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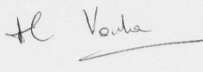

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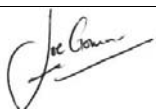
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## REPORT SUMMARY

The assessment findings are summarised as follows:

1. Impacts to surface water flows and related flooding	High	
	Med	
	Low	
2. Impacts to ground water flows and related flooding	High	
	Med	
	Low	
3. Overall risk posed by the Site	High	
	Med	
	Low	

Key:	High		There is a high potential risk
	Med		There is medium potential risk
	Low		There is a low potential risk

## RECOMMENDATIONS (FOR NEXT STEPS)

The development described in this report will cause no change in impermeable surface area. Therefore, it is considered that peak run-off and related flooding risk from the proposed development will not change and there is no action required to mitigate detrimental changes to Site run-off.

The presence of groundwater cannot be established with the available information.

The water detected in the onsite boreholes may be from surface water, in which case there is a low potential risk and no action would be required to mitigate impacts of the proposed development on groundwater.

The water detected in the onsite borehole may be groundwater in the London Clay. If there is groundwater present then there is a low to medium potential risk to the proposed basement construction, which can be mitigated by appropriate design and construction techniques.

It is recommended that, prior to the decision on design and construction techniques, the source of the water detected in the onsite borehole is established.

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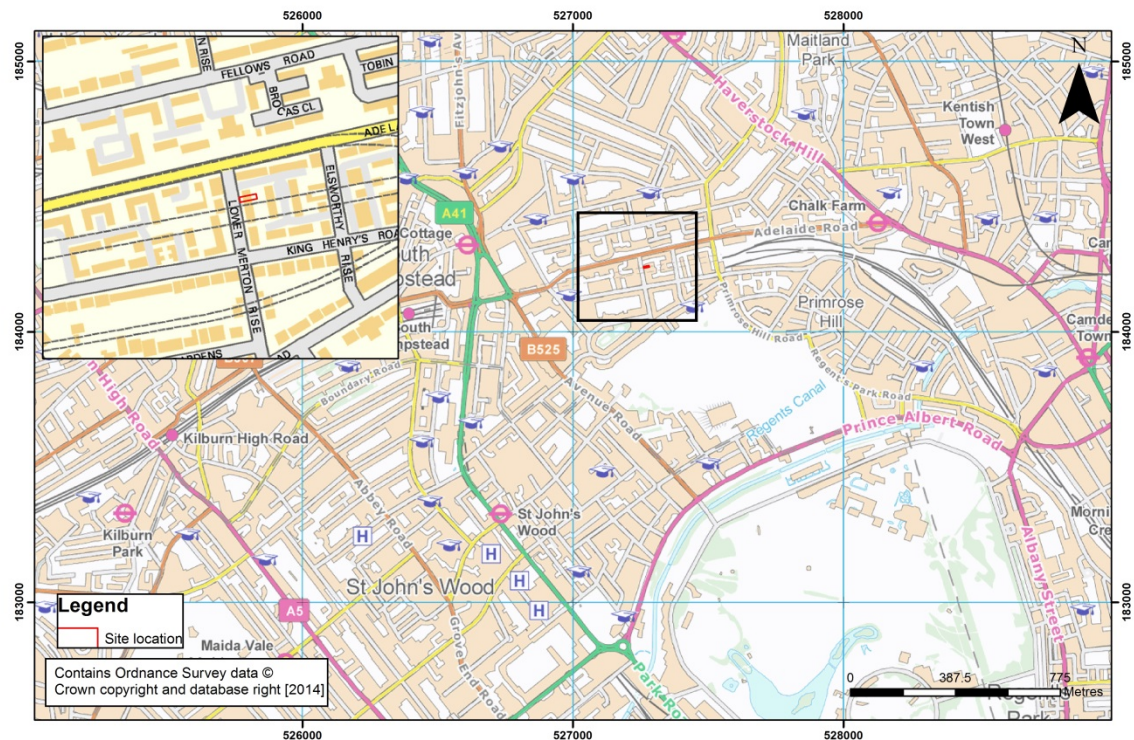
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

ESI Ltd (ESI) was commissioned by Richard Max in April 2014 to undertake a Basement Impact Assessment (BIA) for the proposed development at 26 Lower Merton Rise, London, NW3 3SP (the Site). This is a mid-terrace three-storey house located at the approximate national grid reference of 527271 184240 in the London Borough of Camden (Figure 1.1)



**Figure 1.1 Site Location**

This document is a desk study which considers the potential impact relating to the proposed basement development in terms of surface water and groundwater flow and flooding and complies with guidance issued by the London Borough of Camden. This report will be used for submission to the Planning Authority for approval of the proposed development.

## 1.2 Scope of Works

The following scope of works was requested: an assessment of the impacts of the proposed development on surface water and groundwater flow, levels and drainage. This report outlines the hydrological and hydrogeological conditions with relevance to construction of the basement at the property. The assessment conforms to the requirements of guidance set out by The London Borough of Camden which provides comprehensive guidance on planning applications for basement extensions. These guidelines for basement impact assessments (Arup (2010), Camden Borough Council, (2013)) have been consulted in order to complete a screening analysis of key hydrological and hydrogeological issues that will satisfy the relevant planning requirements.

The works undertaken follow the procedure outlined below:

- 1) Screening – this process aims to identify sites that are a priority for investigation.
- 2) Scoping – this process uses simple calculations to try to demonstrate whether the potential hazards identified in the screening stage pose a risk as a result of the development, and whether the actual risk is significant.
- 3) Site conceptualisation and impact assessment
- 4) Recommendations

### **1.3 Proposed Basement Works**

The proposed development is for the excavation of a new single-storey basement for a residential property below a proposed new extension to the rear of the building. Site plans are shown in (Appendix A).

The depth of the completed basement is expected to be 3.5 m below ground level. The ground level at the front of Site is estimated to be 51 metres above Ordnance datum (mAOD) based upon Ordnance Survey mapping data; this is the value quoted as being “ground level” for the purposes of this report. Across the Site, the surface elevation drops approximately 0.60 m from the front to the rear as is evident on the site plans.

The basement will have an external area of approximately 23.6 m<sup>2</sup>. The full extent of the proposed basement will be below the footprint of the existing above-ground construction so there will be no increase in impermeable surface area.



## 2 SCREENING

The screening stage for Impact Assessment has been considered as set out in CPG4 (Camden Council, 2013) as follows.

<b>2.1 SURFACE WATER</b> (Surface flow and flooding screening flowchart (Figure 3, CPG4 (Camden Council, 2013)))			
<b>Impact question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Reference</b>
1) Is the site within the catchment of the pond chains on Hampstead Heath?	<b>No</b>	The site is not within the catchment of the ponds on Hampstead Heath.	Arup, 2010. Ordnance Survey Mapping.
2) As part of the proposed site drainage, will surface water flows (e.g. volume of rainfall and peak run-off) be materially changed from the existing route?	<b>No</b>	There are no known plans to change the site drainage from its current configuration. As the basement will be confined beneath the footprint of the existing above-ground structure, there would be no change to the site run-off regime resulting from the proposed development.	Site Plans.
3) Will the proposed basement development result in a change in the proportion of hard surfaced / paved external areas?	<b>No</b>	The proposed basement will be beneath the footprint of the existing building.	Site Plans.
4) Will the proposed basement result in changes to the profile of the inflows (instantaneous and long-term) of surface water being received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses?	<b>No</b>	As there is no change in the proportion of impermeable surfaces on the Site, there is not expected to be any change in surface water quantity leaving the Site.	Site plans.
5) Will the proposed basement result in changes to the quality of surface water being received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses?	<b>Potentially</b>	The culverted tributary of the “lost” river Tyburn runs west of the Site from north to south at an approximately equal elevation. It is thought that this river runs beneath Lower Merton Rise itself within 10 m of the Site boundary.  It is most likely that the Site falls within the catchment of this underground watercourse; however, the size and nature of the proposed development suggests it is highly unlikely to impact on the quality of this watercourse, or the receiving waters of adjacent properties. During construction works there may be some additional suspended solids contained within run-off entering the watercourse as might be expected to result from all significant construction projects; the extent of this is considered to be temporary and of low significance.	Ordnance Survey Mapping. Barton, 1992. Arup, 2010.

6) Is the Site in an area known to be at risk from surface water flooding or is it at risk from flooding, for example because the proposed basement is below the static water level of a nearby surface water feature?	<b>No</b>	<p>Lower Merton Rise is not a road which has previously experienced surface water flooding nor is it at risk from surface water flooding according to Arup (2010). However, historically in 1975 there has been flooding on the nearby streets of Fellows Rd 145 m to the north and Winchester Rd 330m to the west. More recently in 2002 there has been flooding on Primrose Hill road 130 m to the east (Arup, 2010).</p> <p>The Site is at a very low risk of surface water flooding and there is very low risk of flooding from rivers and reservoirs as defined by the Environment Agency (2014).</p>	Arup, 2010. Environment Agency, 2014
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## 2.2 GROUND WATER (Subterranean (ground water) flow screening chart (Figure 1, CPG4 (Camden Council, 2013))

Impact question	Answer	Justification	Reference
1a) Is the Site located directly above an aquifer?	<b>No</b>	<p>The Site is located upon the London Clay Formation; a sedimentary bedrock comprising bioturbated or poorly laminated, slightly calcareous, silty to very silty clay, clayey silt and sometimes silt, with some layers of sandy clay. This may contain high porosity, low permeability horizons within generally low permeability and low porosity material that is classified as Unproductive Strata by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The closest borehole log TQ28SE2011 (132 m northeast of the site) shows that locally the London Clay has thicknesses in excess of 24.4 m (Appendix B).</p> <p>There is between 1.20 m and 1.25 m of Made Ground overlying the London Clay; this was logged during the ground investigation undertaken by Soil Consultants on October 2014 (Appendix C). Soil Consultants found the London Clay to be firm to stiff clay with rare pockets of sand.</p>	British Geological Survey, 2014. Soil Consultants, 2014
1b) Will the proposed basement extend beneath the water table surface?	<b>Uncertain</b>	<p>Given the nature of the London Clay in the vicinity of the Site significant groundwater movement in the London Clay beneath the Site is unlikely.</p> <p>No water strikes were reported during the drilling of the boreholes to 5 m depth during the ground investigation (Appendix C).</p> <p>Water level monitoring that has been undertaken at the Site recorded a water level in the boreholes averaging 2.12 mbgl over an 18 day period (31/10/2014 - 18/11/2014). The source of this water is uncertain. Soil Consultants (the installers of the boreholes) state that the bentonite installed in the annulus between the borehole casing and the wall of the drilled hole takes time to properly hydrate and form a seal around the pipe; it is considered that water may have reached the borehole screen over this time from the surface or near surface (email Alan Watson, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014).</p>	British Geological Survey, 2014. Soil Consultants, 2014

2) Is the Site within 100m of a watercourse, well (used/disused) or potential spring line?	<b>Yes</b>	<p>The culverted ("lost") river Tyburn runs approximately 10 m to the east of the proposed development.</p> <p>The closest open watercourse is the Grand Union Canal which lies approximately 0.9 km southeast of the Site. This watercourse is down gradient from the Site.</p> <p>There are no wells or potential spring lines within 100 m of the Site.</p>	<p>British Geological Survey, 2014.</p> <p>Ordnance Survey Mapping, 2014.</p> <p>Barton, 1992.</p>
3) Is the site within the catchment of the pond chains on Hampstead Heath?	<b>No</b>	The site is not within the catchment of the ponds on Hampstead Heath.	Arup, 2010
4) Will the proposed basement development result in a change in the proportion of hard surfaced / paved external areas?	<b>No</b>	The proposed development would cause no change in impermeable surface area; there will therefore be no change in infiltration/run-off ratios.	Site Plans.
5) As part of the Site drainage, will more surface water (e.g. rainfall and run-off) than at present be discharged to the ground (e.g. via soakaways and/or SUDS)?	<b>No</b>	There are no plans to incorporate infiltration-enhancing devices to the drainage network at the Site.	Site Plans.
6) Is the lowest point of the proposed excavation (allowing for any drainage and foundation space under the basement floor) close to, or lower than, the mean water level in any local pond or spring line.	<b>No</b>	There are no known ponds or spring lines within close proximity of the Site.	Ordnance Survey Mapping.

