

Remediation and Verification Strategy

**WHITE LEE GARDENS
BATLEY
PHASE 2**

for

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the request of Jones Homes (Yorkshire) Limited, a Remediation and Verification Strategy has been produced for White Lee Gardens in Batley in respect of soil contamination and ground gases. It is proposed to construct residential properties on the site, as shown in Appendix 1.

1.2 This Remediation and Verification Strategy is based on the findings of the following investigation;

- *Phase 1 Geoenvironmental Risk Assessment and Phase 2 Ground Investigation - White Lee Gardens, Phase 2, Batley - Michael D Joyce Associates LLP, on behalf of Jones Homes (Yorkshire) Limited - Report No. 4488, dated August 2025.*

1.3 This document supersedes a previous Remediation Strategy for the site (Michael D Joyce Associates LLP Report No. 3521, dated March 2015).

2 THE SITE

- 2.1 The site covers an area of approximately 2.44 hectares and is located off White Lee Road, approximately 2 km west of the centre of Batley. The Ordnance Survey grid reference is SE 225 247. It lies between approximately 123 mAOD in the west, falling gently to around 114 mAOD in the east of the site. Figure 1 shows the general site location, whilst figure 2 shows the site in more detail.
- 2.2 The site is accessed from White Lee Road and through the Phase 1 development, now known as Sunny View. This area was used originally as a storage area for various pieces of machinery, agricultural tools and trailers and opened into an extensive paddock area.
- 2.3 The site is bounded by housing off Shibden Drive, Oakwell Avenue and Enfield Drive along the northeastern boundary. There is a steep slope down to the housing, which at its lowest point is roughly estimated to be 6m to 8m below site level. Extensive vegetation prevented inspection of this slope and its stability. However, it is understood that the slope lies outside the boundary of the development area. There are fields beyond the southern boundary and part of the western boundary. There is also a play area also along part of the west boundary. Housing on Sunny View forms the northwestern boundary.
- 2.4 The site comprises grassland used mainly as a paddock in 2015. There were a few temporary agricultural buildings, such as sheds and a chicken run. There are further trees along part of the site boundary. Since 2015, the site buildings have been removed and the site has become overgrown.

3 CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL

Conceptual Site Model

- 3.1 A quantitative health and environmental risk assessment has been carried out as part of this assessment. The process of risk assessment is set out in Part IIA of the Environment Protection Act 1990 and amended in part by The Water Act 2003. This defines contaminated land as *"any land which appears to the local authority in whose area it is situated to be in such a condition by reason of substances in, on or under the land, that there is a significant possibility of significant harm being caused, or that significant pollution of controlled waters is being caused or there is a significant possibility of such pollution being caused"*.
- 3.2 The Act introduces the concept of a pollution linkage. This linkage consists of a pollution (contaminative) source or hazard and a receptor, together with an established pathway between the two. For land to be contaminated, a pollution linkage (hazard-pathway-receptor) must exist. This forms a so-called 'conceptual model' of the site.
- 3.3 Examples of pathways and effects from land contamination (after PPS 23) are given below, and these are illustrated on figure 3.

3.4 Human Health (Pathways 1-5, Receptors A – C)

Uptake of contaminants by food plants grown in contaminated soil - Uptake will depend on the concentration of a contaminant in soil, its chemical form, soil pH, plant species and prominence in diet.

Ingestion and inhalation - Substances may be ingested directly by young children playing on contaminated soil, or by eating plants which have absorbed metals or are contaminated with soil or dust. Ingestion may also occur via contaminated water supplies. Metals and some organic material substances may be inhaled from dusts and soils. Land gas, radon and volatile organic compounds can be inhaled directly.

Skin contact - Soil containing tars, oils and corrosive substances may cause irritation to the skin through direct contact. Some substances (e.g. phenols) may be absorbed into the body through the skin or through cuts and abrasions.

Irradiation - As well as being inhaled and absorbed through the skin, radioactive materials emitting gamma rays can cause a radiation response.

Fire and explosion - Materials such as coal, coke particles, oil, tar, pitch, rubber, plastic and domestic waste are all combustible. Both underground fires and biodegradation of organic materials may produce toxic or flammable gases. Methane and other gases may explode if allowed to accumulate in confined spaces.

3.5 **Buildings (Pathways 7 and 8)**

Fire and explosion - Underground fires may cause ground subsidence and cause structural damage. Accumulations of flammable gases in confined space leads to a risk of explosion. Underground fires may damage services.

Chemical attack on building materials and services - Sulphates may attack concrete structures. Acids, oils and tarry substances may accelerate corrosion of metals or attack plastics, rubber and other polymeric materials used in pipework and service conduits or as jointing seals and protective coatings to concrete and metals.

Physical - Blast-furnace and steel-making slag (and some natural materials) may expand. Degradation of fills may cause settlement and voids in buried tanks and drums may collapse as corrosion occurs or under loading.

3.6 **Natural Environment (Pathway 6, Receptors D - E)**

Phytotoxicity (prevention/inhibition of plant growth) - Some metals essential for plant growth at low levels are phytotoxic at higher concentrations. Methane and other gases may give rise to phytotoxic effects.

Contamination of water resources - Soil has a limited capacity to absorb, degrade or attenuate the effects of pollutants. When this is exceeded, polluting substances may enter into surface and groundwaters.

Ecotoxological effects - Contaminants in soil may affect microbial, animal and plant populations. Ecosystems or individual species on the site, in surface waters or areas affected by migration from the site may be affected.

- 3.7 For any contaminant source identified, judgement is used regarding the probability of a pollution linkage occurring and the potential consequences of that linkage. Based on the probability and likely consequences, the overall risk (significance) can be established. The definitions that have been used for this purpose are given in Standard Appendix B. The probability of a hazard, combined with its consequences, can be used to assess risk. This forms the so-called Conceptual Site Model.

Sources

- 3.8 No past or potentially contaminative land uses have been identified on the site itself. A colliery once lay to the north of the site, and a former woollen mill to the northwest, adjacent to Riding Street.
- 3.9 There is however a potential risk of ground gases being produced from the near surface coal seam and associated workings. This is also a risk from the infilled reservoir just to the west of the site, where the nature of the backfill is unknown. The site lies in an area where basic radon protection measures are required.

Risk Assessment based on Conceptual Site Model

Summary of Hazards, Pathways and Receptors

Source	Potential Pollutant	Pathways	Receptor	Risk
Made Ground (on site). Woollen Mills (off site).	No specific pollutants / sources have been identified on the site.	1 - 5	A. Present Occupants.	Site Unoccupied.
			B. Groundworkers.	Low Risk involved with excavation work, providing personnel adopt suitable precautions, together with washing facilities.
			C. Future Occupants.	Low Risk for residential use, providing the existing topsoil is removed and replaced by clean imported topsoil in garden areas.
		6	D. Controlled Waters.	Low Risk.
			E. Ecosystems.	Low Risk as leaching is not considered likely.
		7	F. Building Materials and Services.	Low Risk. Install pipes in clean bedding materials. Adequate precautions to be taken in respect of buried concrete.
Organic Material. Landfill Gases, VOCs, SVOCs. Shallow coal seam and workings. Infilled pond in close proximity to site. Radon.	Possible emissions of gases from shallow mineworkings and an infilled pond.	8	A - F	Low to Moderate Risk. Low values of ground gases present during the investigation. Basic radon gas protection measures are required.
Waste materials.				Any waste materials to be removed from site.

Pathways and Receptors

- 3.10 The principal receptors are groundworkers, future residents and controlled waters (Receptors B, C and D). However based on the past history of the site and the results of the contamination testing, the probability of contamination being present sufficient to affect the identified receptors is considered to be a low risk at present.
- 3.11 The overall risk is assessed to be low, providing the recommendations made in this Remediation Strategy are applied. At this stage, it is not considered that there is likely to be any significant risks.
- 3.12 With any site, the possibility of contaminants being present, sufficient to cause significant harm cannot be entirely precluded without extensive intrusive investigation, sampling and testing since it is not always possible to determine if contaminants have been tipped on the site, or have seeped into the ground, or have migrated below the ground onto the site from adjacent pieces of land. However, based on the investigation carried out to date, this is considered unlikely.
- 3.13 It is recommended that if during construction any suspicious or unusual odours, colours, liquids or soils are uncovered, these should be brought to the attention of Michael D Joyce Associates LLP and appropriate advice sought.

4 SOIL REMEDIATION METHODOLOGY

Objectives

- 4.1 The laboratory test results confirm that the topsoil is unsuitable for reuse in garden areas. However to avoid landfilling of the topsoil, and in the interests of sustainability, it should be re-used/spread across the Public Open Space (POS). In this regard, all of the topsoil tested falls within the threshold limit set by the C4SL for Arsenic of 79 mg/kg for use in Public Open Space. Clean uncontaminated topsoil complying with BS3882: 2015 Specification for Topsoil will need to be imported for the garden areas.

Remediation Strategy

- 4.2 The Remediation Strategy shall comprise;
- i. General site clearance of surface materials and vegetation.
 - ii. Removal of tarmac footpath.
 - iii. Remove topsoil down to natural ground or Made Ground across the development site. Michael D Joyce Associates LLP to carry out an inspection to confirm the topsoil has been removed. Sampling and testing shall be carried out to confirm that the formation level is uncontaminated. Thereafter, a nominal thickness of 150mm of imported topsoil will be required to garden areas.
 - iv. Clean subsoils derived from excavations should be suitable for reuse in raising levels, should this be required.

- v. The topsoil stripped from the development area shall be spread across the area of Public Open Space (POS), according to required levels.

Source of Material

- 4.3 As it will be necessary to import topsoil, the soil concentrations should not exceed any of the levels given in Table 2. As such, the material supplier should be made aware of these. The topsoil should also comply with BS3882: 2015: Specification for Topsoil. Test certification should be provided in advance of importation, and no testing should be more than 60 days old.

Characterisation of Material

- 4.4 It is essential that material is inert and suitable for its intended use. Sampling of materials should be undertaken as early as possible i.e. *prior to placement* (for site won material) and *prior to importation* (for imported material). This is to avoid the costly exercise of re-excavating *unsuitable* materials and the possibility of cross contamination.

Certificates from Commercial Suppliers

- 4.5 Where material is provided by a commercial company, certificates or other industry Quality Protocol compliance i.e. WRAP, will normally be accepted. Caution should be given to importing materials, specifically soils that have been recycled from demolition or skip waste as they could be contaminated.

Initial Screening

4.6 A visual / olfactory inspection of the imported topsoil should be carried out by a Geoenvironmental Engineer from Michael D Joyce Associates LLP to ensure that:

- It is a suitable growing medium.
- It is free from obvious contamination i.e staining / free product etc.
- It has not come from areas where Japanese Knotweed or other invasive or injurious plants, as specified by the Environment Agency are suspected to have been growing.
- It is not odorous (could be considered a statutory nuisance).
- It is free from unsuitable materials i.e. bricks, brick ties, timber and glass etc).
- There are no visible signs of asbestos containing materials (ACM's).

Testing Schedule and Number of Samples

4.7 Chemical testing will normally be required on any materials that are to be used as topsoil, even where this includes first generation quarried material. This should be carried out by Michael D Joyce Associates LLP. The frequency of testing shall be shown in Table 1 as follows. For example, if the topsoil is from a Greenfield site or is manufactured, testing shall be at a rate of 1 sample per 250m³.

4.8 Given that the topsoil does not form a clean cover system, the thickness of placed topsoil shall be confirmed by a shallow pit at a rate of 1 per 5 garden areas.

Table 1: Sampling and Testing for Clean Cover Materials

Type Number of Samples

Type	Number of Samples (per Material Type and Source)	Testing Schedule	Assessment Criteria
Virgin Quarried Material	1 or 2 depending on the type of stone used	Standard metals/metalloids (As, Cd, Cr, Cr (VI), Cu, Hg, Ni, Pb, Se, Zn)	As per Appendix B of YALPAG.
Crushed Hardcore Stone, Brick (excluding asphalt)	Minimum 1 per 500m ³	Standard metals/metalloids (as above) PAH (16 USEPA speciation) Asbestos Total TPH	
Greenfield/ Manufactured Soils	Minimum of 3 dependant on source, between 1 per 50m ³ and 1 per 250m ³	Standard metals/ Metalloids (as above) PAH (16 USEPA speciation) Asbestos pH and soil organic matter	
Brownfield/ Screened Soils	Minimum of 6 dependant on source, between 1 per 50m ³ and 1 per 100m ³	Standard metals/metalloids (as above) PAH (16 USEPA Speciation) TPH (CWG banded) Asbestos pH and soil organic matter Any additional analysis dependant on the history of the donor site.	

Suitability of Material

- 4.9 Based on the characterisation of materials, they should be either deemed suitable or unsuitable. The soil concentrations should not exceed any of the following levels (Table 2), and as such the material supplier should be made aware of these.

Table 2: Maximum Permitted Concentrations for Topsoil to Garden Areas

Analyte	Maximum Permitted Concentrations (mg/kg)
Arsenic (total)	37 (1)
Cadmium (total)	22 (1)
Chromium (VI)	21 (1)
Copper (total)	2400 (2)
Lead (total)	200 (1)
Mercury (total)	40 (2)
Nickel (total)	130 (2)
Selenium (total)	250 (2)
Zinc (total)	3700 (2)
Phenols (total)	420 (1)
Naphthalene	2.3 (2)
Acenaphthylene	170 (2)
Acenaphthene	2400 (2)
Fluorene	170 (2)
Phenanthrene	85 (2)
Anthracene	2400 (2)
Fluoranthene	280 (2)
Pyrene	620 (2)
Benzo (a) anthracene	7.2 (2)
Chrysene	15 (2)
Benzo (b) fluoranthene	2.6 (2)
Benzo (k) fluoranthene	77 (2)
Benzo (a) pyrene	5.0 (1)
Indeno (1,2,3 cd) pyrene	2.7 (2)
Dibenz (a,h) anthracene	0.24 (2)
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene	320 (2)
Asbestos	None

(1) C4SL published 2014.

(2) Suitable for Use Values derived by LQM/CIEH "Generic Assessment Criteria for Human Health Risk Assessment" 2009. For organics a SOM of 1.0% assumed.

Stockpiling and Quarantining of Material

- 4.10 It is essential that 'suitable' material is either placed in its intended garden areas straight away or stockpiled in a suitable quarantine area to prevent on-site contamination, i.e. for example, fuel leakage from machinery.

Reporting

- 4.11 The purpose of verification documentation is to provide transparent reasoning as to why the remediation, was required, a methodology about how it was to be undertaken and proof that the specified works have been undertaken so as to provide confirmation that the site is 'suitable for its intended use'.
- 4.12 The document is utilised not only to satisfy conditions of planning permissions but also is to be kept on record by the Local Authority should queries be raised during the lifetime of the development and to confirm to future purchasers that the site is suitable for use. The report should be carried out by Michael D Joyce Associates LLP.
- 4.13 On satisfactory completion of all the remediation works, Michael D Joyce Associates LLP shall provide a validation report, comprising relevant site records and act as certification that the remedial and ground preparation works have been carried out in accordance with this Strategy.

The verification report shall include the following:

- A description of the works undertaken;
- Records of the works;
- Progress photographs;

- Waste transfer notes / hazardous waste consignment notes;
- Laboratory test results;
- As built surveys, including base of excavation and final level survey, base and top of made ground;
- A statement that the works have been undertaken in accordance with the agreed specification.

4.14 A Validation Report is a strict requirement for works undertaken under the CL:AIRE DoWCoP.

4.15 A separate report specific to the treatment of shallow coal mine workings would be required for submission to the Coal Authority.

Health and Safety

4.16 The remediation and earthworks shall be undertaken in accordance with all relevant legislation including, but not limited to:

- The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, 1974;
- Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM Regulations), 2015;
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations, 2002; and
- The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations, 2012 and the associated HSE's *Approved Code of Practice and Guidance*.

4.17 Contaminated soils are present on the site. During the remediation and construction, it will be necessary to protect the health and safety of site personnel. General guidance on these matters is given in the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) document

'Protection of Workers and the General Public during the Redevelopment of Contaminated Land (HS(G)66)'.

4.18 In summary, the following measures are suggested to provide a minimum level of protection.

- All ground workers should be issued with high visibility clothing, hard hats, safety glasses, protective footwear and impermeable heavy-duty gloves. Personnel should be instructed in their correct use;
- Hand washing and boot cleaning facilities shall be provided;
- No smoking on site other than in designated areas, if any are present on site; and,
- Good practices relating to personal hygiene shall be adopted.

4.19 Before site operations are commenced, the necessary COSHH Assessment, Method Statements and Construction Phase Plan should be completed and issued by the contractor in accordance with The CDM Regulations.

4.20 All site personnel shall undergo a site-specific health and safety induction prior to starting work on site.

4.21 If an excavation meets the definition of a 'confined space' within the Confined Space Regulations 1997, entry must be undertaken in accordance with a safe system of work meeting the requirements of the HSE's *Safe Work in Confined Spaces - Confined Spaces Regulations 1997: Approved Code of Practice and Guidance* (Third Edition, 2014).

- 4.22 All groundworkers and site personnel shall undergo site specific health and safety induction prior to commencing on site. Personnel shall be provided with appropriate protective clothing, footwear, eyewear and gloves and all work shall be carried out in accordance with HSE Document, *"Protection of Workers and the General Public during the Redevelopment of Contaminated Land"*. There shall be no entry into confined spaces without appropriate training and monitoring. The site should be secured against general access to public.

Contingency Planning

- 4.23 Should any unforeseen or undiscovered contamination be encountered on site, or if ground conditions are different from those predicted, they should be referred back to Michael D Joyce Associates LLP for appropriate advice. The Local Authority shall be informed in writing immediately.

5 GAS PROTECTION MEASURES

- 5.1 The site lies in an area where basic radon gas protection measures are required. The gas protection measures are as follows;

Gas protection measures in line with Characteristic Situation 2 (in accordance with BS8485: 2015 + A1: 2019) and radon protection in accordance with BR211 (2023) "Guidance on Protective Measures for New Buildings" are required for all plots including detached garages at the site. At this stage, it is assumed that the properties will comprise a precast concrete floor with underlying passively ventilated sub-floor void.

- 5.2 Characteristic Situation 2 (CS2) is essentially equivalent to the NHBC's Traffic Light Classification of **Amber 1**. This requires;

- i. Sub-floor venting to achieve at least one air exchange per day.
- ii. Minimum 150mm void height.
- iii. $1500\text{mm}^2/\text{m}$ air vent openings or $500\text{mm}^2/\text{m}^2$ floor area spaced at not more than 2m centres on at least two opposing sides.
- iv. Membrane to achieve complete integrity across entire building footprint.

- 5.3 It should be noted that the NHBC supports BS8485: 2015 + A1 2019 and BR211 (2023) in that it provides a standardized UK approach to demonstrate compliance with the Building Regulations.

5.4 The membrane shall meet the requirements of BS8485 2015 + A1 2019 “Code of Practice for the design of protective measures for methane and carbon dioxide ground gases for new buildings”, and BR211 (2023) Radon: Guidance on Protective Measures for New Buildings, as follows.

- *sufficiently impervious to the gases with a methane gas transmission rate <40.0 ml/day/m²/atm (average) for sheet and joints (tested in accordance with BS ISO 15105-1 manometric method;*
- *sufficiently durable to remain serviceable for the anticipated life of the building and duration of gas emissions;*
- *sufficiently strong to withstand in-service stresses (e.g. settlement if placed below a floor slab);*
- *sufficiently strong to withstand the installation process and following trades until covered, e.g. penetration from steel fibres in fibre reinforced concrete, penetration of reinforcement ties, tearing due to working above it, dropping tools, etc;*
- *capable, after installation, of providing a complete barrier to the entry of the relevant gas; and*
- *verified in accordance with CIRIA C735 [N1].*

5.5 The choice of gas protection materials shall be approved by Kirklees Council and the Warranty Provider in advance.

Verification

- 5.6 The verification requirements are set out in the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Pollution Advisory Group (YALPAG) document “Verification Requirements for Gas Protection Systems - Technical Guidance for Developers, Landowners and Consultants”, Version 1.1 - December 2016, and presented in Appendix 2.
- 5.7 On completion of the installation of the gas membrane in each plot, the following procedures for verification must be followed, in line with YALPAG requirements and CIRIA C735.
- A suitably qualified and experienced independent individual should oversee and verify the installation. This may include the Engineer;
 - The above individual shall ensure that component specification and installation comply with both the manufacturer’s guidelines/instructions and this Implementation Plan;
 - All components of the agreed gas protection system shall be subject to verification. Evidence in the form of a checklist (see final pages of YALPAG guidance in Appendix 2) will be required and shall itemise the specification and inspection of all individual gas protection components and their correct installation;
 - Photographic evidence clearly illustrating the points on the checklist and correct installation of the gas protection components will be required; and

- All data to form part of a Verification Report which must include, inter alia, prints of all digital photographs and description of feature depicted.

