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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Outline and Limitations of Report

At the request of Engineers Haskins Robinson Waters, acting on behalf of Mr Adam Kaye, a ground investigation was carried out in connection with a proposed residential development at the above site. A Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment (Desk Study) is presented under separate cover in Site Analytical Services Limited Report Reference 14/22714-1.

The information was required for the design and construction of foundations and infrastructure for the proposed development which includes the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new three storey residential property with a basement. Information was also required to assess whether any remediation was required for the protection of the end-user from the presence of potential contamination within the soils encountered.

The recommendations and comments given in this report are based on the ground conditions encountered in the exploratory holes made during the investigation and the results of the tests made in the field and the laboratory. It must be noted that there may be special conditions prevailing at the site remote from the exploratory hole locations which have not been disclosed by the investigation and which have not been taken into account in the report. No liability can be accepted for any such conditions.

1.2 Remit and Approach

Environmental assessors use a source-pathway-receptor conceptual site model when determining the risk posed by potentially contaminated sites. For potential risk to arise each stage of the SPR linkage must be present, plausible and significant.

2.0 SITE DETAILS

(National Grid Reference: TQ 260 862)

2.1 Site Location

The site is located to the west of Branch Hill in the London borough of Camden at approximate postcode NW3 7NA. The site comprises of a detached modern house with a driveway at the front and a rear garden area.

The surrounding land use is primarily residential and recreational. There is a large forested area to the north and open space to the east. The surrounding area has a suburban street pattern.

2.2 Geology

The 1:50000 Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales) covering the area (Sheet 256, 'North London', Solid and Drift Edition) indicates the site to be underlain by the Bagshot Formation resting on the Claygate Member with the London Clay Formation at depth.

2.3 Previous Investigations

A Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment (PRA) (SAS Report Ref: 14/22714-1 dated November 2014) was undertaken across the site by Site Analytical Services Limited. The Phase 1 PRA should be read in full in conjunction with this Phase 2 report.

In order to make an assessment of potentially unacceptable risks relating to sensitive receptors on and off-site, a Phase 2 site investigation was recommended.

2.4 Proposed development

It is proposed to demolish the existing building on-site and construct a new three storey residential property with a lower ground floor level.

Proposed plans of the development are included in Appendix D to this report.

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 Site Works

The exploratory investigation included for an inspection of the site and near surface soils in order to:-

- Determine the presence, extent and significance of potential contaminants in the sub-surface strata associated with current and former activities at the site and surrounds identified during the Phase 1 PRA.
- Assess the significance of potential impacts on sensitive receptors at or adjacent to the site.
- Assess the potential environmental liabilities and consequences associated with the site.
- Identify requirements for further works, including the design of any additional investigative/monitoring works and remedial measures if deemed necessary.

The proposed scope of works was agreed by the client prior to the commencement of the investigations. To achieve this, the following works were undertaken:-

- The drilling of one rotary percussive borehole to a depth of 15.0m below ground level (104.90mOD) (Borehole 1) and one continuous flight auger borehole to a depth of 6.00m below ground level (111.30mOD)(Borehole 2).
- The installation of a groundwater monitoring standpipe to a depth of 10m below ground level (109.00mOD) in Borehole 1.
- The excavation by hand of one trial pit to expose existing foundations of the retaining wall at the site (Trial Pit 1). In the event the trial pit was terminated at 0.12m below ground level (117.28mOD) due to the presence of a concrete obstruction.
- Sampling and in-situ testing as appropriate to the ground conditions encountered in the boreholes and trial pit.
- Laboratory testing to determine the engineering properties of the soils encountered in the exploratory holes.
- Interpretative reporting on foundation options for the proposed building and infrastructure.
- A study into the possibility of the presence of toxic substances in the soil, together with limited comment on any remediation required.

3.2 Ground Conditions

The locations of the exploratory holes are shown on the site sketch plan, Figure 1.

The site is set on two levels, with the ground floor set lower than the site entrance and driveway. The drop in elevation from east to west across the site is approximately 2m. The ground level for Borehole 1 was approximately 2m higher than Borehole 2.

The boreholes and trial pit revealed ground conditions that were generally consistent with the geological records and known history of the area and comprised Made Ground up to 0.80m in thickness with the Bagshot Formation at depth.

For detailed information on the ground conditions encountered in the boreholes and trial pit, reference should be made to the exploratory hole records presented in Appendix A.

The Made Ground extended to a depth of 0.80m below ground level (119.10mOD) in Borehole 1 and 0.75m below ground level (116.55mOD) in Borehole 2 and to the full depth of investigation of 0.12m below ground level (117.28mOD) in Trial Pit 1. The material generally comprised of a soft brown silty sand with brick and concrete fragments and rubble.

The Bagshot beds were encountered beneath the Made Ground in both boreholes and generally comprised of loose becoming medium dense clayey silty fine sand locally becoming stiff silty sandy clay. These soils extended down to the full depths of investigation of 15.00m below ground level (104.90mOD) in Borehole 1 and 6.00m below ground level (111.30mOD) in Borehole 2.

3.3 Groundwater

Groundwater was not encountered during the excavation of the trial pit and the soils remained essentially dry throughout. Groundwater was encountered in both boreholes during boring, at 7.20m below ground level (112.70mOD) in Borehole 1 and 5.00m below ground level (112.30mOD) in Borehole 2.

It must be noted that the speed of excavation is such that there may well be insufficient time for further light seepages of groundwater to enter the boreholes and trial pit and hence be detected, particularly within more cohesive soils.

Isolated pockets of groundwater may also be present perched within any less permeable material found at shallower depth on other parts of the site especially within any Made Ground.

Groundwater was subsequently found to have stabilised at a depth of 7.11m below ground level (112.79mOD) in the monitoring standpipe placed in Borehole 1 after a period of approximately two weeks.

It should be noted that the comments on groundwater conditions are based on observations made at the time of the investigation (October 2014) and that changes in the groundwater level could occur due to seasonal effects and also changes in drainage conditions.

4.0 IN-SITU AND LABORATORY TESTS

4.1 Standard Penetration Tests

The results of the Standard Penetration Tests carried out in the natural soils are shown on the exploratory hole records in Appendix A. SPT 'N' values range between 9 and 34.

The results of the tests are shown on the appropriate borehole records and summary sheets presented in Appendix A.

4.2 Undrained Triaxial Compression Test Results

A single Quick Undrained Triaxial Compression test was carried out on an undisturbed 100mm diameter sample taken from Borehole 1. The results show the sample to be of a stiff consistency.

The results of the test is presented on Table 1, contained in Appendix B.

4.3 Classification Tests

Atterberg Limit tests were conducted on three selected samples taken from the cohesive sections of the natural soils in Boreholes 1 and 2 and showed the samples tested to fall into Class CI, according to the British Soil Classification System.

These are fine grained silty clay soils of intermediate plasticity and as such generally have a low permeability and a medium susceptibility to shrinkage and swelling movements with changes in moisture content, as defined by the NHBC Standards, Chapter 4.2. The results indicated Plasticity Index values between 23% and 28%, with all of the samples being below the 40% boundary between soils assessed as being of medium swelling and shrinkage potential and those assessed as being of high swelling and shrinkage potential.

The test results are given in Table 2, contained in Appendix B.

Particle size distribution tests were also carried out on six selected samples of essentially granular natural soil using wet sieving methods and the results are presented in both tabular and graphical format, contained in Appendix B.

4.4 Sulphate and pH Analyses

The results of the sulphate and pH analyses made on three soil samples selected to be close to anticipated foundation level are presented on Table 3, whilst further analyses on soil samples are given within the contamination test results, both contained in Appendix B. The results presented on Table 3 show the soil samples tested to have water soluble sulphate contents of up to 0.07g/litre associated with slightly acidic pH values. The samples of Made Ground tested indicated water soluble sulphate contents of up to 0.11g/litre associated with slightly alkaline pH values.

5.0 CONTAMINATION TESTING

5.1 Exploratory Hole Locations

The sampling strategy employed during the Phase 2 site investigation was designed to provide adequate coverage across the site. A selection of samples submitted for a broad screen of total potential contaminants.

A total of two exploratory holes were excavated across the site providing a density equivalent to a circa 25m grid. The holes were sited in order to provide site wide coverage, whilst also targeting potential sources of contamination, as detailed in Table A.

Table A : Summary of Borehole Sites

Site Area/Activity	Exploratory Hole Location(s)	Surface
General site coverage where made ground of unknown origin.	BH1, BH2	Hardstanding

Samples were obtained from 0.25m and 0.50m in BH1 and from 0.50m and 0.75m in BH2 made at the locations indicated on the site sketch plan (Figure 1). Samples were analysed from this depth range below ground level as it is felt that these soils will be representative of those of highest end-user exposure through the dermal contact, dust inhalation, soil ingestion and vegetable consumption pathways.

5.2 Interpretation of Findings

The hazard caused by the presence of a substance or element is not absolute but depends on the proposed end use of the site.

It is understood that the site is to be developed for residential purposes with areas of private gardens. As such the Soil Guideline Values for residential use and Category 4 screening levels for residential use with home-grown produce have been used in the following soil assessment.

Site data has been assessed against current generic assessment criteria (GAC) / guideline values in accordance with current industry practice and statutory guidance; chemical toxicology (TOX), Soil Guideline Value (SGV) reports developed using the new Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment (CLEA v1.06) framework, CLR 11 (Environment Agency, 2009) and SP1010: Development of Category 4 screening levels for assessment of land affected by contamination (DEFRA, 2014).

