

# **Site Investigation Report**



Job Information	
	Crawford & Co
Visit date	28/10/2022
Report date	07/11/2022















### lob Information

### Overview

Brief

Auger were commissioned by Crawford & Co to undertake a site investigation and CCTV inspection of the underground drainage within the area of concern (AOC) at the property.

### Findings

# Trial Hole

We were unable to reach the required depth in TH2 because we encountered impenetrable gravelly clay which our engineer could not auger through.

The footing exposed during TH2 was seen to be a brick step on top of sloped concrete.

### Visual Inspection

We carried out a water mains listening test whilst on site which revealed that there was no evidence of a leak on the incoming water supply serving the property.

The structure/ brick chamber of both manholes (MHI and MH2) were seen to be damaged, and as such require replacing. Refer to the images below which shows the damage to the chamber/ benching.

Within the area of concern there were multiple drains, some of which solely belonged to our customer, the neighbour and also some were shared. The drainage has been categorised into three groups (as seen below), we would advise the client refers back the **Shared Drainage** and the **Neighbours Drainage** to the LWA and neighbour respectively.

### **Neighbours Drainage**

### Line 1- MH1 upstream to WG1

Our CCTV survey did not reveal any defects which could be allowing an escape of water.

### Line 2- MH1 upstream to SVP

Our CCTV survey revealed a joint displacement. The cast iron section of this run was seen to be furred.

### Line 3- MH1 upstream to WG2

Our CCTV survey revealed a hole within the pipework. The cast iron section of this run like line 2 was furred in sections.

### Line 12- MH1 upstream to outside AOC

Our CCTV survey did not reveal any defects which could be allowing an escape of water. However similar to the above lines this cast iron run was furred.

### Shared Drainage

### Line 4- MHI downstream to MH2

Our CCTV survey revealed root ingress and a hole in the chamber just prior the trap outlet.

### Drain Survey

### Line 8- MH2 downstream to main run

Our CCTV survey revealed a hole, root ingress and joint displacements

### **Customers Drainage**

### Line 5- MH2 upstream to WC

Our CCTV survey revealed a joint displacement

### Line 6- MH2 upstream to WG3

Our CCTV survey revealed cracking and joint displacements

### Line 7- MH2 upstream to Rodding eye

Our CCTV survey did not reveal any defects which could be allowing an escape of water, although our survey did reveal the cast iron pipe is furred.

### Line 9- MH3 upstream to Unknown

Our CCTV survey revealed fracturing and mass debris. Due to the debris within the run and also the bend in the pipe we were unable to continue the survey as such this was abandoned. The end destination of the upstream pipe is currently unknown and the only way to actually confirm this is via an excavation.

### Line 10- MH3 downstream to outside AOC

Our CCTV survey revealed root ingress, fracturing and joint displacements.

### Line 11- MH4 downstream to Line 7

Our CCTV survey did not reveal any defects which could be allowing an escape of water.

The above mentioned defects to the below ground drainage system have been caused by ground movement.

### Recommendations

Auger would advise the neighbouring property to address the above issues mentioned for lines 2 and 3.

In terms of the shared drains and also the defective manholes, these defects need to be referred to the LWA. These defects could be leading to an escape of water into the surrounding ground. If the Loss Adjuster/Engineer is of the opinion that these defects are an influence in the cause of subsidence to the building structures, we recommend you inform the LWA of the problem and request that they (the LWA) inspect and repair their asset. We cannot undertake any further inspection or repair of LWA assets without the express approval of the LWA.

If the LWA decline ownership for the shared drains and the manholes, then Auger are capable of completing the remedial works. We would note this would be very excessive and a scope for said works can be drafted on request, if this occurs the below scope may be altered and a whole new proposed will be drafted.

In terms of how to repair the customer drainage, below is the scope of works needed. We would note that the works must be completed after the LWA have addressed their issues.

Install a 100mm patch liner directly upstream of the manhole

### Line 6

Excavate and replace WG3 and 2m of 100mm pipework at a depth less than 1.3m through slabs

Auger have not allowed or will not be held responsible for any alteration or modification to the above ground drainage following the removal of the existing gully and reinstatement of a new gully. The customer must ensure that the above ground drainage correctly expels into the gully pot and avoids overcrowding the gully with numerous downpipes which could lead to the gully overflowing.

