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**BY E-MAIL**

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Dear Ian

Land At Abbey Road North, Shepley  
Soils Validation – Plots 10 to 13

In accordance with our commission, we visited the above site on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, to confirm the soil cover blanket thickness on the above plots.

**Background**

Camstead Ltd is presently constructing new properties on the site located on land off Abbey Road North in Shepley, Huddersfield.

A Ground Investigation Report had been carried out by ARP Geotechnical Ltd and the made ground below the site had been identified to be contaminated, including contamination with asbestos fibres. A Contamination Remediation Statement was produced in order to gain approval from the Planning Authority. It is understood that this statement (Ref CAM/07reml V2 dated 27/04/2021) has been approved/agreed to by the Planning Authority. A clean cover, comprising of 0.6m of clean topsoil and subsoil and a 0.1m hardbreak layer or robust geotextile, is required above any made ground present on site.

Subsequent to the above, further testing of plot garden areas and stockpiles present on the site was undertaken by RGS Ltd in late November 2021 and presented in their Report on Environmental Assessment (Ref C2186/21/E/3375) dated December 2021. These stockpiles were not present on the site or accessible at the time of the ARP investigation, and there had been some movement of soils on the site since the original investigation. The testing identified localised contamination within the made ground in garden areas, and within two stockpiles - one stockpile to be removed off-site (SPH) and one stockpile to be placed beneath hardstanding areas (SPB). All other stockpiles were deemed suitable for use anywhere on site. Additional testing was undertaken by RGS Ltd and this is presented in their report Ref C2186/22/E3697 dated February 2022. The additional testing confirmed the suitable use of all other stockpiles anywhere on site. One of the stockpiles (SPC) is of site won topsoil and has been identified as suitable for use in residential gardens. Numerous stockpiles of site won subsoil were also tested and identified as suitable for re-use in residential gardens also.

**Site Works**

During the site visit on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, one trial pit was excavated at the position indicated on the enclosed plan. At the trial pit, when the soil profile was inspected, there was a covering of brown, slightly gravelly slightly sandy clayey topsoil to depths of at least 0.2m. The topsoil was underlain by

subsoil as a brown slightly sandy slightly gravelly clay to a total depth of between 0.6m. A layer of crushed brick and stone was placed at the base of the clean cover and was identified at the base of the pit. Photographs of the trial pit are included below. Plot 10 had been recently turfed prior to the visit.



**Plot 10:** Recently turfed.



**Plot 11:** General view of the garden.



**Plot 12 and 13:** Wide view of garden and tube placed in garden 12.



**Plot 12:** Depth measured in tube left by groundworker. Over 0.6m in cover.



**Plot 12:** Tube pulled out and clean cover inspected. Hardbreak at the base of the cover.

## **Conclusions**

In the light of the above, it is concluded that, on Plots 10 to 13, the requirements for the cover blanket thickness from the Remediation Statement have been met. The materials utilised for the cover blanket were clean site won topsoil and subsoil which had been previously stockpiled and tested on site.

We trust the above is satisfactory for your requirements. However, if you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Yours sincerely  
for ARP GEOTECHNICAL LTD

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**Key**  
■ Trial pit location  
■ Area validated in this report

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