However, it must be remembered that GAC are not binding standards but can be useful in forming judgements regarding the level of risk i.e. unacceptable or acceptable. Exceedance of GAC does not automatically result in the requirement for remedial / risk management work but would warrant further assessment.

5.3 Category 4 Screening Levels, Soil Guideline Values, CLR Documents & Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Values

Under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, land is determined as contaminated if it is deemed to be causing significant harm, or where there is a Significant Possibility of Significant Harm to human health.

From January 2009 revised Soil Guidance Values for certain contaminants were issued in the Contaminated Land Reports (CLR) by the Environment Agency in conjunction with Department of the Environment, Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs. These values and the CLEA methodology used to derive them have superseded CLEA and TOX reports for soil contaminants.

The CLR Documents are a series of contaminated land guidance documents developed by various past and present government agencies involved with protection of the environment.

These documents aim to provide a set of generic Soil Guideline Values and a site specific modelling programme based upon tolerable predicted uptakes from experimental data for a variety of common industrial toxic contaminants. In instances of carcinogenic and mutagenic substances the guideline values are set on the basis of "As Low As Reasonably Practicable" (ALARP), as theoretically mutation can occur on exposure to a single particle of the contaminant.

Revised Statutory Guidance to support Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 was published in April 2012, which introduced a new four-category system for classifying land under Part 2A for cases of a Significant Possibility of Significant Harm to human health, where Category 1 includes land where the level of risk is clearly unacceptable and Category 4 includes land where the level of risk posed is acceptably low.

'Category 4 Screening Levels' (C4SLs) have been introduced in March 2014 to provide a simple test for deciding when land is suitable for use and definitely not contaminated land. The Category 4 Screening Levels consist of estimates of contaminant concentrations in soils that are considered to present an 'acceptable' level of risk, within the context of Part 2A.

The methodology for deriving both the previous Soil Guideline Values and the new Category 4 Screening Levels is based on the Environment Agency's Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment (CLEA) methodology.

At the time of writing this report Category 4 Screening Levels are only in place for Arsenic (37mg/kg), Benzene (0.87mg/kg), Benzo(a)pyrene (5mg/kg), Cadmium (26mg/kg), Chromium VI (21mg/kg) and Lead (200mg/kg) - for a residential scenario with home-grown produce.

At the time of writing this report Soil Guideline Values are only in place for Selenium (350mg/kg), Nickel (130mg/kg), Mercury (1-170mg/kg), Ethylbenzene (350mg/kg), Xylenes (230-250mg/kg), Toluene (610mg/kg) and Phenols (420mg/kg) - for a residential scenario.

The Environment Agency has also released a new version of the CLEA software and its handbook to help assessors estimate risks. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Generic Assessment Criteria for Human Health Risk Assessment adopt the Environment Agency's CLEA UK (Beta) Model and as such have derived guideline values that are compatible with current English legislation, policy and technical guidance.

Generic Assessment Criteria for Human Health Risk Assessment for Trivalent Chromium (Chromium III) has been produced by Chartered Institute of Environmental Health at 627mg/kg for a residential scenario.

Assessment criteria for selected individual Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons have been produced by Chartered Institute of Environmental Health; however no values have been attached to Total Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons. Sixteen individual Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons with attached screening values include Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (0.76-0.90mg/kg), Fluorene (160-780mg/kg) and Naphthalene (1.5-8.7mg/kg) for a residential scenario.

The concentrations of the phytotoxic substances Total Copper, Total Zinc and Boron have been assessed against the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Generic Assessment Criteria for Human Health Risk Assessment of 2330mg/kg, 3750mg/kg and 291mg/kg respectively which assumes a residential scenario.

The concentrations of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons have been assessed against assessment criteria for individual Aromatic and Aliphatic carbon band ranges produced by Chartered Institute of Environmental Health for a residential scenario.

As no generic UK derived guidance is currently available for acceptable concentrations of Total Cyanide a screening value of 20mg/kg (Thiocyanate) has been used as a preliminary screening tool to identify where potential risks may exist.

As described in Using Soil Guideline Values – Environment Agency 2009, chemical data from the analysis of samples generated during the intrusive investigation have been used to create a data set for the site. The entire data set, as opposed to individual results has been analysed on the assumption that the samples from the site investigation are to some degree representative of the contaminant concentration throughout the area or volume of soil investigated. The most appropriate method for assessing a given dataset is dependent upon a range of specific factors together with the quantity and quality of the data generated.

In accordance with the recommendations provided within Guidance on comparing soil contamination data with a critical concentration – CIEH/CL:AIRE, 2008, we have selected the one sample t-test at a 95% confidence level as the most appropriate statistical tool for generating site representative soil concentration values and have assumed that the data is normally distributed. We have assumed that this statistical test is required to draw conclusions about the condition of the land under scrutiny as part of a planning scenario as opposed to the Part 2A scenario. Under a planning scenario, comparison is made between a value larger than the sample mean, in this case the Upper Confidence Limit and the critical concentration.

In instances where the Upper Confidence Limit exceeded the given critical value, then the Grubbs Test has been used to identify upper outliers to assess whether the highest value belongs to the general population of the dataset or is representative of an outlier.

5.4 Assessment of Soil Analyses

It is understood that the site is to be developed for residential properties with private gardens. As such the Soil Guideline Values for residential use and Category 4 screening levels for residential use with home-grown produce have been used in the following soil assessment. The samples selected for contamination assessment were sub-contracted to i2 Analytical Limited (a UKAS and MCERTS accredited laboratory) and their report is contained in Appendix B.

5.5 Discussion

5.5.1 Human health risk assessment (on site residents and neighbouring residents)

Concentrations of the zootoxic heavy metals Total Arsenic, Total Cadmium and Hexavalent Chromium in the samples analysed did not exceed the Category 4 Screening Levels for a residential scenario with home-grown produce. As such there is not considered to be any potentially significant level of end-user risk associated with the concentrations of these contaminants encountered.

The concentrations of Total Lead encountered in the samples from 0.25m depth in BH1 at 220mg/kg and 0.50m in BH2 at 410mg/kg were in excess of the Category 4 Screening Levels of 200mg/kg for a residential scenario with home-grown produce. It was therefore decided to undertake statistical analysis of the data set, using the arithmetic mean and standard deviation for Lead. Following a test scenario from a planning perspective, it was concluded that the true mean of the sample population was in excess of the Category 4 Screening value of 200mg/kg, and as such the potential risks to end-users of the site cannot be discounted at this stage.

The concentrations of Total Selenium, Total Mercury and Total Nickel encountered did not exceed the Soil Guideline Values for residential use in the samples analysed. As such there is not considered to be any potentially significant level of end-user risk associated with the concentrations of these contaminants encountered.

The concentrations of Trivalent Chromium encountered did not exceed CIEH Generic screening value for residential use.

The concentrations of Total Cyanide were below the screening value of 20mg/kg and the concentrations of Total Phenol were below the Soil Guideline Value for residential use and as such there are not considered to be any significant risks to end-users of the site from these contaminants.

The concentrations of Benzo(a)pyrene encountered in the samples from site did not exceed the Category 4 Screening Levels for a residential scenario with home-grown produce. As such there is not considered to be any potentially significant level of end-user risk associated with the concentrations of these contaminants encountered.

The concentrations of individual Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons encountered did not exceed CIEH Generic screening values for residential use.

The concentrations of Petroleum Hydrocarbons encountered within individual Aromatic and Aliphatic carbon band ranges in the samples analysed did not exceed the generic screening values produced by Chartered Institute of Environmental Health for a residential scenario.

The concentrations of Benzene encountered did not exceed the Category 4 Screening Levels for a residential scenario with home-grown produce. Concentrations of the other BTEX substances (Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylenes) encountered did not exceed the Soil Guideline Values for residential use in the samples analysed. As such there is not considered to be any potentially significant level of end-user risk associated with the concentrations of these contaminants encountered.

There was no MTBE detected within the samples analysed.

5.5.2 Asbestos Containing Materials

The Made Ground at each exploratory location was screened for the presence of asbestos containing material. Loose Chrysotile fibres were encountered in the Made Ground in BH1 at 0.25m and Chrysotile insulation lagging in the sample from 0.50m depth in BH2.

In both cases, risks associated with the asbestos containing material would be deemed high should they remain in-situ. Any activities that would result in the asbestos containing material being disturbed would be considered as a potential risk and should be taken into consideration should any future development be proposed for the site.

5.5.3 Landscape Planting

The concentrations of the phytotoxic substances Total Copper, Total Zinc and Boron encountered in the samples obtained were below the CIEH Generic screening values for residential use and are not considered to be a significant risk to human health on-site.

The concentrations of the phytotoxic substances Total Nickel, Total Copper and Total Zinc did not exceed the landscape planting generic assessment levels and therefore are not expected to affect sensitive plant species on-site.

5.5.4 Buildings and Construction Materials

Concrete Cast In-Situ

The range of concentrations of water soluble sulphate within the Made Ground at the site were within BRE (2005) Design Class DS-1 for concrete cast in-situ. This should be taken into account should any concrete structures be installed within the soils represented by these samples.

Potable Water Supply Pipes

If at any point in the future it be intended to install new water supply pipes within the Made Ground then consideration to the pipe materials used and/or the trench construction in accordance with UKWIR (2010). Based upon the analysis undertaken, the concentrations of TPH returned by several of the samples of Made Ground may preclude the use of standard PE pipe materials at the site.

