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**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**INSURED NAME:** Punch Taverns PLC

**RISK ADDRESS:** Lord Stanley Public House  
51 Camden Road  
London  
NW1 9BH

**ENGINEERING PRACTICE:** Richard F Gill & Associates  
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**INSPECTING ENGINEER:** L. A. Gill BSc Hons.,C.Eng.,M.I.Struct.E.,M.I.C.E.

**DATE OF INSPECTION:** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**INSURER:** Punch Partnerships (PLT) Ltd

**ENGINEERS REFERENCE:** 10389



16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## **INTRODUCTION**

This report follows our preliminary report dated 14<sup>th</sup> December dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

## **SITE INVESTIGATIONS**

A single trial pit and borehole were excavated to the rear left hand corner as indicated on the attached site plan prepared by Soiltech Surveys.

Foundations were seen to comprise a shallow concrete strip resting 800 mm deep below ground level on firm silty clay. A borehole within the trial pit revealed similar silty clays to termination at 4 m deep, with fragmentation from 1.3 m to 1.7 m deep.

Roots of live appearance up to 10 mm in diameter were noted at underside of foundation with fine live roots to 3.5 m deep within the borehole. Roots taken from the trial pit and borehole and sent for analysis were identified as live Acer roots.

Laboratory testing indicates clays of very high plasticity with clear desiccation between 1 and 2 m deep and probably no desiccation at 2.5 m deep and below.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The Public House has suffered slight crack damage, category 2 when assessed in accordance with BRE Digest 251, to the single storey rear projection housing the WC and rear left hand corner. Damage has been caused by clay shrinkage subsidence due to the action of tree roots on the shrinkable clay sub-soils. The offending vegetation is indicated on the attached site plan and comprises two large Sycamore trees marked T1 & T2 located 4 – 5 m and 10 – 12 m respectively from the rear left hand corner housing the male toilets.

The property is reportedly located within a conservation area; hence any tree management will need to be notified to the local authority; they may raise objections. Ground conditions are such that tree management is a clear option that will result in stabilisation of the main property, however unless effective tree management is undertaken continued seasonal movements, and eventual underpinning, should be anticipated.

The garden wall to the rear of the pub is cracked and leaning towards the pavement. Damage is such that partial demolition and rebuilding will be required. This damage has similarly been caused by the Sycamore trees as a combination of clay shrinkage subsidence and physical root action.

Whilst rebuilding the garden wall on the existing foundations will leave this wall susceptible to further movements as the ground recovers, with the possibility of further damage occurring, the alternative foundation improvements would cost more than the cost of rebuilding the wall a second time. In our opinion the most economic solution to the garden wall is to rebuild on the existing foundations and accept that further works may be required at a later stage.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint arboricultural consultants to advise on mitigation.

Continue crack width monitoring.

## **LIMITATIONS**

We have not inspected wood work, damp proof courses, services, foundations except where exposed, or any other part of the structure which was covered, unexposed or inaccessible, and we are therefore unable to report any such part free from defect.

This report has been prepared for the sole use and benefit of Punch Partnerships (PLT) Ltd, and the liability of R. F. Gill and Associates shall not be extended to any third party.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. A. Gill', followed by a period.

L. A. Gill BSc Hons., C.Eng., M.I.Struct.E., M.I.C.E.  
For Richard F. Gill and Associates

16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

# Site Plan:

Sheet: 1 OF 1

Ref No:

