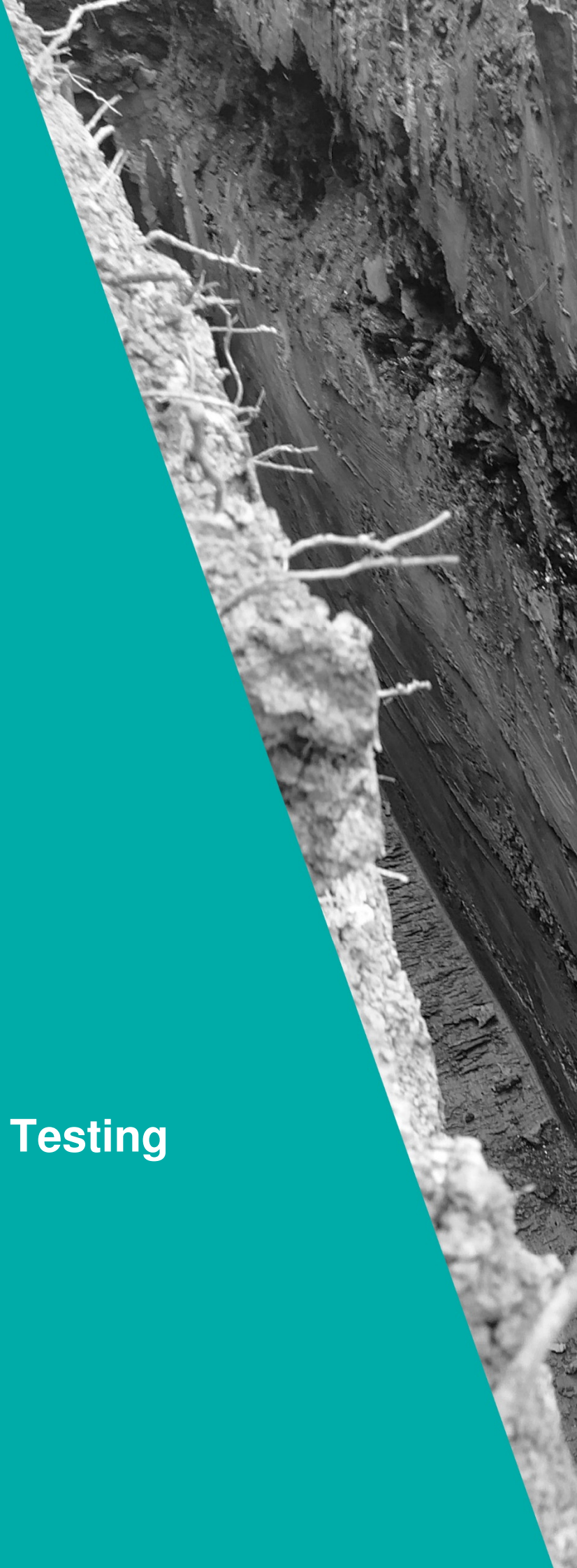


# Report on Infiltration Testing

PENISTONE ROAD, BIRDSEDGE

YORKSHIRE LAND LIMITED

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50175-ECE-XX-XX-RP-C-0001

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Dear Sam,

## Penistone Road, Birdsedge Report on Infiltration Testing

We write to provide a summary of the infiltration testing for the above site on the instruction of Johnson Mowat Planning and Development Consultants, on behalf of Yorkshire Planning Limited. Any other parties using the information in this report do so at their own risk and any duty of care is excluded.

This summary is based on a review and interpretation of geological maps and memoirs, as well as the site works completed on the 16 March 2026.

### The Site

The approximately 3.17-hectare site is located adjacent to Penistone Road, Birdsedge and is centred on 420330, 407860. The site currently comprises agricultural fields. The site boundaries comprise hedgerows, walls and adjacent fields. On the northwestern boundary a farm is present and on the southeastern boundary a row of houses is present. The site borders Penistone Road on the southwest boundary. Three large diameter water mains cross the site from the southern boundary towards the north.

A topographical survey provided to us indicates the site slopes down towards the north east, from approximately 270 m AOD on the south western boundary, to approximately 256 m AOD in the north of the site at a gradient of around 1 in 11.

Historical Ordnance Survey maps and aerial photography have been reviewed to assess the previous use of the site. The Envirocheck notes the site to comprise of agricultural land with no development from as early as 1892.