5.5.5 Controlled water (Unproductive aquifer)

Controlled waters have been identified as a potential receptor at the site due to the designation of the underlying Bagshot Formation as Secondary A Aquifer. We have assumed that any leachate generated from the Made Ground at the site would be high risk due to a groundwater source protection zone on site as the receptor. We have based our assessment on the following:-

- The 1:50000 Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales) covering the area (Sheet 256, 'North London', Solid and Drift Edition) indicates the site to be underlain by the Bagshot Formation resting on the Claygate Member with the London Clay Formation at depth.
- The bedrock geology underlying the site is classified as Secondary Aquifer A class; materials with permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale and in some cases forming an important source of base flow to rivers. These are generally aquifers formerly classified as minor aquifers.
- The underlying chalk (principal aquifer) is afforded protection from any potential mobile contamination from the superficial strata at the site by the presence of a layer of impermeable London Clay.
- The site is not located within a source protection zone.
- There are no groundwater abstraction licences listed within one kilometre of the site.
- The nearest surface water is 299m north of the site. Due to the distance from the site the potential for contamination from the site is seen as low risk.
- There are no fluvial or tidal floodplains located within one kilometre of the site.
- There are no sensitive land uses within one kilometre of the site.

A large portion of the existing and the proposed site is under permanent hardstanding that would reduce to a minimum any surface water infiltration into the underlying soil and therefore any potential leachate from contamination within Made Ground on-site. It is considered that there remains a low risk for the slight contamination encountered to enter the underlying Secondary A Aquifer under site.

5.6 Conclusions

The findings of the Phase 2 site investigation have demonstrated that in the context of a residential use of the site with private gardens, the contaminants of concern with respect to end-user protection were elevated concentrations of Lead encountered in both boreholes on site and asbestos containing materials encountered, with the critical receptors being the end-users / residents (0-6 year old child) of the site and site construction workers. It is considered that the concentrations of all other determinants analysed for were not present in sufficient quantities to pose any significant risks to end-users.

Additional potential receptors include adjacent residents, site construction workers and potable water supply pipes.

Risks to other identified receptors (i.e. landscape planting, controlled water and buildings and construction materials) are not considered to represent a significant risk at the concentrations encountered.

It may be possible that the extent of remediation required on the site could be minimised if further investigation of the site was undertaken. Thereby the extent of contamination could be more accurately identified and removed, treated or encapsulated to avoid potential risks to end-users of the site.

There remains the potential for some level of end-user risk posed by the concentrations of contaminants encountered. It is anticipated that the protection of the end-user may be achieved by the following:

Areas of proposed hardstanding (e.g. building footprint, roadways etc.)

In areas of permanent hardstanding such as the building footprint and roadways etc., the development itself would adequately break exposure pathways to human health and therefore further remedial measures may not be required in these areas.

Sensitive end use areas (soft-landscaping etc.)

In areas of sensitive end use such as soft-landscaping etc. soils should be removed from the site to mitigate the risks to end-users and break exposure pathways. It would be recommended that the soils be excavated down to at least 600mm and replaced with a clean cohesive fill material of at least 600mm.

Any materials brought onto the site (soils and / or clay) should be validated either at source or once laid at site. Given the nature of the ground conditions, appropriate health and safety practices should be adhered to in order to protect site workers. Any waste material leaving site for off-site disposal (soil and / or water) should be handled in accordance with the current Waste Management and Duty of Care Regulations.

The above conclusions have been drawn on the results of the tests carried out on the soil samples analysed and address remediation issues for the protection of the end-user only. It is recommended that any remedial measures suggested in this report should be subject to formal approval by local Environmental Health and/or Planning Departments and approval should be obtained prior to any works being undertaken. The comments made in this report do not address any third party liability.

6.0 FOUNDATION DESIGN

6.1 General

It is proposed to demolish the existing building on the site and construct a new three storey residential property with a lower ground floor level, relocated swimming pool and parking areas. The maximum depth of the proposed lower ground floor level is approximately 2.52m below existing lower ground floor level (116.56mOD is the existing level, 114.04mOD is the proposed). Exact details of the structures, layouts and loadings were not available at the time of preparation of this report, although anticipated foundation loads for the proposed new buildings are expected to be in the order of 100-150kN/m² and ground slab loadings are expected to be of the order of 10-15kN/m².

6.2 Site Preparation Works

The CDM Co-ordinator should be informed of the site conditions and risk assessment undertaken to comply with the Construction Design Management (CDM) regulations. Site personnel are to be made aware of the site conditions. It is recommended that extensive searches of existing man made services are undertaken over the site prior to final design works.

6.3 Conventional Spread Foundations

A result of the inherent variability of uncontrolled fill, (Made Ground) is that it is usually unpredictable in terms of bearing capacity and settlement characteristics. Foundations should therefore, be taken through any Made Ground and either into, or onto a suitable underlying natural strata of adequate bearing characteristics.

Based on the ground and groundwater conditions encountered in Borehole 2 drilled at lower ground floor level, it should be possible to support the proposed new development on conventional strip or basement raft foundations taken down below the Made Ground and any weak superficial soils and placed in the natural firm and stiff silty sandy clay deposits which were encountered at levels of about 116.3mOD to 118.0mOD across the site.

Using theory from Terzaghi (1943), strip foundations placed within natural soils may be designed to allowable net bearing pressures of approximately 250kN/m² at 2.50m depth (114mOD) in order to allow for a factor of safety of 2.5 against general shear failure. The actual allowable bearing pressure applicable will depend on the form of foundation, its geometry and depth in accordance with classical analytical methods, details of which can be obtained from "Foundation Design and Construction", Seventh Edition, 2001 by M J Tomlinson (see references) or similar texts.

Any soft or loose pockets encountered within otherwise competent formations should be removed and replaced with well compacted granular fill.

In addition, foundations may need to be taken deeper should they be within the zones of influence of both existing or recently felled trees and any proposed tree planting. The depth of foundation required to avoid the zone likely to be affected by the root systems of trees is

shown in the recommendations given in NHBC Standards, Chapter 4.2, April 2010, "Building near Trees" and it is considered that this document is relevant in this situation.

6.4 Piled Foundations

In the event that the use of conventional spread foundations proves either impracticable or uneconomical due to the size and depth of foundation required, then a piled foundation will be required. In these ground conditions, it is considered that some form of bored and in-situ cast concrete piled foundation with reinforced concrete ground beams should prove satisfactory.

The construction of a piled foundation is a specialist activity and the advice of a reputable contractor, familiar with the type of soil and groundwater conditions encountered at this site should be sought prior to finalising the foundation design. The actual pile working load will depend on the particular type of pile chosen and method of installation adopted.

To achieve the full bearing value a pile should penetrate the bearing stratum by at least five times the pile diameter.

Where piles are to be constructed in groups the bearing value of each individual pile should be reduced by a factor of about 0.8 and a calculation made to check the factor of safety against block failure.

Driven piles could also be used and would develop much higher working loads approximately 2.5 to 3 times higher than bored piles of a similar diameter at the same depth. However, the close proximity of adjacent buildings will in all probability preclude their use due to noise and vibration.

6.5 Basement Retaining Walls

Several methods of retaining wall construction could be considered. These may include retaining structures cast in an underpinning sequence, or the use of temporary or sacrificial works to facilitate the retaining structure's construction. The excavation of the basement must not compromise the integrity of adjacent structures.

The full design of temporary and permanent retaining structures is beyond the scope of this report. However, the following design parameters for each element of soil recorded in the relevant exploratory holes are provided in Table B below to assist the design of these structures.

Stratum	Depth to top (m)	Bulk Density (Mg/m ³) (γ)	Effective Angle of Internal Friction (Φ)
Bagshot Beds	0.75 to 0.80 (116.55 to 119.10mOD)	1.85	35

Table B. Retaining Wall Design Parameters

The designer should use these parameters to derive the active and passive earth pressure coefficients k_a and k_p . The determination of appropriate earth pressure coefficients, together with factors such as the pattern of the earth pressure distribution, will depend upon the type/geometry of the wall and overall design factors.

The amount of movement will depend upon a number of factors including the construction timetable, ultimate loads and critically, the depth of the final excavation. Consideration should therefore be given to providing heave protection measures to the floor slab and foundations to mitigate this.

The main phase of uplift or heave will come immediately following the excavation of the basement when the greatest elastic rebound of the soil (caused by the loss of the overburden pressure) will occur. Heave can be reduced by proceeding with the excavation in stages and observing and recording any movement that occurs over a set period of time using strain gauges or similar following the guidance from Boscardin and Cording (1989).

It may be advantageous to delay the construction until an adequate proportion of the uplift has occurred. Once this monitoring period has elapsed and a suitably qualified engineer is confident that the majority of uplift has occurred, basement construction can commence.

These processes and other ways of dealing with ground movements are described at length in BS8004 (British Standard Code of Practice for Foundations).

6.6 Floor Slabs

It is understood from the structural engineer that a raft foundation is the preferred option for the development. Within the zone of influence of trees, either retained or removed, the raft should incorporate either underfloor voids or suitable depths of compressible material in accordance with NHBC requirements, for soils with medium volume change potential.

6.7 Excavations

Shallow excavations for foundations and services are likely to require nominal side support in the short term and groundwater is unlikely to be encountered in significant quantities once any accumulated surface water has been removed.

However, if deeper excavations are considered or if excavations are to remain open for prolonged periods it is recommended that provision be made for battered side slopes or lateral support. Where personnel are required to enter excavations, a risk assessment should be carried out and temporary lateral support or battering of the excavation sides considered in order to comply with normal safety requirements.