### 3 SCOPING

#### 3.1 SURFACE WATER (Surface flow and flooding screening flowchart (Figure 3, CPG4 (Camden Council, 2013))

Impact question	Answer	Justification	Reference
5) Will the proposed basement result in changes to the quality of surface water being received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses?	<b>Potentially</b>	<p>The culverted tributary of the “lost” river Tyburn runs west of the Site from north to south at an approximately equal elevation; It is thought that this river runs beneath Lower Merton road itself (Barton, 1992; Arup, 2010) within 10 m of the Site boundary.</p> <p>It is most likely that some of the Site falls within the catchment of this underground watercourse; however, The site topography suggests a gradient from west to east, draining surface water away from this particular watercourse. Additionally, the size and nature of the proposed development suggests it is highly unlikely to impact on the quality of this watercourse, or the receiving waters of adjacent properties.</p>	<p>Arup, 2010.</p> <p>Ordnance Survey Mapping.</p> <p>Barton, 1992.</p>

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Impact question	Answer	Justification	Reference
1b) Will the proposed basement extend beneath the water table surface?	<b>Uncertain</b>	<p>Many of the borehole logs from within a 500m radius of the Site show that no groundwater was encountered at depths comparable to that of the proposed basement during boring, this includes borehole log TQ28SE2011 located approximately 128 m northeast of the site, (provided in Appendix B).</p> <p>There was no water encountered during the drilling of two boreholes which were completed to depths of 5 m for the ground investigation at the site on October 2014.</p> <p>Water was recorded in both boreholes installed during the site investigation during subsequent monitoring between 31/10/2014 - 18/11/2014. Over this time levels rose from 2.6 mbgl to 1.8 mbgl at both boreholes.</p> <p>It is uncertain where the water detected in the boreholes has come from, and there are two possibilities with different implications. 1) Surface water could have infiltrated the bentonite seal, seeped past the casing and been captured in the annulus of the borehole by the clay. 2) There is a small amount of groundwater present in the London Clay and due to low permeability of the material, this was not detected during the ground investigation. Subsequently it slowly came into the borehole.</p>	<p>British Geological Survey, 2014.</p> <p>Soil Consultants, 2014</p>

		<p>Should the water have originated in the London Clay above the base of the proposed basement then it is very unlikely to indicate any significant groundwater flow locally. This is because the low permeability of the Clay means that the flow of water that it can transmit is very limited; this means that neighbouring properties would be very unlikely to be affected. However, the implications on the construction of the basement would need to be considered.</p> <p>Should the water have originated from surface water there would be no risk either to neighbouring properties or to the proposed construction. The nearest basement to the Site is at number 13 Lower Merton Rise on the opposite side of the road at a distance of approximately 46 m.</p>	
2) Is the Site within 100m of a watercourse, well (used/disused) or potential spring line?	<b>Yes</b>	<p>The culverted ("lost") river Tyburn runs approximately 10 m to the east of the proposed development. It is thought that this river runs beneath Lower Merton Rise itself at the front of the Site.</p> <p>It is quite possible that run-off from the road may enter the culverted watercourse via the drainage network. It is considered that the topography of the site drains to the east however, so it is likely that the majority of site run-off will not enter the watercourse.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposed development will cause no change in impermeable surfaces so there will be no change to the surface run-off characteristics from the Site.</p>	

## 4 SITE CONCEPTUAL MODEL

4.1 CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		
Geology	Superficial	There is shallow cover of 1.20 – 1.25 m of Made Ground at the Site. This is comprised of a variety of material including clay, gravel, sand, silt, flint, glass, brick and mortar.
	Bedrock	Underlying the Made Ground at the Site is the London Clay Formation; a sedimentary bedrock comprising bioturbated or poorly laminated, slightly calcareous, silty to very silty clay, clayey silt and sometimes silt, with some layers of sandy clay. This is expected to have a local thickness of between 60 and 100 m and has been logged at a thickness of at least 24.4 m in a nearby borehole TQ28SE2011 (132 m northeast of the site) (Appendix B).
Aquifers	The London Clay is not classed as an aquifer by the Environment Agency, but as unproductive strata, which are defined as rock layers or drift deposits with low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply or river base flow (Environment Agency, 2014).	
Groundwater levels	<p>There is uncertainty on the existence of groundwater beneath the site based on the available data. Water was not encountered during the construction of two boreholes during the ground investigation in October 2014. However, water was recorded in both boreholes during subsequent monitoring between 31/10/2014 - 18/11/2014. Over this time levels rose from 2.6 mbgl to 1.8 mbgl at both boreholes.</p> <p>Soil Consultants stated that the installed bentonite takes time to properly hydrate and form a seal around the pipe, it is considered that water may have entered the pipe over this time from the surface or near surface (email Alan Watson, 01<sup>st</sup> December 2014). Considering this and the borehole logs from the ground investigation there are two possible scenarios:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Surface water could have infiltrated the bentonite seal and has seeped past the casing and is captured in the annulus of the borehole by the clay. This would be a low risk scenario.</li> <li>2) There is groundwater present in the London Clay and due to low permeability of the material and exceptionally low flow, this was not detected during the ground investigation. This would be a medium risk scenario for the proposed construction, though it would remain low risk for neighbouring properties.</li> </ol> <p>If ground water proves to be present in the London Clay at a level of 1.8 mbgl (as noted in the borehole monitoring) then the proposed basement would extend below the water table by 1.7 m at its base. The water levels would also be subject to seasonal variation.</p>	

#### 4.2 IMPACTS ON GROUNDWATER FLOWS

If there is groundwater present in the clay then it is unlikely to have any significant flow due to the material's low permeability. Therefore, the volume of water passing through the site would be relatively low and there would be minimal impact resulting from the proposed development.

Based upon the points above, the construction of the basement may cause a relatively minor obstruction of groundwater flow leading to slightly increased flows around the proposed basement and a negligible increase in groundwater elevation on the up gradient side of the site if groundwater is present. Based on modelling of similar sites in the London Clay, we are confident that this would not be more than a few centimetres at most.

As the development is not expected to cause a significant rise in groundwater elevation up gradient of the property (should any groundwater be present), adjacent properties are not expected to be affected. The nearest basement to the Site is at number 13 Lower Merton Rise on the opposite side of the road at a distance of approximately 46 m.

Down gradient properties are also not expected to be affected by the development.

#### 4.3 IMPACTS ON SURFACE WATER FLOWS AND FLOODING

As the site is not expected to alter the extent of impermeable surfaces in the exterior of the site, no change is expected in the quantity, or quality, of surface water leaving the site. This also means that there will be no material change in surface flooding or flood risk in the surrounding area resulting from the development.

## 5 CONCLUSIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT)

### 5.1 Surface water

There is a very low risk of surface water flooding at the site as defined by the Environment Agency.

- The proposed development will not alter the area of hard standing at the site therefore there is unlikely to be any impact to surface water flows in the surrounding area.
- There is unlikely to be impact to flood risk in the local area.
- A tributary of the “lost river” Tyburn runs nearby the site at approximately 10 m to the west and is expected to be located beneath Lower Merton Rise itself. Given the nature of the proposed development, it is not considered likely that there will be any resulting impact on the quantity or quality of the surface run-off received by this watercourse.

### 5.2 Ground water

Potential impacts of the proposed basement development have been considered as set out in the scope of works. The following summary conclusions are made.

- The proposed basement will be constructed to a depth of 3.5 m below ground level into the underlying London Clay.
- There are insufficient data to determine the presence of groundwater.
- There are two possible scenarios to explain the presence of the water in the onsite boreholes:
  1. It is surface water that has infiltrated the borehole annulus via seepage through the bentonite seal.
  2. There is groundwater present in the clay.
- Further monitoring and testing would be required to establish the source of the water detected in the onsite boreholes (following the prior removal of any water present).
- If the water is proven to be from surface water that has infiltrated the boreholes, then the risk is considered to be negligible.
- If there is groundwater present then there is a moderate potential risk during the construction phase, as the basement would extend below the water level. Any water encountered is likely to be of low volume given that it would primarily be confined to the pockets of higher porosity material (sand and silt). In this scenario, mitigation would be required in the form of an appropriate method whilst constructing the basement, and appropriate design. Post construction the impact of the proposed basement on groundwater flood risk for the surrounding properties is considered to be low.

### 5.3 Recommendations

It is recommended that the source of the water detected in the onsite boreholes is established before final decisions are made on the design and construction methods for the basement. This can be done by purging the borehole using a simple bailer and then monitoring for a longer period during a dry spell of weather.



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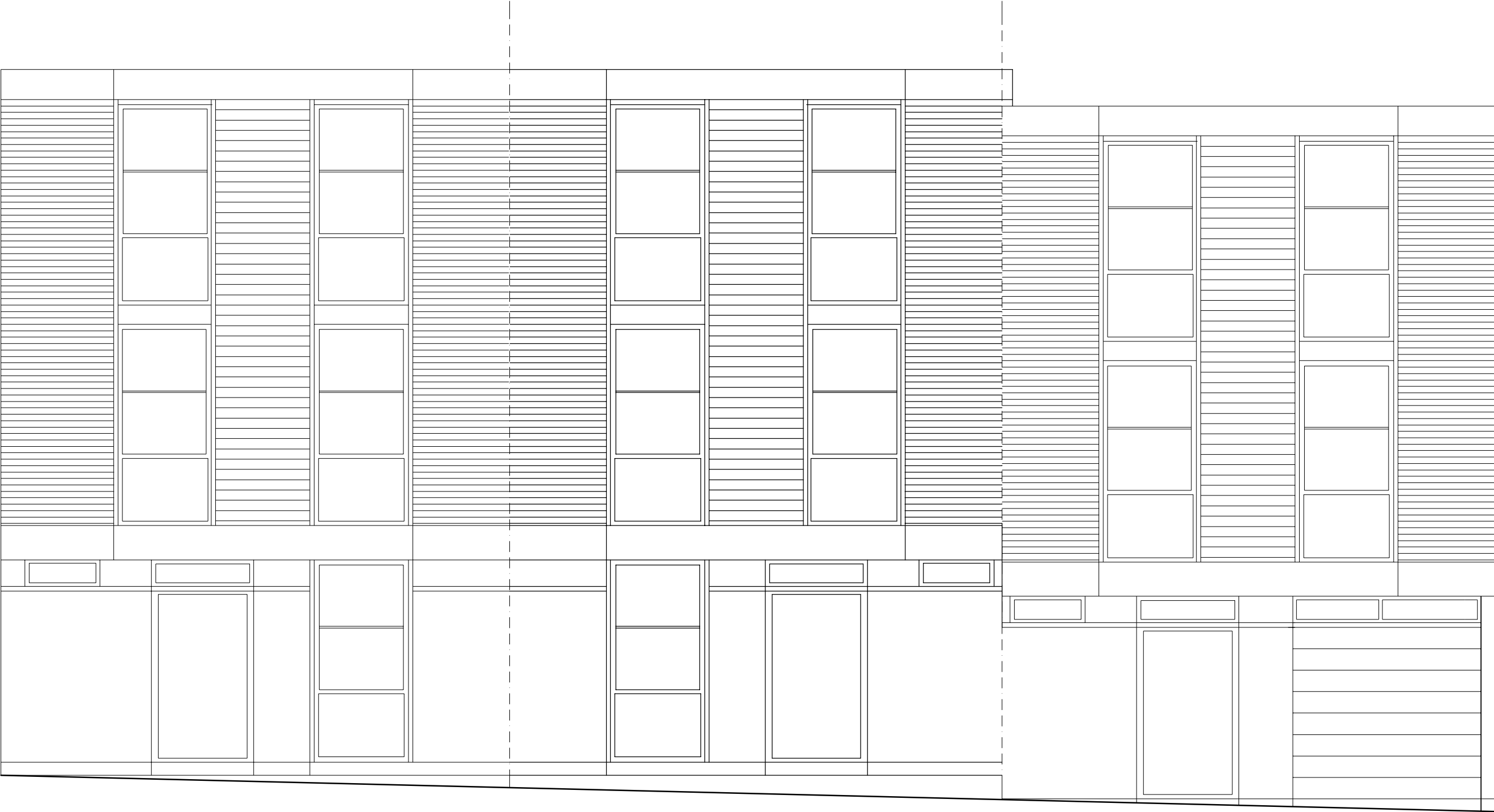
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## **Proposed Development Plans**