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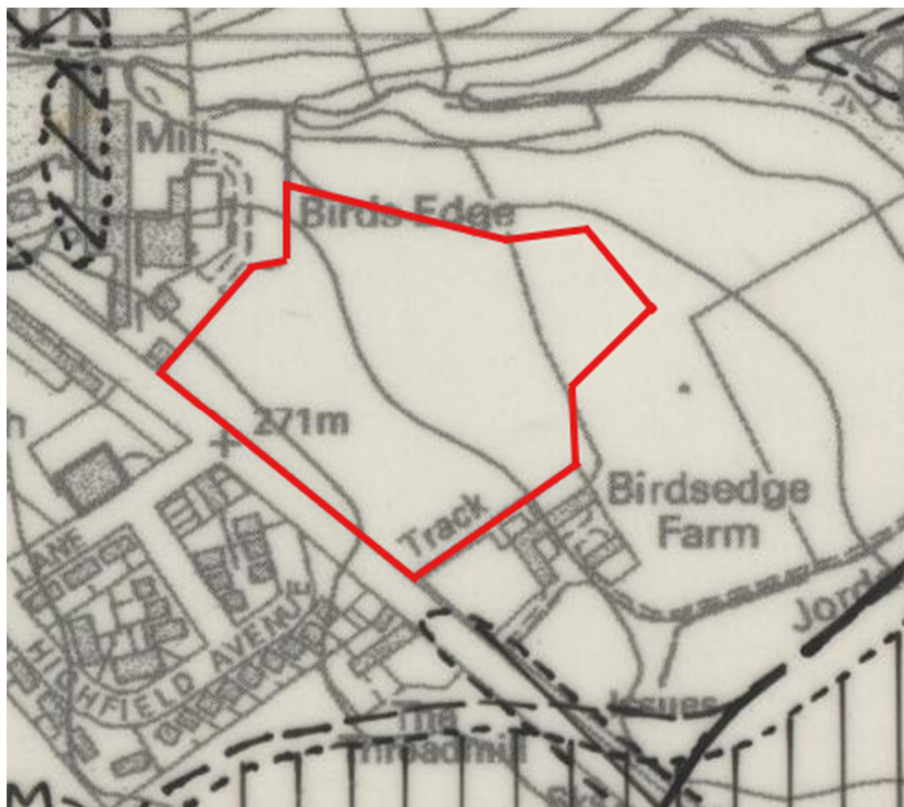
## Geological Review

The geological maps for the area, Sheet SE20NW (1:10,000 scale), Yorkshire 273NW (1:10,560 scale) and the British Geological Survey (BGS) online viewer have been reviewed.

These maps indicate the solid geology below the site to comprise the Grenoside Sandstone, a named unit of the Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation. The Grenoside Sandstone is a fine-grained, thinly bedded micaceous and carbonaceous sandstone.

There are no superficial deposits indicated to underlie the site and no faults are seen to cross the site.

The site investigation shown the strata to comprise topsoil of a dark brown clayey fine to coarse sand. Underlying this an extremely weak weathered sandstone bedrock recovered as a very gravelly fine to coarse sand was encountered. All three soakaway pits refused on sandstone bedrock from depths between 1.15 and 1.55 m below ground level (bgl).



## Infiltration Testing

ECE visited the site on the 16 March 2026 and undertook 3 soakaway tests (SA01, SA02 and SA03) across the western field of site.

The ground conditions recorded on the site comprised topsoil at surface, consisting of a dark brown clayey fine to coarse grained sand. This was between 300 mm and 350 mm thick.

Below the topsoil, gravelly sand was present, where the gravel comprised sandstone. This transitioned in to weathered sandstone bedrock at depths of between 1.05 and 1.45 m below ground level.

The infiltration tests were undertaken in accordance with BR365, with water being placed in to the test pit from a bulk container. Where the water drained successfully, the test was repeated up to twice more. All three test pits encountered the weathered bedrock in the base of the pit.

The results of the infiltration testing are summarised below.

Location	Depth (m)	Test Number	Infiltration Rate ( $\times 10^{-6}$ m/s)	
			BR365 Infiltration Rate	Average Infiltration Rate
SA01	1.50	1	110	89
		2	40	45
		3	39	47
SA02	1.10	1	Infiltration test not be completed.	2.8
SA03	1.30	1	Infiltration test not be completed.	2.2

Three repeat tests to BRE365 requirements were completed in SA01. Due to low infiltration rates, SA02 and SA03 did not drain to below 25% effective depth within three hours and therefore a BRE365 soil infiltration rate could not be calculated.