Excavate and replace 1m of 100mm directly upstream of MH3 at a depth no greater than 2m through concrete steps. Auger prior the works will remove the steps however post works this requires specialist

During the above excavation we will conduct a further CCTV survey and identify the end location of the drain, we would note this run may be redundant- however the only way to prove this is by conducting this

Trench shoring will needed due to the depth of the excavation(s), in addition to enable the dig a 1.5 tonne excavator will be needed. A 4 yard skip will be needed to dispose of the spoil, the skip will have to be positioned far away from the site near the garages. As such a dumper will be needed to transfer the spoil from A to B

Install 5m of 100mm liner downstream of MH3.

Due to the depth of the manhole deep entry equipment will be needed

During the clean-up/reinstatement process we will endeavour to leave the area we are working in clean and tidy and as close to how we found it as possible. There will always be an element of general debris/mud/waste that will build up in the area which cannot be prevented. There may however be elements of this process that are outside our remit i.e., Repainting or cleaning. If this is the case, then we will need to speak to the customer's insures to help in this regard.

We will now refer back to the client in order to progress the claim.

Once repairs have been undertaken the customer should ensure the drainage system is periodically inspected in the future for any deterioration and kept free flowing / free of blockages. Any damage noted during future inspections should be repaired immediately in accordance with current Building Regulations.

With any repair process, complications and unforeseen circumstances can arise. These scenarios will be reported whilst on-site and could potentially cause an increase in repair costs and inconvenience.

The proposed repairs will require radio detection in order to confirm the location of the defects. Although this is usually very accurate, a number of factors such as depth of pipework and presence of other services below ground can have an effect on the signal. This can result in a change of the location of the proposed excavation as well as the assumed depth and this may impact the scope of works. Costs may be subject to change due to the potential of excavating to a different depth and/or through different surfaces.

Where any excavation reinstatement of the surface is required, the reinstatement will always attempt to match the previous surface patterns and colouring, however we cannot guarantee an exact match.

If any of the above lining recommendations fail then excavation and replacement of the pipework would be required. This would severely increase the cost of repairs and would provide greater inconvenience to the residents. The relining of a severe joint displacement is normally unadvised due to the potential for complications in the future.

Recommendations have been made to reline or patch reline sections of the drainage system at the property. This process combines a number of chemicals in a resin, which then harden in a fibreglass matting to create a new section of drain within the original. The reaction creates a strong smell which can linger for up to 72 hours once works are completed - this is not harmful. It is recommended that any areas where smells are experienced are kept well ventilated until the odour subsides.

The above recommendations allow for the replacement of gullies & connected underground drainage only. The insured should be made aware that the aesthetic appearance of this gully may be different from what is currently in place.

# **Photographs**

### Trial Hole 1

Fig 1.1: Trial Hole 11 ocation



Fig 1.2: Trial Hole 1 Footing



### Trial Hole 2

Fig 2.1: Trial Hole 2 Location



Fig 2.2: Trial Hole 2 Footing



## Site Photos

### Fig 3.1: Defective manhole

### Fig 3.2: Defective manhole channel/ benching





Fig 3.3: Location of manholes (on the raised patio area).



# CCTV Survey – Inspection Listings (WRc Guidelines Applied)

L12			
Direction	Upstream	From	mh1
Pipe Size (mm)	100	Depth (m)	1.10m
Pipe Material	VC	То	u/s to neighbours
			property
0.0m	Start of	Survey Length	
0.0m	Water L	evel 0%	
0.0m	Materia	l Change (CI)	
0.5m	SWL		
4.7m	Junction	ı (rwp neighbour )	
4.7m	Survey	Abandoned (at neighb	oours property )

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Direction	Upstream	From	mh1
Pipe Size (mm)	100	Depth (m)	1.10m
Pipe Material	VC	To	swg

0.5m	Start of Survey Length
0.5m	Water Level 0%
0.5m	VC to CI
1.4m	Finish of Survey Length