Date: 05-01-2011

## Soiltech Surveys

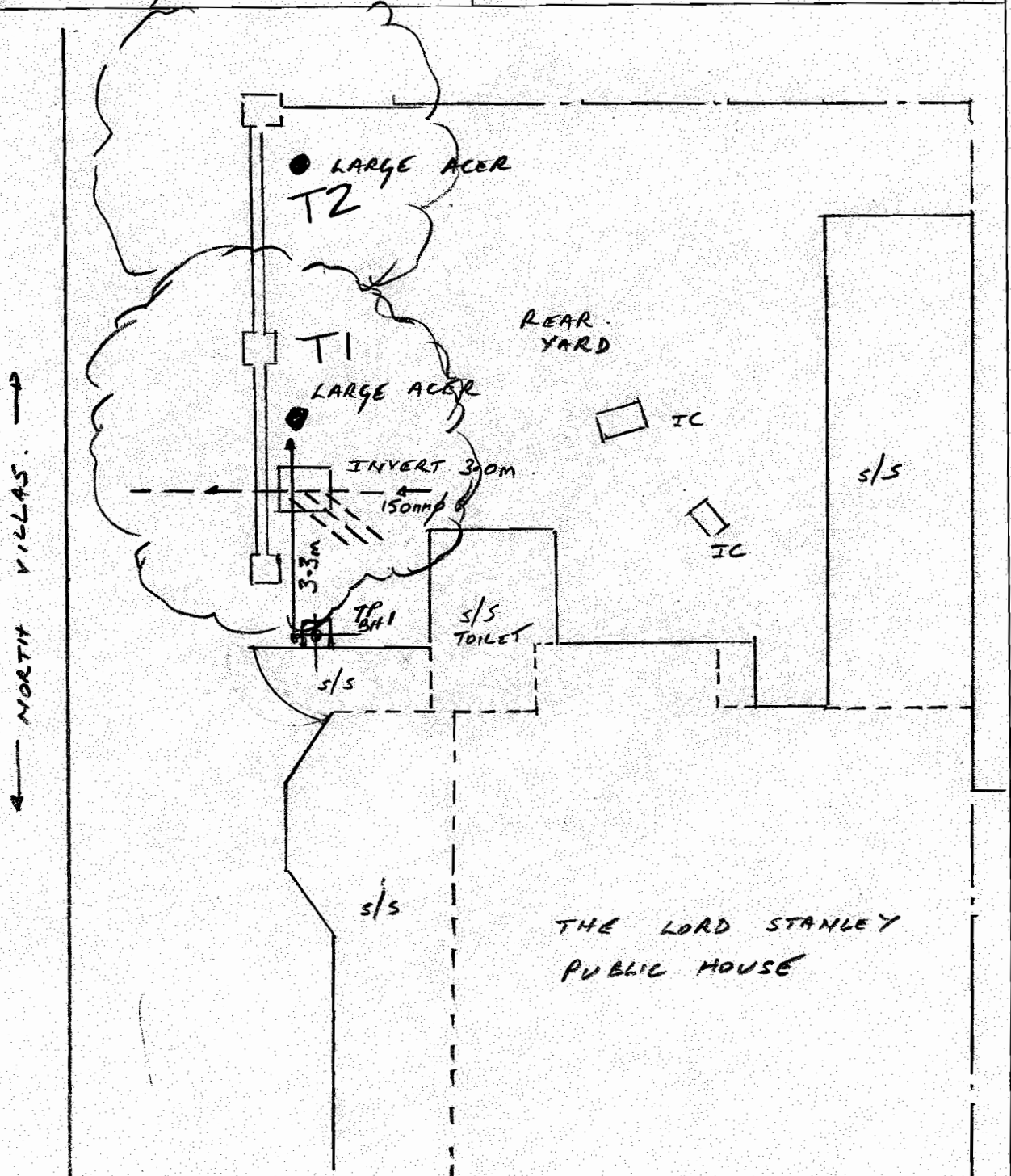
Foundation Investigation & Test Drilling

Tel/Fax: 01245 496389

Not to scale:

Site: THE LORD STANLEY PUBLIC HOUSE  
51, CAMDEN PARK ROAD  
LONDON NW1.

Client: RICHARD F GILL & ASSOC



Remarks:

Tree identification not authenticated.

Key:

T.P = Trial pit.

B.H = Borehole.

H = Approximate height.

G = Gully.

SVP = Soil vent pipe.