It should be noted that verification of the void and installation of the telescopic vents is to be carried out by the Site Manager.

5.8 A report should be prepared to demonstrate how the gas protection measures have been installed and what verification information has been provided to demonstrate the installation has been carried out in accordance with the appropriate guidance.

5.9 As a minimum, the Verification Report should include (but not be limited to):

- Formal qualifications/experience/training of the person carrying out the installation.
- Formal qualifications/experience/training of the person carrying out the verification of the void and telescopic vents, and the person carrying out the verification of the membrane.
- Clear demonstration of the independence of the person carrying out the verification.
- The manufacturer's specification of the gas protection membrane to be used.
- Full details of what the verification process will comprise and at what stage verification will be carried out.
- Details of how any non-conformance will be dealt with.

- Details of the number of plots to be validated. (Deviation from verification of every plot will need to be justified and agreed with the Local Planning Authority.
- Timeline of when during the build, each of the gas protection measures will be installed.
- Details of management measures proposed to ensure how damage to the membrane will be prevented prior to the floor being installed, post installation.
- Details of how all relevant site personnel will be made aware of the presence of the membrane and that damage to the membrane must be prevented.
- Details of the extent of overlap and method of sealing (these must be in line with manufacturer's instructions and evidence provided).
- Confirmation that a signed (plot specific unless agreed otherwise) statement confirming that the gas protection measures were installed as agreed and that the membrane was free from tears and punctures and was lapped and sealed as agreed as joins and around services and sub-floor voids were clear and free from debris will be included in the Verification Report.
- Confirmation that plot specific photographs showing the installed membrane will be included in the Verification Report.

6 WASTE CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 Waste soils to be removed from site must be via a licensed waste transfer company. Removal of soils should only commence once the receiving landfill or waste management operator has received the test results and has given their consent to receive the waste soils.
- 6.2 If waste soil is to be exported from the site, it must be classified in accordance with the guidance provided by the Environment Agency's publication Technical Guidance WM3: Waste Classification - Guidance on the classification and assessment of waste. The waste will end up classified as either:
- Hazardous waste with the waste code 17—5-03 (soil and stones containing hazardous substances)
 - Non-Hazardous waste with code 17-05-04 (soil and stones other than those mentioned in 17-05-03).
- 6.3 All waste transfer activities must be accompanied by appropriate paperwork, specifically Waste Transfer Notes that clearly state the origin and destination of the waste soils; the volume of tonnage or material removed; and the date of the transfer.
- 6.4 Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) testing does not provide a measure of the total hazardous content of the soil (only the leachable content), so WAC data cannot and must not be used for waste classification.
- 6.5 For non-hazardous waste, no WAC leaching thresholds have been set, so no WAC testing is required.

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- 6.6 Soils being sent to landfill as a hazardous waste or an inert waste will usually require WAC testing to confirm that the material will not produce a hazardous leachate and that it does not contain a significant organic content or sulphate concentration, such that it would breach the licensing requirements of the tip.
- 6.7 Uncontaminated natural soils that are excavated in the course of construction and are to be reused for the purposes of construction are not considered to be waste, and can be reused freely on the same site. If these natural uncontaminated soils are to be reused as a fill material on a different site, you will need one of the following:
- A U1 exemption from the Environment Agency (free of charge but generally limited to 1000 tonnes);
 - A Materials Management Plan (MMP) prepared in accordance with the CL:AIRE DoWCoP (Definition of Waste Code of Practice) under which all activity must be carried out.
- 6.8 The DoWCoP also permits the reuse of Made Ground, as distinct from natural soils, on the site of origin, provided that:
- The material is suitable for use without posing a risk of environmental pollution or harm to human health;
 - No more material is used than is required for that use;
 - There is certainty that the material will be used and not just stockpiled.

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Procedure Notes

The desk study and/or ground investigation have been carried out using reasonable skill and care in accordance with the principles of Ground Investigation and Testing", BS5930: 2013 and BS10175:2011+A1:2013, and the terms of the client's brief. The report has been prepared for the specific purposes notified at the time of the initial enquiry.

By its very nature any ground investigation only encounters and samples a small percentage of the ground. Consequently changes in ground conditions and soil properties can occur between any two exploratory points, for example local features such as soft ground, pockets of contamination and faults. This is also true of the exploration of mineworkings and such features can extend beneath parts of the site not investigated. Unrecorded bell pits and shafts can also exist between exploratory points. The ground investigation is designed to minimize such risks. Conclusions and recommendations are based on the information presented in this report, but unforeseen features may exist. No liability can be accepted for conditions not revealed by the exploratory holes. Therefore, actual ground conditions shall be noted during construction and further advice sought if they differ from those predicted. Michael D. Joyce LLP reserves the right to amend the conclusions and recommendations in the light of further information. Actual methods of construction or alternative designs shall be notified to Michael D. Joyce Associates LLP, such that the recommendations made can be reconsidered in the light of any changes.

Further investigation can be carried out to further reduce uncertainty and risk but ultimately these risks cannot be eliminated. Similarly a desk study normally only considers readily available information and further information could be held by other sources. In commissioning further research or investigation the cost/benefit of doing so must be considered.

It is assumed that groundlevels shall not change significantly from those at present. The groundwater conditions are based on observations made at the time of the investigation, unless stated otherwise. It shall be noted that the observations are subject to the method of the boring or excavation and that groundwater levels shall vary due to seasonal or other effects.

Where buildings are present on a site, structural and asbestos surveys have not been carried out, unless specifically stated. An Unexploded Ordnance Survey has not been carried out unless specifically stated. In relevant situations it would be prudent to commission such surveys.

Where information has been obtained from Third Parties, no liability can be accepted for the accuracy or completeness of this information. Where anecdotal evidence or speculations are presented, they must be treated as such and cannot be relied upon.



White Lee Gardens, Batley (Phase 2)
Site Location

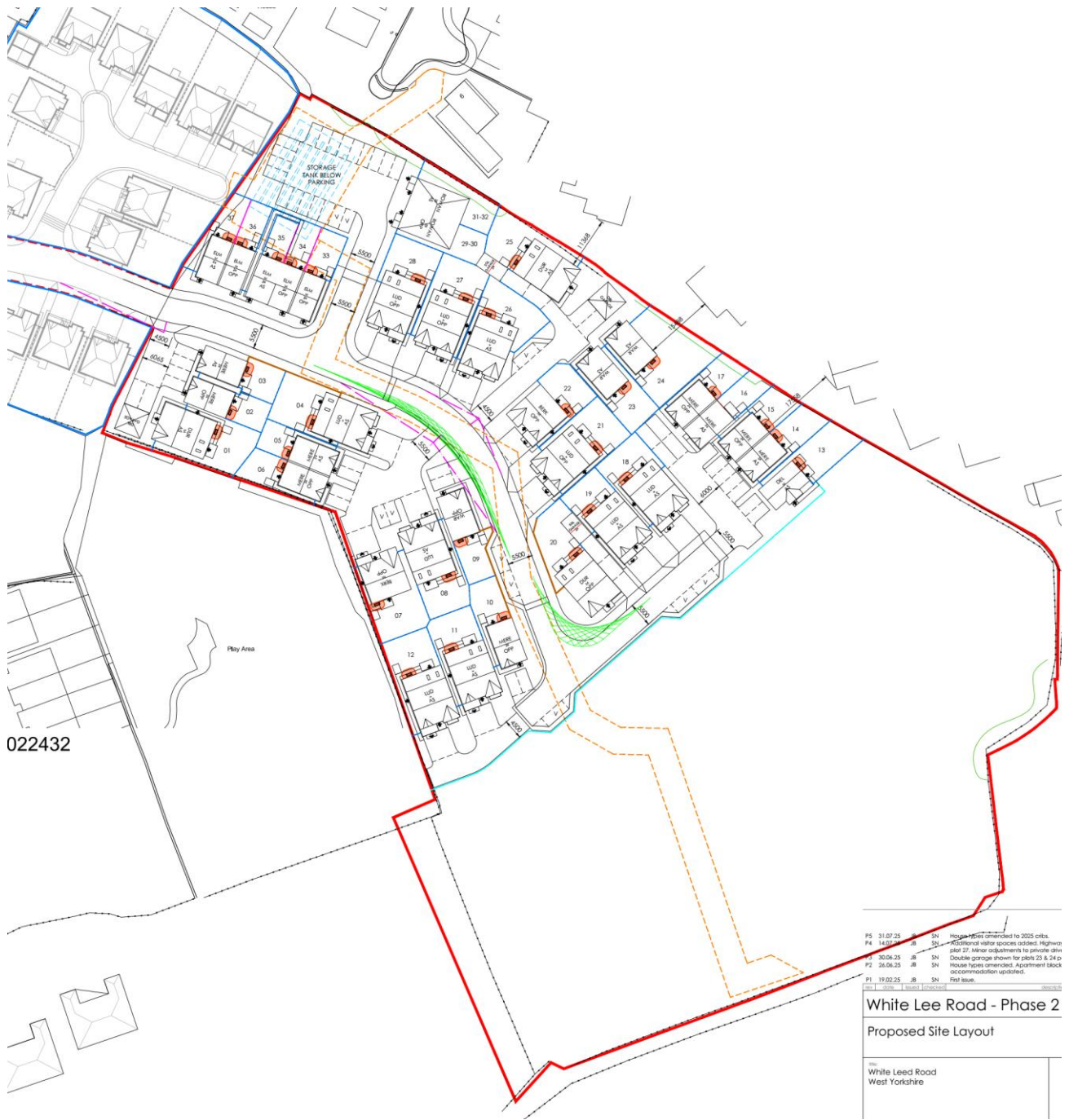
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White Lee Gardens, Batley (Phase 2)

Site Plan

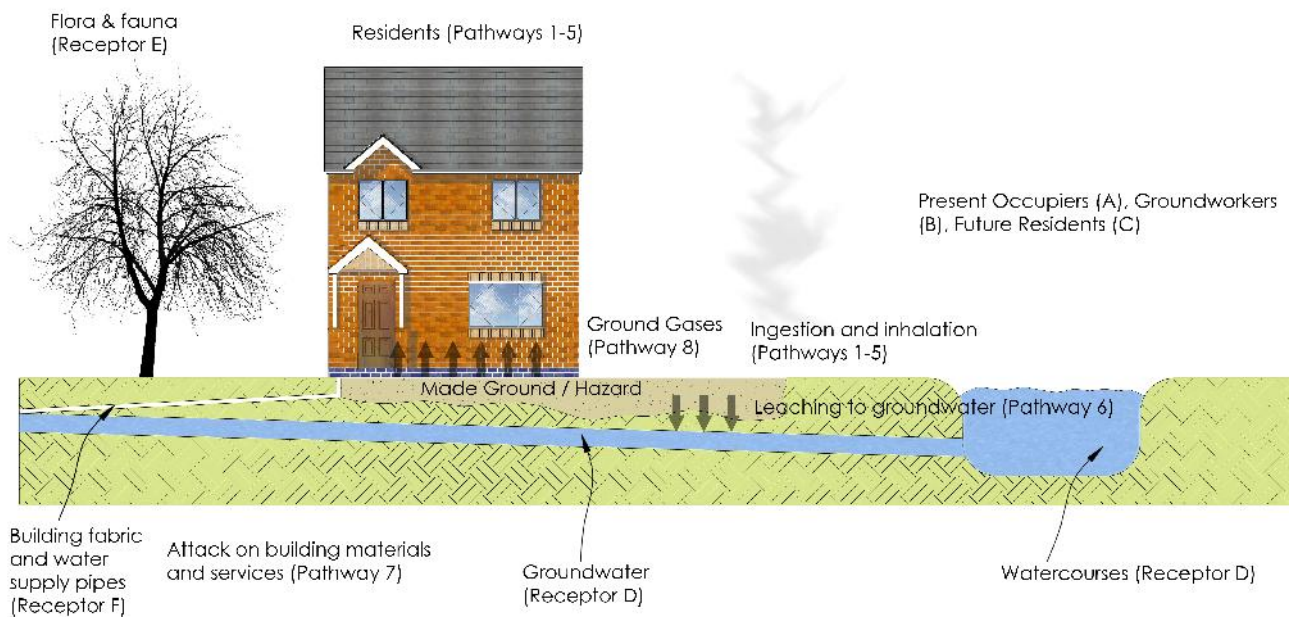
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Pathways

1. Ingestion of contaminated soil/dust
2. Ingestion of contaminated food
3. Ingestion of contaminated water
4. Inhalation of contaminated vapours
5. Dermal contact with contaminated soil/dust or water
6. Pollution of controlled water and off site migration
7. Attack on building materials and services
8. Migration of landfill gases and radon

Receptors

- A. Present site occupiers
- B. Site development personnel
- C. Future residents
- D. Controlled waters
- E. Flora and fauna
- F. Building and services

Schematic Representation of Conceptual Site Model

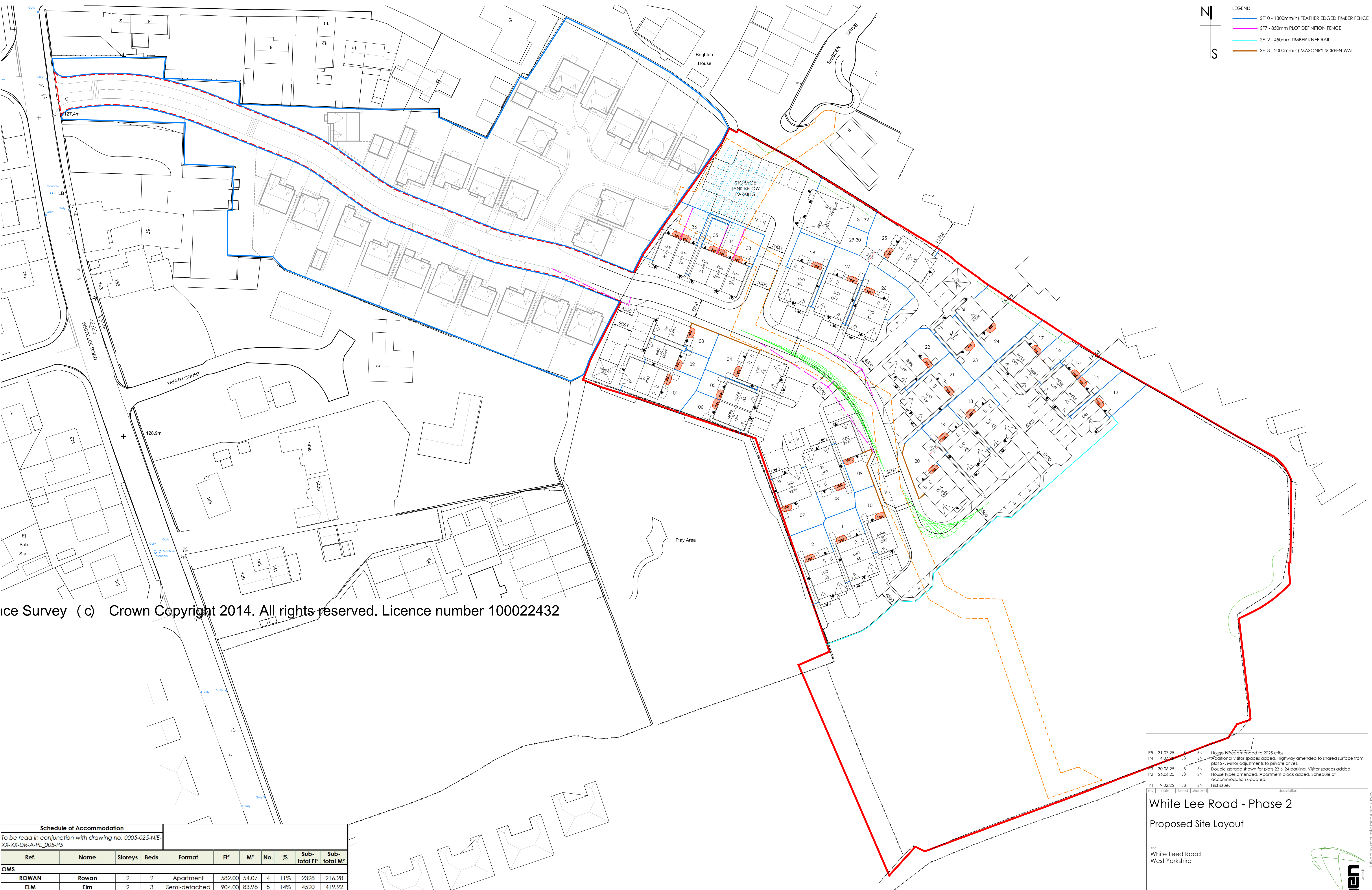
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Appendix 1

Development Proposals



LEGEND:

SF10 - 1800mm(h) FEATHER EDGED TIMBER FENCE

SF7 - 850mm PLOT DEFINITION FENCE

SF12 - 450mm TIMBER KNEE RAIL

SF13 - 2000mm(h) MASONRY SCREEN WALL

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Schedule of Accommodation										
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OMS										
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ELM	Elm	2	3	Semi-detached	904.00	83.98	5	14%	4520	419.92
MERE	Mere	2	3	Semi-detached	1009.00	93.74	6	16%	6054	562.44
MERE	Mere	2	3	Detached	1009.00	93.74	3	8%	3027	281.22
DEL	Delamere	2	3	Detached	1022.00	94.95	1	3%	1022	94.95
WAR	Warwick	2	4	Detached	1141.00	106.00	3	8%	3423	318.01
BERK	Berkley	2	4	Detached	1354.00	125.79	2	5%	2708	251.58
DUR	Durham	2	4	Detached	1768.00	164.25	3	8%	5304	492.76
LUD	Ludlow	2	4	Detached	1619.00	150.41	10	27%	16190	1504.10
Total							37	100%	44576	4141.25

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P4	14.07.25	JB	SN	Additional visitor spaces added. Highway amended to shared surface from plot 27. Minor adjustments to private drives.
P3	30.06.25	JB	SN	Double garage shown for plots 23 & 24 parking. Visitor spaces added.
P2	26.06.25	JB	SN	House types amended. Apartment block added. Schedule of accommodation updated.
P1	19.02.25	JB	SN	First issue.