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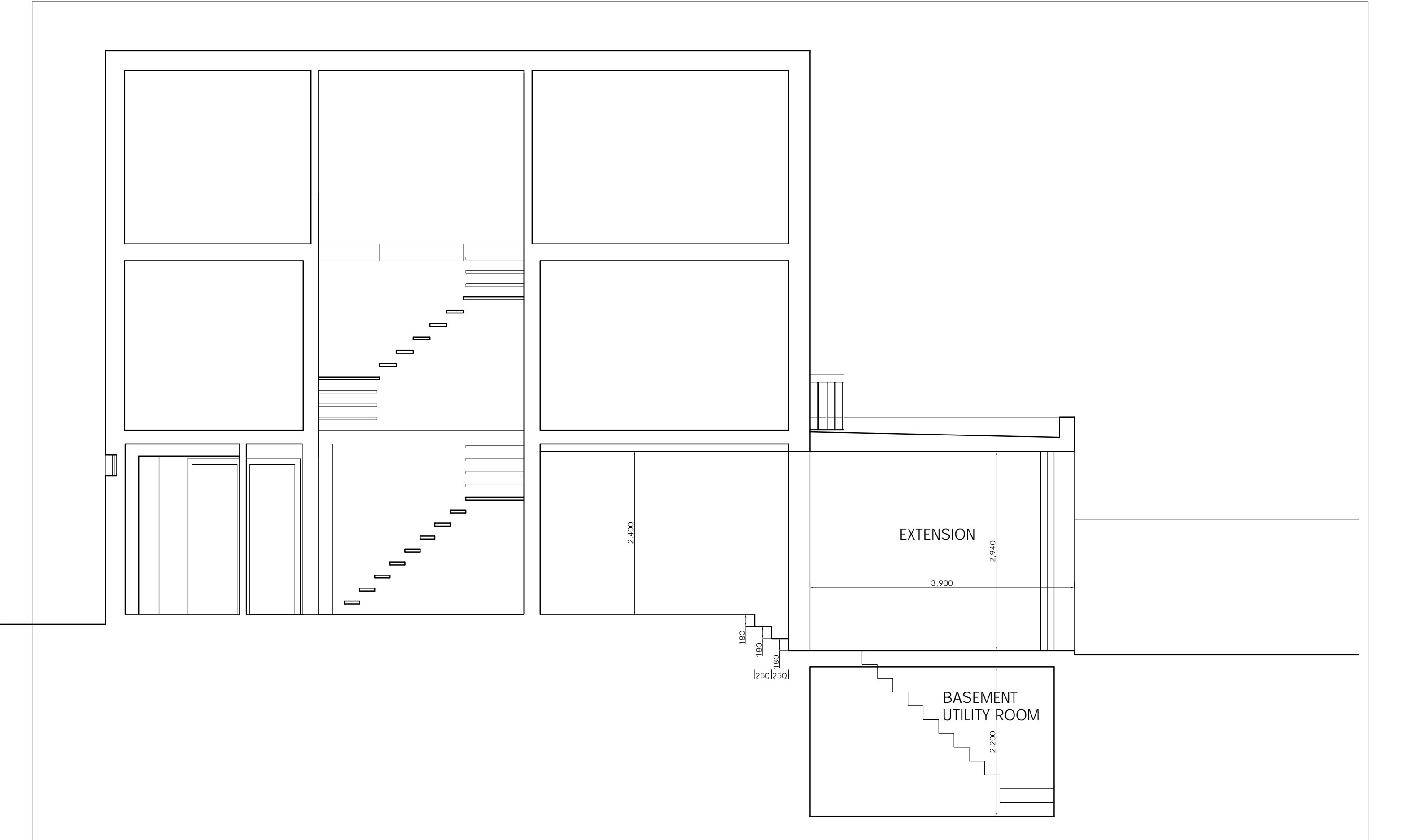
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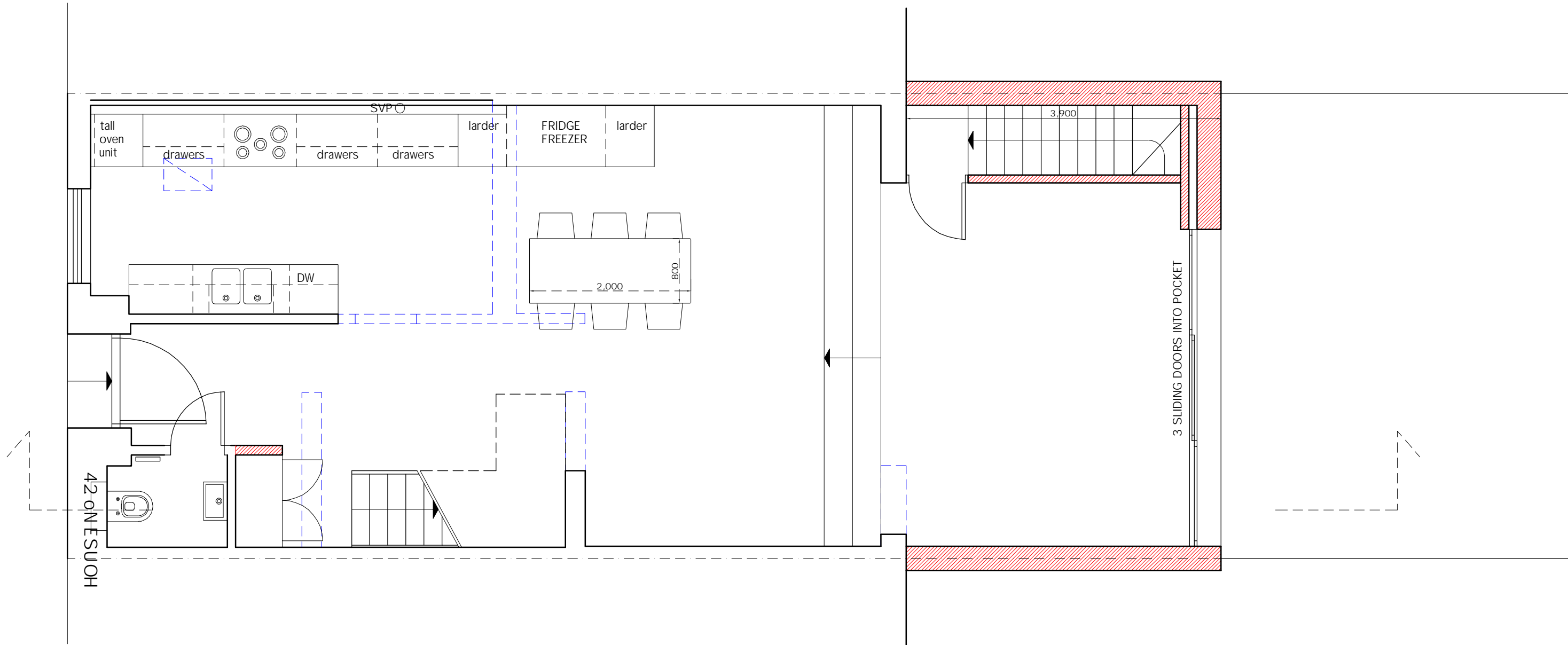
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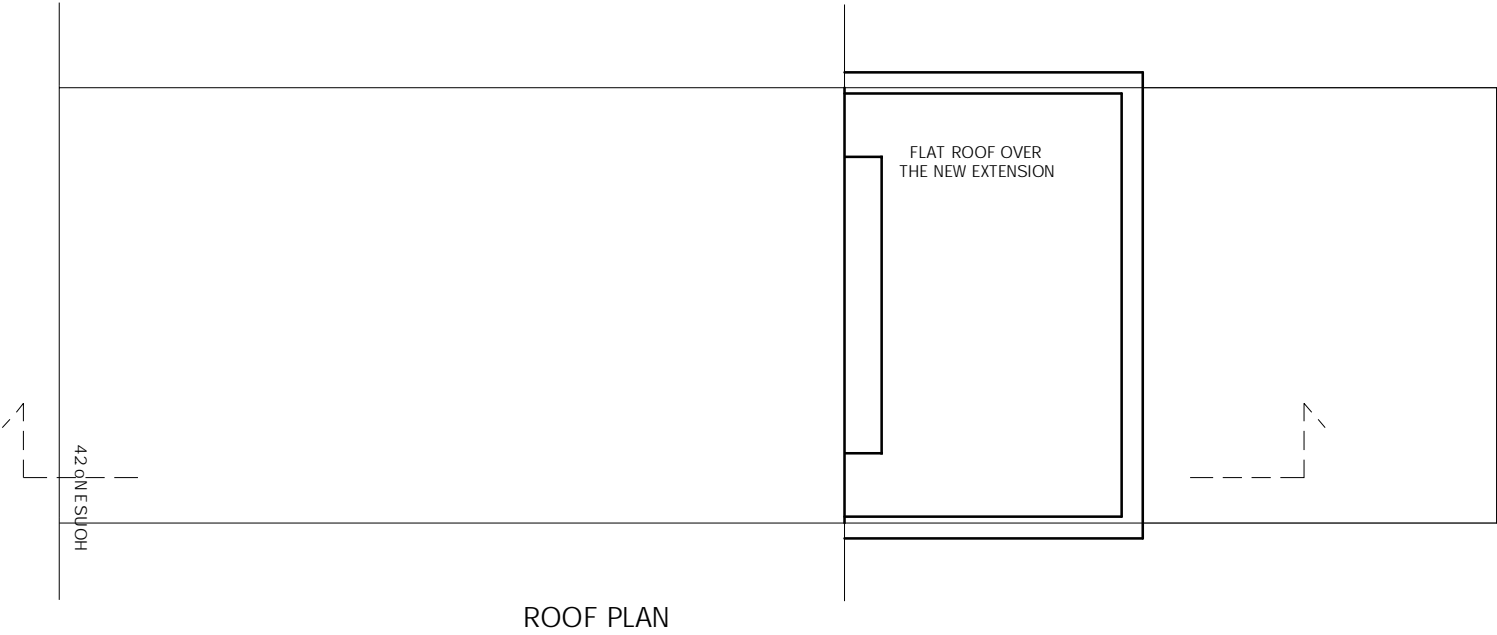
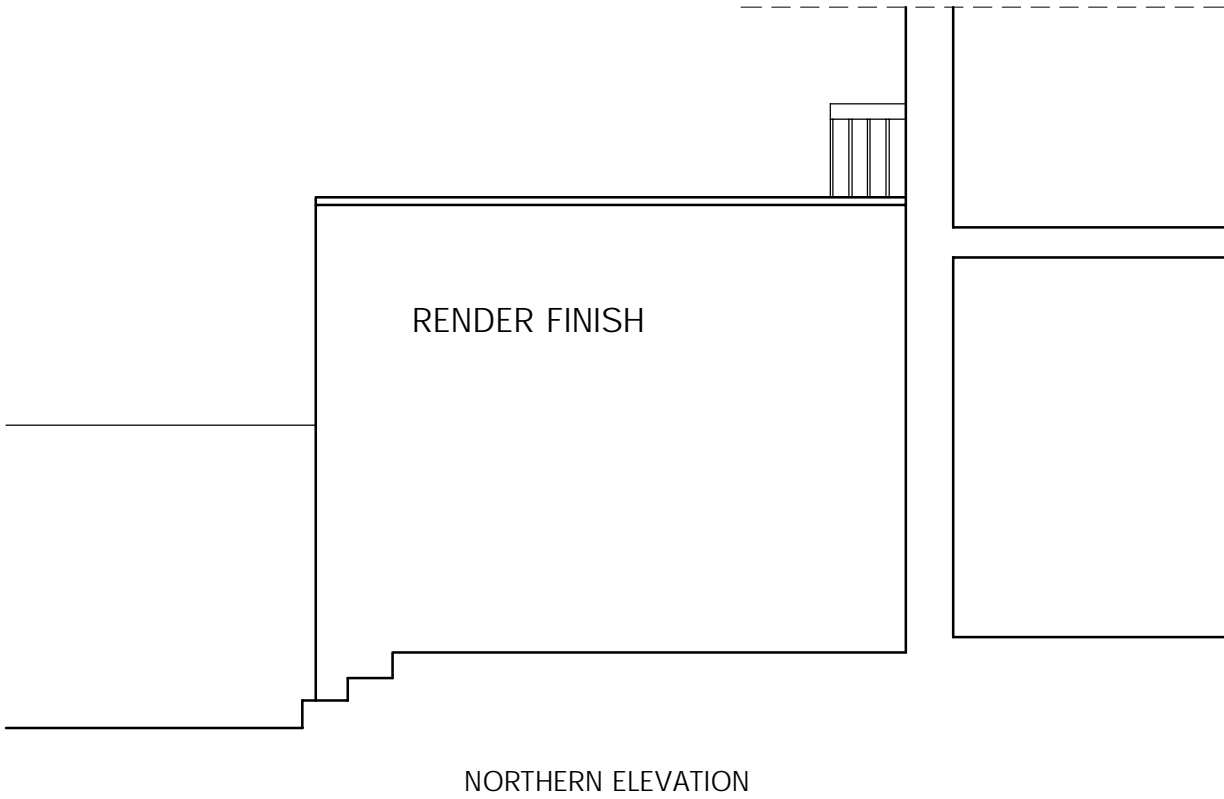
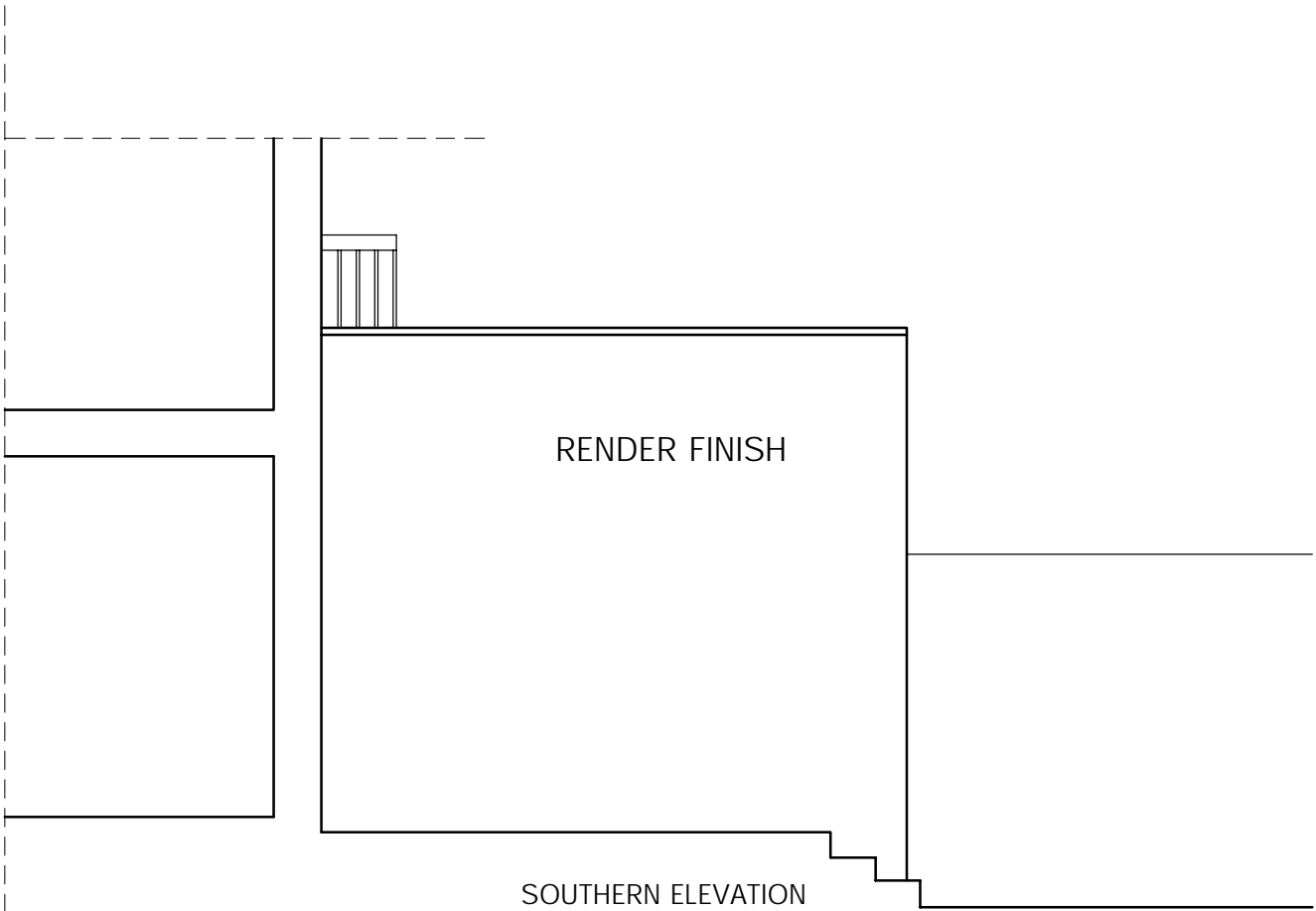
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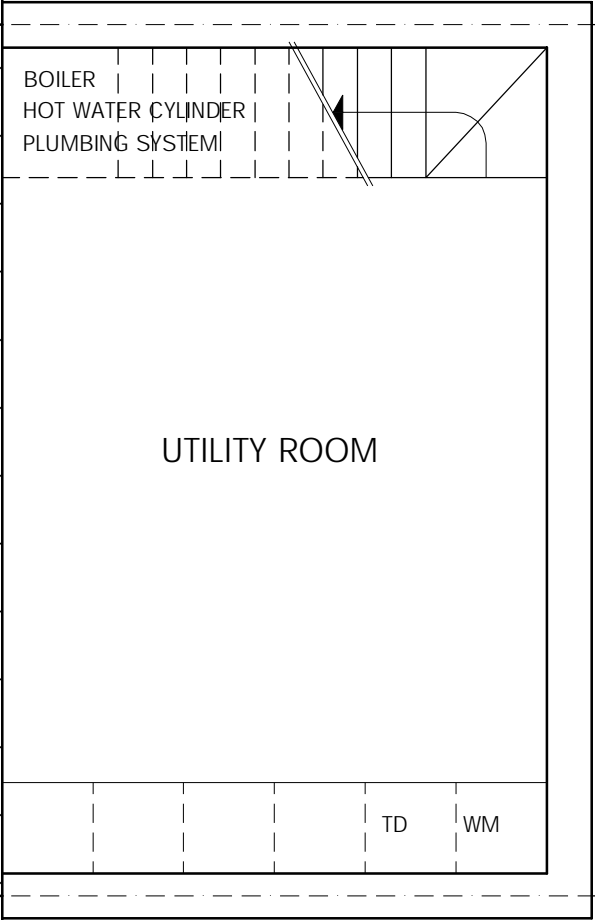
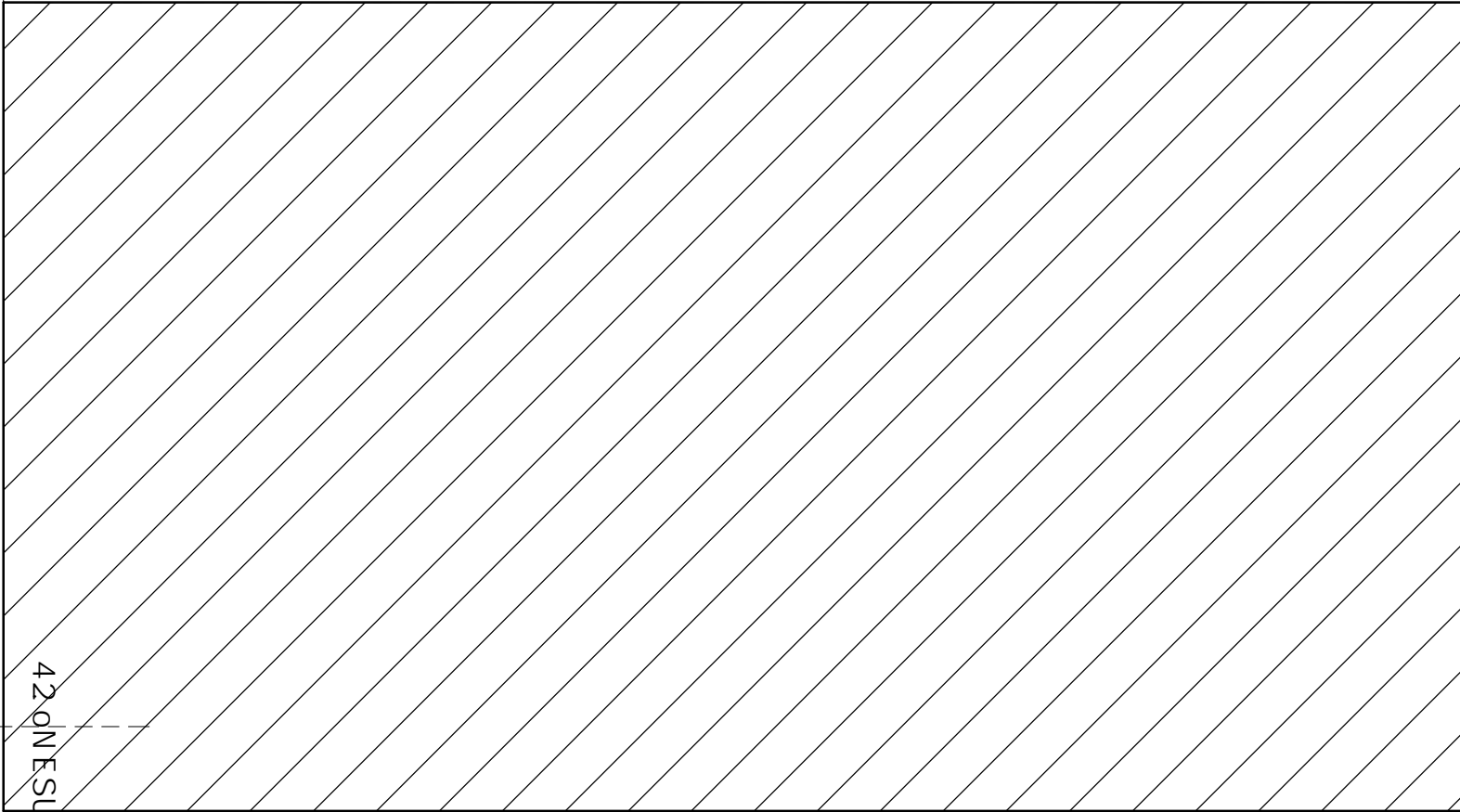