6.8 Chemical Attack on Buried Concrete

The results presented on Table 3 show the soil samples to have water soluble sulphate contents of up to 0.07g/litre associated with slightly acidic to acidic pH values. The samples of Made Ground tested indicated water soluble sulphate contents of up to 0.11g/litre associated with slightly alkaline to alkaline pH values.

In these conditions, it is considered that deterioration of buried concrete due to sulphate or acid attack is unlikely to occur. The final design of buried concrete according to Tables C1 and C2 of BRE Special Digest 1:2005 should be in accordance with Class DS-1 conditions.

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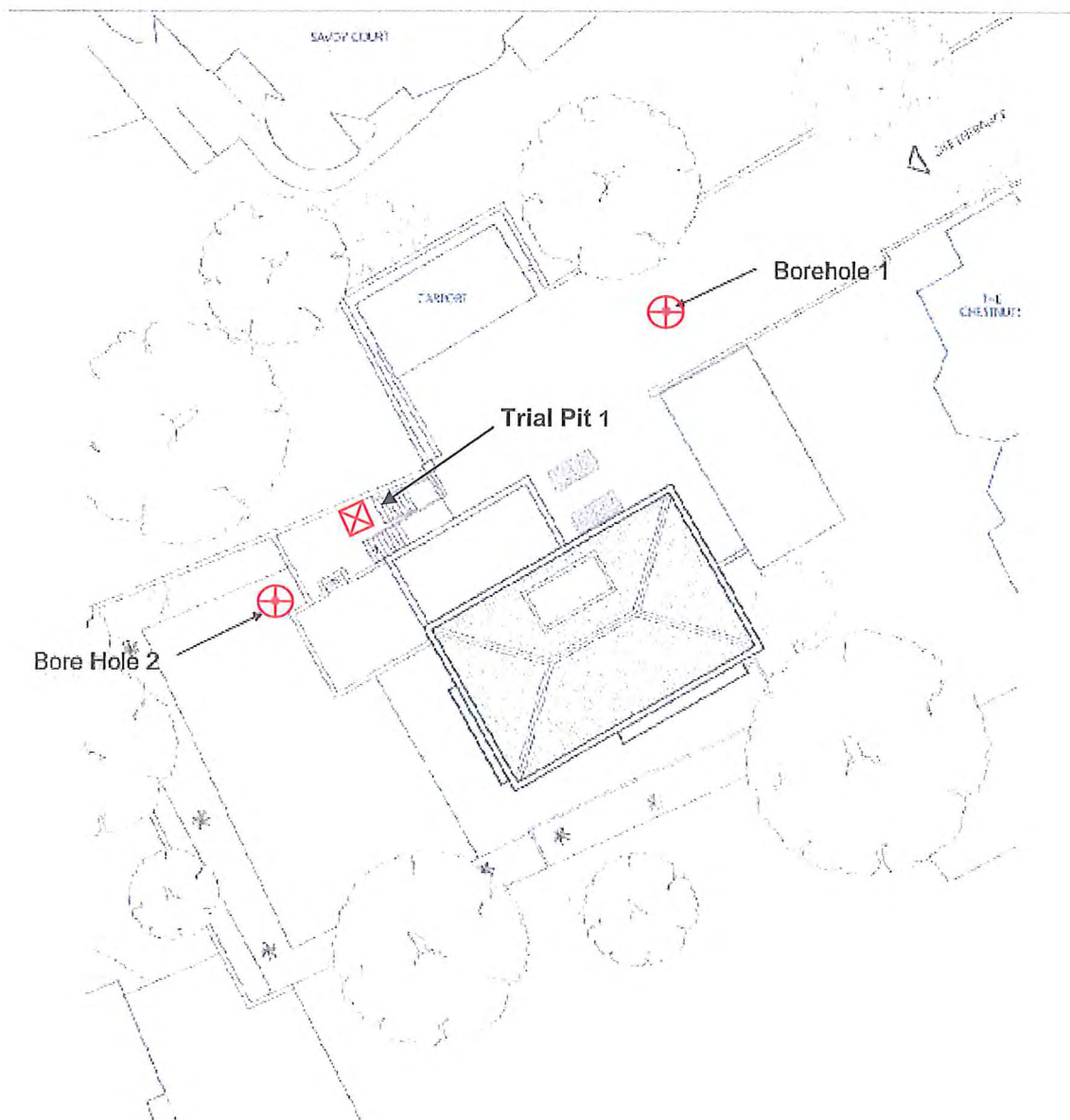
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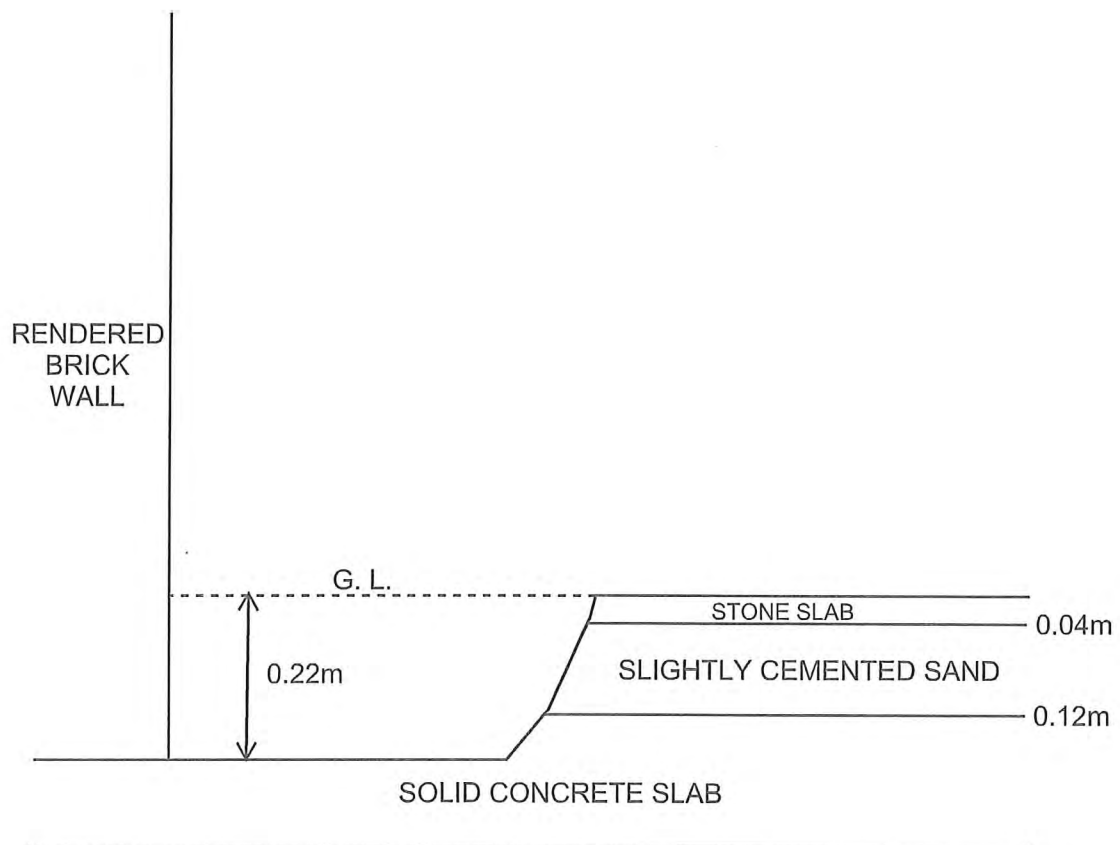
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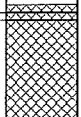
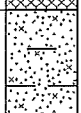
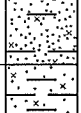

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











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APPENDIX `A`

Borehole / Trial Pit Logs

Site Analytical Services Ltd.							Site 17 BRANCH HILL, LONDON, NW3 7NA		Borehole Number BH1	
Boring Method ROTARY PERCUSSION		Casing Diameter 128mm cased to 0.00m		Ground Level (mOD) 119.90		Client MR ADAM KAYE			Job Number 1422714	
		Location TQ 260 862		Dates 10/10/2014		Engineer ENGINEERS HASKINS ROBINSON WATERS			Sheet 1/2	
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Casing Depth (m)	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Water	
0.25	D1		DRY	1,2/2,2,3,2	119.85	(0.05)	Brick paving			
0.50	D2					0.05	Soft sand underlay			
0.75	D3					(0.05)	MADE GROUND: Brick rubble, concrete cobbles with brick and concrete crush and silty sand.			
1.00-1.45	CPT N=9					0.10				
1.00	D4				119.10	(0.70)				
						0.80	Loose yellowish brown clayey silty fine grained SAND			
						(1.10)				
1.75	D5				118.00	1.90	Stiff mottled brown silty sandy CLAY			
2.00-2.45	U1			60 blows		(0.80)				
					117.20	2.70	Medium dense mottled brown/yellow laminated clayey silty fine grained SAND.			
2.75	D6									
3.00-3.45	SPT N=9		DRY	1,2/2,2,3,2						
3.00	D7									
3.75	D8									
4.00-4.45	SPT N=15		DRY	1,2/3,3,4,5						
4.00	D9									
4.75	D10									
5.00-5.45	SPT N=17		DRY	1,3/4,4,4,5						
5.00	D11									
6.00	D12									
6.50-6.95	SPT N=18		DRY	2,3/4,5,4,5		(7.80)				
6.50	D13									
7.50	D14									
8.00	D15			Water strike(1) at 8.00m, rose to 7.20m in 20 mins.						
8.00-8.45	SPT N=11		7.20	2,3/2,3,3,3						
9.00	D16									
9.50-9.95	SPT N=12		7.20	2,3/3,3,3,3						
9.50	D17									
Remarks D = Disturbed Sample U = Undisturbed 100mm diameter sample C = Dynamic cone penetration test S = Standard cone penetration test Groundwater was encountered at 8.00m and rose to 7.20m after a 20 minute rest period.								Scale (approx) 1:50	Logged By	
								Figure No. 1422714.BH1		