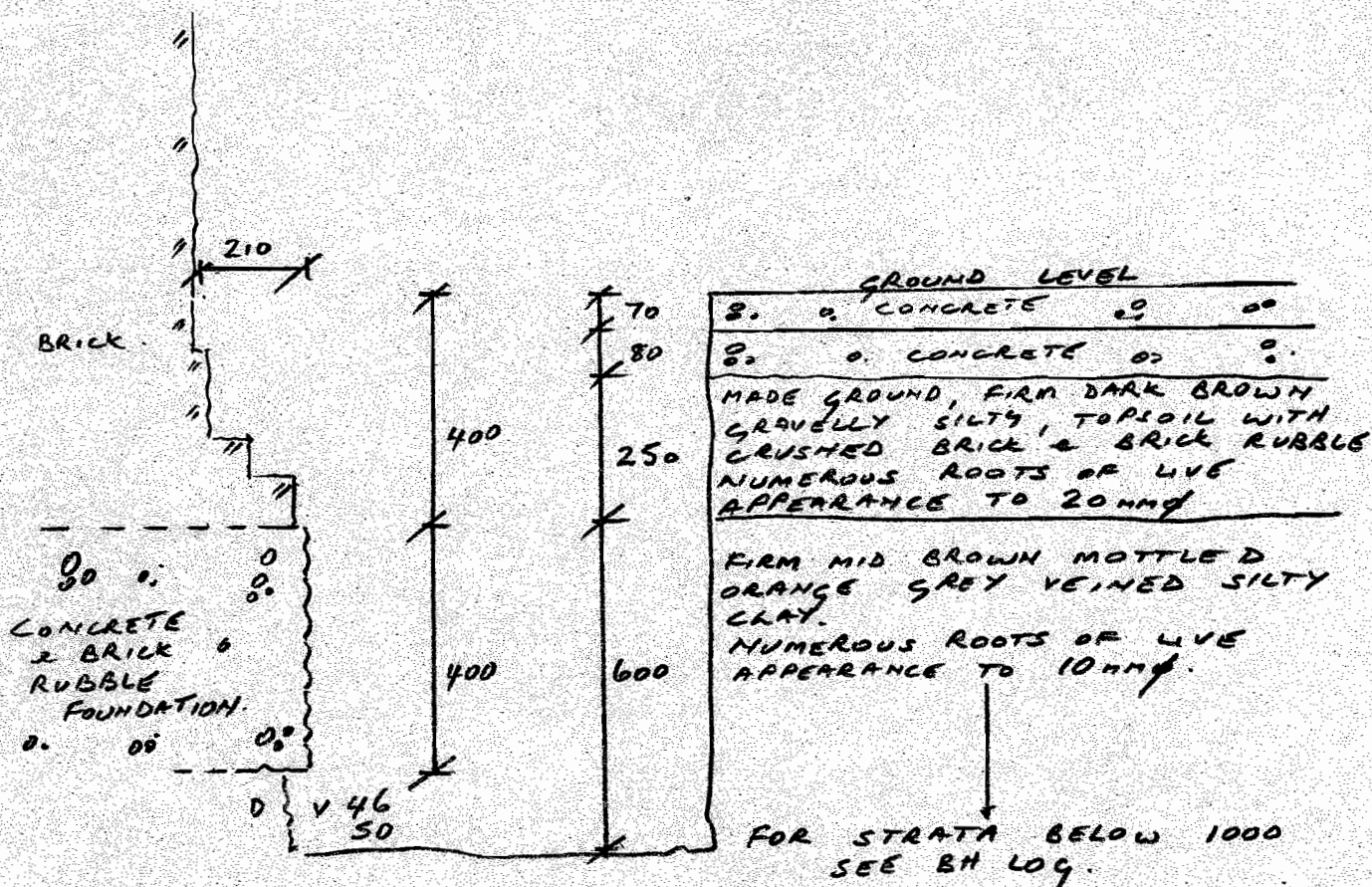
IC = Inspection chamber.

IL = Invert level.

RWP = Rain water pipe.