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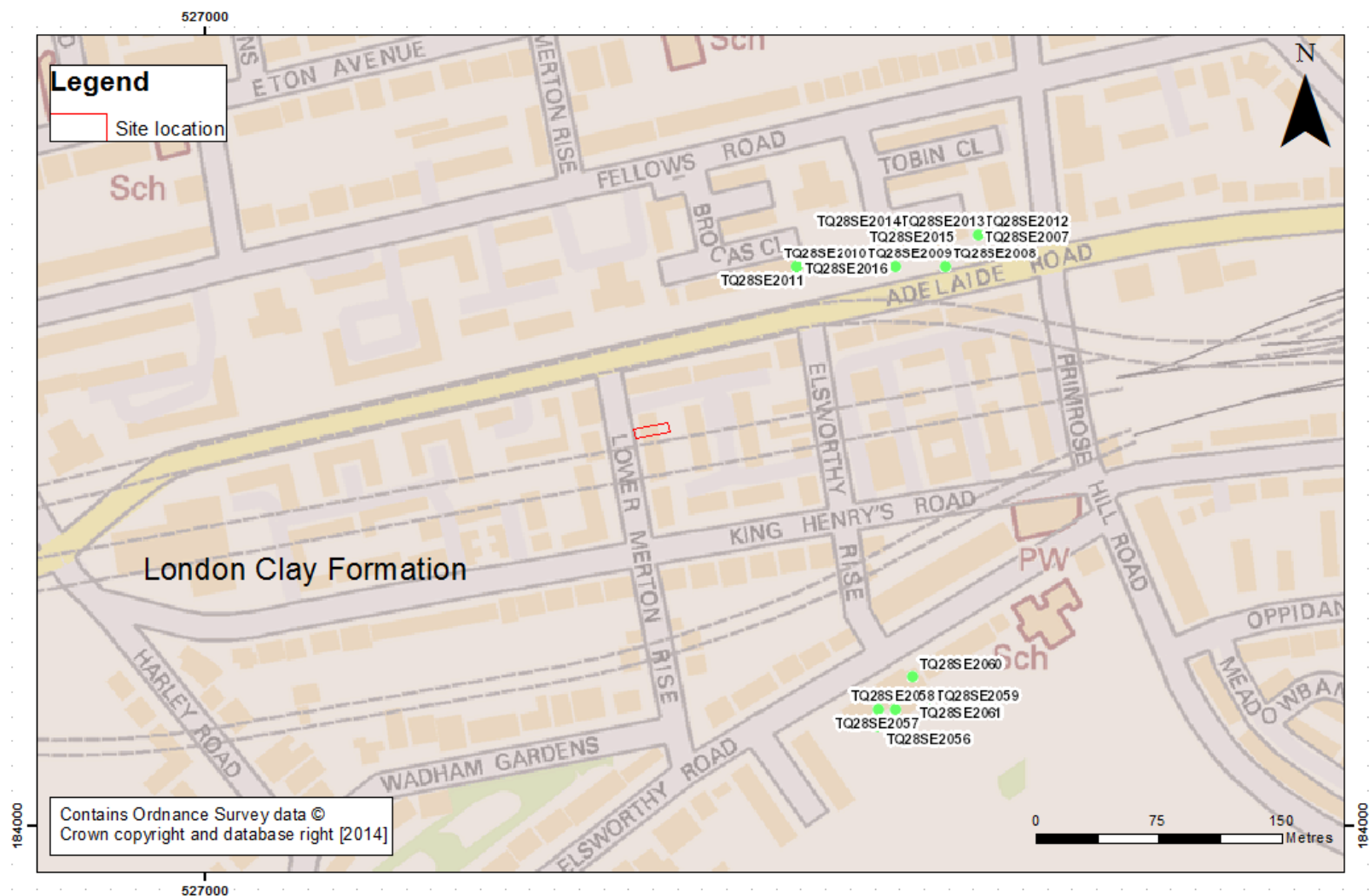
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# APPENDIX B