BRE365 infiltration rates of between  $3.9 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s and  $11 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s were recorded in SA01.

The infiltration rates recorded in SA01 suggest that soakaway drainage may locally be a viable form of surface water drainage. However, due to the much lower rates recorded in SA02 and SA03, it appears that infiltration drainage may not be possible in all areas of the site.

It is recommended that further testing is undertaken to determine which areas of the site can provide suitable infiltration rates, if the use of infiltration drainage is to be pursued. It may be prudent also to test the shallower, more weathered soils to see if shallow infiltration features such as swales or permeable paving could be considered.

Alternatively, a connection to the local sewer network or a watercourse would need to be agreed, if soakaway are not found to be viable.

Yours sincerely,





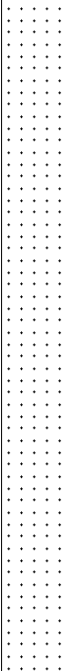
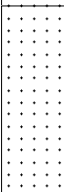

**Andrew Kerslake**

Technical Director

Enc: Trial Pit Logs and Location Plan (50175-ECE-XX-XX-DR-C-0001)  
Infiltration Rate calculations

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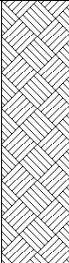
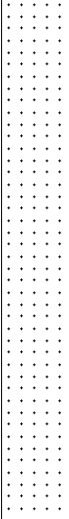

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Location: Penistone Road, Birdsedge	Dimensions: 2.10m Depth: 1.50m		Scale 1:10
Client: Yorkshire Land Limited		0.80m 	Logged JK

Samples & In Situ Testing			Depth (m)	Level (m AOD)	Legend	Stratum Description
Depth (m)	Type	Results				
			0.30			TOPSOIL. Grass over dark brown clayey fine to coarse SAND with frequent rootlets.
						Extremely weak yellowish brown weathered SANDSTONE bedrock. Recovered as a very gravelly fine to coarse SAND with frequent cobbles and boulders. Gravel is fine to coarse angular to subangular of sandstone. Cobbles are subangular. Boulders are tabular.
			1.20			Extremely weak yellowish brown weathered SANDSTONE bedrock. Recovered as a yellow slightly gravelly SAND. Gravel is fine to coarse angular to subangular.
			1.45			Extremely weak SANDSTONE bedrock.
			1.50			Trialpit Complete at 1.500m

Remarks: Infiltration test terminated at 1.5 m due to refusal on sandstone bedrock. Groundwater not encountered.

Stability: Stable

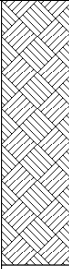
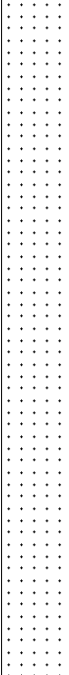

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Depth (m)	Type	Results				
			0.35			TOPSOIL. Grass over dark brown clayey fine to coarse SAND with frequent rootlets.
			1.05			Extremely weak yellowish brown weathered SANDSTONE bedrock. Recovered as a very gravelly fine to coarse SAND with frequent cobbles and boulders. Gravel is fine to coarse angular to subangular of sandstone. Cobbles are subangular. Boulders are tabular.
			1.10			Extremely weak SANDSTONE bedrock.
Trialpit Complete at 1.100m						

Remarks: Infiltration test terminated at 1.1 m due to refusal on sandstone bedrock. Groundwater not encountered.