Trial pit No: /	Sheet: 10E1	<b>Soiltech Surveys</b> Foundation Investigation & Test Drilling Tel/Fax: 01245 496389
	Ref No:	
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Client: RICHARD F GILL & ASSOC		



Remarks:

Key:

D = Small Disturbed sample

U = Undisturbed sample

S.P.T. = Standard Penetration Test

M = Mackintosh Probe Penetration Test

V = Pilcon Shear Vane Test

W = Water sample

B = Bulk sample

<b>Borehole No:</b> /		Sheet: 10F1		<b>Soiltech Surveys</b> Foundation Investigation & Test Drilling Tel/Fax: 01245 496389	
		Ref No:			
Boring Method: HAND TOOLS		Date: 05-01-2011		Site: THE LORD STANLEY PUBLIC HOUSE 51, CAMDEN PARK ROAD LONDON NW1	
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Depth (m)	Description	Sample	Test Type Result	Field Comments	Depth to Water
.1					
.2					
.3					
.4					
.5	AS TRIAL PIT 1			AS TRIAL PIT 1	
.6					
.7					
.8					
.9					
1.0	STIFF MID BROWN MOTTLED	1-0			
.1	ORANGE GREY VEINED SILTY	D	V 106	1.0M NUMEROUS	
.2	CLAY.		110	ROOTS OR LIVE	
.3				APPEARANCE	
.4				TO 3mm.	
1.3	VERY STIFF FRIABLE MID BROWN	1-5			
.5	MOTTLED ORANGE GREY VEINED	D	V 140+	1.5M NUMEROUS	
.6	SILTY CLAY		140+	ROOTS OR LIVE	
.7				APPEARANCE TO	
.8				1mm.	
1.7	STIFF MID BROWN MOTTLED				
.9	ORANGE GREY VEINED SILTY	2-0			
.0	CLAY WITH CRYSTALS.	D	V 110		
.1			116		
.2					
2.1	CLAYSTONE 2.1 TO 2.2m			WATER SEEPAGE	2.2m
.4		2-5			
.5		D	V 122	2.5M SEVERAL ROOTS	
.6			130	OR LIVE APPEARANCE	
.7				TO 1mm.	
.8					
.9		3-0			
.0		D	V 140+	3.0m	
.1			140+	SEVERAL HAIR	
.2				& FIBEROUS ROOTS	
.3					
.4		3.5			
.5		D		TO 3.5m.	
.6					
.7					
.8					
.9		4-0			
4.0	BH. ENDS AT 4.0m.	D	V 128		
.1			124		
.2					
.3					
.4					
.5					
.6					
.7					
.8					
.9					
.0					

Remarks: BH OPEN ON COMPLETION STANDING WATER 3.9m BELOW G.L. ON COMPLETION.	Key: D = Small Disturbed sample      W = Water sample U = Undisturbed sample          B = Bulk sample S.P.T. = Standard Penetration Test M = Mackintosh Probe Penetration Test V = Pilcon Shear Vane Test
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# Tree Root Identification Limited

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8<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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Essex  
CM15 9AG

Dear Sirs,

**Re: The Lord Stanley Public House, 51 Camden Park Road, London, NW1 9BH.**  
**Our reference: 080111.**

I have completed my examination of root samples taken from the above property. The results were as follows –

<b><u>Trial pit/ Borehole</u></b>	<b><u>Root diameter (mm)</u></b>	<b><u>Tree, shrub or climber from which root originates</u></b>	<b><u>Result of starch test#</u></b>
TP1 (roots underside foundation)	8.0	<u>Acer</u> (sycamore; maple)	positive
BH1 (roots at a depth of 1.0 to 1.5m)	2.0	<u>Acer</u> (sycamore; maple)	positive