White Lee Road - Phase 2

Proposed Site Layout

White Lee Road
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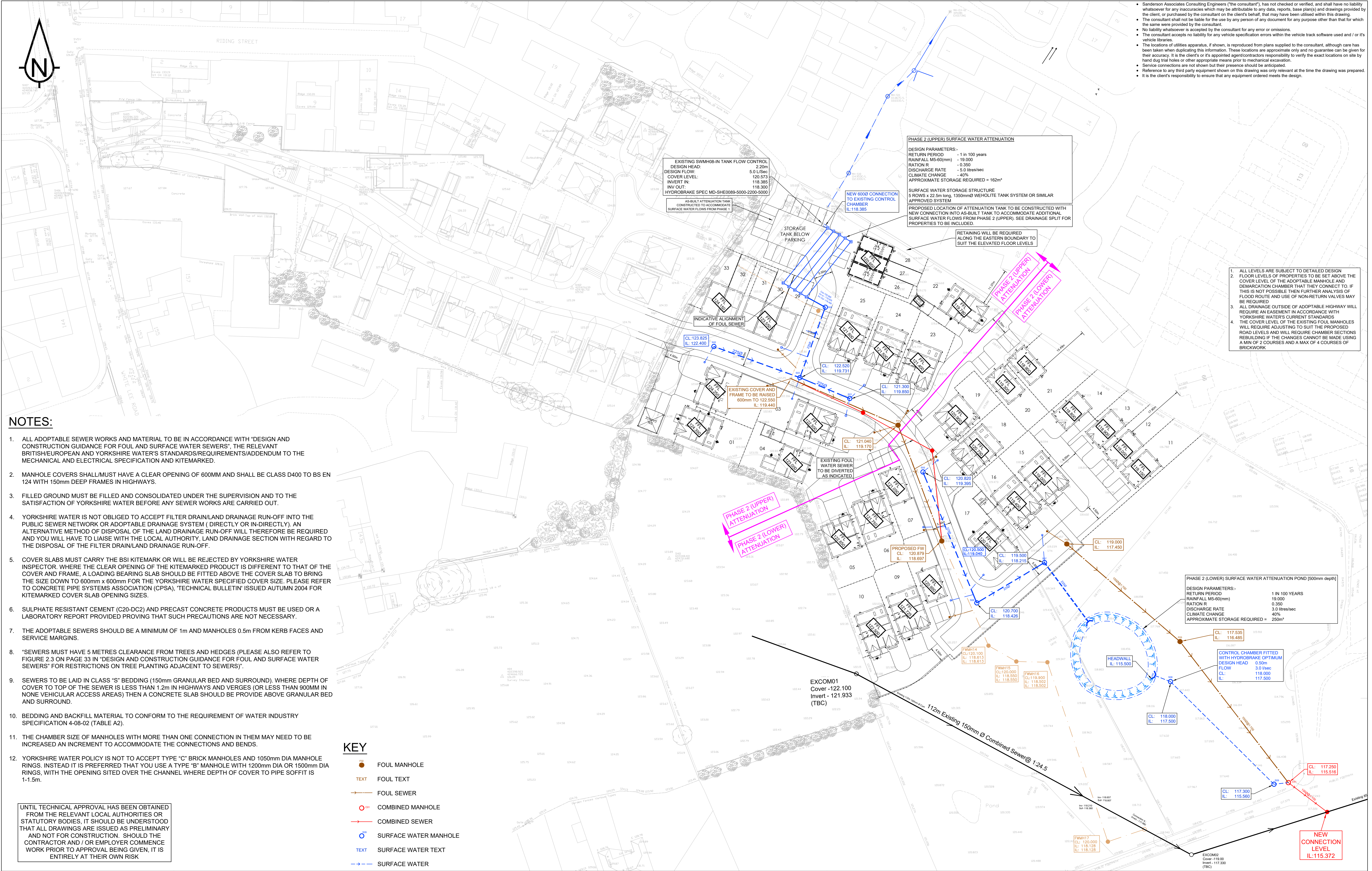
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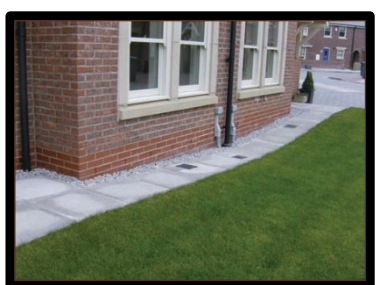
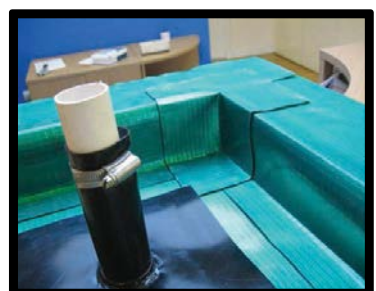
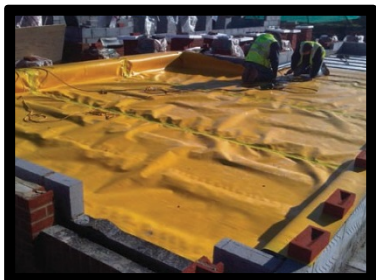
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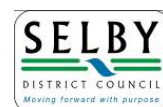
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Disclaimer

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Introduction

This guidance has been produced to help developers ensure that they can demonstrate that gas protection systems are appropriate for the development and level of risk associated with a site and that they have been installed correctly and can be relied upon to provide the required level of protection and ultimately demonstrate that, in terms of gas risk, the development is suitable for use. It is intended to improve the quality of reports submitted to Local Planning Authorities on this matter and to give contractors/consultants a point of reference to obtain approval for such work from their client.

The verification of gas protection systems should be an integral part of remediation and agreed between developers and Local Planning Authorities at an early stage in the development.

Failure to comply with this guidance may result in delays to the development. Relevant planning conditions cannot be discharged until the Local Planning Authority is satisfied appropriate verification has been undertaken to confirm that the development is safe.

Available UK guidance regarding gas risk assessment includes:

- CIRIA C665 Assessing risks posed by hazardous ground gases to buildings;
- NHBC Report Edition No: 4 Guidance on evaluation of development proposals on sites where methane and carbon dioxide are present;
- BS 8485:2015 Code of practice for the design of proactive measures for methane and carbon dioxide ground gases for new buildings.

In particular, readers of this document should refer to the detailed guidance on verification published by CIRIA (CIRIA C735 Good Practice on the testing and verification of protection systems for buildings against hazardous ground gases, 2014). This guidance note should be considered as supplementary advice to be used in conjunction with these documents.

This document does not cover risks associated with radon. Please contact individual Local Planning Authority for further information.

The following YALPAG technical guidance documents for developers, landowners and consultants are also available;

- Verification Requirements for Cover Systems.
- Development on Land Affected by Contamination.

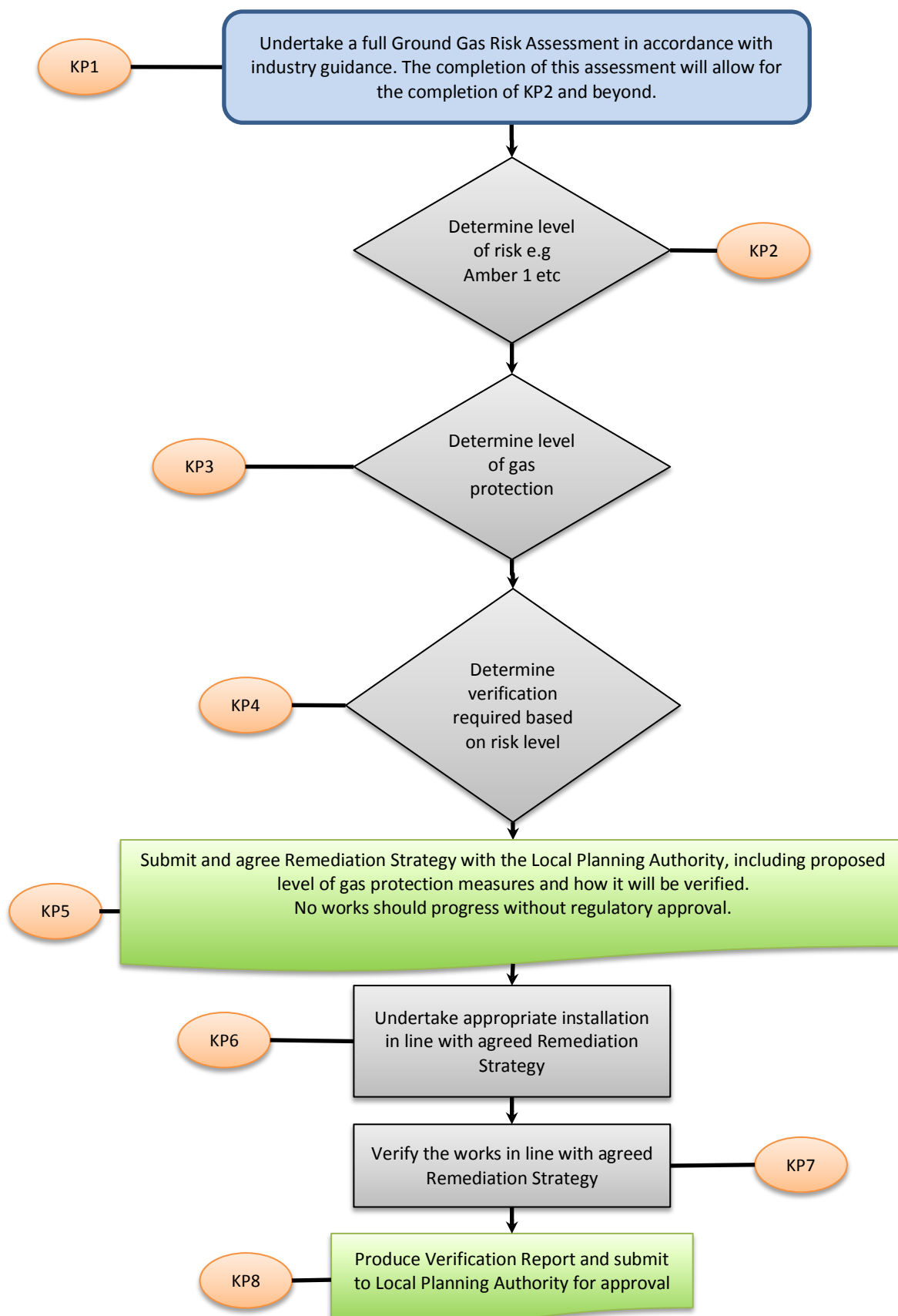
The Process of Verification

Implementation and verification plans for gas protection systems should always be site specific and based on the gas risk assessment and conceptual site model (CSM) for the site in question.

For gas protection systems, acceptable verification will normally comprise the provision of clear evidence that the level of protection is appropriate to the established risk and has been installed by suitably experienced personnel in line with the manufacturer's instructions and appropriate guidance. Critical factors to be considered are:

- What should be installed?
- How should it be installed?
- Who should install it?
- How will correct installation be demonstrated?

Overview Flowchart



Key Points

KP1 Ground Gas Risk Assessment	Undertake an appropriate gas risk assessment for the site in accordance with industry guidance*. On completion of the risk assessment and the generation of the appropriate Gas Screening Value (where required) and on a full understanding of the gas regime/ CSM, move to KP2 to determine the level of risk for the site. <i>*Where the desk study has identified the need for gas monitoring to be carried out it would always be expected that site specific gas monitoring data would be used in the gas risk assessment.</i>
KP2 Level of Risk	The level of gas risk needs to be determined by using the appropriate gas guidance document/s relative to the development (e.g. low rise housing, residential apartment blocks with areas of public open space, commercial or public buildings etc). For example Amber 1 (Low rise housing) equates to Low Risk in Table A1 CIRIA 735. Once the level of risk has been determined move to KP3 and determine the appropriate level of gas protection.
KP3 Level of Gas Protection	The level of gas protection should be based on the level of risk established by the gas risk assessment and CSM. It should provide the appropriate gas protection for the <i>lifetime of the development</i>. Detailed specification of gas protection measures in accordance with appropriate guidance to include (but not be limited to): • Submission of appropriate drawings (site specific plans and details to clearly show where the measures will be installed and how they fit into the design of the building and foundations). • Full written description of the protection measures to be included. • Detailed justification of the protection measures being used along with reference to the guidance document(s) being used.
KP4 Level of Verification Required	The level of qualification and experience of the installer will determine the level of verification required. Verification should always be carried out by an appropriate independent person such as an experienced and suitably trained verification consultant or third party qualified and experienced installer (see KP6). See Appendix 1 for full details of verification requirements for installation of gas protection measures and the associated verification requirements.

KP5 Submission and Agreement of Remediation Strategy	No installation of gas protection measures should be carried out at the site until the full details (KP1 to KP4) have been approved by the Local Planning Authority and formalised in an agreed Remediation Strategy (including Verification Plan). The Remediation Strategy, incorporating the detailed Verification Plan, should include (but not be limited to): • A summary of the ground gas risk assessment. • The gas protection measures proposed. • Who will undertake the installation including levels of experience and/ or qualifications. • How the works will be verified/ tested and by who. • How the works will be reported to the Local Planning Authority. See Appendix 2 for details of Remediation Strategy requirements.
KP6 Installation of Gas Protection	Installation should only be done once the Remediation Strategy has been agreed with the Local Planning Authority and should be carried out in line with the agreed Remediation Strategy. Any deviation away from the agreed Remediation Strategy should be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of installation. See Appendix 4 for examples of good and poor gas protection installation.
KP7 Verification of Gas Protection	The verification of the gas protection measures should be undertaken in accordance with the Verification Plan set out in the agreed Remediation Strategy. Any deviation to works away from the agreed Remediation Strategy should be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority prior to installation. See Appendix 5 for an example Verification proforma.
KP8 Submission of Verification Report	The Verification Report must be produced in line with the agreed Remediation Strategy and Verification Plan. All aspects of the Remediation Strategy must be addressed in the Verification Report along with full details and justification of any deviation. See Appendix 3 for details of the required contents of the Verification Report. Please note, the required contents should be agreed within the submitted and approved Remediation Strategy at KP 5.

Appendix 1 – Requirement for Installation and Verification

Copied directly from Annex 1 CIRIA C735

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The tables in this appendix should be used for guidance only and are not intended to be used in lieu of sound professional judgment, which should take into account the risk factors affecting the development (the gas regime, the number of buildings, the complexity of design, and the expertise of the installation workforce) on a site-specific basis. The tables should not be used independent of, and without reference to, the accompanying text in the main guide C735.

Situation A – all development types except situation B – non reinforced slabs (from Wilson et al, 2007)

Gas regime/risk	Slab type	Installer experience	Suggested levels of verification and integrity testing
Low risk CS2 (*with venting) Basic radon protection area	Non reinforced All slabs	General builder/groundworker/landfill operative (no relevant qualification ¹)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to all concrete pours. Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs to independent verifier.
		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (minimum one operative to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to 25 to 50 per cent of concrete pours (min one visit). Installer to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs to independent verifier for all other pours.
Intermediate risk CS2 (no venting) or CS3 (*with venting) Full radon protection area		General builder/groundworker/landfill operative (no relevant qualification ¹)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to all concrete pours. All joints, pipe penetrations etc independently air lanced to ASTM D4437. Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs to verifier. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing (eg initially on say 25 to 50 per cent of pours then falling to 10 to 25 per cent if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections).
Gas regime/risk	Slab type	Installer experience	Suggested levels of verification and integrity testing
Intermediate risk CS2 (no venting) or CS3 (*with venting) Full radon protection area	Non reinforced All slabs	Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (minimum one operative to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to 25 to 50 per cent of concrete pours (min two visits). 25 per cent all joints, pipe penetrations etc independently air lanced to ASTM D 4437. Remaining 75 per cent joints, pipe penetrations etc tested to recognised standard by installer (as detailed in method statement/CQA plan). Installer to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) to verifier for all other pours. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing (eg initially on 10 to 25 per cent of pours then falling to 0 to 10 per cent if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections).
High risk VOCs etc CS3 (no venting) or CS4 and above (*with venting)		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (50 per cent of operatives to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to all concrete pours. All joints, pipe penetrations independently air lanced to ASTM D 4437. Installer to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) to verifier for all pours. Consideration given to need for scope of integrity testing (eg initially on 25 to 50 per cent of pours then falling to 10 to 25 per cent if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections).

Notes

* Assumes venting designed to keep steady state concentration of CH₄ below one per cent in void, sites designed with higher levels of gas in the void should adjust the frequency of inspection and testing as appropriate

- 1 Relevant qualification is NVQ Level 2 in gas protection installation (see Section 3.3).
- 2 Before works start the contractor should produce a detailed installation plan including method statement, CQA procedures and qualifications, on receipt of these the verification protocol could be increased or reduced.
- 3 Consideration should be given to carrying out leak detection (ie smoke, tracer gas or dielectric testing) on the first plots on higher end sites CS3 and above. If an unacceptable amount of holes are found during these tests then the verification consultant should discuss with the relevant personnel, strategies to prevent this occurring, these could include changing material, improving subgrade preparation, putting up warning signs to reduce the amount of trafficking etc.
- 4 Verification consultant should be competent, experienced and suitably trained (see Section 3.2). A statement detailing their qualifications and relevant experience should be included in the verification plan.
- 5 Air lancing is the only integrity test that has an independently recognised international standard that is suitable for testing taped and welded seams.

Situation A – all development types except situation B – reinforced slabs (from Wilson et al, 2007)

Gas regime/risk	Slab type	Installer experience	Suggested levels of verification and integrity testing
Low risk CS2 (*with venting) Basic radon protection area	Reinforced All slabs	General builder/ groundworker/ landfill operative (no relevant qualification ¹)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to all concrete pours. Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including sub grade acceptance forms and photographs to independent verifier.
		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (minimum one operative to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to 25 per cent concrete pours (min two visits), including vented void, subgrade etc. Installer to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including, sub grade acceptance forms, photographs to independent verifier for all other pours.
Intermediate risk CS2 (no venting) or CS3 (*with venting) Full radon protection area		General builder/ groundworker/ landfill operative (no relevant qualification ¹)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to all concrete pours including vented void, subgrade etc. All joints, pipe penetrations etc independently air lanced to ASTM D4437. Consideration given to the need for and scope of integrity testing (eg initially on say 50 to 25 per cent of pours then falling to 25 to 10 per cent if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections).
		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (minimum one operative to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct a thorough verification (visual) inspection prior to 50 per cent of concrete pours, including vented void, subgrade etc 25 per cent of joints, pipe penetrations etc independently air lanced to ASTM D4437. Remaining joints, pipe penetrations, corners etc tested to a recognised standard by installer (as detailed in method statement and CQA plan). Installer to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including, sub grade acceptance forms, photographs etc to independent verifier for all other pours. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing (eg initially on 10 to 25 per cent of pours then falling to 0 to 10 per cent if acceptable results and no concerns raised by visual inspections).
		High risk VOC and hydrocarbons CS3 (no venting) or CS4 and above (*with venting)	Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (50 per cent of operatives to hold qualification)

Notes

- * Assumes venting designed to keep steady state concentration of CH₄ below one per cent in void, sites designed with higher levels of gas in the void should adjust the frequency of inspection and testing as appropriate.
- 1 Relevant qualification is NVQ Level 2 in gas protection installation (see Section 3.3).
 - 2 Before works start the contractor should produce a detailed installation plan including method statement, CQA procedures and qualifications, on receipt of these the verification protocol could be increased or reduced.
 - 3 Consideration should be given to carrying out leak detection (ie smoke, tracer gas or dielectric testing) on the first plots on higher end sites CS3 and above. If an unacceptable amount of holes are found during these tests then the verifier should discuss with the relevant personnel, strategies to prevent this occurring, these could include changing material, improving subgrade preparation, putting up warning signs to reduce the amount of trafficking etc.
 - 4 Verification consultant should be competent, experienced and suitably trained (see Section 3.2). A statement detailing their qualifications and relevant experience should be included in the verification plan.
 - 5 Air lancing is the only integrity test that has an independently recognised international standard that is suitable for testing taped and welded seams.

- 6 Where a sufficiently robust protection layer (protection fleece, protection boards or insulation) are laid directly on the membrane, inspection after placement of the reinforcement should not be necessary.

Situation B – low rise housing with ventilated void (from NHBC and Wilson et al, 2007)

Gas regime/risk	Slab type	Installer experience	Suggested levels of verification and integrity testing
Low risk Amber 1	All slabs with min 150 mm ventilated sub floor void	General builder/ groundworker/ landfill operative (no relevant qualification ¹)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct thorough verification (visual) inspection of first plot and after placement of reinforcement if no protection provided. Subsequent inspections carried out at approx. frequency of 1 in 10 plots (minimum 5). Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs for all other plots. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing if concerns identified by visual inspections ³ .
		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (minimum one operative to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct thorough verification (visual) inspection of first plot and after placement of reinforcement if no protection provided. Subsequent inspections carried out at approx. frequency of 1 in 20 plots. Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs for all other plots. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing if concerns identified by visual inspections ³ .
Intermediate risk Amber 2		General builder/ groundworker/ landfill operative (no relevant qualification ¹)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct thorough verification (visual) inspection of first 10 plots and after placement of reinforcement if no protection provided. All joints, pipe penetrations etc air lanced to ASTM D4437. Subsequent inspections (including air lancing) carried out at approx. frequency of 1 in 20 plots Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs for all other plots. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing (eg initially on 30 to 50 per cent of plots then falling to 0 to 10 per cent of plots if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections).
		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (minimum one operative to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct thorough verification (visual) inspection of the first 5 plots and after placement of reinforcement if no protection provided. All joints, pipe penetrations etc air lanced to ASTM D4437. Subsequent inspections (including air lancing) carried out at a frequency of about 1 in 20 plots. Contractor to supply sign off sheets (verification evidence) including photographs for all other plots. Consideration given to need for/ scope of integrity testing (eg initially on 10 to 25 per cent of plots then falling to 0 5 per cent of plots if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections) ³ .
High risk Red VOC and hydrocarbons		Qualified ¹ and experienced installer (all operatives to hold qualification)	Verifier (consultant ⁴ or third party qualified and experienced installer ¹) to conduct thorough verification (visual) inspection of all plots, and after placement of reinforcement if no protection provided. All joints, pipe penetrations etc air lanced to ASTM D4437. Consideration given to need for/scope of integrity testing (eg initially on 30 to 50 per cent of plots then falling to 0 to 10 per cent of plots if acceptable results obtained and no concerns raised by visual inspections) ³ .