Site Analytical Services Ltd.							Site 17 BRANCH HILL, LONDON, NW3 7NA		Borehole Number BH1	
Boring Method ROTARY PERCUSSION		Casing Diameter 128mm cased to 0.00m		Ground Level (mOD) 119.90		Client MR ADAM KAYE		Job Number 1422714		
		Location TQ 260 862		Dates 10/10/2014		Engineer ENGINEERS HASKINS ROBINSON WATERS		Sheet 2/2		
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Casing Depth (m)	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Water	
10.50	D18				109.40	(7.80) 10.50	Medium dense bright orange to mottled grey slightly clayey silty fine grained SAND			
11.00-11.45 11.00	SPT N=28 D19		7.20	3,4/6,7,7,8		(1.50)				
12.00	D20				107.90	12.00		Dense dark grey clayey silty fine grained SAND		
12.50-12.95 12.50	SPT N=32 D21		7.20	5,6/7,8,8,9		(3.00)				
13.75	D22									
14.55-15.00 14.55	SPT N=34 D23		7.20	4,7/8,8,9,9	104.90	15.00	Complete at 15.00m			
										
										
										
										
Remarks								Scale (approx)	Logged By	
								1:50		
								Figure No. 1422714.BH1		

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Site
17 BRANCH HILL, LONDON, NW3 7NA

Borehole
Number
BH1

Installation Type
Single Installation

Dimensions
Internal Diameter of Tube [A] = 128 mm

Client
MR ADAM KAYE

Job
Number
1422714

Location
TQ 260 862

Ground Level (mOD)	119.90
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




















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Remarks
Lockable cover set in concrete.

Site Analytical Services Ltd.						Site 17 BRANCH HILL, LONDON, NW3 7NA		Borehole Number BH2		
Boring Method CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER		Casing Diameter 100mm cased to 0.00m		Ground Level (mOD) 117.30		Client MR ADAM KAYE		Job Number 1422714		
		Location TQ2 60 862		Dates 10/10/2014		Engineer ENGINEERS HASKINS ROBINSON WATERS		Sheet 1/1		
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Casing Depth (m)	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Water	
0.25	D1			Water strike(1) at 5.00m.	117.05	(0.25) 0.25	MADE GROUND: Grass surface over soft silty sand with small gravel sized brick rubble.			
0.50	D2				116.55	(0.50)	MADE GROUND: Brown silty sand with brick fragments.			
0.75	D3						Medium firm becoming stiff mottled light brown/grey/orange silty sandy CLAY.			
1.00	D4									
1.00	V1 74									
1.50	D6									
1.50	V2 97					(1.95)				
2.00	D7									
2.00	V3 129									
2.50	V4 130+					114.60	2.70	Stiff mottled light brown/grey/orange silty sandy CLAY .		
2.50	D8									
3.00	V5 130+									
3.00	D9									
3.50	D10									
3.50	V6 130+					(2.30)				
4.00	D1									
4.00	V7 130+									
4.50	D12									
4.50	V8 130+									
5.00	D13				112.30	5.00	Wet light brown/yellow/orange/grey silty SAND		V1	
5.00-5.11	M1 100/110					(1.00)				
6.00-6.10	M2 100/100				111.30	6.00	Complete at 6.00m			
6.00	D14									
Remarks Groundwater encountered at 5.00m M = Mackintosh Probe - Blows/penetration (mm) V = Vane test - result in kPa D = Disturbed sample								Scale (approx) 1:50	Logged By	
								Figure No. 1422714.BH2		

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Standard Penetration Test Results

Site : 17 BRANCH HILL, LONDON, NW3 7NA

Client : MR ADAM KAYE

Engineer: ENGINEERS HASKINS ROBINSON WATERS

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Borehole Number	Base of Borehole (m)	End of Seating Drive (m)	End of Test Drive (m)	Test Type	Seating Blows per 75mm		Blows for each 75mm penetration				Result	Comments
					1	2	1	2	3	4		
BH1	1.00	1.15	1.45	CPT	1	2	2	2	3	2	N=9	
BH1	3.00	3.15	3.45	SPT	1	2	2	2	3	2	N=9	
BH1	4.00	4.15	4.45	SPT	1	2	3	3	4	5	N=15	
BH1	5.00	5.15	5.45	SPT	1	3	4	4	4	5	N=17	
BH1	6.50	6.65	6.95	SPT	2	3	4	5	4	5	N=18	
BH1	8.00	8.15	8.45	SPT	2	3	2	3	3	3	N=11	
BH1	9.50	9.65	9.95	SPT	2	3	3	3	3	3	N=12	
BH1	11.00	11.15	11.45	SPT	3	4	6	7	7	8	N=28	
BH1	12.50	12.65	12.95	SPT	5	6	7	8	8	9	N=32	
BH1	14.55	14.70	15.00	SPT	4	7	8	8	9	9	N=34	

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Site

17 BRANCH HILL, LONDON, NW3 7NA

Trial Pit

TP1

Excavation Method

HAND DUG PIT

Dimensions

300mm x 300mm

Ground Level (mOD)

117.40

Client

MR ADAM KAYE

Trial Pit

Number
1422714

Location

TQ 260 862

Dates

10/10/2014

Engineer

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Trial Pit

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Depth
(m)

Sample / Tests

Water
Depth
(m)

Field Records

Level
(mOD)

Depth
(in)
(Thickness)

Description

Legend

water

117.36
117.28
117.18

(0.04)
0.04
(0.08)

Stone slab

Slightly cemented SAND

Solid concrete slab

Complete at 0.22m

Plan

Remarks

Pit terminated at request of the engineer due to the presence of concrete

Scale (approx)

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Logged By

Figure No.

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APPENDIX 'B'

Laboratory Test and Groundwater Monitoring Data



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**UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL
COMPRESSION TEST**

LOCATION 17 Branch Hill, London, NW3 7NA

BH/TP No.	MOISTURE CONTENT	BULK DENSITY	LATERAL PRESSURE	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH	COHESION	ANGLE OF SHEARING RESISTANCE degrees	DEPTH m
	%	Mg/m ³	kN/m ²	kN/m ²	kN/m ²		
BH1	15	2.12	50	276	138		2.25

Table 1



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**PLASTICITY INDEX &
MOISTURE CONTENT
DETERMINATIONS**

LOCATION 17 Branch Hill, London, NW3 7NA

BH/TP No.	Depth m	Natural Moisture %	Liquid Limit %	Plastic Limit %	Plasticity Index %	Passing 425 µm %	Class
BH2	1.00	25	44	21	23	100	CI
	2.50	20	45	17	28	100	CI
	3.50	22	44	19	25	100	CI



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**SULPHATE & pH
DETERMINATIONS**

LOCATION 17 Branch Hill, London, NW3 7NA

BH/TP No.	DEPTH BELOW GL m	SOIL SULPHATES		WATER SULPHATES		pH	CLASS	SOIL - 2mm %
		AS SO ₄ TOTAL %	WATER SOL g/l	AS SO ₄ g/l				
BH2	2.00		0.07			4.0	DS-1	100
	4.00		0.04			4.2	DS-1	100
	6.00		0.04			5.3	DS-1	100

Classification – Tables C1 and C2 : BRE Special Digest 1 : 2005



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GROUNDWATER MONITORING

LOCATION 17 Branch Hill, London, NW3 7NA

**MONITORING
DATE** 24th October 2014

**BOREHOLE
REF:** BH1

Water Level (m.bgl) 7.11

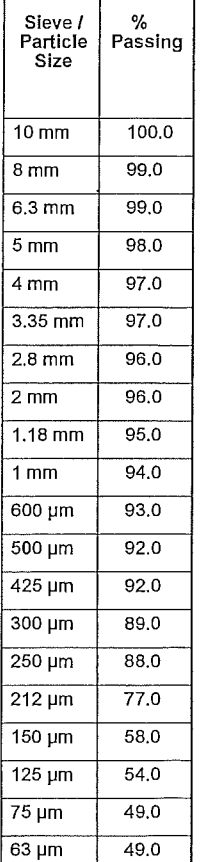
Depth to base of well (m.bgl) 8.31

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Borehole / Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Sample	Description
BH1	1.00	D4	



CLAY	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	COBBLES	BOULDERS
	SILT			SAND			GRAVEL				

Grading Analysis	
D85	239.0 μm
D60	155.6 μm
D10	<63.0 μm
Uniformity Coefficient	-

Particle Proportions	
Cobbles + Boulders	-
Gravel	4.0%
Sand	47.0%
Silt	-
Clay	-

Remarks :