L10			
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Direction	Downstream	From	mh3
Pipe Size (mm)	100	Depth (m)	1.50m
Pipe Material	VC	То	d/s
0.0m 0.0m 0.2m 0.2m 0.9m 1.6m 1.6m 4.7m	Water L Fracture Roots - Fracture Fracture Roots -	e - Circumferential e - Circumferential Fine placement- Minor	
L11			
Direction	Downstream	From	mh4
Pipe Size (mm)	100	Depth (m)	0.50m
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0.0m 0.0m 0.0m 2.3m 10.3m 14.4m	Water L Materia Junction Junction		
l2			
Direction	Upstream	From	mh1
Direction Pipe Size (mm)	Upstream		
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0.0m	Water Level 0%
0.0m	Roots - Mass 20% (at 09 to 12)
0.6m	Material Change (CI)
0.6m	SWM
1.6m	Material Change (VC )
2.1m	MH2
2.1m	Finish of Survey Length
2.5m	Hole (hole before interceptor)

l5			
Direction	Upstream	From	mh2
Pipe Size (mm)	100	Depth (m)	1.30m
Pipe Material	VC	То	WC

0.1m	Start of Survey Length
0.1m	Water Level 0%
0.1m	Material Change (CI)
0.1m	Joint Displacement - Large (to slipper)
0.5m	SWM
1.5m	Junction (vent)
6.6m	Material Change (VC )
7.1m	Finish of Survey Length
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16			
<b>Direction</b> Up	ostream Fr	om	mh2
Pipe Size (mm) 100	O Depth	(m)	1.30m
Pipe Material VC		То	wg

0.0m	Start of Survey Length
0.0m	Water Level 0%
0.2m	Fracture - Circumferential
0.7m	Material Change (CI)
0.8m	Joint Displacement - Medium
2.3m	Fracture - Circumferential
2.3m	Finish of Survey Length

l7			
Direction	Upstream	From	mh2
Pipe Size (mm)	100	Depth (m)	1.30m
Pipe Material	VC	То	rod access

0.0m	Start of Survey Length
0.0m	Water Level 0%
0.0m	Material Change (CI)
1.5m	SWM
3.8m	Junction
6.7m	Junction
6.7m	Finish of Survey Length (at rod access)

l8			
Direction	Downstream	From	mh2
Pipe Size (mm)	150	Depth (m)	1.30m
Pipe Material	VC	То	main line

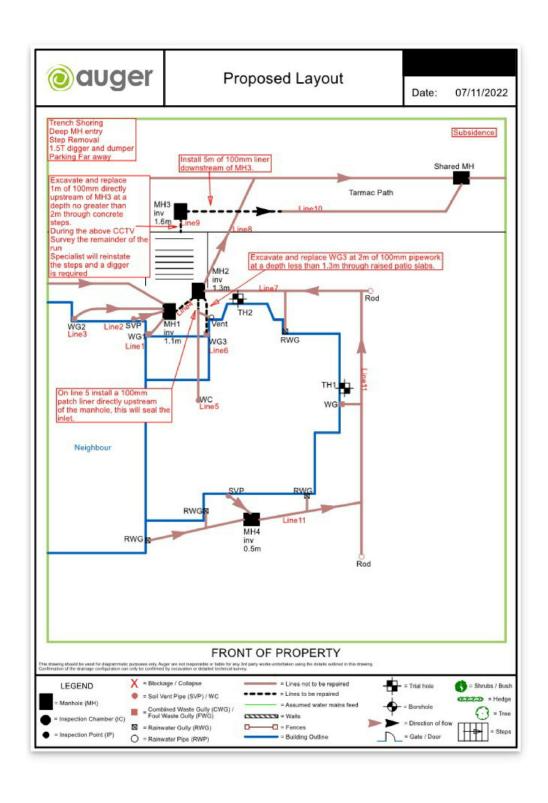
0.0m	Start of Survey Length
0.0m	Water Level 0%
0.0m	Hole
0.6m	Material Change (CI)

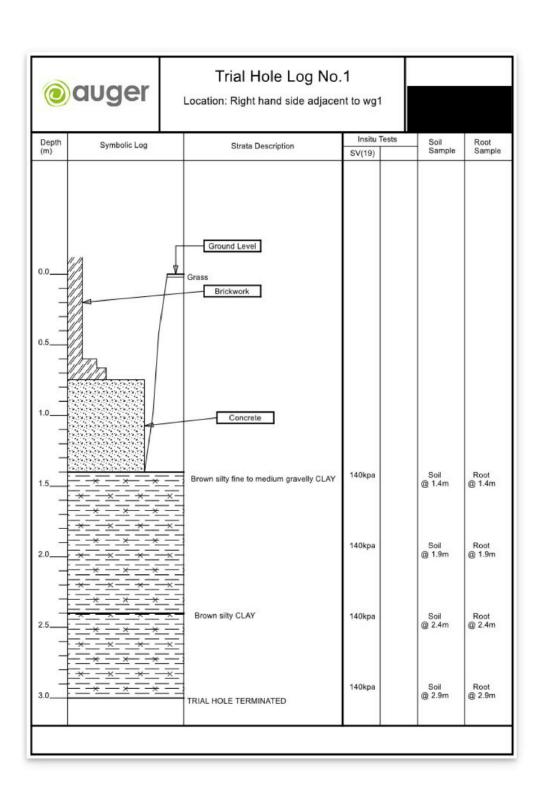
SWM Joint Displacement - Large Material Change (VC) Roots - Fine (Joint) Finish of Survey Length 0.6m 4.4m 4.4m 4.4m 4.7m