## Geological Data



Site geology

# TERRESEARCH LIMITED

BOREHOLE NO. 5

2736  
8434

sh Geological Survey

Contract Name Adelaide Road

British Geological Survey

Report No. S. 476/12

British Geological Survey

Client W. E. J. Budgen & Partners

Site Address Adelaide Road,

Address 54, Queen Anne Street,  
London, W.1.

London N.W. 3.

Standing Water Level

Diameter 8"

Water Struck None

Method of Boring Shell/Auger

Ground Level

Start 27.10.62 Finish 29.10.62

Remarks:

sh Geological Survey

Description of Strata	Thickness	Depth	Disturbed Samples	'U' Cores and 'N' P. Test
Made Ground	0'6"	0'6"	J3001 0'6"	
Brown clay	5'6"	6'0"	J3002 3'0" J3003 6'0"	
Brown mottled clay British Geological Survey	14'0"	20'0"	J3004 8'0" J3006 13'0" J3007 17'0"	U3005 10'0"
Brown clay	16'0"	36'0"	J3009 23'0" J3010 27'0" J3012 33'0" J3013 37'0"	U3008 20'0" U3011 30'0"
Blue clay British Geological Survey	44'0"	80'0"	J3015 43'0" J3016 47'0" J3018 53'0" J3019 57'0" J3021 63'0" J3022 67'0" J3024 73'0" J3025 77'0"	U3014 40'0" U3017 50'0" U3020 60'0" U3023 70'0" U3026 78'6"
TOTALS	80'0"	80'0"		

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NOTES: 1. Descriptions are given in accordance with the B.S. Civil Engineering Code of Practice C.P.2001 "Site Investigations".  
2. J indicates Jar Samples.  
B " Bulk Samples.  
W " Water Samples.  
U " Undisturbed Core Samples. These are nominal 4 in. diam. and 18 in. long. Depths shown are top of sample.  
N " Number of blows per ft. penetration with Standard Penetration Tests.

Borehole log for TQ28SE2011

# APPENDIX C

## **Site Ground Investigation Report**

**GROUND INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

**26, LOWER MERTON RISE, CAMDEN, LONDON, NW3 3SP**



**Client:** **RICHARD MAX**  
**26, Lower Merton Rise**  
**Camden**  
**London NW3 3SP**

**Consulting Engineers:** **ESI LTD**  
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**Report ref:** **9551/AW/SCW**

**Date:** **27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 [Rev 0]**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Consideration is being given to the construction of a single levels basement below 26, Lower Merton Rise. In connection with the proposed works, Soil Consultants Ltd [SCL] were commissioned to carry out a ground investigation to include the following elements:

-  Identification of ground sequence
-  Factual report on findings

This factual report describes the investigation undertaken, gives a summary of the ground conditions encountered and then presents the factual records.

## 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located on Lower Merton Rise in the London Borough of Camden, with its centre at approximate NGR 527270E 184240N and with overall dimensions of approximately 25m x 5m. No 26 is a 3-storey residential house of traditional brick construction with a flat roof. The existing house occupies approximately 70% of the site area and there is a block paved parking area at the frontage and an open garden patio area in the rear [eastern] area. The site is sensibly level and lies at approximately +51mOD [inferred from the site survey drawing [No 4638 by Aworth Survey Consultants].

The site is surrounded by residential properties of similar construction. The property is joined to No.28 Lower Merton Rise to the north and No.24 to the immediate south.

A Network Rail Tunnel runs in an E-W direction about 14m south of the site. Information on the depth and alignment of the tunnel is presented on the appended plan and section.

The current site features are shown on the Site Plan which is included in the Appendix.

### 3.0 EXPLORATORY WORK

The ground investigation was carried out in October 2014 and comprised the following elements.

#### **Window sample boreholes**

Two window sample boreholes [WS1 & WS2] were completed using hand held/operated equipment under the supervision of an experienced geotechnical engineer. This method provides a near-continuous profile of the soil and allows for pocket penetrometer and hand vane tests to provide an assessment of the soil strength/consistency. Representative samples were taken for geotechnical and environmental testing. Monitoring pipes were installed in WS1 & WS2.

#### **Ground-water monitoring**



Ground-water monitoring was undertaken by the Client's Agent on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

#### **Geotechnical laboratory testing**

Geotechnical laboratory testing comprised natural moisture content and index properties tests [Atterberg Limits].

#### **Contamination testing**

Selected soil samples were delivered to a specialist laboratory [QTS Environmental Ltd] and the following testing was carried out:

 general soil suite	-	2no samples
 soluble sulphate/pH analyses	-	8no samples

The engineering logs of the exploratory holes and the laboratory testing results are included in the Appendix.

## 4.0 GROUND CONDITIONS

The geological survey map of the area indicates that the site is underlain by the London Clay Formation, which has been confirmed by our ground investigation together with a thin layer of overlying made ground.

### 4.1 Made ground

The made ground at the site extended to depths of 1.25m [WS1] and 1.20m [WS2]. WS1 was positioned within the rear patio area where a tiled surface and underlying granular sub-base had been removed prior to our drilling. A block paved surface over granular sub-base was encountered in WS2 at the Lower Merton Rise frontage. Beneath this, stiff dark grey, silty gravelly clay was encountered in WS1 and dark grey clayey ashy gravelly sand / sandy ashy gravelly clay was encountered in WS2. The gravel constituents comprise brick, flint, occasional mudstone, mortar, charcoal, wire and glass. Live rootlets were evident throughout this made ground. A lower layer of brown gravelly clay including brick, flint and charcoal was encountered between 0.95m and 1.20m depth in WS2.

### 4.2 London Clay

The London Clay initially comprised an upper layer of firm orangish brown and blue grey / grey fissured clay with occasional flint gravel [WS2] and calcareous concretions to depths of 3.00m [WS1] and 2.40m [WS2]. This upper layer may be partially re-worked and became stiff below depths of 2.50m [WS1] and 2.00m [WS2].

Stiff brown and blue grey fissured clay was encountered below depths of 3.00m [WS1] and 2.40m [WS2]. In WS2 selenite crystals were seen below 2.40m depth and orangish brown silt was evident on the fissure surfaces below depths of 4.00m [WS1] and 3.90m [WS2].

Live rootlets were evident to depths of 2.10m in WS1 and 2.30m in WS2. Laboratory index testing has indicated the London Clay to be of a high to very high plasticity and **High** volume change potential [with reference to NHBC Chapter 4.2 'Building near trees']. Our laboratory index testing did not indicate any significant desiccation within the samples tested as the moisture contents were generally higher than the corresponding plastic limits.

This formation extended to at least 5m depth in the boreholes and on the basis of published records is likely to extend to a significant depth well below the influence of the development.

### 4.3 Ground-water

Ground-water was not encountered during the drilling of WS1 or WS2. Ground-water levels have been checked by the Client's Agent who monitored the standpipes on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014, when ground-water levels of 2.6m BGL and 2.1m BGL were recorded in WS1 and 2.6m BGL and 1.8m BGL were recorded in WS2. Ground-water levels can vary due to seasonal and other effects.

#### **4.4 Environmental observations**

No obvious olfactory or visual signs of soil contamination were encountered in the boreholes. Laboratory analysis found elevated values of Lead in the 2No soil samples tested. Low to moderate levels of soluble sulphates were measured in selected soil samples with near neutral pH values.