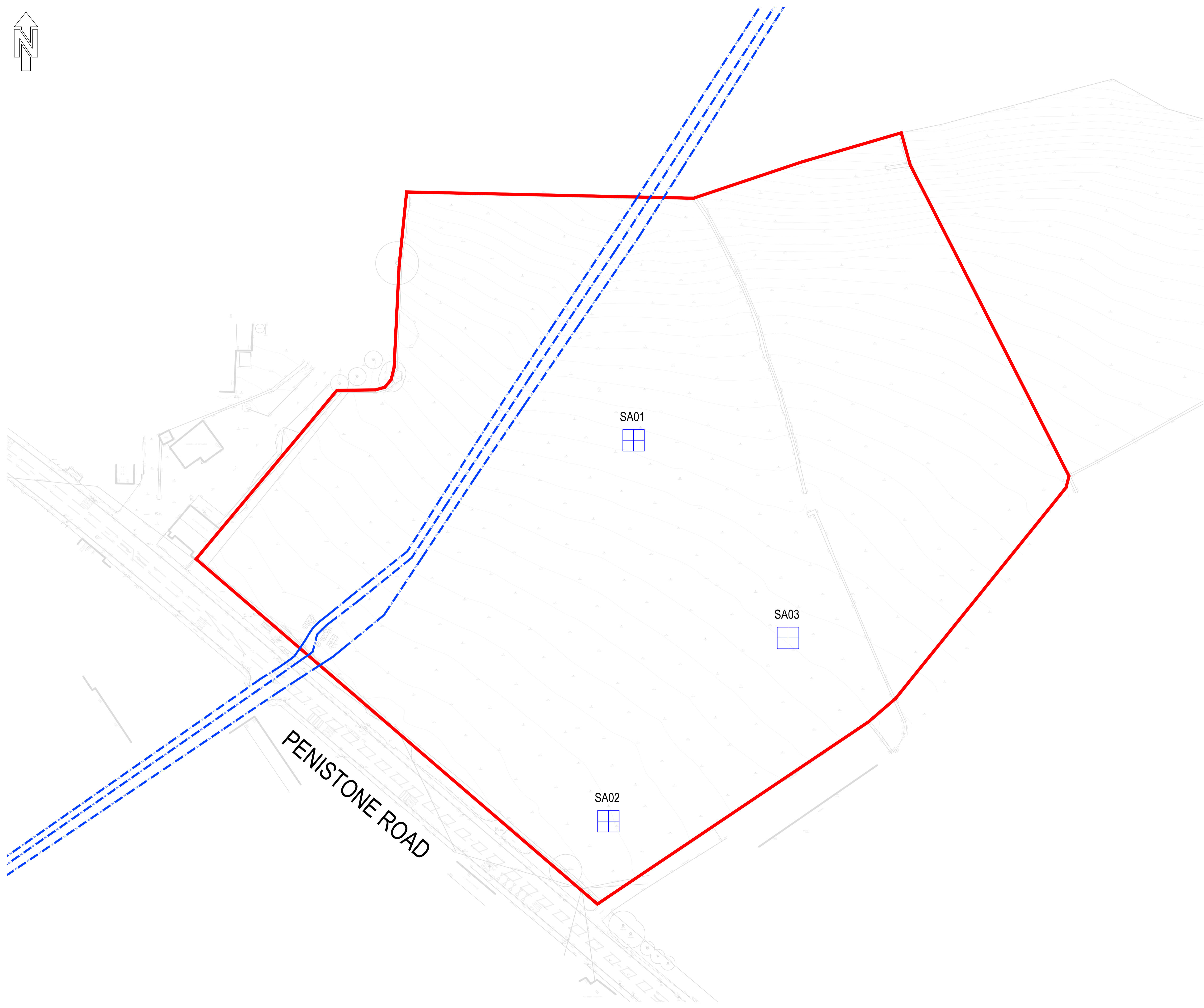
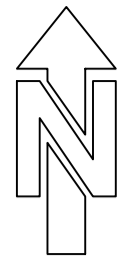
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Client: Yorkshire Land Limited			Depth: 1.30m	Logged JK

Samples & In Situ Testing			Depth (m)	Level (m AOD)	Legend	Stratum Description
Depth (m)	Type	Results				
			0.35			TOPSOIL. Grass over dark brown clayey fine to coarse SAND with frequent rootlets.
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			1.25			Extremely weak SANDSTONE bedrock.
			1.30			Trialpit Complete at 1.300m




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1. This drawing is to be read in conjunction with all relevant Eastwood Consulting Engineers drawings prefixed 50175 and Architect's drawings.
2. The topographical survey is taken from 'MTSurveys', Topographical Survey, 'Land off A629, Birdsledge, HD8 8XS', dated January 2026.

**KEY:**

-  Approximate position of soakaway test undertaken by ECE on 16.03.2026.
-  Site boundary.
-  Approximate location of water main according to yorkshire water services limited.

Exploratory Hole Coordinates		
SA:	Easting:	Northing:
SA01	420349	407880
SA02	420342	407774
SA03	420392	407825

REV	DESCRIPTION	SIG	CHK	DATE
P01	First issue.	TGM	AK	07.04.2026

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