Notes

- * Gas regime defined by characteristic situation as set out by Wilson et al (2007), and all other recent good practice guidance and British Standards.
- ** Assumes venting designed to keep steady state concentration of CH₄ below one per cent in void, sites designed with higher levels of gas in the void should adjust the frequency of inspection and testing as appropriate.
- 1 Relevant qualification is NVQ Level 2 in gas protection installation (see Section 3.3).
- 2 Before the works start the contractor should produce a detailed installation plan including method statement, CQA procedures and qualifications, on receipt of these the verification protocol could be increased or reduced.
- 3 Consideration should be given to carrying out integrity testing/leak detection (ie smoke, tracer gas or dielectric testing) on the above basis and/or if an unacceptable amount of damage/loss of integrity is found during visual inspections. In this instance the consultant should discuss with the relevant personnel, strategies to prevent this recurring. This could include changing material, improving subgrade preparation, putting up warning signs to reduce the amount of trafficking etc.
- 4 Verification consultant should be competent, experienced and suitably trained (see Section 3.2). A statement detailing their qualifications and relevant experience should be included in the verification plan.
- 5 Air lancing is the only integrity test that has an independently recognised international standard suitable for testing taped and welded seams and should be used at the frequency suggested in the table.

Appendix 2 – Remediation Strategy and Verification Plan for Gas Protection Systems

The Remediation Strategy should include a detailed verification method statement. This should address how the gas protection measures will be installed and what verification information will be provided to demonstrate the installation has been carried out in accordance with the appropriate guidance.

As a minimum the report should include (but not be limited to):

- A summary of the gas risk assessment.
- The gas protection measures proposed (including reference to the appropriate guidance documents) and confirmation they will meet the gas protection requirements for the lifetime of the development.
- Technical drawings showing how the gas protection measures will be incorporated.
- Formal qualifications/experience/training of the person carrying out the installation.
- Formal qualifications/experience/training of the person carrying out the verification.
- Clear demonstration of the independence of the person carrying out the verification.
- The manufacturer's specification of the gas protection membrane to be used.
- Full details of what the verification process will comprise and at what stage verification will be carried out.
- Details of how any non-conformance will be dealt with.
- Details of the number of plots to be validated. (Deviation from verification of every plot will need to be justified and agreed with the Local Planning Authority in line with Appendix 1 of this document).
- Timeline of when during the build, each of the gas protection measures will be installed.
- Details of management measures proposed to ensure how damage to the membrane will be prevented prior to the floor being installed, post installation.
- Details of how all site personnel (including follow on trades) will be made aware of the presence of the membrane and that damage to the membrane must be prevented.
- Details of the extent of overlap and method of sealing (these must be in line with manufacturer's instructions and evidence provided).
- Confirmation that a signed (plot specific unless agreed otherwise) statement confirming that the gas protection measures were installed as agreed and that the membrane was free from tears and punctures and was lapped and sealed as agreed at joins and around services and sub floor voids were clear and free from debris will be included in the Verification Report.
- Confirmation that plot specific photographs showing the installed membrane will be included in the Verification Report.

Appendix 3 – Checklist for Gas Verification Reports

The Verification Report should include a summary of all the works undertaken, relating to gas protection measures including all elements detailed within the Remediation Strategy.

As a minimum the report should include (but not be limited to):

- Site details.
- Planning Application details.
- Summary of Gas Risk Assessment (including original CSM).
- Details of who carried out installation (qualifications/experience/training).
- Details of who carried out verification (qualifications/experience/training).
- Description of protection measures installed with reference to method statements and drawings and manufacturers specification of the materials used.
- Details of the verification inspection regime.
- Supporting information, plans, air vent installation, photographs, as built drawings.
- Summary of verification data (completed proformas, test results)
- Details of non-conformances and how they were rectified.
- Clear statement saying remedial objectives been achieved supported by lines of evidence including reference to CSM.
- Where necessary further works and/ or long term management.

Appendix 4 – Examples of Good and Poor Installation

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GOOD PRACTICE PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure A4.7 Geovent protruding out of the frontage of the unit. Gas membrane along the sides of the slab preventing lateral gas ingress (courtesy Alderburgh Group)



Figure A4.8 Geovent beneath the 2000g taped gas membrane lined up with collector pipes (courtesy Alderburgh Group)



Figure A4.9 On site schematics to aid construction workers build the gas protection system (courtesy Alderburgh Group)



Figure A4.10 Almost complete coverage available for inspection, minimal jointing, service entries suitable distance from walls, light traffic (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.11 Gas membrane continued through cavity wall and above air bricks (courtesy Hydrock)



Figure A4.12 Good edge detail across cavity (courtesy PAGEotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.13 Gas proof DPC adhered on top of gas membrane using butyl strips across cavity space (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.14 Good perimeter seal (courtesy PAGEotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.15 LDPE type gas membrane overlap and double sided tape. Sand blinding to protect underside of gas membrane (courtesy A Proctor Group)

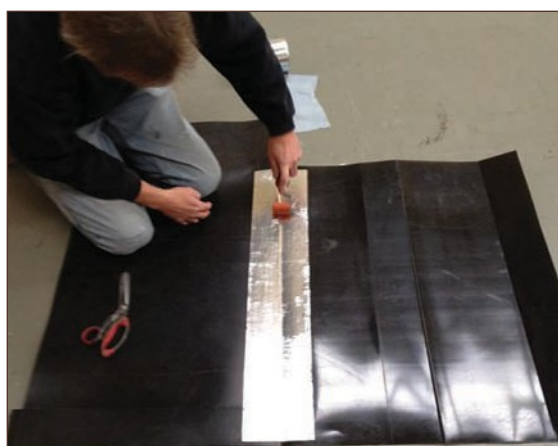


Figure A4.16 Example HDPE type gas membrane and steam roller used to ensure self-adhesive tape is correctly installed (courtesy A Proctor Group)

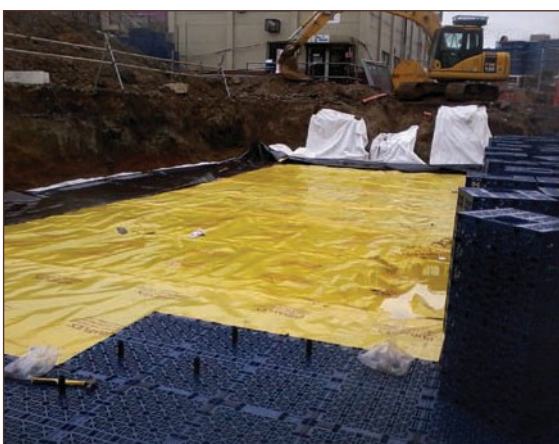


Figure A4.17 Gas membrane installed in attenuation tank (courtesy Industrial Textiles & Plastics Ltd)

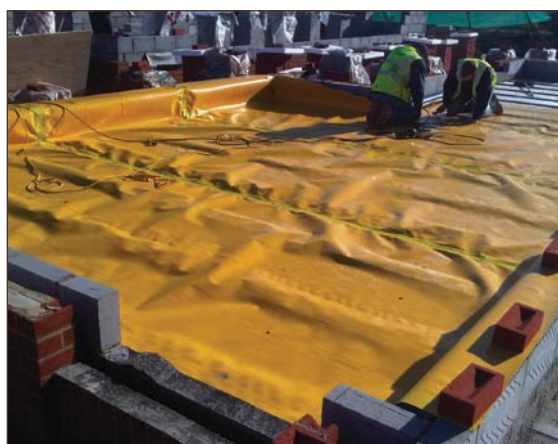


Figure A4.18 Gas membrane installed as part of foundation barrier (courtesy Industrial Textiles & Plastics Ltd)



Figure A4.19 Well-constructed joints with gas resistant DPC, lap and double sided butyl joints visible beneath semi-transparent gas membrane, secondary seal with proprietary single sided tape (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.20 A pre-formed corner unit would have been preferable as fewer joints would have been formed, however the installer has achieved a good level of workmanship in this corner detail (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.21 Good prefabricated corner detail (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)

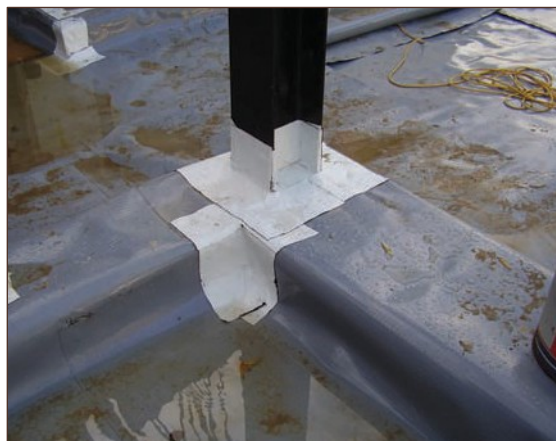


Figure A4.22 Good detail around stanchion and corner (courtesy PAGeotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.23 Complex column seal (courtesy PAGeotechnical Ltd)

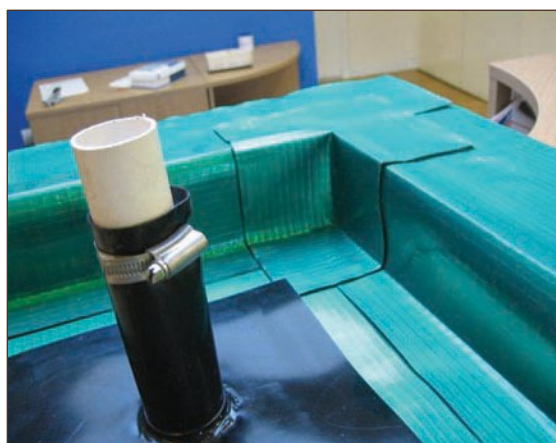


Figure A4.24 Prefabricated corner detail and top hat (courtesy A Proctor Group)



Figure A4.25 Top hat around service entry (courtesy Industrial Textiles & Plastics Ltd)

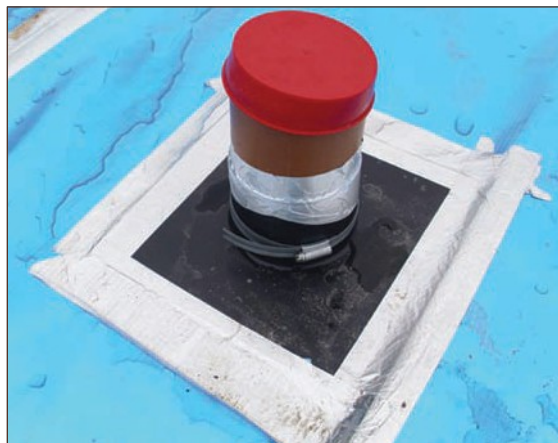


Figure A4.26 Well-constructed service entry: top hat fits well with service pipe and taped down to gas membrane, secondary seal with proprietary single sided tape (courtesy Smith Grant)

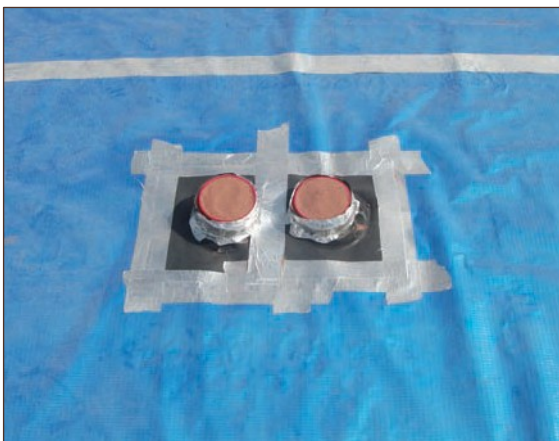


Figure A4.27 Top hats placed around service entries secured with jubilee clip seals. Top hats secured to gas membrane with double sided butyl tape (courtesy Hydrock)



Figure A4.28 Bead of double sided butyl tape provided between interfaces of ID top hat and OD service pipe. When compressed with jubilee clip, forms an effective seal (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.29 Extrusion welding technique (courtesy Industrial Textiles & Plastics Ltd)



Figure A4.30 Thermal welding technique (courtesy Industrial Textiles & Plastics Ltd)



Figure A4.31 Extrusion welding (courtesy PAGeotechnical Ltd)

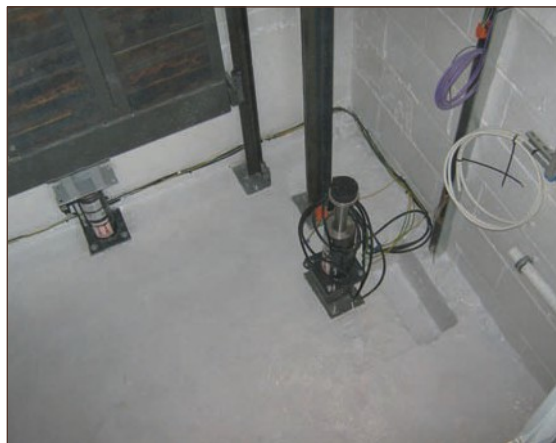


Figure A4.32 High quality installation of liquid gas membrane to lift pits, including resin gas protection on all screw penetrations (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)

A4.2.2 Good practice – passive venting systems



Figure A4.33 Good ventilation in internal sleeper walls, cast into prefabricated beams (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.34 Open void >300mm deep, good ventilation through internal sleeper walls (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.35 Good installation of passive gas venting trenches and 'egg-crate' (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)



Figure A4.36 Raised air bricks are preferable due to the reduced potential for blockade but the vent trench specified is provided with clean single sized stone (courtesy Smith Grant)

A4.2.3 Good practice – integrity testing



Figure A4.37 Tracer gas testing, whereby gas or smoke is applied under pressure beneath the installed gas membrane and detectors are used to screen for leaks above (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.38 Tracer gas testing (courtesy PAGEotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.39 Scanning for leaks (courtesy PAGEotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.40 CO₂ injection integrity testing (courtesy Landline Ltd)



Figure A4.41 Small sand bags are marking holes made in the gas membrane used to check whether injected CO₂ has worked its way beneath whole area (courtesy Landline Ltd)



Figure A4.42 Air pressure testing (courtesy GSE Environmental)



Figure A4.43 Dielectric porosity testing for housing scheme (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.44 Air lance test, used to test the quality of welded seams along gas membrane joints (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)



Figure A4.45 Spark testing (courtesy GSE Environmental)



Figure A4.46 Testing a weld with 'dog bone' grips (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)

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Figure A4.47 Follow-on works purposefully penetrating gas membrane (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)



Figure A4.48 Loose nails and over construction debris likely to be left in place beneath gas membrane – poor preparation of gas membrane prior to sealing service penetration (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)



Figure A4.49 *Lifted gas membrane at corner position. Light penetrating through confirms damage to aluminium internal core layer (courtesy NHBC)*



Figure A4.50 *Large/heavy/sharp objects being moved over unprotected gas membrane (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)*



Figure A4.51 *Gas membrane torn by reinforcement (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)*



Figure A4.52 *Gas membrane cut by scaffolders and bricklayers after installation (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)*



Figure A4.53 *Gas membrane left exposed for long period of time, shows significant fraying at cavity edge (courtesy NHBC)*



Figure A4.54 *Gas membrane damage/tearing at edge of ground floor slab screed layer where it was left exposed to elements for period of time (courtesy NHBC)*



Figure A4.55 Gas membrane at stepped junction of slab to integral garage, appears to be susceptible to tearing when screed is poured. Screed may also weigh down on gas membrane if fitted too tight (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.56 Gas membrane at edge of concrete screed. Screed has been grinded to achieve desired levels, gas membrane shows extreme wear and damage as a result (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.57 Unprotected gas membrane damaged by heavy traffic (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)



Figure A4.58 Damage caused to gas membrane by follow-on trade who cut/shaped the dry lining board directly on the unprotected installed gas membrane (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.59 Gas membrane slit at the bottom of a cavity tray to enable water to drain away (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.60 Some stones could penetrate gas membrane if sufficient force is applied (courtesy Smith Grant)

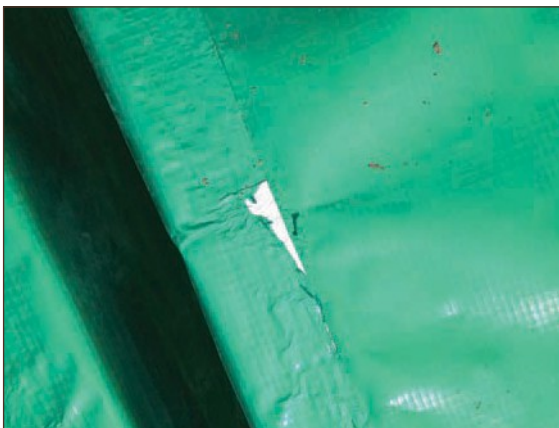


Figure A4.61 'Stripping' occurs on gas membranes that contain aluminium foil. The foil gets too hot under the outer layer of LDPE or PP and the top layer of the gas membrane sticks to the roller which strips it off, leaving the aluminium completely exposed (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)

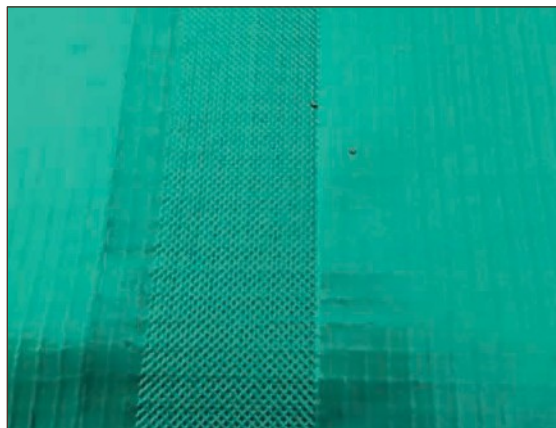


Figure A4.62 Wedge weld on an LDPE aluminium gas membrane, where the installer used metal nip rollers. This destroyed the top layer and probably the bottom layer, leaving aluminium exposed between the weaves. This failed dielectric testing along all joints (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)

A4.3.2 Bad practice – gas membranes installed incorrectly



Figure A4.63 Absence of surface preparation prior to laying of gas membrane, debris likely to pierce gas membrane (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)

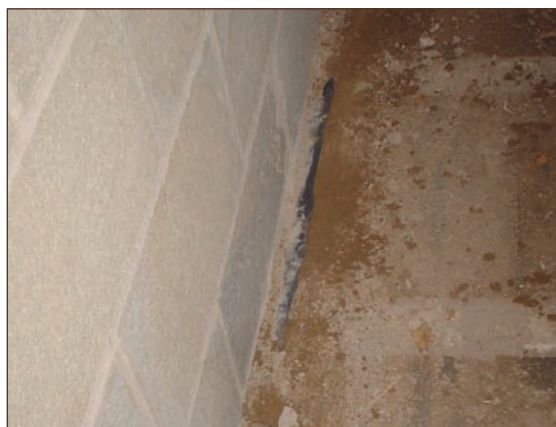


Figure A4.64 Insufficient length of gas membrane protruding through wall to overlap with gas membrane within building (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)



Figure A4.65 Wrinkling of gas membrane over joint has resulted in gaps (only visible due to the use of a transparent gas membrane) and the secondary seal uses ordinary gaffer tape rather than a proprietary product (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.66 Follow-on trades proceeded work before gas membrane joints sealed (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)



Figure A4.67 Traffic over mesh resulted in several punctures, in addition most joints were found to be poorly constructed. Taped joints are difficult to construct in adverse weather (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.68 A pre-formed corner unit would have been preferable. The installer could not produce sufficient quality despite the amount of tape applied (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.69 Attempt at corner detailing using non-proprietary duct tape (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.70 Inadequate corner detailing. The use of preformed proprietary products would have avoided such bad practice (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.71 No corner detailing leading to stress point on gas membrane (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.72 Joint between top hat and gas membrane has lifted due to poor fit and attempt to construct in very wet conditions (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.73 No bead of double sided butyl tape provided between interfaces of ID top hat and OD service pipe: cannot be compressed enough to form seal (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.74 Gap between OD of service pipe and ID of top hat too large: cannot be compressed enough to form seal, even with the application of additional tape (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.75 Jubilee clip on service entry insufficiently tightened so joint is uncompressed (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.76 No double sided tape used in joints (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.77 Small lap and no single sided tape used to achieve secondary seal (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.78 Gap in jointing over wall cavity big enough to insert fist (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.79 Gas membrane not continuous over internal wall. It had been deliberately cut open for unknown purpose (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.80 Column left unsealed (courtesy PAGEotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.81 No seal to perimeter pipe (courtesy PAGEotechnical Ltd)