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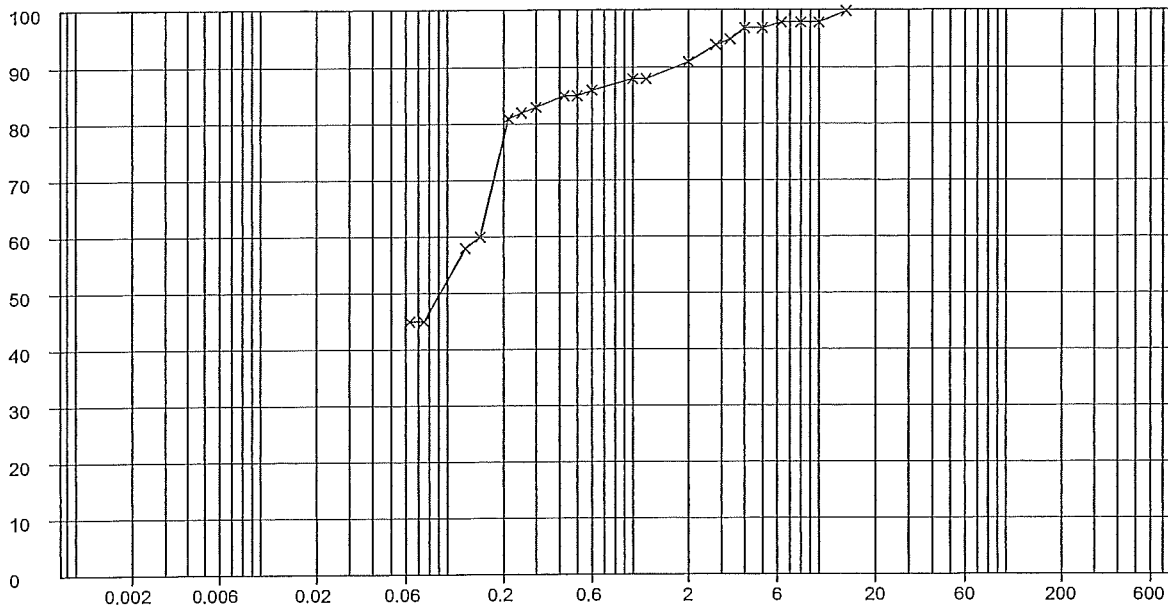
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DETERMINATION OF PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Borehole / Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Sample	Description
BH1	3.00	D8	



Sieve / Particle Size	% Passing
14 mm	100.0
10 mm	98.0
8 mm	98.0
6.3 mm	98.0
5 mm	97.0
4 mm	97.0
3.35 mm	95.0
2.8 mm	94.0
2 mm	91.0
1.18 mm	88.0
1 mm	88.0
600 µm	86.0
500 µm	85.0
425 µm	85.0
300 µm	83.0
250 µm	82.0
212 µm	81.0
150 µm	60.0
125 µm	58.0
75 µm	45.0
63 µm	45.0

CLAY	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	COBBLES	BOULDERS
	SILT			SAND			GRAVEL				

Grading Analysis	
D85	500.0 µm
D60	150.0 µm
D10	<63.0 µm
Uniformity Coefficient	-

Particle Proportions	
Cobbles + Boulders	-
Gravel	9.0%
Sand	46.0%
Silt	-
Clay	-

Method of Preparation : BS 1377:PART 1:1990:7.3 Initial preparation 1990:7.4.5 Particle size tests

Method of Test : BS 1377:PART 2:1990:9 Determination of particle size distribution

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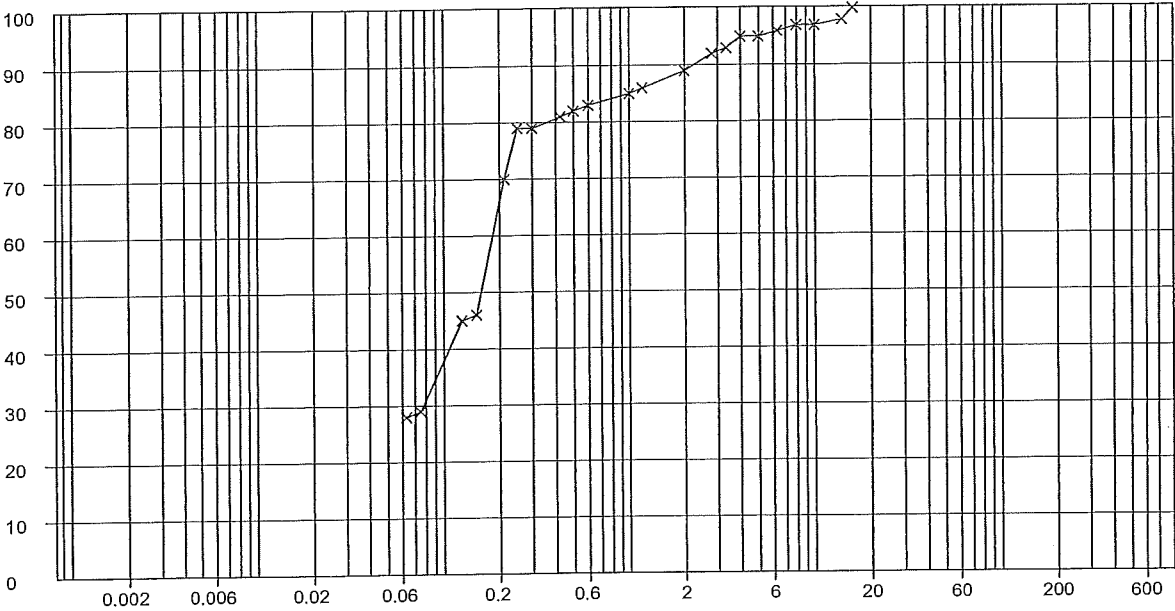
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DETERMINATION OF PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Borehole / Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Sample	Description
BH1	5.00	D12	



Sieve / Particle Size

% Passing

16 mm	100.0
14 mm	98.0
10 mm	97.0
8 mm	97.0
6.3 mm	96.0
5 mm	95.0
4 mm	95.0
3.35 mm	93.0
2.8 mm	92.0
2 mm	89.0
1.18 mm	86.0
1 mm	85.0
600 µm	83.0
500 µm	82.0
425 µm	81.0
300 µm	79.0
250 µm	79.0
212 µm	70.0
150 µm	46.0
125 µm	45.0
75 µm	29.0
63 µm	28.0

CLAY	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	COBBLES	BOULDERS
	SILT			SAND			GRAVEL				

Grading Analysis

D85	1.0 mm
D60	183.5 µm
D10	<63.0 µm
Uniformity Coefficient	-

Particle Proportions

Cobbles + Boulders	-
Gravel	11.0%
Sand	61.0%
Silt	-
Clay	-

Method of Preparation : BS 1377:PART 1:1990:7.3 Initial preparation 1990:7.4.5 Particle size tests

Method of Test : BS 1377:PART 2:1990:9 Determination of particle size distribution

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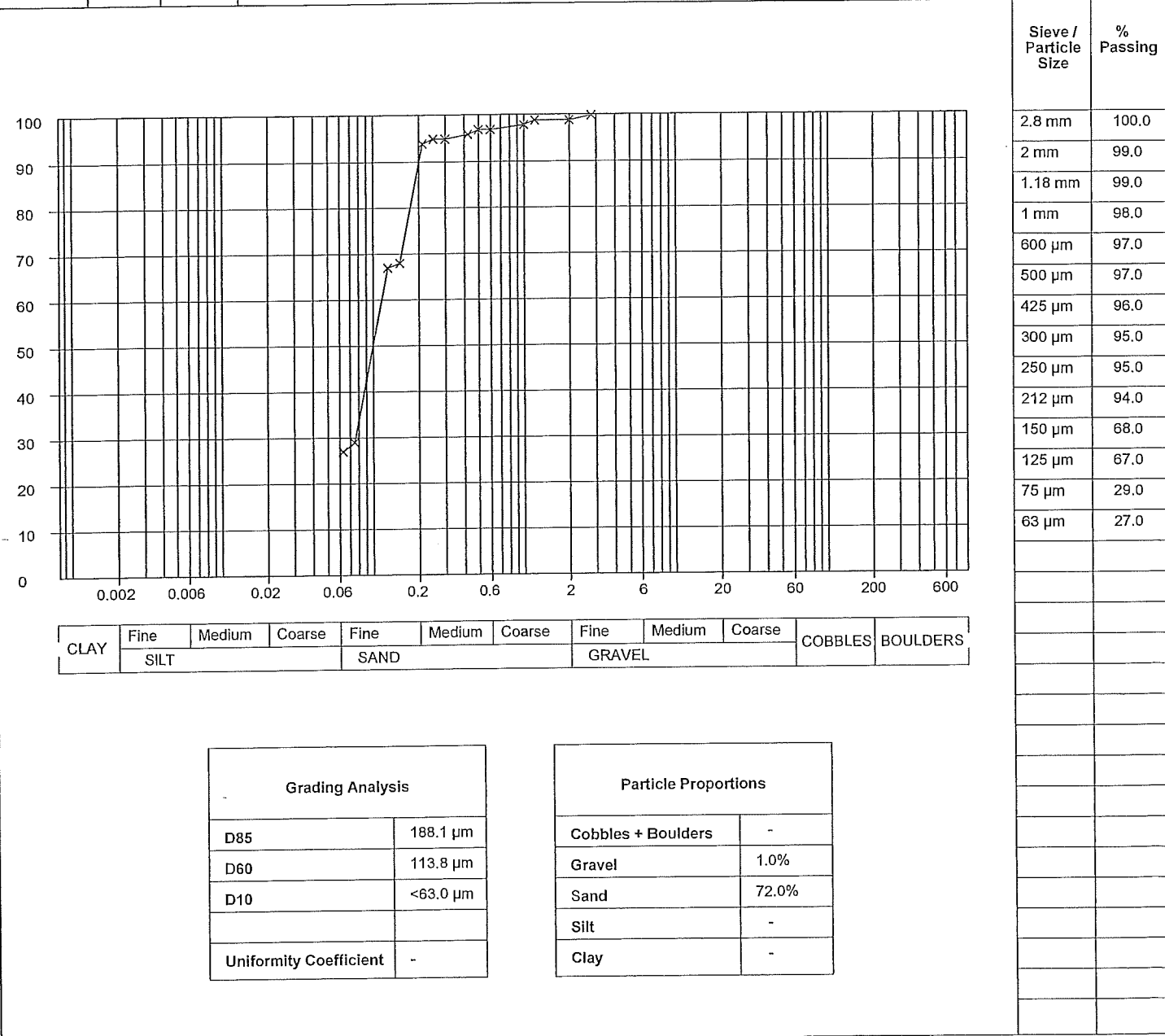
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DETERMINATION OF PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Borehole / Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Sample	Description
BH1	9.50	D21	



