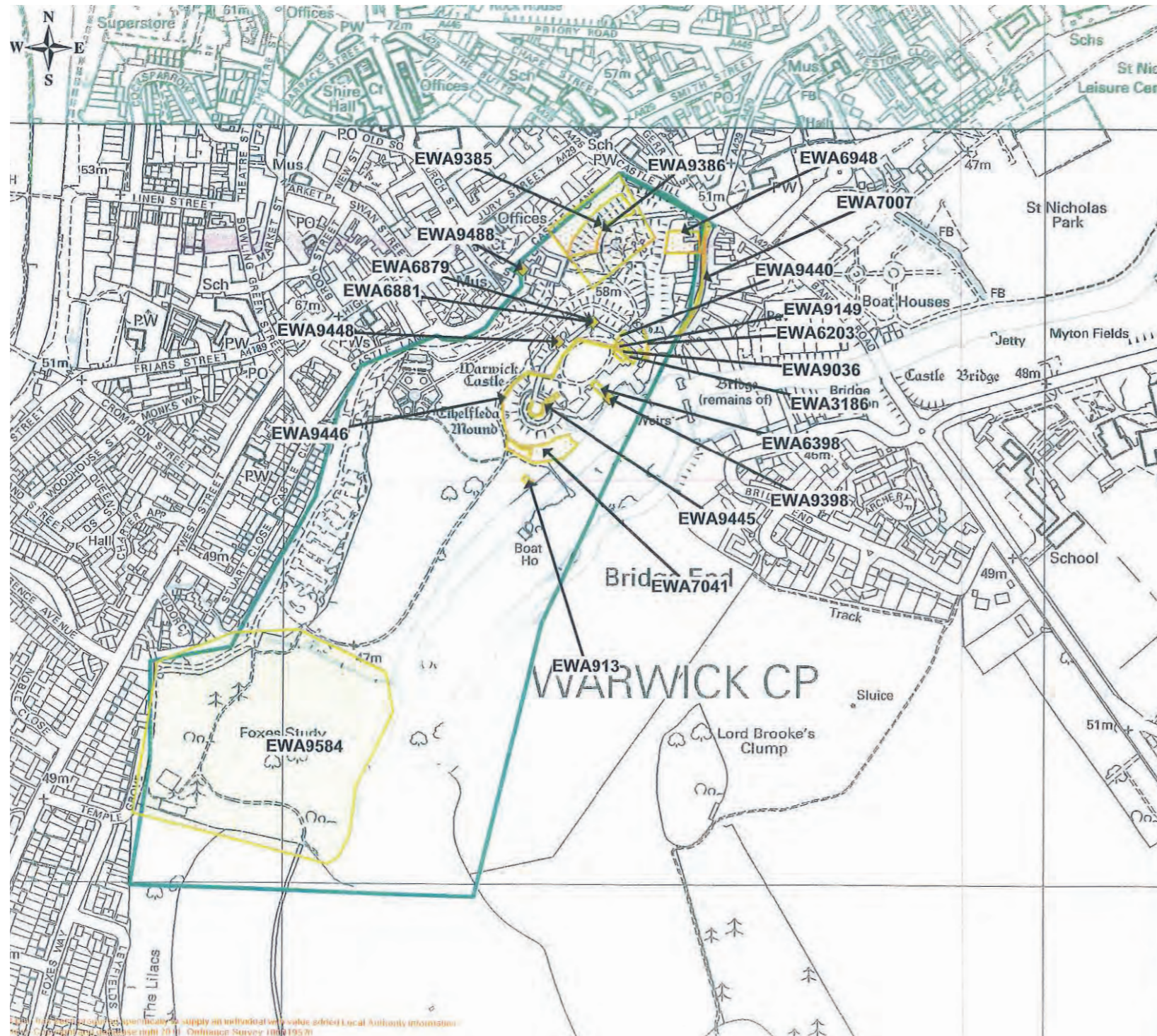


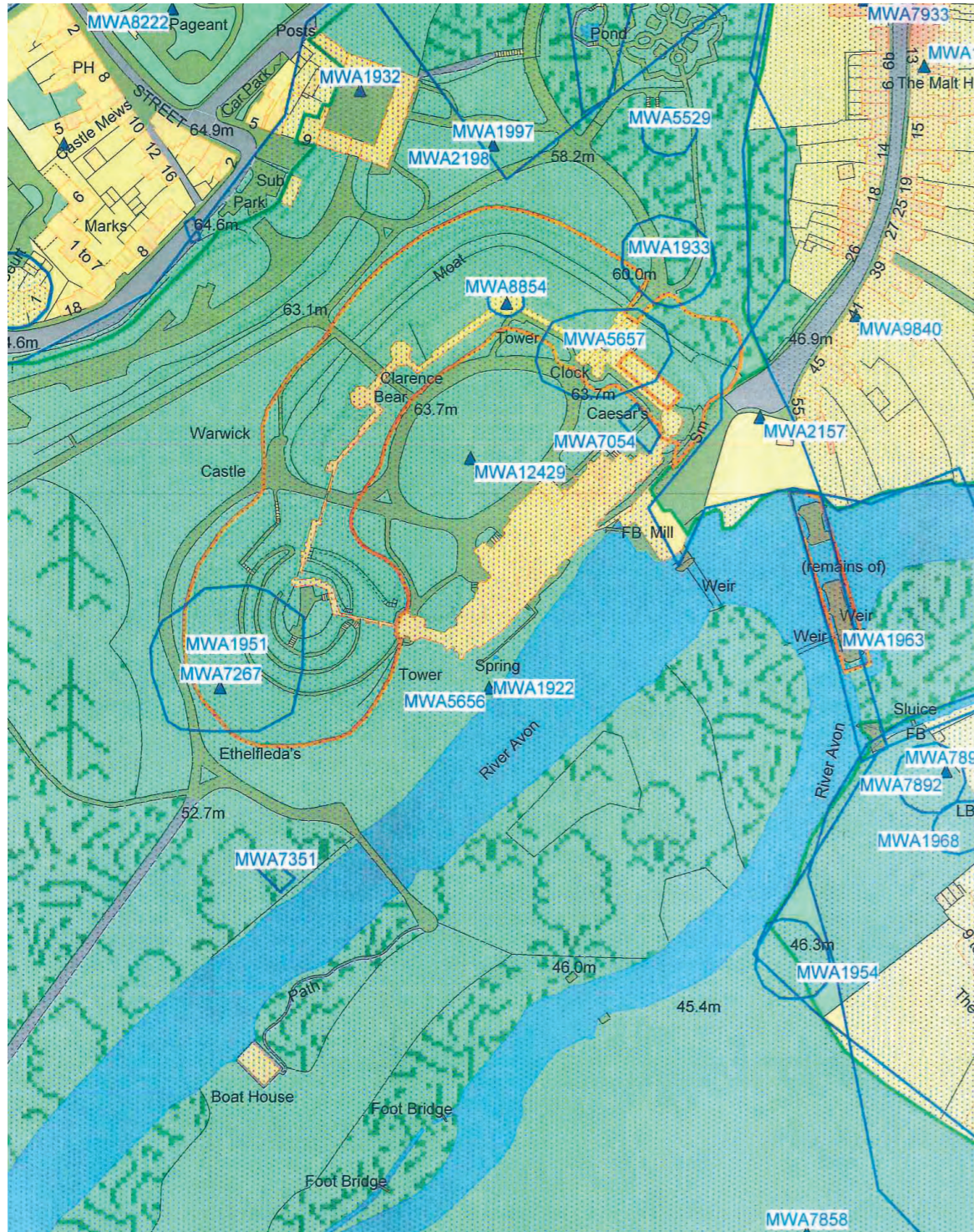
Figure 2.6: Historic Environment Records (HERs) for Monuments (features / buildings)