## GENERAL INFORMATION, LIMITATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

Unless otherwise stated, our Report should be construed as being a Ground Investigation Report [GIR] as defined in BS EN1997-2. Our Report is not intended to be and should not be viewed or treated as a Geotechnical Design Report [GDR] as defined in EN1997-2. Any 'design' recommendations which are provided are for guidance only and are intended to allow the designer to assess the results and implications of our investigation/testing and to permit preliminary design of relevant elements of the proposed scheme.

The methods of investigation used have been chosen taking into account the constraints of the site including but not limited to access and space limitations. Where it has not been possible to reasonably use an EC7 compliant investigation technique we have adopted a practical technique to obtain indicative soil parameters and any interpretation is based upon our engineering experience and relevant published information.

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Comments made relating to ground-water or ground-gas are based upon observations made during our investigation unless otherwise stated. Ground-water and ground-gas conditions may vary with time from those reported due to factors such as seasonal effects, atmospheric effects and and/or tidal conditions. We recommend that if monitoring installations have been included as part of our investigation, continued monitoring should be carried out to maximise the information gained.

Specific geotechnical features/hazards such as [but not limited to] areas of root-related desiccation and dissolution features in chalk/soluble rock can exist in discrete localised areas - there can be no certainty that any or all of such features/hazards have been located, sampled or identified. Where a risk is identified the designer should provide appropriate contingencies to mitigate the risk through additional exploratory work and/or an engineered solution.

Where a specific risk of ground dissolution features has been identified in our Report [anything above a 'low' risk rating], reference should be made to the local building control to establish whether there are any specific local requirements for foundation design and appropriate allowances should be incorporated into the design. If such a risk assessment was not within the scope of our investigation and where it is deemed that the ground sequence may give rise to such a risk [for example near-surface chalk strata] it is recommended that an appropriate assessment should be undertaken prior to design of foundations.

Where spread foundations are used, we recommend that all excavations are inspected and approved by suitably experienced personnel; appropriate inspection records should be kept. This should also apply to any structures which are in direct contact with the soil where the soil could have a detrimental effect on performance or integrity of the structure.

Ground contamination often exists in small discrete areas - there can be no certainty that any or all such areas have been located, sampled or identified.

The findings and opinions conveyed in this Report may be based on information from a variety of sources such as previous desk studies, investigations or chemical analyses. Soil Consultants Limited cannot and does not provide any guarantee as to the authenticity, accuracy or reliability of such information from third parties; such information has not been independently verified unless stated in our Report.


Our Report is written in the context of an agreed scope of work between Soil Consultants Ltd and the Client and should not be used in any different context. In light of additional information becoming available, improved practices and changes in legislation, amendment or re-interpretation of the assessment or the Report in part or in whole may be necessary after its original publication.

Unless otherwise stated our investigation does not include an arboricultural survey, asbestos survey, ecological survey or flood risk assessment and these should be deemed to be outside the scope of our investigation.



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## **Foreword to: Window Sampler Boreholes**

**Window Sample Boreholes** are constructed by driving in steel sample tubes in which long slots have been cut to enable the soil to be examined, tested or sampled. The tubes are either 1m or 2m in length. The borehole commences using a large diameter tube, 70mm or 80mm, with each succeeding tube reducing usually by 10mm in diameter to assist the extraction of the tube from the ground. Thus, it is theoretically possible to obtain a total continuous sample of the soil for examination or testing.

Window Sample boreholes are a means of rapid and economic sampling where access is not necessarily good or where impact of the investigation must be kept to a minimum.

The method is primarily suited to clay soils and can also achieve reasonable penetration into many granular soils. Soil recovery beneath the water table in granular soils can however be reduced.

The open slot in the sample tube allows hand shear vane and pocket penetrometer tests to be carried out. Samples can also be taken where necessary for laboratory testing, including moisture content, index property tests and contamination analyses.








































Hand Shear Vane : The shear strength of cohesive soils are reported in kPa.

Pocket Penetrometer : The unconfined compression strengths values are reported in kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

SPT : The SPT tests results are reported as field test. Corrected SPT results are presented as an addendum sheet and soil descriptions incorporate the corrected values in accordance with BS EN ISO 22476-3, 2005, National Annex A

26, Lower Merton Rise							Borehole No: WS1			
Site & Location: Camden, London NW3 3SP										
Client: Richard Max				Coords (E/N): 527280.00 - 184245.00			Sheet 1 of 1			
Engineer: ESI Ltd				Ground Level (m): 51.62			Report No: 9551/AW			
Progress & Observations	Samples & Tests		Field Test Results	Strata		Legend	Strata Description	Backfill / Installation		
	Type	Depth (m)		Depth (m)	Level (m)					
BH commenced: 23/10/14				0.13	51.49		MADE GROUND : Tile over concrete basecourse.			
							MADE GROUND : Orangish brown clayey sand and flint gravel.			
BH dia: 85mm reducing to 60mm				0.35	51.27					MADE GROUND : Stiff dark grey silty gravelly clay with rootlets. Gravel comprises flint, brick, charcoal, mortar, glass and wire. Pockets of reddish brown clayey sand.
	PP	0.50	2.1							
	ES	0.50								
	D	0.80								
				1.25	50.37		Firm grey and orangish brown fissured CLAY with live rootlets.			
	D	1.40	1.9	1.50	50.12					
	PP	1.40								
	PP	1.60								
	HV	1.70	52							
	D	1.70								
	PP	1.80	1.7							
	PP	2.00	1.5							
	PP	2.20	1.8				...live rootlets not seen below 2.10m depth			
	HV	2.30	56							
	D	2.30								
	PP	2.40	2.4				...becoming stiff below 2.50m depth			
	PP	2.60	2.6							
	D	2.70								
	HV	2.70	68				...occasional sandy pocket at 2.80m depth			
	PP	2.80	2.7							
	PP	3.00	3.5	3.00	48.62		Stiff brown and blue grey fissured CLAY.			
	PP	3.20	3.3							
	D	3.30	82							
	HV	3.30								
	PP	3.40	3.2							
	PP	3.60	3.0							
	PP	3.80	3.6							
	D	4.00								
	PP	4.00	3.6							
	HV	4.00	87							
	PP	4.20	3.2							
	PP	4.40	3.5				...ancient decaying rootlets at 4.40m depth			
	D	4.40								
	PP	4.60	3.4							
Groundwater not encountered	HV	4.80	110							
	PP	4.80	3.3							
	D	4.80								
	PP	4.90	3.4	5.00	46.62					
Key: U = Undisturbed B = Bulk D = Small disturbed W = Water E = glass jar & plastic tub SPT/S = split spoon SPT/C = solid cone HV = Hand Vane [kPa] PP = Pocket Penetrometer [kg/cm2] PID = Photo Ionisation Detector [ppmv]										
Borehole type: Window Sampler							Borehole No: WS1			
Remarks :- Hand excavation to 0.35m completed by others prior to drilling. Standpipe 35mm dia installed to 4.80m on completion, slotted with gravel filter 1.80m to 4.80m, bentonite seal 0.35m to 1.80m, original trial pit to be backfilled by others.										
[* = full SPT penetration not achieved - see summary sheet]										



<b>26, Lower Merton Rise</b> Site & Location: <b>Camden, London NW3 3SP</b>							Borehole No: <b>WS2</b>	
Client: <b>Richard Max</b>					Coords (E/N): 527260.00 - 184240.00		Sheet 1 of 1	
Engineer: <b>ESI Ltd</b>					Ground Level (m): 51.85		Report No: 9551/AW	
Progress & Observations	Samples & Tests		Field Test Results	Strata		Legend	Strata Description	Backfill / Installation
	Type	Depth (m)		Depth (m)	Level (m)			
BH commenced: 23/10/14	ES	0.50		0.07	51.78		MADE GROUND : Block paving.	
				0.24	51.61		MADE GROUND : Orangish brown clayey sand and flint gravel.	
BH dia: 85mm reducing to 60mm	D	0.80		0.45	51.40		MADE GROUND : Grey sand and flint gravel.	
				0.95	50.90		MADE GROUND : Dark grey clayey ashy gravelly sand / sandy ashy gravelly clay with rootlets. Gravel comprises brick, flint, occasional mudstone, mortar and glass.	
	PP D	1.25 1.25	1.9	1.20	50.65		MADE GROUND : Brown gravelly clay. Gravel comprises brick, flint and charcoal.	
				1.50			Firm orangish brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional flint gravel and calcareous concretions and with rootlets.	
	PP	1.70 1.80	1.5				...infested with live rootlets at 1.80m depth	
	HV	1.80 1.90	51 2.2				...becoming stiff below 2.00m depth	
	PP	2.30 2.30	2.4				...live rootlets not seen below 2.30m depth	
	PP	2.50 2.50	2.6 76				...becoming light orange brown and very silty below 2.30m depth	
	PP	2.70 2.90	2.9				Stiff brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with fine selenite crystals.	
	HV	2.90 2.90	72				...ancient decaying rootlet at 3.90m depth	
	PP	2.90 3.10	3.0 2.9				...with occasional orangish brown silt on fissure surfaces below 3.90m depth	
	PP	3.50 3.50	3.9				...ancient decaying rootlet at 3.90m depth	
	HV	3.50 3.70	73				...with occasional orangish brown silt on fissure surfaces below 3.90m depth	
	PP	3.70 3.90	3.5				...ancient decaying rootlet at 3.90m depth	
	PP	4.10 4.10	4.0				...with occasional orangish brown silt on fissure surfaces below 3.90m depth	
	PP	4.30 4.50	3.7				...ancient decaying rootlet at 3.90m depth	
	D	4.50 4.50	4.2				...with occasional orangish brown silt on fissure surfaces below 3.90m depth	
	HV	4.50 4.70	92				...ancient decaying rootlet at 3.90m depth	
	PP	4.70 4.90	4.0				...with occasional orangish brown silt on fissure surfaces below 3.90m depth	
Groundwater not encountered	PP	4.90	4.9	5.00	46.85		End of borehole at 5.00 m	
Key: U = Undisturbed B = Bulk D = Small disturbed W = Water E = glass jar & plastic tub SPT/S = split spoon SPT/C = solid cone HV = Hand Vane [kPa]								
PP = Pocket Penetrometer [kg/cm2] PID = Photo Ionisation Detector [ppmv]							Borehole type: Window Sampler	
Remarks :- Hand excavation to 0.24m completed by others prior to drilling. Standpipe 35mm dia installed to 4.94m on completion, slotted with gravel filter 1.94m to 4.94m, bentonite seal 0.35m to 1.94m, block paving replaced loose at surface.								Borehole No: <b>WS2</b>
[* = full SPT penetration not achieved - see summary sheet]								

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### SUMMARY OF CLASSIFICATION TEST RESULTS

BH ID	Depth (m)	Type	w (%)	wL (%)	wP (%)	Pass 425 (%)	IP (%)	Mod IP (%)	IL (%)	LOI (%)	Description
WS1	0.80	D	20								MADE GROUND : Stiff dark grey silty gravelly clay with rootlets. Gravel comprises flint, brick, charcoal, mortar, glass and wire. Pockets of reddish brown clayey sand.
WS1	1.40	D	28								Grey and orangish brown fissured CLAY with live rootlets.
WS1	1.70	D	33	73	23	95	50		0.20		Orangish brown, grey and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional calcareous concretions.
WS1	2.30	D	29								Orangish brown, grey and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional calcareous concretions.
WS1	2.70	D	30								Orangish brown, grey and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional calcareous concretions.
WS1	3.30	D	32								Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY.
WS1	4.00	D	31	73	27	46	46		0.09		Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY.
WS1	4.40	D	30								Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY.
WS1	4.80	D	29								Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY.
WS2	0.80	D	25								MADE GROUND : Dark grey clayey ashy gravelly sand / sandy ashy gravelly clay with rootlets. Gravel comprises brick, flint, occasional mudstone, mortar and glass.
WS2	1.25	D	34	75	23	52	52		0.22		Orangish brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional flint gravel and calcareous concretions and with rootlets.
WS2	1.80	D	29								Orangish brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional flint gravel and calcareous concretions and with rootlets.
WS2	2.30	D	26								Orangish brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with occasional flint gravel and calcareous concretions and with rootlets.
WS2	2.90	D	28								Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with fine selenite crystals.
WS2	3.50	D	30	70	26	44	44		0.10		Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with fine selenite crystals.
WS2	4.10	D	32								Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with fine selenite crystals.
WS2	4.50	D	31	76	26	50	50		0.10		Brown and blue grey fissured CLAY with fine selenite crystals.