# The presence of starch indicates that the root was alive in the recent past.

Yours faithfully,



DR R D MACLEOD  
Principal Scientist

# Meridian Soils Limited

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Our Ref: S.4749

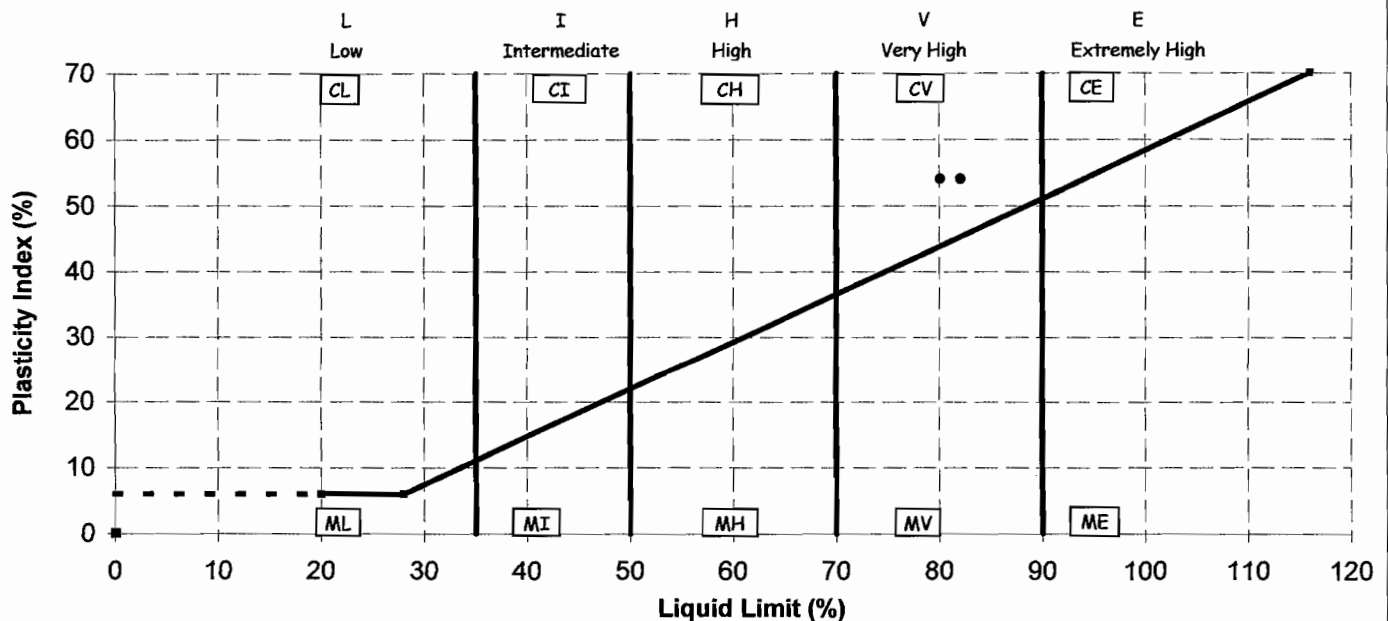
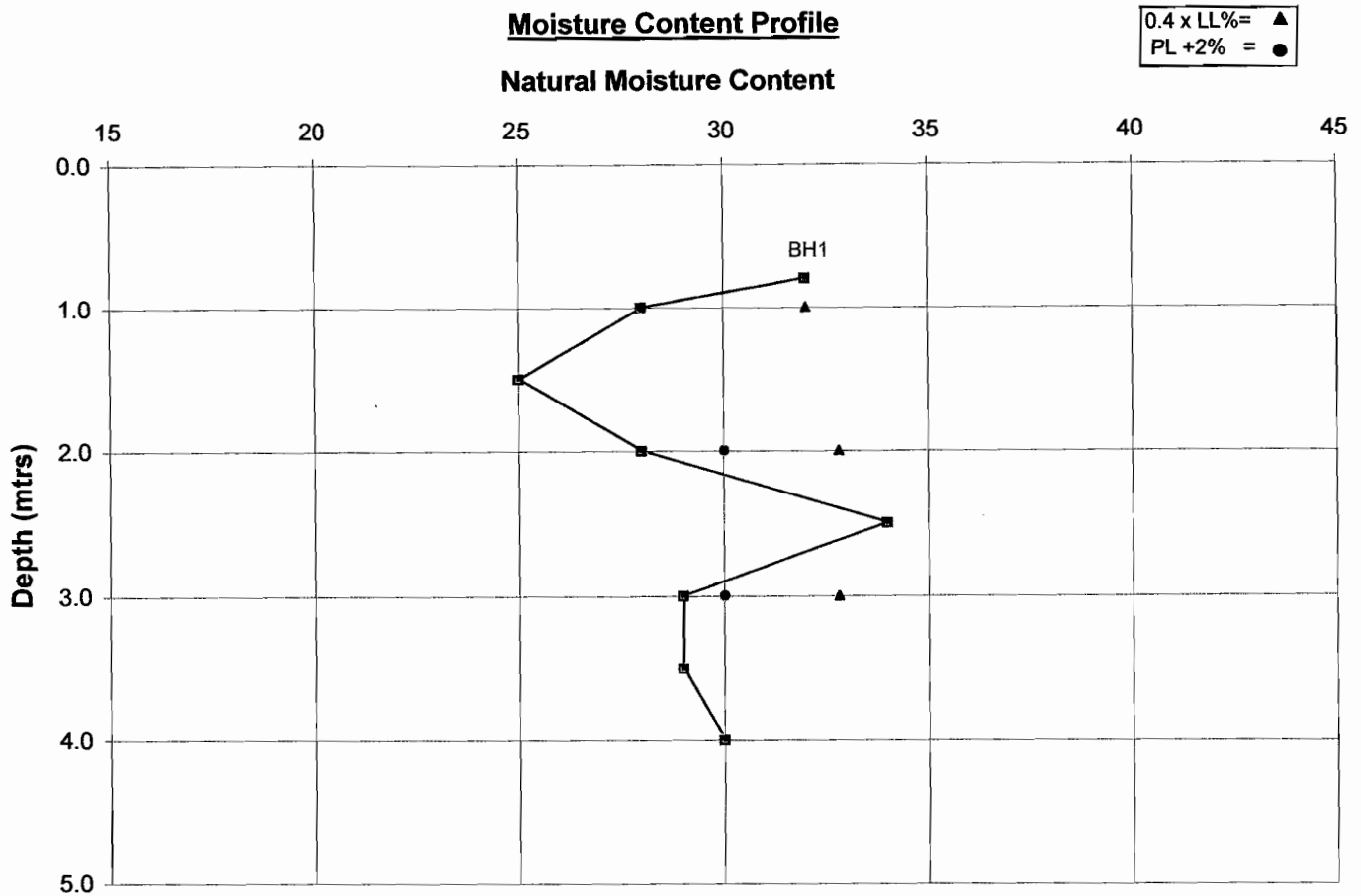
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Location: The Lord Stanley Pub, 51 Camden Park Road, London, NW1 9BH.