| Monument / Building Record Reference | Name   | Summary of Description  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| MWA1951                              | Site of Church of All Saints, Warwick Castle                             | Site of the Medieval Church of All Saints at Warwick Castle which was founded in 1119. Exact location within the Castle is unknown.   |
| MWA7267                              | Warwick Castle Domestic Range Undercroft                                 | Built in the Medieval period, largely escaped alteration and retains many original features.  |
| MWA1956                              | Not part of Warwick Castle   |   |
| MWA6641                              | Findspot – Post Medieval metal items in Warwick Castle Park              | Findspot – Post Medieval items were found in Castle Park, Warwick.  |
| MWA4333                              | Findspot – Medieval Assorted Finds                                       | Findspot – finds from Castle Park dating to Medieval period including coins, two strap ends, buckles and a seal.  |
| MWA6640                              | Findspot – Roman coin from Castle Park, Warwick                          | Findspot – a Roman coin found at Castle Park.   |
| MWA7351                              | 17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> Landscape Features at Warwick Castle | Excavations revealed that landscaping around the Castle had taken place during the Imperial Period.   |
| MWA1922                              | Warwick Castle, Phase I  | Phase I of Warwick Castle which was built from 1068 as a motte and bailey castle. First constructed in wood, was rebuilt in stone possibly during 12 <sup>th</sup> century.   |
| MWA5656                              | Site of Early Medieval Settlement at Warwick Castle                      | Dating to the early Medieval period. Evidence that building of the castle led to 4 houses being demolished.   |
| MWA7054                              | Brewhouse West of Caesar's Tower, Warwick Castle                         | Evidence that there was once a Medieval period brewhouse west of Caesar's Tower.  |
| MWA2157                              | Castle Mill, Warwick   | The site of several watermills dating from the Medieval to Imperial period. Present building dates from the 18 <sup>th</sup> century and main waterwheel survives.  |
| MWA5657                              | Medieval defences  | Archaeological excavation revealed a bank containing Medieval pottery. The foundations of a Medieval gatehouse were also discovered.  |
| MWA1933                              | Old Stables at Warwick Castle  | First built in the Medieval period just outside the Castle gate. Demolished and rebuilt in 1667. Demolished in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century and resited on Castle Street.   |
| MWA7933                              | Not part of Warwick Castle   |   |
| MWA5529                              | Icehouse in Castle Park, S of Castle Hill                                | Built in the Imperial period and located in Castle Park.  |
| MWA7050                              | Not part of Warwick Castle   |   |
| MWA5528                              | Excavation of C17 – C19 Settlement S of Castle Hill                      | Archaeological excavation revealed settlement dating to the Imperial period south of Castle Hill; including a cess pit, a house platform, cellars and former roads.   |
| MWA1997                              | Medieval Features to South of Castle Hill                                | A Medieval pit and traces of a yard were found during an archaeological excavation.   |
| MWA1932                              | Warwick Castle Stables   | Built between 1768 and 1771 and constructed of sandstone.   |
| MWA2198                              | Site of Medieval Roads to N of Castle                                    | Site of Medieval roads known from documentary sources and historic maps.  |
| MWA8854                              | Guy's Tower, Warwick Castle  | Dates to the Medieval period. Construction of the lower part of the tower began in the 1380s.   |
| MWA7481                              | Arch Eval at Warwick Castle (Trench 2)                                   | Results of an excavation showed that certain parts of Castle Park were not covered by the Medieval settlement. Post Medieval activity revealed, though Medieval pottery was also found.                                 |
| MWA8855                              | Medieval tiled floor, Guy's Tower, Warwick Castle                        | The remains of a Medieval tiled floor which consists of glazed, decorated ceramic floor tiles.  |
| MWA12429                             | Civil War Activity, Warwick Castle                                       | The Castle was refortified just before the Civil War. It was besieged for around 2 days by Royalist forces led by the Earl of Northampton in August 1642. A number of features, some still visible, have been recorded. |