Figure A4.82 Gas membrane used to bridge cavity wall instead of DPC, leaving it exposed to damage by follow-on trades (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.83 Poor quality installation of liquid gas membrane. Liquid gas membranes come in two colours (black and white) allowing coverage of each coat to be easily assessed. Here the gas membrane has been spread too thinly and inconsistently. In addition, it appears to have been applied to a damp surface, causing blistering (courtesy Card Geotechnics Limited)



Figure A4.84 Taped joints are difficult to construct in adverse weather. Also difficult to inspect if covered with snow (courtesy Smith Grant)

A4.3.3 Bad practice – passive venting systems



Figure A4.85 Clean single sized stones with no fines acting as venting media, however no ventilation gaps in internal sleeper walls (courtesy Smith Grant)



Figure A4.86 Cavity is becoming blocked with detritus. The vent holes in the beam are no longer visible (courtesy Smith Grant)

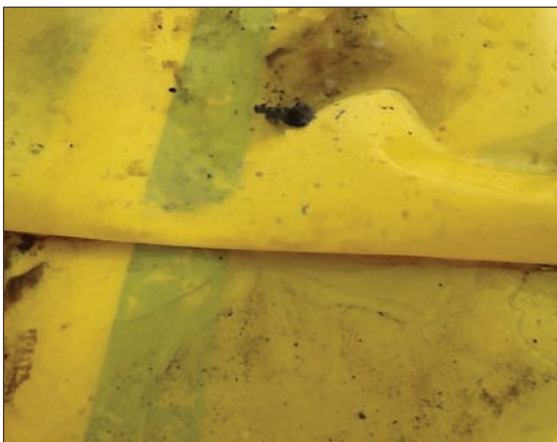


Figure A4.87 Tape joint with crease running through and air bubbles where gas membrane not in complete contact with tape. Rollers should have been used to produce a consistent seal (courtesy MEC Environmental Ltd)



Figure A4.88 Ventilator becoming detached to fit to external block work. This is due to builders requiring increased cavity widths to achieve thermal properties expected by Building Regulations (courtesy NHBC)



Figure A4.89 No ventilation in internal sleeper wall (courtesy Smith Grant)

Appendix 5 –Verification Proforma

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VISUAL INSPECTION OF GAS PROTECTION MEASURES

Site name:	Gas characteristic situation:
Job number:	Type of development and building/block checked: (residential/commercial/other)
Date:	Building description:
Visit by:	Foundation type: (suspended floor/raft/other)
Weather at time of inspection:	Gas protection type: passive/active

No.	Item	Comments (see notes)
1 Gas membrane		
1.1	Condition of sub-grade and underside of gas membrane	
1.2	Gas membrane type	
1.3	Gas membrane condition	
1.4	Joining tape product	
1.5	Lapping design	
1.6	Laps, welds and joints seals	
1.7	Service entries seals	
2 Passive venting		
2.1	Sub-floor void	
2.2	External wall airbricks	
2.3	Internal sleeper walls	
2.4	External vent trenches/ducts	
3 Active venting		
3.1	System details	
Additional notes:		

Notes: inspection checklist

1.1	Underside of gas membrane	Check that the sub grade does not contain rough/uneven surfaces, is appropriately clean and that there are no hard/sharp objects. That protective sand blinding or geotextile (if specified) is present and meets the design criteria.
1.2	Gas membrane type	Manufacturer and product specification, gauge, colour, brand/name, material batch/roll numbers, storage arrangements (protected from dirt/damage?)
1.3	Gas membrane condition	Open punctures, tears, rips, stretching? Excessive footprints/evidence of traffic? Presence of debris? Repairs? Signs of weakness such as raised or sunken indentations? Protection plan in place to restrict access to lain gas membrane?
1.4	Joining tape product	Product type, brand, thickness, material, width, colour? Use of double sided tape?
1.5	Lapping design	Joints lapped and sealed in accordance with manufacturer's requirements/ specification? Minimum overlap insured? Sections taped twice?
1.6	Laps and joints sealed	Welds complete? Appropriate joining/double sided tape used?
1.7	Service entries sealed	Top hats seal arrangements fixed around service entries? Use of Jubilee clips?
2.1	Sub-floor void	Is a check possible? Void former? Gravel (type/specification)? Height of void space? Is it clear?
2.2	External wall airbricks	Numbers, size, positions as design drawing?
2.3	Internal sleeper walls	Ventilation holes (honeycomb brickwork/pipe crossings?) – size, spacing, location in accordance with design?
2.4	External vent trenches/ducts	Located and constructed in accordance with design drawings? If open-topped gravel – gravel type/presence of fines? If pipe or other vent, check position and construction for functionality and absence of blockages. Ability of void former to withstand bearing of the superstructure?
3.1	Active venting	Type of air supply: mechanical, natural, combined? Location/condition/number of fans and vents? Location and size of inlets? Provision of air-cleaning devices and air heaters? Supply and exhaust ductwork? Alarm provision/installation? Gas monitoring system in under-floor void?

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No.	Description

The gas protection measures inspected:	a Are acceptable and comply with the specification
	b Are acceptable but attention is drawn to issues related to item no. xxx
	c Are not acceptable due to the issues related to item no. xxx

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Standard Appendices A and B

1. **GENERAL.** The ground investigation has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of BS5930: 2015 and A1: 2020 and BS10175: 2011+A1: 2017. By its very nature, any ground investigation only samples a small percentage of the ground. Consequently, changes in ground conditions and soil properties can occur between any two exploratory points, for example local features such as soft ground, pockets of contamination and faults. This is also true of the exploration of mineworkings and such features can extend beneath parts of the site not investigated. Unrecorded bell pits and shafts can also exist between exploratory points. The ground investigation is designed to minimise such risks but they cannot be eliminated.
2. **GROUND INVESTIGATION.**
 - 2.1 **BOREHOLE AND TRIAL PIT RECORDS.** These illustrate the ground conditions only at the location of the particular borehole or trial pit. Correlation between boreholes is for guidance only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.
 - 2.2 **SHELL AND AUGER BORING.** This technique uses a tripod winch and an essentially percussive action using a variety of tools. Disturbed and undisturbed samples can be taken. This is the most suitable method for soft ground investigation, enabling the maximum amount of information to be obtained. However, minor changes in lithology may be overlooked unless continuous undisturbed sampling is used.
 - 2.3 **GROUNDWATER.** Groundwater levels vary seasonally and the details given on the borehole logs relate only to the dates and the conditions described in the borehole records. The rate of boring may not have allowed an equilibrium water level to be established and the use of casing may seal off certain seepages.
 - 2.4 **SAMPLING.** Disturbed samples of soils are taken for identification and classification purposes. In cohesive soils 'undisturbed' samples 100mm in diameter are taken by open drive sampler for laboratory testing of strength, permeability and consolidation characteristics.
 - 2.5 **STANDARD PENETRATION TESTS.** S.P.T tests are used in granular and cohesive materials and in soft or weathered rocks. Difficulties in obtaining true 'N' values mean they must only be used as a guide and not as an absolute value in foundation design.
 - 2.6 **ROTARY DRILLING.** Two main types of rotary drilling are carried out in rock. Rock coring using diamond or tungsten carbide tipped core bits provides samples and information on rock types, fissuring and weathering. Openhole drilling only produces small particles for identification purposes and the information gained is therefore limited. The latter is, however, useful as a quick method for detecting major strata changes and for the location of coal seams and old workings. Water, air, foam or drilling muds may be used as the flushing medium in either case.
 - 2.7 **PERMEABILITY TESTS.** These can be carried out in boreholes or trial pits and gives a good indication of in-situ permeability.
 - 2.8 **TRIAL PITTING.** This enables soil conditions to be closely examined at any specific point and samples taken. It also gives useful information on the stability of excavations and ingress of water.
 - 2.9 **WINDOW SAMPLING.** Window sampling consists of driving a series of 1m-long tubes into the ground using a dropping weight. On completion of each 1m run, the tube is withdrawn. The next tube is then inserted and the process repeated to provide a continuous profile of the ground. On each run the tube diameter is reduced in order to assist in its recovery.
 - 2.10 **GAS MONITORING.** This is routinely carried out in trial pits or probe holes to check for elevated levels of methane and carbon dioxide or oxygen deficiency, particularly since risks can exist from natural gases, landfill sites and rising groundwater levels in mine workings below ground. Longer term monitoring is carried out with gas monitoring standpipes.
3. **SOIL DESCRIPTION.** Samples from borings or trial pits are described as specified in the standard procedure outlined in the British Standards. The description includes colour, consistency, structure, weathering, lithological type, inclusions and origin. All descriptions are based on visual and manual identification.

Fire Soils (Cohesive Soils)

The following field terms are used:

Soil Type	Description
Very soft	Exudes between fingers
Soft	Moulded by light finger pressure
Firm	Cannot be moulded by the fingers but can be rolled in hand to 3mm threads.
Stiff	Crumbles and breaks when rolled to 3mm threads but can be remoulded to a lump.
Very stiff	No longer moulded but crumbles under pressure. Can be indented with thumbs.

The following terms are used in accordance with the results of laboratory and field tests.

Description	Undrained Shear Strength c_u (kPa)
Extremely Low	<10
Very Low	10 - 20
Low	20 - 40
Medium	40 - 75
High	75 - 150
Very High	150 - 300

Fine soils can also be classified according to their sensitivity, which is the ratio between undisturbed and remoulded undrained shear strength.

Sensitivity	Ratio
Low	8
Medium	8 - 30
High	>30
Quick	>50

Granular Soils (Non-Cohesive)

The following descriptions are used for granular soils.

Description	Normalised Blow Count (N_1) 60
Very Loose	0 - 4
Loose	4 - 10
Medium	10 - 30
Dense	30 - 50
Very Dense	>50

- NATURAL OR IN-SITU MOISTURE CONTENT.** The natural or in-situ moisture content of a soil is defined as the weight of water contained in the pore space, expressed as a percentage of the dry weight of solid matter present in the soil. Soil properties are greatly affected by the moisture content and the test can help to give an indication of likely engineering behaviour.
- LIQUID AND PLASTIC LIMITS.** Two simple classification tests are known as the liquid and plastic limits. If a cohesive soil is remoulded with increasing amounts of water, a point will be reached at which it ceases to behave as a plastic material and becomes essentially a viscous fluid. The moisture content corresponding to this change is arbitrarily determined by the liquid limit test. 'Fat' clays, which have high contents of colloidal particles, have high liquid limits; 'lean' clays, having low colloidal particle contents have correspondingly low liquid limits. An increase in the organic content of a clay is reflected by an increase in the liquid and plastic limits.

If a cohesive soil is allowed to dry progressively, a point is reached at which it ceases to behave as a plastic material, which can be moulded in the fingers, and it becomes friable. The moisture content of the soil at this point is known as the 'plastic limit' of the soil.

The range of water content over which a cohesive soil behaves plastically, i.e. the range lying between the liquid and plastic limits, is defined as the plasticity index.

A cohesive soil with a natural water content towards its liquid limit will, in general, be an extremely soft material whereas a cohesive soil with a natural water content below its plastic limit will tend to be a stiff material.

- PARTICLE-SIZE DISTRIBUTION.** A knowledge of particle-size distribution is used to classify soils and to indicate likely engineering behaviour. British Standards define soils in relation to their particle-size as shown below:-

Boulders	>200mm	Coarse Sand	2.0	to	0.63mm
Cobbles	200 to 63mm	Medium Sand	0.63	to	0.2mm
		Fine Sand	0.2	to	0.063mm
Coarse Gravel	63 to 20mm	Coarse Silt	0.063	to	0.02mm
Medium Gravel	20 to 6.3mm	Medium Silt	0.02	to	0.0063mm
Fine Gravel	6.3 to 2mm	Fine Silt	0.0063	to	0.002mm
		Clay	<0.002mm		

- BULK DENSITY.** The bulk density of a material is the weight of that material per unit volume and includes the effects of voids whether filled with air or water. The 'dry density' of a soil is defined as the weight of solids contained in a unit volume of the soil.

8. **PERMEABILITY.** The permeability of a material is defined as the rate at which water flows through it per unit area of soil under unit hydraulic gradient.
9. **CONSOLIDATION CHARACTERISTICS.** When subjected to pressure, a soil tends to consolidate as the air or water in the pore space is forced out and the grains assume a denser state of packing. The decrease in volume per unit of pressure is defined as the 'compressibility' of the soil, and a measure of the rate at which consolidation proceeds is given by the 'coefficient of consolidation' of the soil. These two characteristics M_v and C_v are determined in the consolidation test and the results are used to determine settlement of structures or earthworks.
10. **STRENGTH CHARACTERISTICS.** The strength of geological materials is generally expressed as the maximum resistance that they offer to deformation or fracture by applied shear or compressive stress. The strength characteristics of geological materials depend to an important degree on their previous history and on the conditions under which they will be stressed in practice. Consequently, it is necessary to simulate in the laboratory tests the conditions under which the material will be stressed in the field.

In general, the only test carried out on hard rocks is the determination of their compressive strength but consideration must be given to fissuring, jointing and bedding planes.

The tests at present in use for soils and soft rocks fall into two main categories. Firstly, those in which the material is stressed under conditions of no moisture content change, and secondly those in which full opportunity is permitted for moisture content changes under the applied stresses. Tests in the first category are known as undrained (immediate or quick) tests, while those in the second category are known as drained (slow or equilibrium) tests. The tests are normally carried out in the triaxial compression apparatus but granular materials may be tested in the shear box apparatus.

The undrained triaxial test gives the apparent cohesion C_u and the angle of shearing resistance ϕ_u . In dry sands, $C_u = 0$ and ϕ_u is equal to the angle of internal friction whereas with saturated non-fissured clays ϕ_u tends to 0 and the apparent cohesion C_u is equal to one-half the unconfined compression strength q_u . On site the vane test gives an approximate measure of shear strength.

For some stability problems use is made of a variant of the undrained triaxial test in which the specimen is allowed to consolidate fully under the hydrostatic pressure and is then tested to failure under conditions of no moisture content change. This is known as the consolidated undrained triaxial test. Pore water pressures may be measured during this test or a fully drained test may be carried out. In either case the effective shear strength parameters C' and ϕ' can be obtained which can be used to calculate shear strength at any given pore water pressure.

11. **COMPACTION.** The density at which any soil can be placed in an earth dam, embankment or road depends on its moisture content and on the amount of work which is used in compaction. The influence of these two factors can be studied in compaction tests, which can determine the maximum dry density (MDD) achievable at a certain optimum moisture content (OMC).
12. **CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO TEST.** In flexible pavement design a knowledge of the bearing capacity of the subgrade is necessary to enable the thickness of pavement for any particular combination of traffic and site conditions to be determined. The quality of the subgrade can be assessed by means of the California Bearing Ratio Test or approximately by the MEXE cone penetrometer.
13. **ROCK DESCRIPTION.** This is based on;

(i) Strength

Term	Field Identification	Unconfined Compressive Strength (MPa)
Extremely Weak ^a	Indented by thumbnail.	Less than 1
Very Weak	Crumbles under firm blows with point of geological hammer, can be peeled by a pocket knife.	1 to 5
Weak	Can be peeled by a pocket knife with difficulty, shallow indentations made by firm blow with point of geological hammer.	5 to 25
Medium Strong	Cannot be scraped or peeled with a pocket knife, specimen can be fractured with single firm blow of geological hammer.	25 to 50
Strong	Specimen required more than one blow of geological hammer to fracture it.	50 to 100
Very Strong	Specimen requires many blows of geological hammer to fracture it.	100 to 250
Extremely Strong	Specimen can only be chipped with geological hammer.	Greater than 250
^a Some extremely weak rocks will behave as soils and should be described as soils.		

(ii) Structure

Thickness Term	Spacing Term	Thickness or spacing
Very thickly	Extremely wide	>6m
Very thickly	Very wide	2m – 6m
Thickly	Wide	600mm – 2m
Medium	Medium	200mm – 600mm
Thinly	Close	60mm – 200mm
Very thinly	Very close	20mm – 60mm
Thickly laminated (Sedimentary)	Extremely close	6mm – 20mm
Narrowly (Metamorphic and Igneous)		
Thinly laminated (Sedimentary)	Extremely close	<6mm
Very narrowly (Metamorphic and Igneous)		

- (iii) Colour
- (iv) Texture
- (v) Grain size

Description	Predominate Grain Size (mm)
Conglomerate	>2
Coarse - grained	2 - 0.63
Medium - grained	0.63 - 0.20
Fine - grained	0.20 - 0.063
Siltstone	0.063 - 0.002
Mudstone	<0.002

- (vi) Rock Name
- (vii) Stability
- (viii) Weathering

Term	Description	Grades
Fresh/unweathered	No visible sign of rock material weathering; perhaps slight discolouration on major discontinuity surfaces.	0
Slightly weathered	Slight discolouration indicates weathering of rock material and discontinuity surfaces.	1
Moderately weathered/Distinctly weathered	Less than half of the rock material is decomposed or disintegrated. Fresh or discoloured rock is present either as a continuous framework or as core stones.	2
Highly weathered/Destructed	More than half of the rock material is decomposed or disintegrated. Fresh or discoloured rock is present either as a continuous framework or as core stones.	3
Completely weathered	All rock material is decomposed and/or disintegrated to soil. The original mass structure is still apparent.	4
Residual soil	All rock material is converted to soil. The mass structure and material fabric are destroyed. There is a large change in volume, but the soils has not been significantly transported.	5

- (ix) Discontinuities
- (x) Weathered of Rock Mass

14. **CHEMICAL TESTS.** A knowledge of water soluble sulphate content and pH of soils and groundwater is important in determining the protection required for concrete or steel in contact with the ground. Other specialist tests may be carried out on sites suspected of being contaminated (see standard appendix B).

15. **REFERENCES**

BS5930: 2015+A1:2020 British Standard Code of Practice for Site Investigations
BS10175: 2011+A1:2017 British Standard Code of Practice for the Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites
BS EN ISO 14688-1: 2018 Geotechnical Investigation and Testing: Identification and Classification of Soil
BS EN ISO 14688-2: 2018 Geotechnical Investigation and Testing: Identification and Classification of Soil

1. **GENERAL.** The desk study and/or intrusive ground investigation is typically carried out in accordance with the Environment Agency's "Land Contamination Risk Management (LCRM) documents and the requirements of BS5930: 2015 and BS10175: 2011+A1: 2020. In relation to contamination the desk study is referred to as the preliminary investigation in BS10175 and the intrusive ground investigation is referred to as the Exploratory Investigation. This appendix briefly describes the nature of the work carried out and explains the standards against which contamination data has been assessed. The nature of any contamination investigation is such that only a small percentage of the ground, and therefore potential contamination, is sampled. Consequently variations in both ground conditions and contaminant levels can occur between any two sampling positions. The contamination investigation is designed to minimise such risks, but they cannot be eliminated.

2. **REVIEW OF CONTAMINATION ISSUES** – The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 create a new regime for the identification and remediation of contaminated land. It introduced a definition of contaminated land described in Section 78A(2) of the Act of:

"any land which appears to the local authority in whose area it is situated to be in such a condition, by reason of substances in, on or under the land, that

- (a) significant harm is being caused or there is a significant possibility of such harm being caused; or
- (b) significant pollution of controlled waters is being caused or there is a significant possibility of such pollution being caused:

Both Part 2A and the planning regime embrace the "suitable for use" approach. In the context of Part IIA, action is necessary only where there are unacceptable risks to health or to the environment, taking into account the current use of the land and its environmental setting.

For humans, significant harm is defined as "death, disease, serious injury". Specifically, disease is taken to mean an unhealthy condition of the body or part of it. "Significant possibility of significant harm" is described as health effects arising from the intake of a contaminant or other direct bodily contact with the contaminant where the intake or exposure is unacceptable. The assessment should also take into account the total intake from all sources, the relative contribution of the pollutant linkage in question, and the duration of intake or exposure. The various statutory definitions are given overleaf.

The presence of unnatural substances does not automatically constitute a risk unless there is a link or pathway between the contamination (the hazard) and the receptor (the target) be it humans, the environment or property. Therefore the assessment needs to determine whether a hazard is present and whether the necessary pathway exists the so-called "pollution linkage" or "conceptual site model".