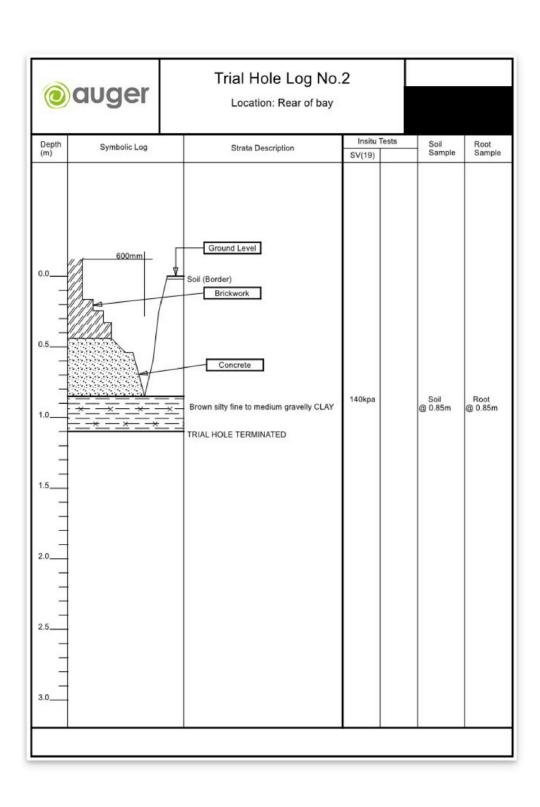
**Direction** Upstream From mh3 Pipe Size (mm) 100 **Depth (m)** 1.50m Pipe Material VC To u/s

Start of Survey Length Water Level 0% Debris 50% Fracture - Multiple Debris 70% Survey Abandoned (unable to push ) 0.0m 0.0m 0.0m 0.8m

0.8m 0.8m









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29/10/2022

Dr lan B K Richardson BSc, MSc, PhD, MRSB, FLS James Richardson BSc (Hons. Biology)



Dear Sirs

### Root ID

The samples you sent in relation to the above on 14/10/2022 have been examined. Their structures were referable as follows:

TH1, 1.40	n					
3 no.	<ol> <li>Examined root: could be LAURUS (Bay), CAMELLIA (evergreen shrubs or small trees, usually with white, pink or red flowers), or possibly RHODODENDRON (large woody shrubs with bright-coloured flowers).</li> <li>Slightly tentative.</li> </ol>					
1 no.	A piece of BARK only, insufficient material for identification.					
3 no.	Unfortunately all with insufficient cells for identification.					
TH1, 1.90	m					
2 no.	2 no. Examined root: also in many ways like LAURUS (Bay), CAMELLIA and RHODODENDRON.					
7 no.	Unfortunately all with insufficient cells for identification.					
TH1, 2.40	n					
5 no.	Examined root: again, could be LAURUS (Bay), CAMELLIA or RHODODENDRON.	Alive, recently*.				
2 no.	Examined root: as above, referable in many ways to - too immature to identify.					
TH1, 2.90	m					
1 no.	Examined root: as above, referable in many ways to LAURUS (Bay), CAMELLIA and also RHODODENDRON. A very THIN sample.	Alive, recently*.				
2 no.	Examined root: in many ways like QUERCUS (Oak).	Dead*.				
4 no.	Unfortunately all with insufficient cells for identification.					

TH2, 0.85m					
5 no.	Examined root: QUERCUS (Oak).	Alive, recently*.			
3 no.	Examined root: the family Rosaceae, subfamily POMOIDEAE (as listed above).	Alive, recently*.			
1 no.	Microscopic examination showed insufficient cells for recognition.				