| Monument / Building Record Reference | Name   | Summary of Description   |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| EWA9446                              | Observation of cabling within the courtyard of Warwick Castle                                    | Features recorded were mostly associated with the Capability Brown landscaping of the Castle.  |
| EWA9448                              | Observation of repairs to the Bear and Clarence Tower Bridge, Warwick Castle                     | Two 1.5m deep soakaways in the bottom of the Castle ditch showed the original depth to have been much greater than at present.   |
| EWA6881                              | Photographic survey of tiled floor, Guy's Tower  | Recording a medieval tiled floor. Also a programme of drawing and researching the tile designs.  |
| EWA6879                              | Guy's Tower, Warwick Castle, Medieval and later use  | Research into the Medieval and later usage of Guy's Tower. Building is likely to have begun in the 1380s.  |
| EWA9488                              | Not part of Warwick Castle   |  |
| EWA9385                              | Archaeological Observation of Adventure Playground: Warwick Castle Park                          | Area formerly within the Medieval town and known as the Vineyard from the middle ages until the 18 <sup>th</sup> century. A small number of Medieval pits were recorded.   |
| EWA9386                              | Evaluation on north grounds of Warwick Castle Park   | 12 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> century features were located. Some features associated with the 18 <sup>th</sup> century development of the parkland were recorded.  |
| EWA6948                              | Not part of Warwick Castle   |  |
| EWA7007                              | Not part of Warwick Castle   |  |
| EWA9440                              | Excavation along line of pipe trench, Warwick Castle   | The earliest layers excavated contained 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> century pottery, overlain by a series of make-up layer.  |
| EWA9149                              | Archaeological excavation of bases for a new ticket tent and banners in Warwick Castle Courtyard | Three small trenches revealed only layers associated with 18 <sup>th</sup> Century landscaping.  |
| EWA6203                              | Warwick Castle: Archaeological Evaluation of paths below Caesar's Tower                          | Four trial trenches were excavated mainly laying along earlier, post-medieval paths and elements of the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century landscaping of this area. Fieldwork also uncovered a foundation of Caesar's Tower itself and provided evidence to suggest that the Medieval ditch was considerably wider and deeper than the existing one. |
| EWA9036                              | Archaeological recording of a new entrance pavilion in Warwick Castle Courtyard (2007)           | Revealed no significant features. The earliest layer revealed probably associated with 19 <sup>th</sup> century landscaping.   |
| EWA3186                              | Archaeological Investigation of Brewhouse adjacent to Caesar's Tower                             | Recorded the robbed out foundations of the Brewhouse, as recorded on Smythson's plan of c. 1600.   |
| EWA6398                              | Domestic Range Undercroft: Archaeological Recording (Phase I) at Warwick Castle                  | A small trench was excavated, service trenches observed and architectural features were recorded.  |
| EWA9398                              | Observation of masonry repairs, revetment, Warwick Castle  | A number of 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century drains were recorded, cut into the ground behind the revetment.  |
| EWA9445                              | Evaluation of Castle Mound, Warwick Castle   | Part of the Medieval shell keep was recorded together with Medieval mound construction layers. The Mound was later used as a gun battery in the Civil War.   |
| EWA7041                              | Warwick Castle: Archaeological recording of path   | Observed the construction of a new path south of the Castle mound. No features recorded, some post-medieval finds, roof tile / clay pipe.  |
| EWA913                               | Archaeological Evaluation of a hard standing for fire engines south of Warwick Castle Mound      | Landscaping features, undated, but possibly 17 <sup>th</sup> century in origin, were recorded in test pitting.   |
| EWA9584                              | Map regression of Foxes Study, Warwick Castle Park   | Cartographic evidence from 1610 to the present day was used.   |

Figure 2.7: Historic Environment Records (HERs) Events (including field work)



| Monument / Building Record Reference | Name                                 | Summary of Description  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| MWA6956                              | Warwick Castle Park                  | Documentary and evidence from excavation shows that the landscaped park dates to the Post Medieval and Imperial periods.  |
| MWA1968                              | Site of Medieval Cross at Bridge End | Documentary evidence suggests that this is the probably site of a Medieval cross, at the western loop of Bridge End.  |
| MWA7893                              | Boundary Wall at Park House          | Excavations revealed a boundary wall dating to the Imperial period just south of Warwick Castle Old Bridge.   |
| MWA1932                              | Warwick Castle Stables               | The Stables at Warwick Castle were built between 1768 and 1771 and constructed of sandstone. They now hold the ticket office and form the entrance to Warwick Castle. |

Figure 2.8: Historic Environment Records (HER) for the Castle

## Warwick Castle as a Tourist Attraction

2.14 Railways, bicycles, trams and then cars and coaches allowed for greater access to the Castle. This increase in tourism encouraged the commercialisation of the Castle and, in turn, it became a venue for events as well as an attraction in its own right.