The effect of any hazard on a site depends primarily on the site use and groundwater conditions since these determine who and what may be at risk and the routes by which they may be exposed to the hazard. Site uses can include allotments, domestic gardens on residential developments, amenity and recreational areas, public open space and industrial and commercial buildings. On any site, the potential contaminants have to be identified together with the potential receptors. The pathway for that contaminant to reach its target has then to be considered.

3. **PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION.** The preliminary Phase I Geoenvironmental Assessment (desk study) report normally considers the following key sections:

Introduction	
The Site	Contaminated Land
Site History	Radon
Geology and Mining	Geoenvironmental Risk Assessment
Hydrogeology	Geotechnical Assessment
Groundsure Geo-Insight and Enviro-Insight	Ground Investigation (Recommendations)

The report will summarise the findings and also relate our opinions to the potential for a site to be geoenvironmentally impaired, at levels likely to warrant mitigation or further consideration appropriate to the current or future use. Findings are based on information obtained and described during the desk study and site inspection without intrusive ground investigation. It is possible that further information exists. The absence of indicators of impairment does not mean that such impairment does not exist. Additional investigation including intrusive methods can reduce the risks but cannot eliminate them and may not be cost effective. We can advise on the additional research opportunities, their cost and their possible impact on mitigating risk. Recommendations are normally given based on the redevelopment proposals for the site.

Type of Receptor	Description of harm that is to be regarded as significant harm	Conditions For There Being A Significant Possibility Of Significant Harm
1. Human beings	Death, disease, serious injury, genetic mutation, birth defects or the impairment of reproductive functions. For these purposes, disease is to be taken to mean an unhealthy condition of the body or a part of it and can include, for example, cancer, liver dysfunction or extensive skin ailments. Mental dysfunction is included only insofar as it is attributable to the effects of a pollutant on the body of the person concerned.	If the amount of the pollutant in the pollutant linkage represents an unacceptable intake or direct bodily contact, assessed on the basis of relevant information on the toxicological properties of that pollutant. Such an assessment should take into account: - the likely total intake of, or exposure to, the substance or substances which form the pollutant, from all sources including that from the pollutant linkage in question; - the relative contribution of the pollutant linkage in question to the likely aggregate intake of, or exposure to, the relevant substance or substances; and - the duration of intake or exposure resulting from the pollutant linkage in question. The question of whether an intake or exposure is unacceptable is independent of the number of people who might experience or be affected by that intake or exposure. Toxicological properties should be taken to include carcinogenic, mutagenic, teratogenic, pathogenic, endocrine-disrupting and other similar properties.
2. All other human health effects (particularly by way of explosion or fire)		If the probability, or frequency, of significant harm of that description is unacceptable. The pollutant linkage might cause "significant harm which" - would be irreversible or incapable of being treated; - would affect a substantial number of people; - would result from a single incident such as a fire or an explosion; or - would be likely to result from a short-term (less than 24-hour) exposure to the pollutant.
3. Any ecological system, or living organism forming part of such a system, within a location which is protected.	For any protected location: - harm which results in an irreversible adverse change, or in some other substantial adverse change, in the functioning of the ecological system within any substantial part of that location; or - harm which affects any species of special interest within that location and which endangers the long-term maintenance of the population of that species at that location.	If either: - significant harm of that description is more likely than not to result from the pollutant linkage; or - there is a reasonable possibility of significant harm of that description being caused, and if that harm were to occur, it would result in such a degree of damage to features of special interest at the location in question that they would be beyond any practicable possibility of restoration.
4. Property in the form of: - crops, including timber; - produce grown domestically, or on allotments, for consumption; - livestock; - other owned or domesticated animals; - wild animals which are the subject of shooting or fishing rights.	For crops, a substantial diminution in yield or other substantial loss in the value resulting from death, disease or other physical damage. For domestic pets, death, serious disease or serious physical damage. For other property in this category, a substantial loss in its value resulting from death, disease or other serious physical damage.	If significant harm of that description is more likely than not to result from the pollutant linkage in question.
5. Property in the form of buildings.	Structural failure, substantial damage or substantial interference with any right of occupation.	If significant harm of that description is more likely than not to result from the pollutant linkage in question during the expected economic life of the building.
6. Controlled waters.		

4. **INTRUSIVE INVESTIGATION.** BS10175 describes this as an exploratory investigation. Intrusive ground investigation is described in Standard Appendix A. During the investigation representative or indicative samples are obtained for testing by an accredited laboratory. The aim is to determine (with a degree of confidence appropriate to the objectives), the presence, concentration and distribution of contaminants in respect of those points investigated. The extent of any necessary intrusive investigation will depend on the size of the site and any hazards, either known or suspected.
5. **ASSESSMENT OF CONTAMINATION.** The assessment of contaminated land under the terms of Part II A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is based upon pollution linkage (source - pathway - receptor model) and the principles of the Environment Agency's "Contamination Land Risk Management" documentation.

DEFRA previously issued "Outcome of the Way Forward Exercise on Soil Guideline Values". This document was intended to provide guidance to determine if there is a Significant Possibility of Significant Harm (SPOSH) i.e. whether land meets the legal trigger of being contaminated land.

In the context of Part 2A, a risk assessor using an SGV would conclude the following (DEFRA, 2008).

- At a representative average soil concentration at or below an SGV, it is very unlikely that there will be a *significant possibility of significant harm (SPOSH)*.
- At a representative average soil concentration above an SGV, there *might* be a *significant possibility of significant harm* with the significance linked to the margin of exceedance, the duration and frequency of exposure, and other site-specific factors that the enforcing authority may wish to take into account. Further investigation and/or detailed evaluation will usually be required.

It should be stressed that where there is any uncertainty as to whether or not there is a SPOSH, it was the policy of this practice to adopt a conservative approach, particularly in the adoption of clean cover systems.

In April 2012, Defra both published new Statutory Guidance which forms a major part of their contaminated land regimes under Part 2A of the Environment Protection Act 1990. The regime provides a means of dealing with contaminated land which poses a significant risk to human health or the environment where there is no alternative solution. It also works alongside planning rules and building regulations to help ensure that affected land is made suitable for use when it is redeveloped.

Since the regime was introduced in 2000 there has been considerable uncertainty over how to decide when land is, and is not contaminated land on grounds of the legal test of *significant possibility of significant harm to human health or the environment*.

To help address this, one of the main changes set out in the new Statutory Guidance, is the introduction of a new four category test to help decide when land is, and is not, contaminated land on grounds of *significant possibility of significant harm to human health*. Under the new four category test:

- Category 1 describes land that is clearly contaminated land, for example because similar land is known to have caused significant harm in the past.
- Categories 2 and 3 cover less straightforward land where more detailed consideration is needed before the regulator can decide either: (a) that there is a strong case for regulatory action, in which case the land would be in Category 2 and be classified as contaminated land under Part 2A; or (b) that such a case does not exist, in which case the land would be in Category 3 and not be classified as contaminated land under Part 2A.
- Category 4 describes land that is clearly not contaminated land, as discussed below.

One of the main purposes of including the Categories in the Statutory Guidance is to provide a legal framework against which new technical tools can be developed by the land contamination sector to describe the Categories in more detail with regard to specific substances and/or situations.

The new Category 4 test is particularly important in terms of reducing uncertainty over when land is definitely not caught by the regime.

The new Statutory Guidance makes clear what land should be placed into Category 4, for example:

- (a) Land where no relevant contaminant linkage has been established.
- (b) Land where there are only normal levels of contaminants in soil (as explained in Section 3 of the guidance), unless there is a particular reason to consider otherwise. In other words land with normal background concentrations in the soil.

- (c) Land that has been excluded from the need for further inspection and assessment under Part 2A because contaminant levels do not exceed relevant generic assessment criteria in accordance with Section 3 of the guidance, or relevant technical tools or advice that may be developed in accordance with paragraph 3.30 of the guidance, e.g. Category 4 Screening Levels.
- (d) Land where estimated levels of exposure to contaminants in soil are likely to form only a small proportion of what a receptor might be exposed to anyway through other sources of environmental exposure (e.g. in relation to average estimated national levels of exposure to substances commonly found in the environment, to which receptors are likely to be exposed to in the normal course of their lives).

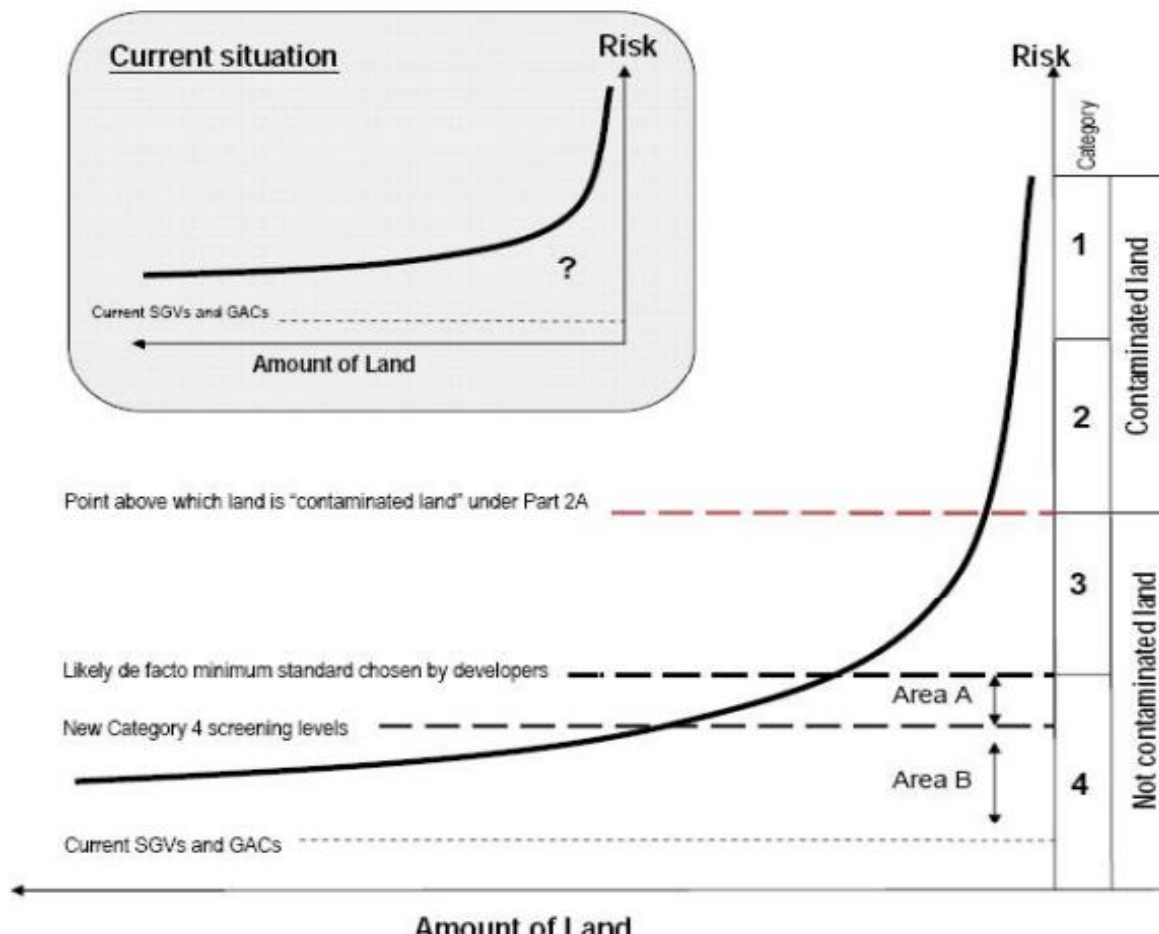
The guidance clarifies how generic assessment criteria (including the currently available SGVs/GACs) should and should not be used. It states that:

- 3.27 *It is common practice in contaminated land risk assessment to use “generic assessment criteria” (GACs) as screening tools in generic quantitative human health risk assessment to help assessors decide when land can be excluded from the need for further inspection and assessment, or when further work may be warranted.*
- 3.28 *Local authorities may use GACs and other technical tools to inform certain decisions under the Part 2A regime, provided: (i) they understand how they were derived and how they can be used appropriately; (ii) they have been produced in an objective, scientifically robust and expert manner by reputable organizations; and (iii) they are only used in a manner that is in accordance with Part 2A and this Guidance.*
- 3.29 *GACs relating to human health risk assessment represent cautious estimates of levels of contaminants in soil at which there is considered to be no risk to health or, at most, a minimal risk to health. With regard to such GACs:*
 - (a) They may be used to indicate when land is very unlikely to pose a significant possibility of significant harm to human health. This is on the basis that they are designed to estimate levels of contamination at which risks are likely to be negligible or minimal and far from posing a significant possibility of significant harm to human health.
 - (b) They should not be used as direct indicators of whether a significant possibility of significant harm to human health may exist. Also, the local authority should not view the degree by which GACs are exceeded (in itself) as being particularly relevant to this consideration, given that the degree of risk posed by land would normally depend on many factors other than simply the amount of contaminants in soil.
 - (c) They should not be seen as screening levels which describe the boundary between Categories 3 and 4 in terms of Section 4 (i.e. the two Categories in which land would not be contaminated land on grounds of risks to human health). In the very large majority of cases, these SGVs/GACs describe levels of contamination from which risks should be considered to be comfortably within Category 4.
 - (d) They should not be viewed as indicators of levels of contamination above which detailed risk assessment would automatically be required under Part 2A.
 - (e) They should not be used as generic remediation targets under the Part 2A regime. Nor should they be used in this way under the planning system, for example in relation to ensuring that land affected by contamination does not meet the Part 2A definition of contaminated land after it has been developed.

The way in which the new four category system is intended to operate and the place of the C4SLs within that system, was explained in detail in the Impact Assessment which accompanied the Statutory Guidance. Please note that although the detail of the Impact Assessment is included here to provide clarity on the job expected of C4SLs, the Statutory Guidance, itself, sets out the regime that needs to be delivered under Part 2A.

Paragraph 47 of the Impact Assessment describes the diagram in detail. Of particular relevance to this project is the description of the overall diagram (sub-paragraph a), description of category 4 (sub-paragraphs c (part iv) and h) and the description of how the monetised benefits of the new system will be realised (sub-paragraph h). These sub-paragraphs are reproduced below.

Diagram showing the new Category 1-4 system (compared to current situation)



The diagram above seeks to illustrate, in a simplified manner, broadly what the changes to the statutory guidance on significant possibility of significant harm to human health are intended to achieve. To explain:

- (a) The curved line and axes illustrate the spectrum of risk presented by land contamination. The idea is to show that a very large amount of land is low risk, and only a small amount of land would pose sufficient risk to be contaminated land in the legal sense. The axes and lines in the diagrams are not to scale, and they have been compressed for the purposes of illustration (in reality the risks on Category 1 land would probably be orders of magnitude above Category 4 risks, and vastly more land would be in Category 4 compared to the other Categories).
- (b) The smaller diagram summarizes the current situation. In the area below the SGV/GACs there is near certainty that land is not contaminated land, however, above the line there is increasing uncertainty. As explained above, currently remediation usually occurs to just below the SGV/GAC level because they are perceived as offering the only cast-iron guarantee of when land is definitely not contaminated land. Sometimes consultants are employed to justify remediating to levels above the SGV/GACs, however the further they go away from the SGV/GACs the more legal risk they and their clients are exposed to.
- (c) The new statutory guidance will end the current situation, and it would not be legally possible e.g. for individual regulators to ignore the changes being made. For example, as explained above, the new statutory guidance will specifically say:
 - (i) that Part 2A cannot be used to force remediation to below a point where it ceases to be contaminated land in the legal sense i.e. the Category 2/3 border in terms of the diagram), although responsible parties can choose to go further;
 - (ii) that SGV/GACs cannot be used as one size fits all remediation thresholds under either Part 2A of the planning system;
 - (iii) that normal background levels of contamination are not caught by Part 2A; and
 - (iv) that SGV/GACs are well into Category 4, sometimes by only a few times and sometimes by orders of magnitude. These changes and others also provide the legal backing for the development e.g. of Category 4 screening levels, as discussed below.
- (d) The new Category 1-4 system divides the spectrum of risk posed by contaminated land into four different categories, and the statutory guidance will explain how to decide when land falls into each Category. This is more sophisticated than the current statutory guidance, which in effect has only two categories (contaminated land or not) and does not explain how to decide which category land falls into. The new Category 1-4 system

reflects what assessors find when they investigate real sites i.e. some are clearly contaminated land (Category 1); some clearly are not (Category 4) and some are less-straightforward and need some level of detailed assessment before a decision can be taken as to whether or not they are contaminated land (Categories 2 and 3).

- (e) In the case of Category 2 and 3 sites, the regulator will have flexibility to take decisions within the parameters set by the new Guidance. There would be less flexibility for Category 2 and 3 sites that clearly pose either a high or low risk. However, the regulator will have considerable flexibility for sites closer to the Category 2/3 border to judge which side of the border a site would fall (e.g. taking account of their understanding of the risks, uncertainties and the interests of the local community). These are often complex decisions which need to be taken case-by-case given the many factors involved.
- (f) In the case of Categories 1 and 4 the regulator will have far less flexibility. For example, if a regulator claimed that a site matching the Category 1 description was not contaminated land, or that a site matching the Category 4 description was contaminated land, they would be acting directly against the statutory guidance which the Act requires that they follow, and decisions could be challenged (e.g. in a law court) with a high chance that the challenge would be successful. Among other things, the intention of doing this is to create far more legal certainty around when land is definitely not contaminated land in the legal sense. With the specific wording of the new statutory guidance, and the supporting tools such as the new Category 4 screening levels, it would be very difficult for a regulator e.g. to threaten landowners with the Part 2A regime, and if they tried to determine land as contaminated land they would be operating in direct opposition to the statutory guidance.
- (g) In the many consultation meetings held in developing the Category 1-4 system, all the developers, landowners and consultants we spoke to were strongly of the view that they would want to ensure their land is safely within Category 4 (even though in theory they could remediate to a level within Category 3 and still satisfy Part 2A and planning rules). They would do this for various reasons, including the fact that the flexibility granted to regulators in Categories 2 and 3 means that the further into Category 3 a site gets, the greater the risk that the regulator might decide it is in Category 2. Also they would want to be in Category 4 for reasons of marketability, future proofing etc. So developers and others would have a strong incentive to seek the regulatory certainty of being safely within Category 4. Thus, as far as development taking place under the planning system is concerned, Category 3 would, in effect, normally be a buffer which provides added reassurance that development falling within Category 4 will not be caught by the Part 2A regime.
- (h) The new statutory guidance will bring about a situation where the current SGV/GACs are replaced with more pragmatic (but still strongly precautionary) Category 4 screening levels (C4SLs) which will provide a higher simple test for deciding that land is suitable for use and definitely not contaminated land. Above the C4SLs, in Area A on the diagram, there will be much stronger legal backing for experts to use their judgement to make sensible and precautionary decisions on when land should be considered to be towards the top end of Category 4, without fear that land may be caught as contaminated land. This recognizes that the generic C4SLs will not be able to describe the Category 3/4 border itself because they are generic and would therefore have to err on the side of caution whilst a detailed site specific assessment would be able to push further by looking at specific circumstances relating to a specific site.
- (i) The very large majority of the monetized benefits of the changes to the regime discussed in this Impact Assessment manifest themselves in Category 4, and in particular in Areas A and B on the diagram. The main effects of moving to the new system would include Low risk land falling within Area B (pre-development) on the diagram would no longer have to be remediated because it would fall below the new C4SLs. Similarly land which is in Area A pre-development would no longer need to be remediated if justified by a detailed site-specific assessment. For these sites the cost of remediation would be removed altogether. The cost of remediating land which is initially in Categories 3, 2 or 1 would fall because it would be remediated to the new C4SL levels (or somewhere within Area A if there has been a detailed assessment) rather than the SGV/GAC level. This will have the overall effect of reducing the cost of remediation, with the effect varying according to specific site circumstances, the type of remediation etc. Generally the cost of remediation would fall for many affected brownfield land sites. This would have the general effect of making such land more economically viable for development. It would also mean that some land that is not currently economically viable to develop becomes reduce pressure to develop Greenfield land in some cases. The C4SLs will also speed up regulatory decisions on the reuse of brownfield land by providing a simple remediation standard.

The C4SLs are intended as “*relevant technical tools*” (in relation to Paragraph 4.2.1(c)) provides to help local authorities and others when deciding to stop further assessment of a site, on the grounds that it falls within Category 4 (Human Health).