Date: 19th January 2011

## Moisture Content Profile

### Natural Moisture Content



In Compliance with BS. 5930: 1982

#### Notes:

- 1) Unless specifically noted, the profiles have not been related to a site datum
- 2) If plotted,  $0.4 LL$  and  $PL + 2$  (after Driscoll, 1983) should only be applied to London Clay (and similar overconsolidated clays) at shallow depths.



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Our Ref: S.4749

Location:

The Lord Stanley Pub, 51 Camden Park Road, London, NW1 9BH.

Client Ref:

Date: 19th January 2011

TP/BH No.	Sample No.	Depth mtrs.	Moisture Content %	Passing 0.425um sieve %	Equivalent Moisture %	Liquid Limit %	Plastic Limit %	Plasticity Index %	Soil Class	Modified Plasticity Index %	Water Soluble Sulphate (g/l <sup>-1</sup> SO <sub>4</sub> )	pH value	Sulphate Class
1		0.80 (U.S)	32										
		1.00	28	100	28	80	26	54	CV	54			
		1.50	25										
		2.00	28	100	28	82	28	54	CV	54			
		2.50	34										
		3.00	29	100	29	82	28	54	CV	54			
		3.50	29										
		4.00	30										

## References

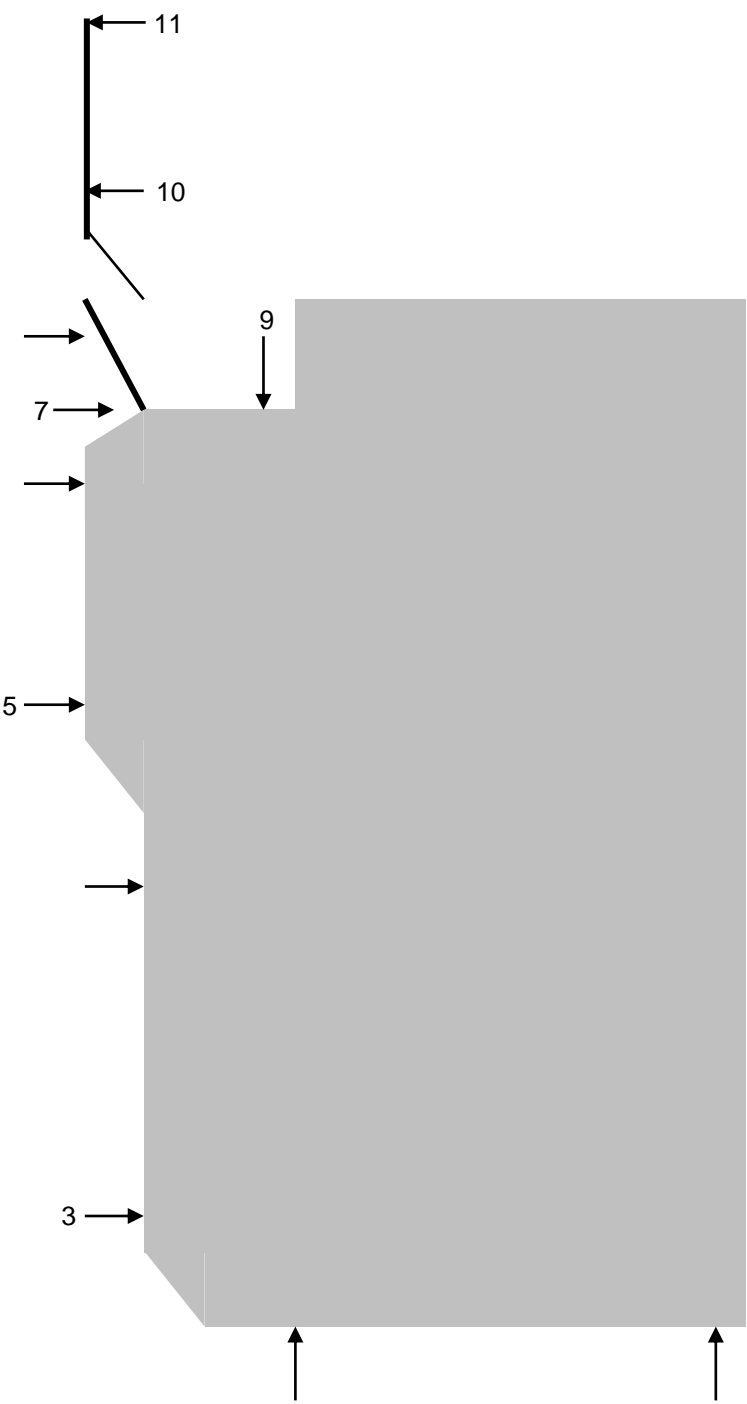
BS 1377:Part 2:1990

BS 5930:1981

**Level Monitoring - Site Sketch**

**Our Ref: 00/25620**

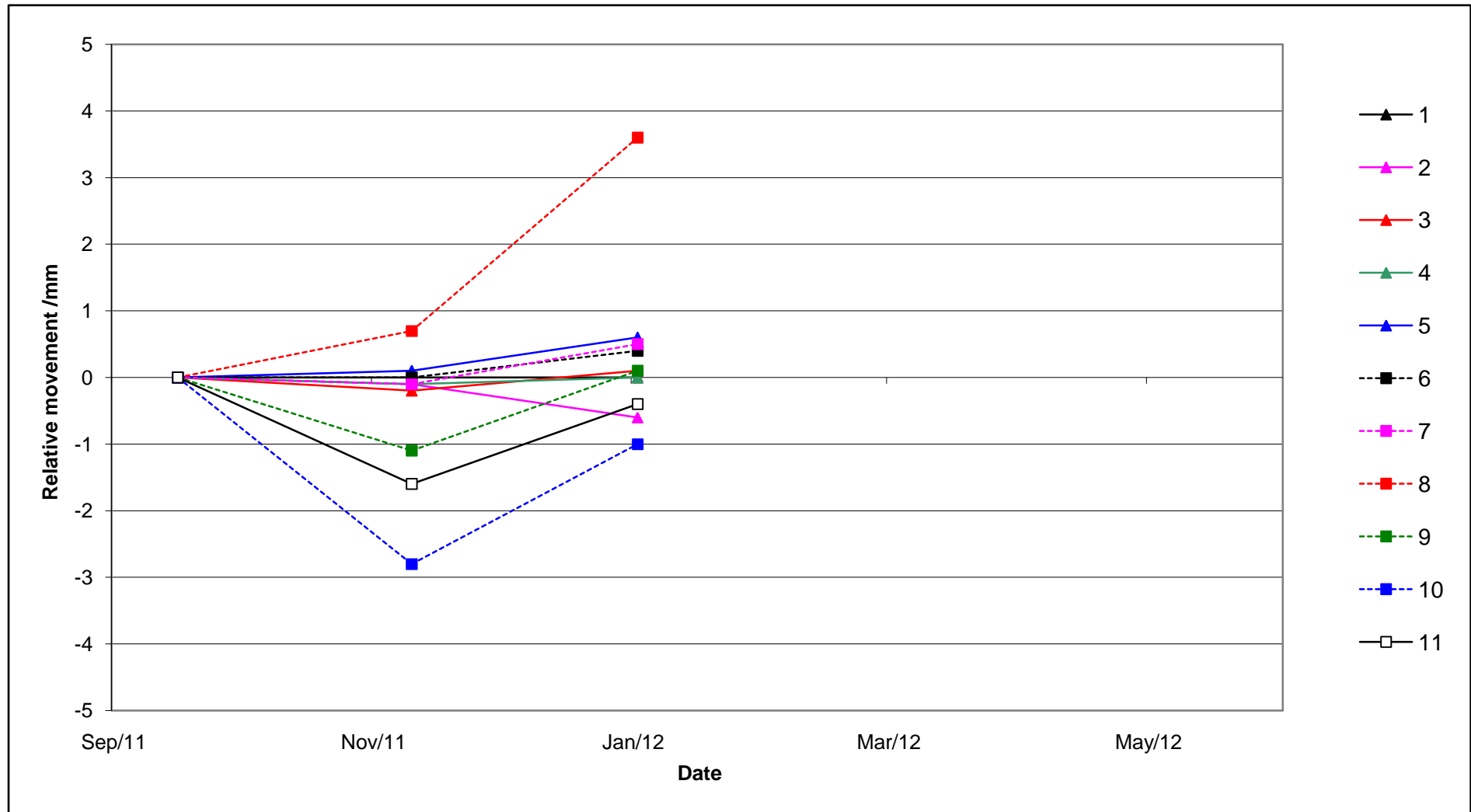
**Date of Issue 04/01/2012**



## Level Monitoring - Movement relative to datum against Date

Our Ref: 00/25620

Issue Date: 04/01/2012



Address : The Lord Stanley Public House  
51 Camden Park Road  
London  
Postcode : NW1 9BH

Report date : 02 January 2012  
MS Ref : 25620  
Reference Number: QG1S116052/KEET/AXK  
Owner/occupier : Adam Phillips  
Job status : 9 months completed  
Frequency : 8 Weeks  
Next report due : November 2011

Visit summary :  
Customer issues : No Comment  
New cracking :- 0

Additional comments :

#N/A