2.15 In 1978, the Castle, its contents and part of the parkland (as well as its archives) were sold to S Pearson & Son (later the Pearson Group), owner of Madame Tussauds, for £1.5 million.

2.16 In 1980, the Castle was the 8th top heritage attraction in the Country, one of the top two country houses and the nation's most important commercial property (not in the ownership of the state, a trust or a private family). By 1996, it was attracting 820,000 visitors per annum. Shortly after, the Pearson Group was restructured and led to a management buy-out of TTG.

2.17 In March 2005, TTG was sold to Dubai International Capital and in 2007, Merlin Entertainments Group (MEG), acquired TTG and its attractions, forming part of MEG's growing entertainment and leisure portfolio.

2.18 Today, the Castle continues to be operated by MEG and makes an important contribution to the Warwick and Warwickshire economy. The Castle and its grounds (the part within MEG ownership) occupy much of the land to the east and south-east of the historic centre of Warwick. This comprises 23ha of informal gardens and pleasure grounds, a river island and part of Castle Park. A number of permanent attractions are provided within the Castle and its grounds, such as the 'Royal Weekend Party', 'Castle Dungeons', Great Hall and State Rooms, and 'Time Tower'. These are discussed further in Section 6.



Warwick Castle: Domestic range, internal courtyard

## Warwick Castle Today

2.19 The Castle and its immediate grounds are immediately to the south east of Warwick Town Centre, with the River Avon flowing through the centre of the site. Whilst the Castle owns some land beyond the Avon that is part of the historic park, the majority of the 600 acre park is in separate ownership. The extent of the land holding and park are shown on Figure 2.9.

2.20 The aerial photograph (Figure 2.9) highlights a number of features:

- Castle
- Castle Mill (1)
- Conservatory
- Stables (2)
- Stratford Road Car Park (the main visitors car park)
- Stables Car Park
- River Island
- Historic driveway, from the Banbury Road (3)
- Foxes Study (where lodges and glamping is located: Knights Village)
- The maze (4)
- Children's Play Area (5)
- Old Castle Bridge (a Building at Risk, in three separate ownerships) (6)
- Boundary walls (7)
- The woodlands around the site and trees across the estate

2.21 Beyond the Castle but immediately adjacent are properties in Mill Street (to the north east) and to the west are mainly residential properties, along Castle Lane, Temple Grove, Tudor Close and Stuart Close. To the south is an area of the Park known as Leafields Farm and boundary planting, the Lilacs. Within the wider Castle Park, in addition to woodlands / tree belts is New Waters (formed by a dam across the Tachbrook) and listed bridge (Leafield) and The Hunting Lodge (Grade II\*).



Figure 2.9: Site Context Plan



Castle Mill and River Avon



The Stables



Old Castle Bridge



Knight's Village with Lodges in Foxes Study



Old Castle Driveway

2.22 In terms of topography, the main part of the Warwick Castle site, to the west of the Avon, occupies land generally set several meters above the river. The island and park to the east are lower lying and, as shown on the Environment Agency map, and evidenced by events over the past decades, at risk of flooding (Figure 2.10).



View of the River Avon from Castle Mill



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


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| Warwick Castle Site Boundary |  |
| Flood Zone 2                 |  |
| Flood Zone 3                 |  |
| River Avon                   |  |

Figure 2.10: Flood Mapping (source: EA Flood Mapping)



River Avon, towards southern end of the site, adjacent to Foxes Study



View from the Castle looking across the River Avon and weir, Old Bridge with Castle Park beyond and Bridge End.