Method of Preparation : BS 1377:PART 1:1990:7.3 Initial preparation 1990:7.4.5 Particle size tests

Method of Test : BS 1377:PART 2:1990:9 Determination of particle size distribution

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DETERMINATION OF PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Particle Proportions	
Cobbles + Boulders	-
Gravel	-
Sand	63.0%
Silt	-
Clay	-

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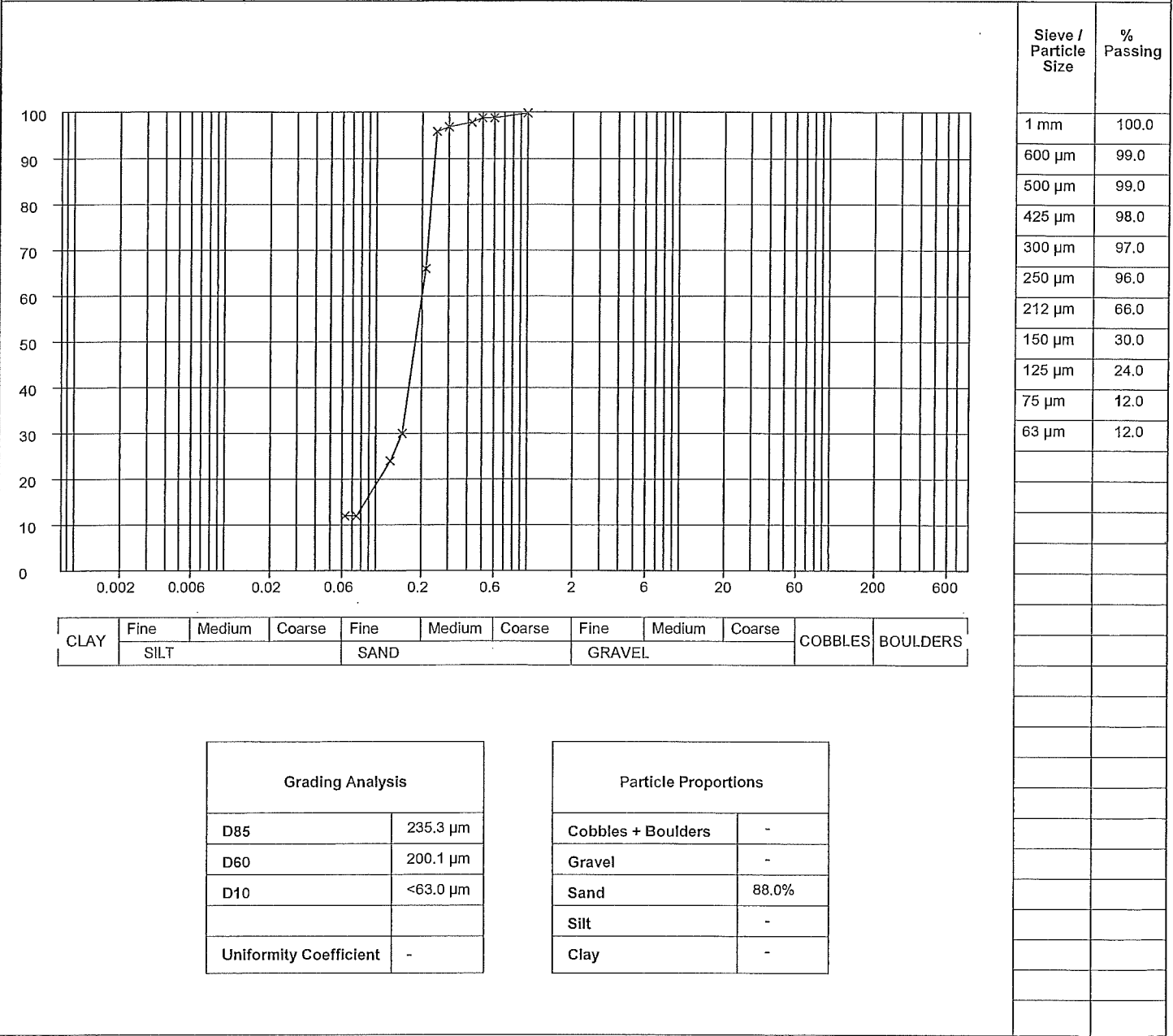
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DETERMINATION OF PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Borehole / Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Sample	Description
BH2	5.00	D12	



Method of Preparation : BS 1377:PART 1:1990:7.3 Initial preparation 1990:7.4.5 Particle size tests

Method of Test : BS 1377:PART 2:1990:9 Determination of particle size distribution

Remarks :

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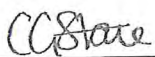
Samples Analysed: 4 soil samples

Samples received on: 23/10/2014

Samples instructed on: 23/10/2014

Analysis completed by: 30/10/2014

Report issued on: 30/10/2014

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Standard sample disposal times, unless otherwise agreed with the laboratory, are :

soils - 4 weeks from reporting
leachates - 2 weeks from reporting
waters - 2 weeks from reporting
asbestos - 6 months from reporting

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Lab Sample Number	384687	384688	384689	384690	
Sample Reference	BH1	BH1	BH2	BH2	
Sample Number	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	
Depth (m)	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.75	
Date Sampled	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	
Time Taken	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	

Analytical Parameter (Soil Analysis)	Units	Limit of detection	Accreditation Status					
Moisture Content	%	N/A	NONE	9.3	8.2	15	16	
Total mass of sample received	kg	0.001	NONE	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.62	

Whole Sample Crushed		N/A	NONE	Crushed	Crushed	Crushed	Crushed	
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Asbestos in Soil Screen / Identification Name	Type	N/A	ISO 17025	Chrysotile- Loose fibres	Chrysotile- Insulation lagging	-	-	
Asbestos in Soil Screen	Type	N/A	ISO 17025	Detected	Detected	Not-detected	Not-detected	

General Inorganics

pH	pH Units	N/A	MCERTS	9.1	9.0	8.6	8.4	
Total Cyanide	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	
Complex Cyanide	mg/kg	1	NONE	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	
Free Cyanide	mg/kg	1	NONE	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	
Total Sulphate as SO ₄	mg/kg	100	ISO 17025	1300	940	330	620	
Water Soluble Sulphate (Soil Equivalent)	g/l	0.0025	MCERTS	0.16	0.21	0.065	0.050	
Water Soluble Sulphate (2:1 Leachate Equivalent)	g/l	0.00125	MCERTS	0.081	0.11	0.033	0.025	
Sulphide	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	9.4	< 1.0	< 1.0	
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	%	0.1	MCERTS	0.2	< 0.1	0.9	< 0.1	

Total Phenols

Total Phenols (monohydric)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
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Speciated PAHs

Naphthalene	mg/kg	0.05	MCERTS	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Acenaphthylene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.10	0.31	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Acenaphthene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.10	0.29	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Fluorene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.10	0.45	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Phenanthrene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	1.2	4.3	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Anthracene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	0.46	1.2	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	4.3	7.2	0.71	< 0.10	
Pyrene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	3.7	5.8	0.61	< 0.10	
Benzo(a)anthracene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	2.4	3.0	0.31	< 0.10	
Chrysene	mg/kg	0.05	MCERTS	2.2	3.0	0.36	< 0.05	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	2.9	3.9	0.46	< 0.10	
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	1.7	1.6	0.31	< 0.10	
Benzo(a)pyrene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	2.6	3.1	0.43	< 0.10	
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	1.2	1.4	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	0.20	0.23	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Benzo(ghi)perylene	mg/kg	0.05	MCERTS	1.4	1.7	< 0.05	< 0.05	

Total PAH

Speciated Total EPA-16 PAHs	mg/kg	1.6	MCERTS	24.2	37.4	3.19	< 1.60	
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Lab Sample Number	384687	384688	384689	384690	
Sample Reference	BH1	BH1	BH2	BH2	
Sample Number	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	
Depth (m)	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.75	
Date Sampled	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	
Time Taken	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	None Supplied	
Analytical Parameter (Soil Analysis)	Units	Limit of detection	Accreditation Status		

Heavy Metals / Metalloids

Arsenic (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	12	11	18	6.4	
Boron (total)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	8.4	6.6	9.2	13	
Cadmium (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	0.2	MCERTS	< 0.2	< 0.2	0.3	< 0.2	
Chromium (hexavalent)	mg/kg	4	MCERTS	< 4.0	< 4.0	< 4.0	< 4.0	
Chromium (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	26	21	42	50	
Copper (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	29	25	38	14	
Lead (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	220	180	410	19	
Mercury (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	0.3	MCERTS	< 0.3	< 0.3	0.3	< 0.3	
Nickel (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	16	14	15	15	
Selenium (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
Zinc (aqua regia extractable)	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	87	120	190	44	