The Impact Assessment (IA), which accompanied the revised SG (Defra, 2012b) provides further information on the nature and potential role of the C4SLs. Paragraph 47(h) of the IA states that:

“The new statutory guidance will bring about a situation where the current SGVs/GACs are replaced with more pragmatic (but still strongly precautionary) Category 4 screening levels (C4SLs) which will provide a higher simple test for deciding that land is suitable for use and definitely not contaminated land”.

A key distinction between the Soil Guideline Values (SGVs) and the C4SLs is the level of risk that they describe. As described by the Environment Agency (2009a):

“SGVs are guidelines on the level of long-term human exposure to individual chemicals in soils that, unless stated otherwise, are tolerable or pose a minimal risk to human health”.

C4SLs, therefore, should not be viewed as “SPOSH levels” and they should not be used as a legal trigger for the determination of land under Part 2A.

CL:AIRE (Contaminated Land: Application in Real Environments) has published “*Development of Category 4 Screening Levels for Assessment of Land Affected by Contamination*”. In it a series of C4SLs were proposed as follows;

Analyte	Residential (with home grown produce) (mg/kg)	Residential (without home grown produce) (mg/kg)	Allotments (mg/kg)	Commercial (mg/kg)	POS (mg/kg)
Arsenic	37	40	49	640	79
Benzene	0.87	3.3	0.18	98	140
Benzo(a)Pyrene	5	5.3	5.7	77	10
Cadmium	22	150	3.9	410	880
Chromium (vi)	21	21	170	49	21
Lead	200	310	80	2300	630

Where C4SL’s are not available, Generic Assessment Criteria have been used as follows;

Generic Assessment Criteria for Human Health Risk Assessment Comparison

METALS/CYANIDE

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and based on 6% soil organic matter (SOM)

Values are expressed in mg/kg

	S4UL						C4SL						EA SGV			EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE or *ATRISKSOIL		
	Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential	Allotment	Commercial	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
Antimony ¹																550	ND	7500
Arsenic (6% SOM)	37	40	43	640	79	170	37	40	49	640	79	170	32	43	640			
Barium ¹																1300	ND	22000
Beryllium (6% SOM)	1.7	1.7	35	12	2.2	63												
Boron (6% SOM)	290	11000	45	240000	21000	46000												
Cadmium (6% SOM)	11	85	1.9	190	120	560	22	150	3.9	410	220	880	10	1.8	230			
Chromium (III) (6% SOM)	910	910	18000	8600	1500	33000												
Chromium (VI) (6% SOM)	6	6	1.8	33	7.7	220	21	21	170	49	21	250						
Copper (6% SOM)	2400	7100	520	68000	12000	44000												
Cyanide (AtriskSoil)																34*	34*	34*
Lead (6% SOM)							200	310	80	2300	630	1300						
Nickel (6%SOM)	130	180	53	980	230	800												
Mercury (Elemental) (6% SOM)	1.2	1.2	21	58	16	30							1.0	26	26			
Mercury (Inorganic) (6% SOM)	40	56	19	1100	120	240							170	80	3600			
Mercury (Methyl) (6% SOM)	11	15	6	320	40	68							11	8	410			
Molybdenum ¹																670	ND	17000
Selenium (6% SOM)	250	430	88	12000	1100	1800							350	120	13000			
Vanadium (6% SOM)	410	1200	91	9000	2000	5000												
Zinc (6% SOM)	3700	40000	620	730000	81000	170000												

Additional notes for EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE GAC

1 Due to the limitations in time and scope of the EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE project, plant uptake factors were not derived for metals and therefore the metals GAC have only been produced for residential without consumption of homegrown produce and commercial land-uses. Note that the derived GAC are not dependent on SOM.

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM).
SGVs based on 6% SOM, at a lower SOM the SGV may not be sufficiently protective.
Generic assessment criteria for Petroleum Hydrocarbons will vary according to SOM for all land values
Values are expressed in mg/kg
GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present
GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 10

Compound	S4UL		Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	C4SL		Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	EA SGV			EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
	Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce					Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce					Residential	Allotment	Commercial	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
Aliphatic EC 5-6 (1% SOM)	42	42	730	3200 (340)	570000 (304)	95000 (304)													
Aliphatic EC 5-6 (2.5% SOM)	78	78	1700	5900 (558)	590000	130000 (558)													
Aliphatic EC 5-6 (6% SOM)	160	160	3900	12000 (1150)	600000	18000 (1550)													
Aliphatic EC>6-8 (1% SOM)	100	100	2300	7800 (144)	600000	150000 (144)													
Aliphatic EC>6-8 (2.5% SOM)	230	230	5600	17000 (322)	610000	220000 (322)													
Aliphatic EC>6-8 (6% SOM)	530	530	13000	40000 (736)	620000	320000 (736)													
Aliphatic EC>8-10 (1% SOM)	27	27	320	2000 (78)	13000	14000 (78)													
Aliphatic EC>8-10 (2.5% SOM)	65	65	770	4800 (190)	13000	18000 (190)													
Aliphatic EC>8-10 (6% SOM)	150	150	1700	11000 (451)	13000	21000 (451)													
Aliphatic EC>10-12 (1% SOM)	130 (48)	130 (48)	2200	9700 (48)	13000	21000 (48)													
Aliphatic EC>10-12 (2.5% SOM)	330 (118)	330 (118)	4400	23000 (118)	13000	23000 (118)													
Aliphatic EC>10-12 (6%SOM)	760 (283)	760 (283)	7300	47000 (283)	13000	24000 (283)													
Aliphatic EC>12-16 (1% SOM)	1100 (24)	1100 (24)	11000	59000 (24)	13000	25000 (24)													
Aliphatic EC>12-16 (2.5% SOM)	2400 (59)	2400 (59)	13000	82000 (59)	13000	25000 (59)													
Aliphatic EC>12-16 (6% SOM)	4300 (142)	4300 (142)	13000	90000 (142)	13000	26000 (142)													
Aliphatic EC>16-35 (1% SOM)	65000 (8.48)	65000 (8.48)	260000	1600000	250000	450000													
Aliphatic EC>16-35 (2.5% SOM)	92000 (21)	92000 (21)	270000	1700000	250000	480000													
Aliphatic EC>16-35 (6% SOM)	110000	110000	270000	1800000	250000	490000													
Aliphatic EC>35-44 (1% SOM)	65000 (8.48)	65000 (8.48)	260000	1600000	250000	450000													
Aliphatic EC>35-44 (2.5% SOM)	92000 (21)	92000 (21)	270000	1700000	250000	480000													
Aliphatic EC>35-44 (6% SOM)	110000	110000	270000	1800000	250000	490000													
Aromatic EC 5-7 (1% SOM)	70	370	13	26000 (1220)	56000	76000 (1220)													
Aromatic EC 5-7 (2.5% SOM)	140	690	27	46000 (2260)	56000	84000 (2260)													
Aromatic EC 5-7 (6% SOM)	300	1400	57	86000 (4710)	56000	92000 (4710)													
Aromatic EC>7-8 (1% SOM)	130	860	22	56000 (869)	56000	87000 (869)													
Aromatic EC>7-8 (2.5% SOM)	290	1800	51	110000 (1920)	56000	95000 (1920)													
Aromatic EC>7-8 (6% SOM)	660	3900	120	180000 (4360)	56000	100000 (4360)													
Aromatic EC>8-10 (1% SOM)	34	47	8.6	3500 (613)	5000	7200 (613)													
Aromatic EC>8-10 (2.5% SOM)	83	110	21	8100 (1500)	5000	8500 (1500)													
Aromatic EC>8-10 (6% SOM)	190	270	51	17000 (3580)	5000	9300 (3580)													
Aromatic EC>10-12 (1% SOM)	74	250	13	16000 (364)	5000	9200 (364)													
Aromatic EC>10-12 (2.5% SOM)	180	590	31	28000 (899)	5000	9700 (899)													
Aromatic EC>10-12 (6% SOM)	380	1200	74	34000 (2150)	5000	10000													
Aromatic EC>12-16 (1% SOM)	140	1800	23	36000 (169)	5100	10000													
Aromatic EC>12-16 (2.5% SOM)	330	2300 (419)	57	37000	5100	10000													
Aromatic EC>12-16 (6% SOM)	660	2500	130	38000	5000	10000													
Aromatic EC>16-21 (1% SOM)	260	1900	46	28000	3800	7600													
Aromatic EC>16-21 (2.5% SOM)	540	1900	110	28000	3800	7700													
Aromatic EC>16-21 (6% SOM)	930	1900	260	28000	3800	7800													
Aromatic EC>21-35 (1% SOM)	1100	1900	370	28000	3800	7800													
Aromatic EC>21-35 (2.5% SOM)	1500	1900	820	28000	3800	7800													
Aromatic EC>21-35 (6% SOM)	1700	1900	1600	28000	3800	7900													
Aromatic EC>35-44 (1% SOM)	1100	1900	370	28000	3800	7800													
Aromatic EC>35-44 (2.5% SOM)	1500	1900	820	28000	3800	7800													
Aromatic EC>35-44 (6% SOM)	1700	1900	1600	28000	3800	7900													
Aliphatic + Aromatic EC>44-70 (1% SOM)	1600	1900	1200	28000	3800	7800													
Aliphatic + Aromatic EC>44-70 (2.5% SOM)	1800	1900	2100	28000	3800	7800													
Aliphatic + Aromatic EC>44-70 (6% SOM)	1900	1900	3000	28000	3800	7800													

Compound	S4UL			C4SL				EA SGV				EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE							
	Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential	Allotment	Commercial	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
Benzene (1% SOM)	0.087	0.38	0.017	27	72	90													
Benzene (2.5% SOM)	0.17	0.7	0.034	47	72	100													
Benzene (6% SOM)	0.37	1.4	0.075	90	73	110	0.87	3.3	0.18	98	140	230	0.33	0.07	95				
Toluene (1% SOM)	130	880 (869)	22	56000 (869)	56000	87000 (869)													
Toluene (2.5% SOM)	290	1900	51	110000 (1920)	56000	95000 (1920)													
Toluene (6% SOM)	660	3900	120	180000 (4360)	56000	100000 (4360)							610	120	4.4x10 ³				
Ethyl benzene (1% SOM)	47	83	16	5700 (518)	24000	17000 (518)													
Ethyl benzene (2.5% SOM)	110	190	39	13000 (1220)	24000	22000 (1220)													
Ethyl benzene (6% SOM)	260	440	91	27000 (2840)	25000	27000 (2840)							350	90	2.8x10 ³				
o-xylene (1% SOM)	60	88	28	6600 (478)	41000	17000 (478)													
o-xylene (2.5% SOM)	140	210	67	15000 (1120)	42000	24000 (1120)													
o-xylene (6% SOM)	330	480	160	33000 (2620)	43000	33000 (2620)							250	160	2.6x10 ³				
m-xylene (1% SOM)	59	82	31	6200 (625)	41000	17000 (625)													
m-xylene (2.5% SOM)	140	190	74	14000 (1470)	42000	24000 (1470)													
m-xylene (6% SOM)	320	450	170	31000 (3460)	43000	32000 (3469)							240	180	3.5x10 ³				
p-xylene (1% SOM)	56	79	29	5900 (576)	41000	17000 (478)													
p-xylene (2.5% SOM)	130	180	69	14000 (1350)	42000	23000 (1350)													
p-xylene (6% SOM)	310	430	160	30000 (3170)	43000	31000 (3170)							230	160	3.2x10 ³				
Methyl tert-butyl ether (1% SOM)																49	73	23	7900
Methyl tert-butyl ether (2.5% SOM)																84	120	44	13000
Methyl tert-butyl ether (6% SOM)																160	220	90	24000

Additional Notes for LQM/CIEH Generic Assessment Criteria

- For residential land use the inhalation of vapours indoors exposure pathway is the most significant exposure pathway for the lighter end aliphatic and aromatic fractions (up to aliphatic EC>12-16 and aromatic EC>10-12). The ingestion of soil and indoor dust and consumption of homegrown produce exposure pathways are the most significant for the higher end fractions (aliphatics EC>16-35 and EC>35-44; aromatics EC>12-16, EC16-21, EC>21-35, EC>35-44 and EC44-70).
- For the allotment land use the consumption of homegrown produce exposure pathway is the most significant for the aromatic and lighter end aliphatic fractions. The ingestion of soil and indoor dust is the most significant exposure pathway for the higher end aliphatics EC>12-16, EC>16-35 and EC35-44.
- For the commercial land use the indoor inhalation of vapour exposure pathway is a significant exposure pathway for the lighter end aliphatic and aromatic fractions (up to aliphatic EC>12-16 and aromatic EC>10-12.
- Background exposure represents a significant proportion of the total exposure for all fractions expect aromatic fractions EC>5-7 and EC>7-8 in all land uses.

Notes for SGVs

- Based on a sandy loam as defined in Environment Agency (2009b) and 6% SOM. At a lower SOM, SGVs may not be sufficient protective.
- Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land uses.
- SGVs assume that free phase contamination is not present.
- SGVs based on a sub-surface soil to indoor air correction air correction factor of 10.
- SGV presented for Toluene Commercial based on the vapour saturation limit.
- SGV presented for Ethylbenzene Allotment and Xylene Allotment - in applying the rules for non-soil background, the inhalation background ADE is limited to being no larger than the contribution of the inhalation soil ADE.
- Exposure of all isomers of xylene should be considered together, because the HCV applied is based on intake of total xylene and not an individual isomer in isolation.

Notes for EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE Generic Assessment Criteria

- GAC have been derived for 4 generic land uses; residential with consumption of homegrown produce, residential without consumption of homegrown produce, allotments and commercial land-use.

POLYAROMATIC HYDROCARBONS

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM)
Generic assessment criteria for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons will vary according to SOM for all land values

Values are expressed in mg/kg

GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present

GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

Compound	LQM/CIEH						C4SL					
	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark
Acenaphthene (1% SOM)	210	3000 (57)	34	84000 (57)	15000	29000						
Acenaphthene (2.5% SOM)	510	4700 (141)	85	97000 (141)	15000	30000						
Acenaphthene (6% SOM)	1100	6000 (336)	200	100000	15000	30000						
Acenaphthylene (1% SOM)	170	2900 (86.1)	28	83000 (86.1)	15000	29000						
Acenaphthylene (2.5% SOM)	420	4600 (212)	69	97000 (212)	15000	30000						
Acenaphthylene (6% SOM)	920	6000 (506)	160	100000	15000	30000						
Anthracene (1% SOM)	2400	31000 (1.17)	380	520000	74000	150000						
Anthracene (2.5% SOM)	5400	35000	950	540000	74000	150000						
Anthracene (6% SOM)	11000	37000	2200	540000	74000	150000						
Benz(a)anthracene (1% SOM)	7.2	11	2.9	170	29	49						
Benz(a)anthracene (2.5% SOM)	11	14	6.5	170	29	56						
Benz(a)anthracene (6% SOM)	13	15	13	180	29	62						
Benzo(a)pyrene (1% SOM)	2.2	3.2	0.97	35	5.7	11						
Benzo(a)pyrene (2.5% SOM)	2.7	3.2	2.0	35	5.7	12						
Benzo(a)pyrene (6% SOM)	3.0	3.2	3.5	36	5.7	13	5.0	5.3	5.7	77	10	21
Benzo(b)fluoranthene (1% SOM)	2.6	3.9	0.99	44	7.1	13						
Benzo(b)fluoranthene (2.5% SOM)	3.3	4.0	2.1	44	7.2	15						
Benzo(b)fluoranthene (6% SOM)	3.7	4.0	3.9	45	7.2	16						
Benzo(ghi)perylene (1% SOM)	320	360	290	3900	640	1400						
Benzo(ghi)perylene (2.5% SOM)	340	360	470	4000	640	1500						
Benzo(ghi)perylene (6% SOM)	350	360	640	4000	640	1600						
Benzo(k)fluoranthene (1% SOM)	77	110	37	1200	190	370						
Benzo(k)fluoranthene (2.5% SOM)	93	110	75	1200	190	410						
Benzo(k)fluoranthene (6% SOM)	100	110	130	1200	190	440						
Chrysene (1% SOM)	15	30	4.1	350	57	93						
Chrysene (2.5% SOM)	22	31	9.4	350	57	110						
Chrysene (6% SOM)	27	32	19	350	57	120						
Dibenzo(ah)anthracene (1% SOM)	0.24	0.31	0.14	3.5	0.57	1.1						
Dibenzo(ah)anthracene (2.5% SOM)	0.28	0.32	0.27	3.6	0.57	1.3						
Dibenzo(ah)anthracene (6% SOM)	0.3	0.32	0.43	3.6	0.58	1.4						
Fluoranthene (1% SOM)	280	1500	52	23000	3100	6300						
Fluoranthene (2.5% SOM)	560	1600	130	23000	3100	6300						
Fluoranthene (6% SOM)	890	1600	290	23000	3100	6400						
Fluorene (1% SOM)	170	2800 (30.9)	27	63000 (30.9)	9900	20000						
Fluorene (2.5% SOM)	400	3800 (76.5)	67	68000	9900	20000						
Fluorene (6% SOM)	860	4500 (183)	160	71000	9900	20000						
Indeno(123cd)pyrene (1% SOM)	27	45	9.5	500	82	150						
Indeno(123cd)pyrene (2.5% SOM)	36	46	21	510	82	170						
Indeno(123cd)pyrene (6% SOM)	41	46	39	510	82	180						
Naphthalene (1% SOM)	2.3	2.3	4.1	190 (76.4)	4900	1200 (76.4)						
Naphthalene (2.5% SOM)	5.6	5.6	10	460 (183)	4900	1900 (183)						
Naphthalene (6% SOM)	13	13	24	1100 (432)	4900	3000						
Phenanthrene (1% SOM)	95	1300 (36)	15	22000	3100	6200						
Phenanthrene (2.5% SOM)	220	1500	38	22000	3100	6200						
Phenanthrene (6% SOM)	440	1500	90	22000	3100	6300						
Pyrene (1% SOM)	620	3700	110	54000	7400	15000						
Pyrene (2.5% SOM)	1200	3800	270	54000	7400	15000						
Pyrene (6% SOM)	2000	3800	620	54000	7400	15000						
Coal Tar (BaP as surrogate marker)	0.79	1.2	0.32	15	2.2	4.4						
Coal Tar (BaP as surrogate marker)	0.98	1.2	0.67	15	2.2	4.7						
Coal Tar (BaP as surrogate marker)	1.1	1.2	1.2	15	2.2	4.9						

CHLOROALCANES AND ALKANES

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM)
Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land values