Testing in accordance with BS EN ISO 17892 unless specified otherwise

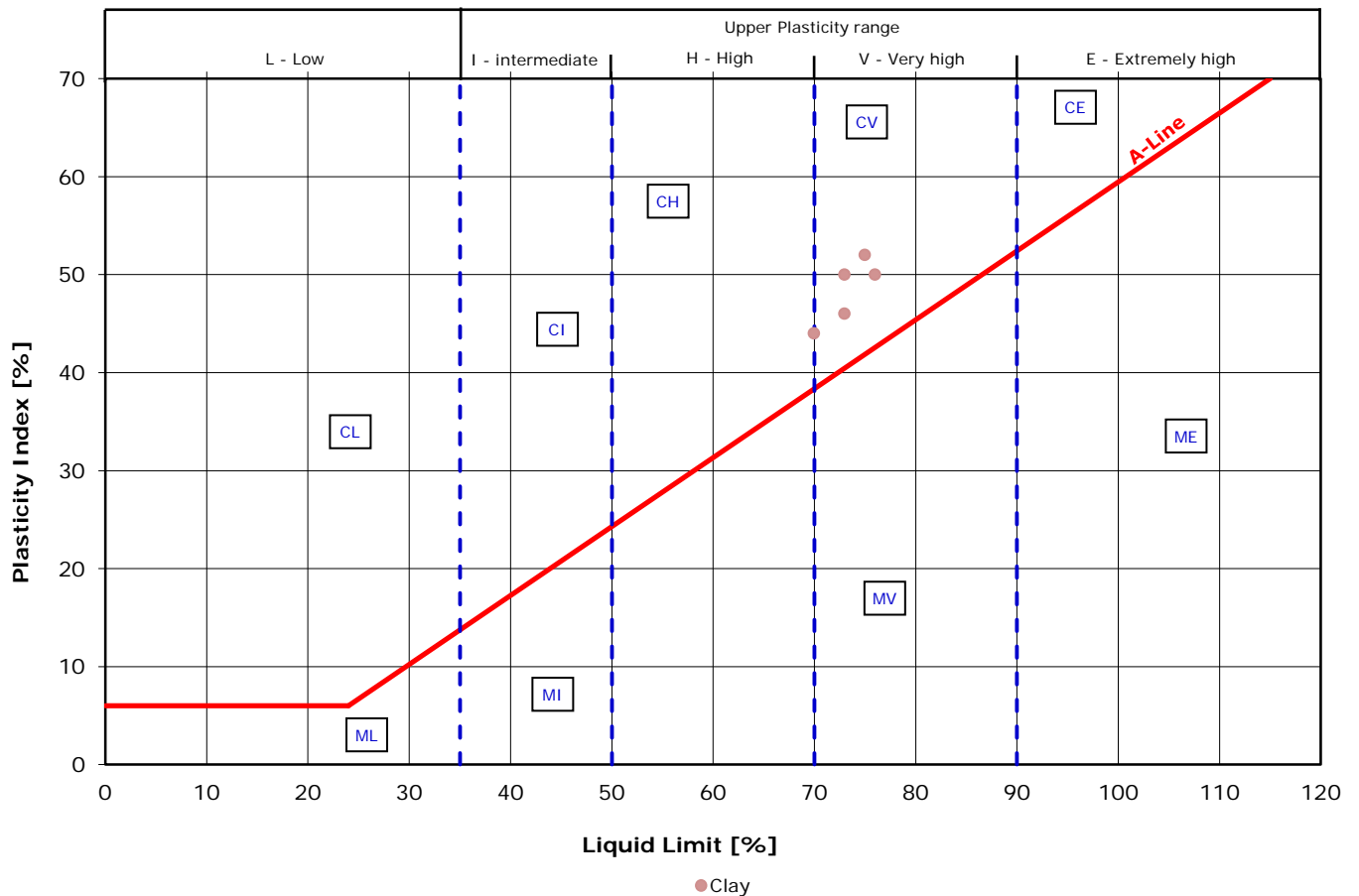
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Modified Plasticity Index calculated in accordance with NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 (reported if %passing 425mm <95%)

Percent passing 425µm: by estimation, by hand\* or by sieving\*\*

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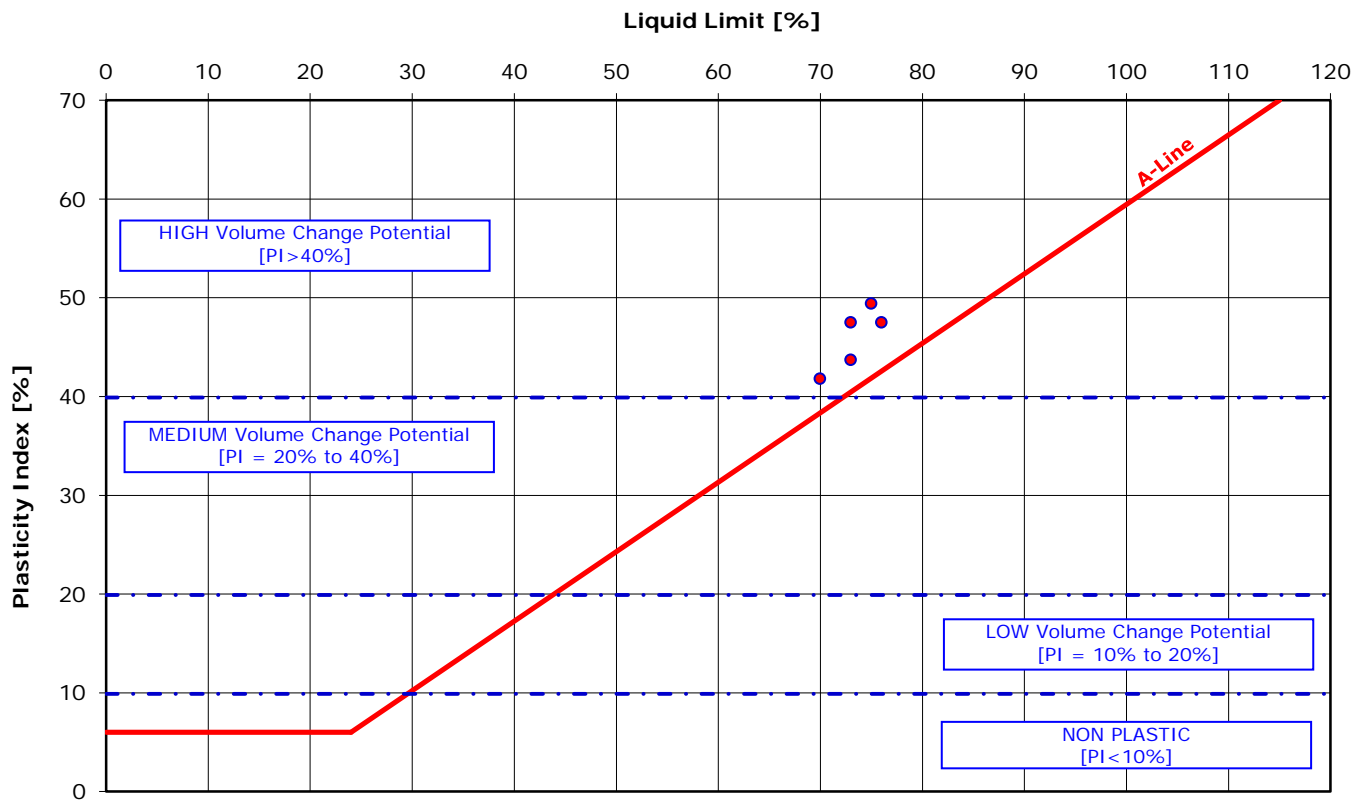
## Plasticity Chart



M - SILT [plots below the A-Line]  
C - CLAY [plots above the A-Line]

Classification in accordance with BS5930:1999+A2:2010 "Code of practice for site investigations"

## Plasticity Chart



Modified Plasticity Index,  $I'_p$ :

$$I'_p = \frac{I_p \times (\% \text{ passing } 425\text{mm})}{100\%}$$

[where  $I_p$  = Plasticity Index]

Classification in accordance with NHBC Standards, Part 4 'Foundations', Chapter 4.2 'Building near trees'

## **Foreword to: CONTAMINATION TESTING AND ASSESSMENT**

The following statements are designed to inform and guide the Client and other potential parties intending to rely upon this report, with the express intent of protecting them from misunderstanding as to the extent and thus the potential associated risks that may result from proceeding without further evaluations or guidance.

- 1) Unless otherwise stated in this report, the testing of soils and waters is based on a range of commonly occurring potential contaminants for the specific purpose of providing a general guidance evaluation for the proposed form of development. Thus, the range of potential contaminants is neither exhaustive nor specifically targeted to any previous known uses or influences upon the site.
- 2) The amount and scope of the testing should not be assumed to be exhaustive but has been selected, at this stage, to provide a reasonable, general view of the site ground conditions. In many cases this situation is quite sufficient for the site to be characterised for the purposes of development and related Health and Safety matters for persons involved in or directly affected by the site development works. It must be understood, however, that in certain circumstances aspects or areas of the site may require further investigation and testing in order to fully clarify and characterise contamination issues, both for regulatory compliance and for commercial reasons.
- 3) The scope of the contamination testing must not automatically be regarded as being sufficient to fully formulate a remediation scheme. For such a scheme it may be necessary to consider further testing to verify the effectiveness of the remedial work after the site has been treated. It must be understood that a remediation scheme which brings a site into a sufficient state for the proposed development ("fit for purpose") under current legislation and published guidance, may result in some contamination being left in-situ. It is possible that forthcoming legislation may result in a site being classified by the Local Authority and assigned a "Degree of Risk" related to previous use or known contamination.
- 4) The scope of the environmental investigation and contamination testing must not be automatically regarded as sufficient to satisfy the requirements in the wider environmental setting. The risks to adjacent properties and to the water environment are assessed by the regulatory authorities and there may be a requirement to carry out further exploration, testing and, possibly monitoring in the short or long term. It is not possible to sensibly predict the nature and extent of such additional requirements as these are the direct result of submissions to and liaison with the regulatory authorities. It is imperative, therefore, that such submissions and contacts are made as soon as possible, especially if there are perceived to be critical features of the site and proposed scheme, in this context.
- 5) New testing criteria have been implemented by the Environment Agency to enable a waste disposal classification to be made. The date of implementation of this Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) testing was July 2005. It is this testing that will be used by the waste regulatory authorities, including waste disposal sites, to designate soils for disposal in landfill sites. In certain circumstances, to satisfy the waste regulations, there may be the necessity to carry out additional testing to clarify and confirm the nature of any contamination that may be present. If commercial requirements are significant then this process may also necessitate further field operations to clarify the extent of certain features. Thus, the waste classification must be obtained from the waste regulation authorities or a licensed waste disposal site and we strongly recommend that this classification is obtained as soon as possible and certainly prior to establishing any costings or procedures for this or related aspects of the scheme.