Monoaromatics

Benzene	µg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
Toluene	µg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
Ethylbenzene	µg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
p & m-xylene	µg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
o-xylene	µg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether)	µg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	

Petroleum Hydrocarbons

TPH-CWG - Aliphatic >EC5 - EC6	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
TPH-CWG - Aliphatic >EC6 - EC8	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
TPH-CWG - Aliphatic >EC8 - EC10	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
TPH-CWG - Aliphatic >EC10 - EC12	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
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TPH-CWG - Aliphatic >EC21 - EC35	mg/kg	8	MCERTS	< 8.0	< 8.0	< 8.0	< 8.0	
TPH-CWG - Aliphatic (EC5 - EC35)	mg/kg	10	MCERTS	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10	

TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC5 - EC7	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC7 - EC8	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC8 - EC10	mg/kg	0.1	MCERTS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC10 - EC12	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC12 - EC16	mg/kg	2	MCERTS	< 2.0	2.7	< 2.0	< 2.0	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC16 - EC21	mg/kg	10	MCERTS	16	33	< 10	< 10	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic >EC21 - EC35	mg/kg	10	MCERTS	24	37	< 10	< 10	
TPH-CWG - Aromatic (EC5 - EC35)	mg/kg	10	MCERTS	40	73	< 10	< 10	



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* These descriptions are only intended to act as a cross check if sample identities are questioned. The major constituent of the sample is intended to act with respect to MCERTS validation. The laboratory is accredited for sand, clay and topsoil/loam soil types. Data for unaccredited types of solid should be interpreted with care.

Lab Sample Number	Sample Reference	Sample Number	Depth (m)	Sample Description *
384687	BH1	None Supplied	0.25	Brown sandy topsoil with rubble.
384688	BH1	None Supplied	0.50	Brown sandy topsoil with rubble.
384689	BH2	None Supplied	0.50	Brown clay and topsoil with gravel.
384690	BH2	None Supplied	0.75	Brown clay and topsoil with gravel.



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Water matrix abbreviations: Surface Water (SW) Potable Water (PW) Ground Water (GW)

Analytical Test Name	Analytical Method Description	Analytical Method Reference	Method number	Wet / Dry Analysis	Accreditation Status
Asbestos identification in soil	Asbestos Identification with the use of polarised light microscopy in conjunction with disperion staining techniques.	In house method based on HSG 248	A001-PL	D	ISO 17025
BTEX and MTBE in soil	Determination of BTEX in soil by headspace GC-MS.	In-house method based on USEPA8260	L073S-PL	W	MCERTS
Complex cyanide in soil	Determination of complex cyanide by distillation followed by colorimetry.	In-house method based on Examination of Water and Wastewater 20th Edition: Clesceri, Greenberg & Eaton (Skalar)	L080-PL	W	NONE
Crush Whole Sample	Either: Client specific preparation instructions - sample(s) crushed whole prior to analysis; OR Sample unsuitable for standard preparation and therefore crushed whole prior to analysis.	In house method, applicable to dry samples only.	L019-UK	D	NONE
Free cyanide in soil	Determination of free cyanide by distillation followed by colorimetry.	In-house method based on Examination of Water and Wastewater 20th Edition: Clesceri, Greenberg & Eaton (Skalar)	L080-PL	W	NONE
Hexavalent chromium in soil	Determination of hexavalent chromium in soil by extraction in water then by acidification, addition of 1,5 diphenylcarbazine followed by colorimetry.	In-house method	L080-PL	D	MCERTS
Metals in soil by ICP-OES	Determination of metals in soil by aqua-regia digestion followed by ICP-OES.	In-house method based on MEWAM 2006 Methods for the Determination of Metals in Soil.	L038-PL	D	MCERTS
Moisture Content	Moisture content, determined gravimetrically.	In-house method based on BS1377 Part 3, 1990, Chemical and Electrochemical Tests	L019-UK/PL	W	NONE
Monohydric phenols in soil	Determination of phenols in soil by extraction with sodium hydroxide followed by distillation followed by colorimetry.	In-house method based on Examination of Water and Wastewater 20th Edition: Clesceri, Greenberg & Eaton (skalar)	L080-PL	W	MCERTS
pH in soil	Determination of pH in soil by addition of water followed by electrometric measurement.	In-house method based on BS1377 Part 3, 1990, Chemical and Electrochemical Tests	L005-PL	W	MCERTS
Speciated EPA-16 PAHs in soil	Determination of PAH compounds in soil by extraction in dichloromethane and hexane followed by GC-MS with the use of surrogate and internal standards.	In-house method based on USEPA 8270	L064-PL	D	MCERTS
Stones content of soil	Standard preparation for all samples unless otherwise detailed. Stones not passing through a 10 mm sieve is determined gravimetrically and reported as a percentage of the dry weight. Sample results	In-house method based on British Standard Methods and MCERTS requirements.	L019-UK/PL	D	NONE
Sulphate, water soluble, in soil	Determination of water soluble sulphate by extraction with water followed by ICP-OES. Results reported corrected for extraction ratio (soil equivalent) as g/l and mg/kg; and upon the 2:1	In-house method based on BS1377 Part 3, 1990, Chemical and Electrochemical Tests	L038-PL	D	MCERTS
Sulphide in soil	Determination of sulphide in soil by acidification and heating to liberate hydrogen sulphide, trapped in an alkaline solution then assayed by ion selective electrode.	In-house method	L010-PL	D	MCERTS
Total cyanide in soil	Determination of total cyanide by distillation followed by colorimetry.	In-house method based on Examination of Water and Wastewater 20th Edition: Clesceri, Greenberg & Eaton (Skalar)	L080-PL	W	MCERTS



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Water matrix abbreviations: Surface Water (SW) Potable Water (PW) Ground Water (GW)

Analytical Test Name	Analytical Method Description	Analytical Method Reference	Method number	Wet / Dry Analysis	Accreditation Status
Total organic carbon in soil	Determination of organic matter in soil by oxidising with potassium dichromate followed by titration with Iron (II) sulphate.	In-house method based on BS1377 Part 3, 1990, Chemical and Electrochemical Tests	L023-PL	D	MCERTS
Total sulphate (as SO ₄ in soil)	Determination of total sulphate in soil by extraction with 10% HCl followed by ICP-OES.	In-house method based on BS1377 Part 3, 1990, Chemical and Electrochemical Tests	L038-PL	D	ISO 17025
TPHCWG (Soil)	Determination of pentane extractable hydrocarbons in soil by GC-MS/GC-FID.	In-house method	L076-PL	W	MCERTS

For method numbers ending in 'UK' analysis have been carried out in our laboratory in the United Kingdom.

For method numbers ending in 'PL' analysis have been carried out in our laboratory in Poland.

Soil analytical results are expressed on a dry weight basis. Where analysis is carried out on as-received the results obtained are multiplied by a moisture correction factor that is determined gravimetrically using the moisture content which is carried out at a maximum of 30°C.



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APPENDIX 'C'

Statistical Analysis

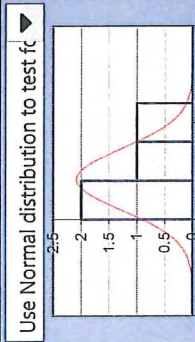


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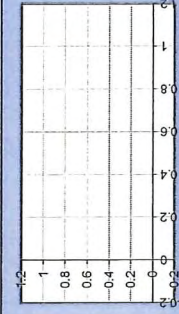
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Project ref: Data description:

Date: 07-Nov-2014
User details: A Davidson

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Sample mean, \bar{x}	207.25	
Sample standard deviation, s	160.68	
Sample size, n	4	
Critical concentration, Cc	200	

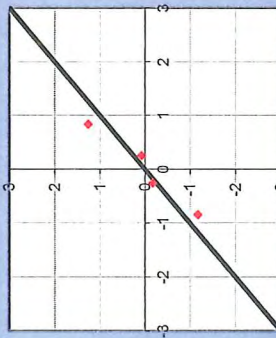


Outliers & non-detects	
Outliers present?	NO
Significance level	5% ▼
Outliers removed?	0
Non-detects	0



Normality test

Significance level:	5% ▼
Normal distribution	
Use:	Auto: One-sample t-test ▼



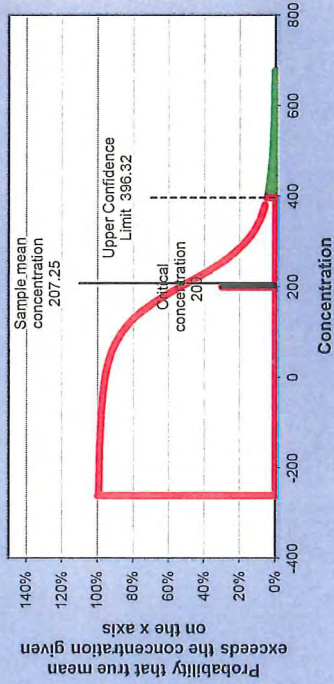
Test scenario:

Planning: is true mean lower than critical concentration ($\mu < C_c$)? ▼

Null hypothesis: The true mean concentration is equal to or greater than the critical concentration: $\mu \geq C_c$

Alternative hypothesis: The true mean concentration is less than the critical concentration: $\mu < C_c$

Evidence against Null hypothesis:	47%
Base decision on:	evidence level ▼
Evidence level required:	95%
Balance of probability?	N/A
Reject Null Hypothesis?	No



$\mu \geq C_c$

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APPENDIX 'D'

Proposed plans of the development