Values are expressed in mg/kg

GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present

GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

Compound	S4UL						EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
1,1-Dichloroethane (1% SOM)							2.4	2.5	9.2	280
1,1-Dichloroethane (2.5% SOM)							3.9	4.1	17	450
1,1-Dichloroethane (6% SOM)							7.4	7.7	35	850
1,2-Dichloroethane (1% SOM)	0.0071	0.0092	0.0046	0.67	29	21				
1,2-Dichloroethane (2.5% SOM)	0.011	0.013	0.0083	0.97	29	24				
1,2-Dichloroethane (6% SOM)	0.019	0.023	0.016	1.7	29	28				
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1% SOM)	8.8	9	48	660	140000	57000 (1425)				
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (2.5% SOM)	18	18	110	1300	140000	76000 (2915)				
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (6% SOM)	39	40	240	3000	140000	100000 (6392)				
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1% SOM)							0.6	0.88	0.28	94
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (2.5% SOM)							1.2	1.8	0.61	190
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (6% SOM)							2.7	3.9	1.4	400
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane (1% SOM)	1.2	1.5	0.79	110	1400	1500				
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane (2.5% SOM)	2.8	3.5	1.9	250	1400	1800				
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane (6% SOM)	6.4	8.2	4.4	560	1400	2100				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (1% SOM)	1.6	3.9	0.41	270	1400	1800				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (2.5% SOM)	3.4	8.0	0.89	550	1400	2100				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (6% SOM)	7.5	17	2.0	1100	1400	2300				
1,1-Dichloroethene (1% SOM)							0.23	0.23	2.8	26
1,1-Dichloroethene (2.5% SOM)							0.40	0.41	5.6	46
1,1-Dichloroethene (6% SOM)							0.82	0.82	12	92
Tetrachloroethene (1% SOM)	0.18	0.18	0.65	19	1400	810 (424)				
Tetrachloroethene (2.5% SOM)	0.39	0.40	1.5	42	1400	1100 (951)				
Tetrachloroethene (6% SOM)	0.9	0.92	3.6	95	1400	1500				
Tetrachloromethane (1% SOM)	0.026	0.026	0.45	2.9	890	190				
Tetrachloromethane (2.5% SOM)	0.056	0.056	1.0	6.3	920	270				
Tetrachloromethane (6% SOM)	0.13	0.13	2.4	14	950	400				
Trichloroethene (1% SOM)	0.016	0.017	0.041	1.2	120	70				
Trichloroethene (2.5% SOM)	0.034	0.036	0.091	2.6	120	91				
Trichloroethene (6% SOM)	0.075	0.080	0.21	5.7	120	120				
Trichloromethane (1% SOM)	0.91	1.2	0.42	99	2500	2600				
Trichloromethane (2.5% SOM)	1.7	2.1	0.83	170	2500	2800				
Trichloromethane (6% SOM)	3.4	4.3	1.7	350	2500	3100				
Vinyl Chloride (1% SOM)	0.00064	0.00077	0.00055	0.059	3.5	4.8				
Vinyl Chloride (2.5% SOM)	0.00087	0.0010	0.0010	0.077	3.5	5.0				
Vinyl Chloride (6% SOM)	0.0014	0.0015	0.0018	0.12	3.5	5.4				
Chloroethane (1% SOM)							8.3	8.4	110	960
Chloroethane (2.5% SOM)							11	11	200	1300
Chloroethane (6% SOM)							18	18	380	2100
1,2-Dichloropropane (1% SOM)							0.024	0.024	0.62	3.3
1,2-Dichloropropane (2.5% SOM)							0.042	0.042	1.2	5.9
1,2-Dichloropropane (6% SOM)							0.084	0.085	2.6	12
2-Chloronaphthalene (1% SOM)							3.7	3.8	40	390
2-Chloronaphthalene (2.5% SOM)							9.2	9.3	98	960
2-Chloronaphthalene (6% SOM)							22	22	230	2200
Bromodichloromethane (1% SOM)							0.016	0.019	0.016	2.1
Bromodichloromethane (2.5% SOM)							0.030	0.034	0.032	3.7
Bromodichloromethane (6% SOM)							0.061	0.07	0.068	7.6
Chloromethane (1% SOM)							0.0083	0.0085	0.066	1
Chloromethane (2.5% SOM)							0.0098	0.0099	0.13	1.2
Chloromethane (6% SOM)							18	18	380	2100

Compound	S4UL		EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE						
	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment Commercial
<i>cis</i> -1,2 Dichloroethene (2.5% SOM)							0.19	0.20	0.50 24
<i>cis</i> -1,2 Dichloroethene (6% SOM)							0.37	0.39	1.0 47
<i>trans</i> -1,2 Dichloroethene (1% SOM)							0.19	0.19	0.93 22
<i>trans</i> -1,2 Dichloroethene (2.5% SOM)							0.34	0.35	1.9 40
<i>trans</i> -1,2 Dichloroethene (6% SOM)							0.70	0.71	4.0 81
Dichloromethane (1% SOM)							0.58	2.1	0.1 270
Dichloromethane (2.5% SOM)							0.98	2.8	0.19 360
Dichloromethane (6% SOM)							1.7	4.5	0.34 560
Hexachloroethane (1% SOM)							0.2	0.22	0.27 22
Hexachloroethane (2.5% SOM)							0.48	0.54	0.67 53
Hexachloroethane (6% SOM)							1.1	1.3	1.6 120

Notes for EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE Generic Assessment Criteria
1 GAC have been derived for 4 generic land uses; residential with consumption of homegrown produce, residential without consumption of homegrown produce, allotments and commercial land-use.

EXPLOSIVES
Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM)
Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land values
Values are expressed in mg/kg
GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present
GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

Compound	S4UL		Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark
	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce				
RDX (1% SOM)	120	13000	17	210000	210000	210000
RDX (2.5% SOM)	250	13000	38	210000	26000	49000 (18.7)
RDX (6% SOM)	540	13000	85.0	210000	27000	53000
HMX (1% SOM)	5.7	6700	0.86	110000	13000	23000 (0.35)
HMX (2.5% SOM)	13	6700	1.9	110000	13000	23000 (0.39)
HMX (6% SOM)	26	6700	3.9	110000	13000	24000 (0.48)

PESTICIDES

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM)
Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land values

Values are expressed in mg/kg

GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present

GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

Compound	S4UL		Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark
	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce				
Aldrin (1% SOM)	5.7	7.3	3.2	170	18	30
Aldrin (2.5% SOM)	6.6	7.4	6.1	170	18	31
Aldrin (6% SOM)	7.1	7.5	9.6	170	18	31
Dieldrin (1% SOM)	0.97	7	0.17	170	18	30
Dieldrin (2.5% SOM)	2	7.3	0.41	170	18	30
Dieldrin (6% SOM)	3.5	7.4	0.96	170	18	31
Atrazine (1% SOM)	3.3	610	0.5	9300	1200	2300
Atrazine (2.5% SOM)	7.6	620	1.2	9400	1200	2400
Atrazine (6% SOM)	17.4	620	2.7	9400	1200	2400
Dichlorovos (1% SOM)	0.032	6.4	0.0049	140	16	26
Dichlorovos (2.5% SOM)	0.066	6.5	0.010	140	16	26
Dichlorovos (6% SOM)	0.14	6.6	0.022	140	16	27
Alpha-Endosulfan (1% SOM)	7.4	160 (0.003)	1.2	5600 (0.003)	1200	2400
Alpha-Endosulfan (2.5% SOM)	18	280 (0.007)	2.9	7400 (0.007)	1200	2400
Alpha-Endosulfan (6% SOM)	41	410 (0.016)	6.8	8400 (0.016)	1200	2500
Beta-Endosulfan (1% SOM)	7	190 (0.00007)	1.1	6300 (0.00007)	1200	2400
Beta-Endosulfan (2.5% SOM)	17	320 (0.0002)	2.7	7800 (0.0002)	1200	2400
Beta-Endosulfan (6% SOM)	39	440 (0.0004)	6.4	8700	1200	2500
Alpha-Hexachlorocyclohexanes (	0.23	6.9	0.035	170	24	47
Alpha-Hexachlorocyclohexanes (	0.55	9.2	0.087	180	24	48
Alpha-Hexachlorocyclohexanes (	1.2	11	0.21	180	24	48
Beta-Hexachlorocyclohexanes (1	0.085	3.7	0.013	65	8.1	15
Beta-Hexachlorocyclohexanes (2	0.2	3.8	0.032	65	8.1	15
Beta-Hexachlorocyclohexanes (3	0.46	3.8	0.077	65	8.1	16
Gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane	0.06	2.9	0.0092	67	8.2	14
Gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane	0.14	3.3	0.023	69	8.2	15
Gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane	0.33	3.5	0.054	70	8.2	15

CHLOROBENZENES & METHYLBENZENES

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM)

Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land values

Values are expressed in mg/kg

GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present

GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

Compound	S4UL						EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
	Residential with homegrown produce	Residential without homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
Chlorobenzene (1% SOM)	0.46	0.46	5.9	56	11000	1300 (675)				
Chlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	1.0	1.0	14	130	13000	2000 (1520)				
Chlorobenzene (6% SOM)	2.4	2.4	32	290	14000	2900				
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (1% SOM)	23	24	94	2000 (571)	90000	24000 (571)				
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	55	57	230	4800 (1370)	95000	36000 (1370)				
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (6% SOM)	130	130	540	11000 (3240)	98000	51000 (3270)				
1,3-Dichlorobenzene (1% SOM)	0.40	0.44	0.25	30	300	390				
1,3-Dichlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	1.0	1.1	0.6	73	300	440				
1,3-Dichlorobenzene (6% SOM)	2.3	2.5	1.5	170	300	470				
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (1% SOM)	61	61	15	4400 (224)	17000	36000 (224)				
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	150	150	37	10000 (540)	17000	36000 (540)				
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (6% SOM)	350	350	88	25000 (1280)	17000	36000 (1280)				
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (1% SOM)	1.5	1.5	4.7	102	1800	770 (134)				
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	3.6	3.7	12	250	1800	110 (330)				
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (6% SOM)	8.6	8.8	28	590	1800	1600 (789)				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (1% SOM)	2.6	2.6	55	220	15000	1700 (318)				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	6.4	6.4	140	530	17000	2600 (786)				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (6% SOM)	15	15	320	1300	19000	400 (1880)				
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene (1% SOM)	0.33	0.33	4.7	23	1700	380 (36.7)				
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	0.81	0.81	12	55	1700	580 (90.8)				
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene (6% SOM)	1.9	1.9	28	130	1800	860 (217)				
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene (1% SOM)	15	24	4.4	1700 (122)	830	1500 (122)				
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	36	56	11	3080 (304)	830	1600				
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene (6% SOM)	78	120	26	4400 (728)	830	1600				
1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (1% SOM)	0.66	0.75	0.38	49 (39.4)	78	110 (39)				
1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	1.6	1.9	0.90	120 (98.1)	79	120				
1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (6% SOM)	3.7	4.3	2.2	240 (235)	79	130				
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (1% SOM)	0.33	0.73	0.06	42 (19.7)	13	25				
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	0.77	1.7	0.16	72 (49.1)	13	26				
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (6% SOM)	1.6	3.5	0.37	96	13	26				
Pentachlorobenzene (1% SOM)	5.8	19	1.2	640 (43.0)	100	190				
Pentachlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	12	30	3.1	770 (107)	100	190				
Pentachlorobenzene (6% SOM)	22	38	7.0	830	100	190				
Hexachlorobenzene (1% SOM)	1.8 (0.20)	4.1 (0.20)	0.47	110 (0.20)	16	30				
Hexachlorobenzene (2.5% SOM)	3.3 (0.50)	5.7 (0.50)	1.1	120	16	30				
Hexachlorobenzene (6% SOM)	4.9	6.7 (1.2)	2.5	120	16	30				
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene (1% SOM)							0.35	0.41	0.38	42
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene (2.5% SOM)							0.85	0.99	0.93	99
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene (6% SOM)							2	2.3	2.2	220
Isopropyl benzene (1% SOM)							11	12	32	1400
Isopropyl benzene (2.5% SOM)							27	28	79	3300
Isopropyl benzene (6% SOM)							64	67	190	7700
Propylbenzene (1% SOM)							34	40	34	4100
Propylbenzene (2.5% SOM)							82	97	83	9700
Propylbenzene (6% SOM)							190	230	200	21000
Styrene (1% SOM)							8.1	35	1.6	3300
Styrene (2.5% SOM)							19	78	3.7	6500
Styrene (6% SOM)							43	170	8.7	11000

PHENOLS AND CHLOROPHENOLS

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Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land values

Values are expressed in mg/kg

GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present

GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

	LQM/CIEH		EA SGV				EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE						
Compound	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential	Allotment	Commercial	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Atm	Commercial
Phenol (1% SOM)	120	440 (460)	23	440 (26000)	440 (10000)	440 (7600)							
Phenol (2.5% SOM)	200	690	42	690 (30000)	690 (10000)	690 (8300)							
Phenol (6% SOM)	380	1200	83	1300 (34000)	1300 (10000)	1300 (9300)	420	280	3200 (38000)				
Chlorophenol (1% SOM)	0.87	94	0.13	3500	620	1100							
Chlorophenol (2.5% SOM)	2.0	150	0.30	4000	620	1100							
Chlorophenol (6% SOM)	4.5	210	0.70	4300	620	1100							
Pentachlorophenol (1% SOM)	0.22	27 (16.7)	0.03	400	60	110							
Pentachlorophenol (2.5% SOM)	0.52	29	0.08	400	60	120							
Pentachlorophenol (6% SOM)	1.2	31	0.19	400	60	120							
2,4-Dimethylphenol (1% SOM)										19	210	3	16000
2,4-Dimethylphenol (2.5% SOM)										43	410	7	24000
2,4-Dimethylphenol (6%SOM)										97	730	17	30000
Total Cresols (2-Methylphenol, 3-methylphenol, 4-methylphenol) (1%SOM)										80	3700	12	160000
Total Cresols (2-Methylphenol, 3-methylphenol, 4-methylphenol) (2.5%SOM)										180	5400	27	180000
Total Cresols (2-Methylphenol, 3-methylphenol, 4-methylphenol) (6%SOM)										400	6900	63	180000

PHTHALATES

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Compound	EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (1%	280	2700	47	85000
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (2.5%	610	2800	120	86000
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (6%	1100	2800	280	86000
Butyl benzyl phthalate (1% SOM	1400	42000	220	940000
Butyl benzyl phthalate (2.5% SO	3300	44000	550	940000
Butyl benzyl phthalate (6% SOM	7200	44000	1300	950000
Diethyl Phthalate (1% SOM)	120	1800	19	1500000
Diethyl Phthalate (2.5% SOM)	260	3500	41	2200000
Diethyl Phthalate (6% SOM)	570	6300	94	2900000
Di-n -butyl phthalate (1% SOM)	13	450	2	15000
Di-n -butyl phthalate (2.5% SOM)	31	450	5	15000
Di-n -butyl phthalate (6% SOM)	67	450	12	15000
Di-n -octyl phthalate (1% SOM)	2300	3400	940	89000
Di-n -octyl phthalate (2.5% SOM)	2800	3400	2100	89000
Di-n -octyl phthalate (6% SOM)	3100	3400	3900	89000

OTHER ORGANICS

Based on sandy loam soil as defined in SR3 (Environment Agency, 2009) and 1%, 2.5% and 6% soil organic matter (SOM)

Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land values

Values are expressed in mg/kg

GACs assume that free phase contamination is not present

GACs are based on sub-surface soil to indoor air correction factor of 1

Compound	S4UL			EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE						
	Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark	Residential with consumption of homegrown produce	Residential without consumption of homegrown produce	Allotment	Commercial
Carbon disulphide (1% SOM)	0.14	0.14	4.8	11	11000	1300				
Carbon disulphide (2.5% SOM)	0.29	0.29	10	22	11000	1900				
Carbon disulphide (6% SOM)	0.62	0.62	23	47	12000	2700				
Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene (1% S	0.29	0.32	0.25	31	25	48				
Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene (2.5%	0.70	0.78	0.61	66	25	50				
Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene (6% S	1.6	1.8	1.4	120	25	51				
Tributyl tin oxide (1% SOM)							0.25	1.4	0.042	130
Tributyl tin oxide (2.5% SOM)							0.59	3.1	0.1	180
Tributyl tin oxide (6% SOM)							1.3	5.7	0.24	200
Biphenyl (1% SOM)							66	220	14	18000
Biphenyl (2.5% SOM)							160	500	35	33000
Biphenyl (6% SOM)							360	980	83	48000
2,4-Dinitrotoluene (1% SOM)							1.5	170	0.22	3700
2,4-Dinitrotoluene (2.5% SOM)							3.2	170	0.49	3700
2,4-Dinitrotoluene (6% SOM)							7.2	170	1.1	3800
2,6-Dintrotoluene (1% SOM)							0.78	78	0.12	1900
2,6-Dintrotoluene (2.5% SOM)							1.7	84	0.27	1900
2,6-Dintrotoluene (6% SOM)							3.9	87	0.61	1900
Bromoform (1% SOM)							2.8	5.2	0.95	760
Bromoform (2.5% SOM)							5.9	11	2.1	1500
Bromoform (6% SOM)							13	23	4.6	3100

6. GEOENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 **Potential Hazard Sources.** Ground contamination can occur through several causes, particularly from historical use of the site and is often linked to the processes of waste disposal, underground storage, open storage, process pipework, leaks, spillages, tanks, site filling and various other reasons. The contamination can either arise from site sources or be the result of migration from other sources off site.
- 6.2 **Potential Migratory Pathways.** The primary pathways are considered to be laterally or vertically downward through underlying strata or upward to the ground surface. Such pathways also provide the potential for contaminants to migrate towards local watercourses and groundwater.
- 6.3 **Potential Targets At Risk.** Potential environmental liabilities related to current legislation associated with contaminated land with regard to existing ownership and redevelopment are summarised.

The probability of a hazard, linked with its consequences, can be used to assess risk in accordance with the tables below for use in decision making.

Consequence of Pollution Linkage

Severe	Damage to human health. Substantial pollution of controlled waters. Significant change in ecosystem population. Irreparable damage to property.
Moderate	Non-permanent damage to human health. Minor pollution of controlled waters. Change in ecosystem. Damage to property.
Mild	Short term health effects. Slight pollution of controlled waters. Slight effect on ecosystem. Minor repairable damage to property.
Near Zero	No noticeable effect on human health. No significant pollution to controlled waters. No measurable effect on ecosystem densities. Non-structural cosmetic damage to property.

Decision Making

Probability of a hazard and an associated linkage	Consequences of a pollution linkage (hazard-pathway-target)			
	Severe	Moderate	Mild	Near Zero
High	High	High	Medium/low	Negligible
Medium	High	Medium	Low	Negligible
Low	High/medium	Medium/low	Low	Negligible
Unlikely	High/medium/low	Medium/low	Low	Negligible

Final overall risk is based on an assessment of probability of a hazard and its consequences. Risk categories are shown shaded in the table above and defined below.

Risk	Description
High	Site probably or certainly unsuitable for present use or environmental setting. Contamination probably or certainly present and likely to have an unacceptable impact on key targets. Urgent action needed.
Medium/ Moderate	Site may not be suitable for present use or environmental setting. Contamination may be present, and likely to have unacceptable impact on key targets. Action may be needed on the medium term.
Low	Site considered suitable for present use and environmental setting. Contamination may be present but unlikely to have unacceptable impacts on key targets. Action unlikely to be needed in present use.
Negligible	Site considered suitable for present use and environmental setting. Contamination may be present but unlikely to have unacceptable impacts on key targets. No action needed while site remains in present use.

The review of the information from the exploratory investigation may be such that a decision is made that there is no need for further investigation. Alternatively, it may be necessary to carry out a further main investigation.

The Environment Agency has set out guidance as to the classification of waste arising from construction sites in its document "The Definition of Waste" dated April 2006. This document outlines how waste is to be handled

The following activities are not regarded as a waste management activity requiring licencing.

- 1) Construction activities carried out for the purpose of producing a suitably engineered soil e.g. lime stabilisation, vibro-replacement and piling.
- 2) Uncontaminated materials produced on site (including excavated soils and materials from demolition) which can be reused without further treatment. Examples include site regrading and footing excavations.

These must be done in accordance with the Planning Permission. Demolition material must be used in accordance with the quality protocols for the production of aggregates from inert waste, subject to appropriate testing and the lack of any harmful constituents. Uses include pipe bedding, backfill and sub-base.

- 3) Contaminated soils can be moved on-site providing they do not require treatment or containment. There should be no risk to the environment i.e. non-leachable and in accordance with Planning Permission. Relevant activities can include site regrading and use of materials below clean cover systems, capping, buildings and hardstanding.

Where contaminated materials have to be placed in an engineered cell to prevent pollution, then this would be classed as landfilling and require PPC permits. Any material taken off site is considered to be waste. However, this is under review. If material is waste, then there is a duty of care including ensuring material is transported by a registered carrier. The destination of material leaving the site should be regularly checked and Waste Transfer Notes kept.

Clean Cover Systems

According to the Environment Agency's Remediation Position Statements of May 2006, the placement of a cover system using "clean" material is not treatment of waste. Consequently, no licensing/permitting position statements are applicable to this type of remediation. If the cover system uses 'waste materials' in its construction, waste management licensing exemption paragraph 9A may be applicable to its installation. If the installation of the proposed cover system does not meet the criteria for registration of this exemption, the activity may be regulated through a waste management site license.

7. WASTE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA (WAC)

The main objective of the Landfill Directive is to prevent or reduce as far as possible the negative effects of landfilling waste on the environment and on human health. It is intended to reduce the disposal of waste materials to landfills and to encourage more sustainable approaches to dealing with wastes. It bans the landfill of liquids and certain solid wastes, introduces requirements for the treatment of wastes prior to landfill and provides for the classification of landfills as sites for inert, hazardous or non-hazardous waste and prohibits co-disposal.

It sets out procedures for waste acceptance at landfills and the types of waste for each class of landfill as specified by Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC). The WAC are predominantly lists of "limit values" for certain parameters obtained from standard leaching tests of wastes going to landfills. WAC are set out in the Landfill Directive itself. Full details can be found in the Environment Agency document "Waste Classification – Guidance on the classification and Assessment of Waste " Technical Guidance WM3 - 2015

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