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## **QTS Environmental Report No: 14-26153**

**Site Reference:** 26, Lower Merton Rise, London NW3 3SP

**Project / Job Ref:** 9551 / AW

**Order No:** 9551/AW

**Sample Receipt Date:** 31/10/2014

**Sample Scheduled Date:** 31/10/2014

**Report Issue Number:** 1

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Soil Analysis Certificate						
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<b>Soil Consultants Ltd</b>	<b>Time Sampled</b>	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied
<b>Site Reference: 26, Lower Merton Rise, London NW3 3SP</b>	<b>TP / BH No</b>	WS1	WS1	WS1	WS1	WS2
<b>Project / Job Ref: 9551 / AW</b>	<b>Additional Refs</b>	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied
<b>Order No: 9551/AW</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	0.50	0.80	2.70	4.40	0.50
<b>Reporting Date: 06/11/2014</b>	<b>QTSE Sample No</b>	124076	124077	124078	124079	124080

Determinand	Unit	RL	Accreditation					
pH	pH Units	N/a	MCERTS	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.3	6.2
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	< 5	NONE	245				378
Total Cyanide	mg/kg	< 2	NONE	< 2				< 2
Total Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/kg	< 200	NONE	1285	761	643	1701	2016
W/S Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub> (2:1)	g/l	< 0.01	MCERTS	0.04	0.09	0.17	0.59	0.48
Total Sulphur	mg/kg	< 200	NONE	420	478	222	563	662
Organic Matter	%	< 0.1	NONE	2.4				< 0.1
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	< 2	MCERTS	13				17
W/S Boron	mg/kg	< 1	NONE	< 1				1.8
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	< 0.5	MCERTS	< 0.5				0.7
Chromium (Cr)	mg/kg	< 2	MCERTS	28				28
Chromium (hexavalent)	mg/kg	< 2	NONE	< 2				< 2
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	< 4	MCERTS	76				67
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	< 3	MCERTS	434				1110
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	< 1	NONE	< 1				1.7
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	< 3	MCERTS	18				21
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	< 3	NONE	< 3				< 3
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	< 3	MCERTS	234				352
Total Phenols (monohydric)	mg/kg	< 2	NONE	< 2				< 2
EPH (C10 - C40)	mg/kg	< 6	MCERTS	50				< 6

Analytical results are expressed on a dry weight basis where samples are dried at less than 30°C

Analysis carried out on the dried sample is corrected for the stone content

Subcontracted analysis <sup>(5)</sup>



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<b>Soil Consultants Ltd</b>	<b>Time Sampled</b>	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied		
<b>Site Reference: 26, Lower Merton Rise, London NW3 3SP</b>	<b>TP / BH No</b>	WS2	WS2	WS2		
<b>Project / Job Ref: 9551 / AW</b>	<b>Additional Refs</b>	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied		
<b>Order No: 9551/AW</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	0.80	1.80	2.90		
<b>Reporting Date: 06/11/2014</b>	<b>QTSE Sample No</b>	124081	124082	124083		

Determinand	Unit	RL	Accreditation				
pH	pH Units	N/a	MCERTS	6.4	7.0	7.1	
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	< 5	NONE				
Total Cyanide	mg/kg	< 2	NONE				
Total Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/kg	< 200	NONE	1060	522	1127	
W/S Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub> (2:1)	g/l	< 0.01	MCERTS	0.90	0.24	0.36	
Total Sulphur	mg/kg	< 200	NONE	411	< 200	382	
Organic Matter	%	< 0.1	NONE				
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	< 2	MCERTS				
W/S Boron	mg/kg	< 1	NONE				
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	< 0.5	MCERTS				
Chromium (Cr)	mg/kg	< 2	MCERTS				
Chromium (hexavalent)	mg/kg	< 2	NONE				
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	< 4	MCERTS				
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	< 3	MCERTS				
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	< 1	NONE				
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	< 3	MCERTS				
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	< 3	NONE				
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	< 3	MCERTS				
Total Phenols (monohydric)	mg/kg	< 2	NONE				
EPH (C10 - C40)	mg/kg	< 6	MCERTS				

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Soil Analysis Certificate - Speciated PAHs						
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<b>Soil Consultants Ltd</b>	<b>Time Sampled</b>	None Supplied	None Supplied			
<b>Site Reference: 26, Lower Merton Rise, London NW3 3SP</b>	<b>TP / BH No</b>	WS1	WS2			
<b>Project / Job Ref: 9551 / AW</b>	<b>Additional Refs</b>	None Supplied	None Supplied			
<b>Order No: 9551/AW</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	0.50	0.50			
<b>Reporting Date: 06/11/2014</b>	<b>QTSE Sample No</b>	124076	124080			

Determinand	Unit	RL	Accreditation					
Naphthalene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.13	< 0.1			
Acenaphthylene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1			
Acenaphthene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1			
Fluorene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1			
Phenanthrene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.96	< 0.1			
Anthracene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.16	< 0.1			
Fluoranthene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	1.55	0.23			
Pyrene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	1.44	0.20			
Benzo(a)anthracene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.67	< 0.1			
Chrysene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.74	0.14			
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.76	0.18			
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.25	< 0.1			
Benzo(a)pyrene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.59	< 0.1			
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.39	< 0.1			
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1			
Benzo(ghi)perylene	mg/kg	< 0.1	MCERTS	0.35	< 0.1			
Total EPA-16 PAHs	mg/kg	< 1.6	MCERTS	8	< 1.6			

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Order No: 9551/AW	
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QTSE Sample No	TP / BH No	Additional Refs	Depth (m)	Moisture Content (%)	Sample Matrix Description
124076	WS1	None Supplied	0.50	14.1	Grey loamy clay with rubble and stones
124077	WS1	None Supplied	0.80	15	Grey sandy clay with rubble
124078	WS1	None Supplied	2.70	19.3	Light brown clay
124079	WS1	None Supplied	4.40	19.8	Light brown clay
124080	WS2	None Supplied	0.50	17.2	Grey loamy clay
124081	WS2	None Supplied	0.80	16.8	Grey sandy clay with rubble
124082	WS2	None Supplied	1.80	18.2	Light brown clay
124083	WS2	None Supplied	2.90	18.7	Light brown clay

Moisture content is part of procedure E003 & is not an accredited test

Insufficient Sample <sup>1/5</sup>

Unsuitable Sample <sup>1/5</sup>



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# **Soil Analysis Certificate - Methodology & Miscellaneous Information**

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Matrix	Analysed On	Determinand	Brief Method Description	Method No
Soil	D	Boron - Water Soluble	Determination of water soluble boron in soil by 2:1 hot water extract followed by ICP-OES	E012
Soil	AR	BTEX	Determination of BTEX by headspace GC-MS	E001
Soil	D	Cations	Determination of cations in soil by aqua-regia digestion followed by ICP-OES	E002
Soil	D	Chloride - Water Soluble (2:1)	Determination of chloride by extraction with water & analysed by ion chromatography	E009
Soil	AR	Chromium - Hexavalent	Determination of hexavalent chromium in soil by extraction in water then by acidification, addition of 1,5 diphenylcarbazine followed by colorimetry	E016
Soil	AR	Cyanide - Complex	Determination of complex cyanide by distillation followed by colorimetry	E015
Soil	AR	Cyanide - Free	Determination of free cyanide by distillation followed by colorimetry	E015
Soil	AR	Cyanide - Total	Determination of total cyanide by distillation followed by colorimetry	E015
Soil	D	Cyclohexane Extractable Matter (CEM)	Gravimetrically determined through extraction with cyclohexane	E011
Soil	AR	Diesel Range Organics (C10 - C24)	Determination of hexane/acetone extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID	E004
Soil	AR	Electrical Conductivity	Determination of electrical conductivity by addition of saturated calcium sulphate followed by electrometric measurement	E022
Soil	AR	Electrical Conductivity	Determination of electrical conductivity by addition of water followed by electrometric measurement	E023
Soil	D	Elemental Sulphur	Determination of elemental sulphur by solvent extraction followed by GC-MS	E020
Soil	AR	EPH (C10 - C40)	Determination of acetone/hexane extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID	E004
Soil	AR	EPH Product ID	Determination of acetone/hexane extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID	E004
Soil	AR	EPH TEXAS	Determination of acetone/hexane extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID	E004
Soil	D	Fluoride - Water Soluble	Determination of Fluoride by extraction with water & analysed by ion chromatography	E009
Soil	D	FOC (Fraction Organic Carbon)	Determination of fraction of organic carbon by oxidising with potassium dichromate followed by titration with iron (II) sulphate	E010
Soil	D	Loss on Ignition @ 450oC	Determination of loss on ignition in soil by gravimetrically with the sample being ignited in a muffle furnace	E019
Soil	D	Magnesium - Water Soluble	Determination of water soluble magnesium by extraction with water followed by ICP-OES	E025
Soil	D	Metals	Determination of metals by aqua-regia digestion followed by ICP-OES	E002
Soil	AR	Mineral Oil (C10 - C40)	Determination of hexane/acetone extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID fractionating with SPE cartridge	E004
Soil	AR	Moisture Content	Moisture content: determined gravimetrically	E003
Soil	D	Nitrate - Water Soluble (2:1)	Determination of nitrate by extraction with water & analysed by ion chromatography	E009
Soil	D	Organic Matter	Determination of organic matter by oxidising with potassium dichromate followed by titration with iron (II) sulphate	E010
Soil	AR	PAH - Speciated (EPA 16)	Determination of PAH compounds by extraction in acetone and hexane followed by GC-MS with the use of surrogate and internal standards	E005
Soil	AR	PCB - 7 Congeners	Determination of PCB by extraction with acetone and hexane followed by GC-MS	E008
Soil	D	Petroleum Ether Extract (PEE)	Gravimetrically determined through extraction with petroleum ether	E011
Soil	AR	pH	Determination of pH by addition of water followed by electrometric measurement	E007
Soil	AR	Phenols - Total (monohydric)	Determination of phenols by distillation followed by colorimetry	E021
Soil	D	Phosphate - Water Soluble (2:1)	Determination of phosphate by extraction with water & analysed by ion chromatography	E009
Soil	D	Sulphate (as SO4) - Total	Determination of total sulphate by extraction with 10% HCl followed by ICP-OES	E013
Soil	D	Sulphate (as SO4) - Water Soluble (2:1)	Determination of sulphate by extraction with water & analysed by ion chromatography	E009
Soil	D	Sulphate (as SO4) - Water Soluble (2:1)	Determination of water soluble sulphate by extraction with water followed by ICP-OES	E014
Soil	AR	Sulphide	Determination of sulphide by distillation followed by colorimetry	E018
Soil	D	Sulphur - Total	Determination of total sulphur by extraction with aqua-regia followed by ICP-OES	E024
Soil	AR	SVOC	Determination of semi-volatile organic compounds by extraction in acetone and hexane followed by GC-MS	E006
Soil	AR	Thiocyanate (as SCN)	Determination of thiocyanate by extraction in caustic soda followed by acidification followed by addition of ferric nitrate followed by colorimetry	E017
Soil	D	Toluene Extractable Matter (TEM)	Gravimetrically determined through extraction with toluene	E011
Soil	D	Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	Determination of organic matter by oxidising with potassium dichromate followed by titration with iron (II) sulphate	E010
Soil	AR	TPH CWG	Determination of hexane/acetone extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID fractionating with SPE cartridge	E004
Soil	AR	TPH LQM	Determination of hexane/acetone extractable hydrocarbons by GC-FID fractionating with SPE cartridge	E004
Soil	AR	VOCs	Determination of volatile organic compounds by headspace GC-MS	E001
Soil	AR	VPH (C6 - C10)	Determination of hydrocarbons C6-C10 by headspace GC-MS	E001

**D Dried**  
**AR As Received**