Click here for more information: LAURUS POMOIDEAE QUERCUS

I trust this is of help. Please call us if you have any queries; our Invoice is enclosed.

Yours faithfully			

Dr Ian B K Richardson

Based mainly on the lodine test for starch. Starch is present in some cells of a living woody root, but is more or less rapidly broken down by soil micro-organisms on death of the root, sometimes before decay is evident. This result need not reflect the state of the parent tree.

\* \* Try out our web site on www.botanical.net \* \*





### **Geotechnical Testing Analysis Report**



\*The testing results contained within this report have been performed by GSTL a UKAS accredited laborotory on behalf of Auger.

### **Summary Of Claim Details**

Policy Holder	Unknown		
Risk Address	Unknown		
SI Date	14/10/2022		
Issue Date	14/10/2022		
Report Date	03/11/2022		
Auger Reference			
Insurance Company	Midas Underwriting		
LA Claim Reference			
LA Co. Reference	Crawford & Co		

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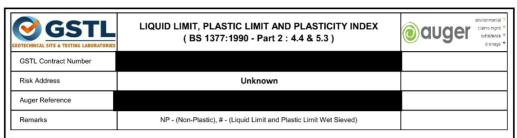


GESTL GEOTECHNICAL SITE & TESTING LABORATORIES	LIQUID LIMIT, PLASTIC LIMIT AND PLASTICITY INDEX ( BS 1377:1990 - Part 2 : 4.4 & 5.3 ) DESCRIPTIONS	@auger	environmental * claims mgmt * subsidence * dreinage *
GSTL Contract Number			
Risk Address	Unknown		
Auger Reference			

TH	Sample	Depth (m)	Sample Description
Trial Hole	Туре	Depth (m)	Sample Description
TH1	D	1.40	Brown silty fine to medium gravelly CLAY
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TH1	D	2.40	Brown silty CLAY
TH1	D	2.90	Brown silty CLAY
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TH2	D	0.85	Brown silty fine to medium gravelly CLAY
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Test Operator

Jason Smith



TH Trial Hole	Sample Type	Depth (m)	Moisture Content %	Liquid Limit %	Plastic Limit %	Plasticity index %	Passing .425mm %	NHBC Chapter 4.2	Remarks
Thai Hole	D	1.40	22	68	22	46	94	HIGH VCP	CH High Plasticity
TH1	D	1.40	24	00	- 44	40	34	HIGH VOF	Off High Flashold
TH1	D	2.40	24	63	23	40	100	MEDIUM VCP	CH High Plasticity
TH1	D	2.90	23	78	20	58	100	HIGH VCP	CV Very High Plasticity
		2.50	23	70	20	30	100	HIGH VCF	CV Very High Flasticity
TH2	D	0.85	23	67	22	45	94	HIGH VCP	CH High Plasticity
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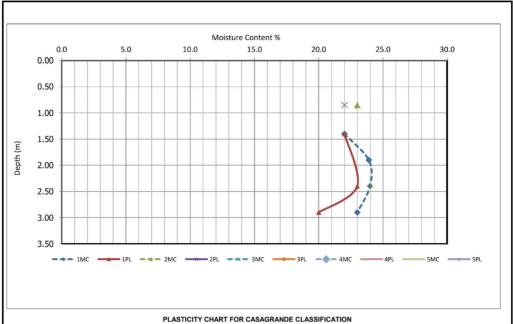
: Non Classified

Modified Plasticity Index (PI) <10 Modified PI = 10 to <20 Modified PI = 20 to <40 : Low volume change potential (LOW VCP) Medium volume change potential (Med VCP)
 High volume change potential (HIGH VCP) Modified PI = 40 or greater

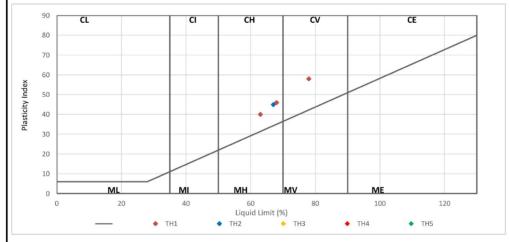
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# BS 5930:1999+A2:2010



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Modified PI = 20 to <40 Modified PI = 40 or greater

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 High volume change potential (HIGH VCP)

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