Coal Mining Risk Assessment and Rotary Drilling

GROVE STREET
WORSBROUGH
BARNSLEY

for

BB and DG Property Limited

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the request of Mr. P Fletcher, acting on behalf of BB and DG Property Limited, a Coal Mining Risk Assessment and rotary drilling have been carried out of land off Grove Street in Worsbrough. It is proposed to construct two detached properties, as shown on figure 1.

1.2 The purpose of the Coal Mining Risk Assessment was to review and assess information on the site including geological, mining and hydrogeological data, to review the past history of the site, and to determine if there are any previous mining related hazards that may impair its safe and economic development. The subsequent rotary drilling was carried out to prove or disprove potential shallow mine workings beneath the site.

1.3 The study has not included checks on services on or adjacent to the site, and no structural or asbestos surveys have been carried out.

2 THE SITE

2.1 The site comprises a triangular piece of land between Grove Street and Bank End Road in Worsbrough, and approximately 3km southeast of Barnsley. The site slopes down in a westerly direction, with access off Grove Street. The Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference is E436136, N404163.

3 GEOLOGY AND COAL MINING RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Geology

3.1.1 Maps of the British Geological Survey (BGS) record the site as being underlain by Undifferentiated mudstones, siltstones and sandstones of the Carboniferous Pennine Middle Coal Measures. The overlying Woolley Edge Rock Sandstone forms the higher ground immediately to the north of the site.

3.1.2 The site is shown to be unaffected by faulting, and no recent Drift deposits are recorded.

3.2 Coal Mining Risk Assessment

3.2.1 The site lies within a "Development High Risk Area" as defined by the Coal Authority. A Consultant's Coal Mining Report has been obtained from the Mining Remediation Authority (formerly the Coal Authority), and is reproduced in Appendix 1. It states that there has been past recorded mining below the site in 5 seams of coal. This was at depths of between 160m and 478m, with the last date of extraction being 1968. Under normal circumstances, all subsidence will have ceased by now.

3.2.2 However, the report also states that unrecorded shallow workings are probable. The latest 1:10,000 scale geological map (SE30SE) records the Meltonfield Coal (aka Woodmoor Coal) as outcropping in a northwest to southeast direction through the site. It dips at 5° in a northeasterly direction and underlies the Woolley Edge Rock.

3.2.3 According to the geological memoir "The Geology of the Country around Barnsley" (published in 1947), the Meltonfield was approximately 0.9m thick, and of economic value.

3.2.4 The next shallowest seam is the Two Foot Coal, which lies approximately 19m below the Meltonfield. In a former shaft at Worsbrough Common to the northwest, the Two Foot is recorded as being 0.9m thick.

3.2.5 The next shallowest seam is the Winter Coal that lies 35m below the Meltonfield Coal. As such, it is too deep to affect surface stability.

3.2.6 Whilst no recorded shafts are recorded on the development site itself, the possibility of an unrecorded shaft(s) being present cannot be entirely precluded.

3.2.7 The Coal Authority report found none of the following below or in the vicinity of the site.

- Spine roadways at shallow depth
- Geological faults, fissures or breaklines
- Opencast mines
- Coal Authority managed tips
- Remediated sites
- Coal Mining subsidence
- Mine Gas
- Mine water treatment schemes
- Future underground mining
- Coal mining licensing

- Court Orders
- Section 46 Orders
- Withdrawal of support notices
- Payments to owners

4 THE INVESTIGATION

4.1 The investigation was designed to provide information on any shallow coal seams under the site, together with identifying any potential mineworkings and opencast. The investigation was undertaken in accordance with the principles of BS5930: 2015 Code of Practice for Site Investigations and CIRIA's Abandoned Mine Workings Manual (C758D).

4.2 The investigation was carried out on 3rd April 2025 and comprised three rotary open-hole boreholes (R1, R2 and R3). The exploratory borehole positions are shown on figure 1.

4.3 The rotary drilling was carried out using a Beretta T25 rig, using a water flush technique. The openhole technique meant that logging was carried out by inspecting the arisings that were brought to the surface in the water flush. On completion the boreholes were backfilled with bentonite and arisings.

4.4 Supervision and logging was provided by a Chartered Engineer from Michael D Joyce Associates LLP.

5 STRATA PROFILE

5.1 All three boreholes encountered a very similar sequence of strata. The full borehole records are presented in Appendix 2.

5.2 The boreholes encountered between 0.2m and 0.6m of probable Made Ground at the surface, comprising an orange-brown sandy gravel of sandstone. This was underlain by an orange-brown weathered sandstone.

5.3 The sandstone was underlain by a brown and grey silty mudstone, which in turn was underlain by a dark grey mudstone.

5.4 At between 11.1m and 11.7m depth, a 0.9m thick layer of intact coal was encountered in all three boreholes. This seam is believed to be the Meltonfield Coal.

5.5 Borehole R2 was extended to a depth of 21m. No further coal seams or workings were encountered, with the strata comprising a grey silty mudstone. It was not possible to drill beyond 21m depth due to a continuous water loss in probable fractured ground. Although there were no returns of the arisings, the strata was solid with no evidence of backfilled workings or voids.

6 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The drilling encountered sandstone at the surface, believed to be the Woolley Edge Rock. The Meltonfield Coal was encountered intact in all three boreholes at depths of between 11.1m and 11.7m, and recorded to be 0.9m thick. Based on the published geology, the next shallowest seam would be the Two Foot Coal at around 30m depth. As such, this is too deep to affect surface stability.

6.2 In conclusion, the risk of the Meltonfield Coal having been extracted below the proposed property is considered very low. Whilst localised workings cannot be entirely precluded, there is no evidence to suggest that such workings are present. In the unlikely event there are workings in part beneath either of the properties, the seam depth is such that a 10:1 rock cover to extraction thickness exists, such that any subsidence is not expected to extend to the underside of the foundations.

6.3 The site is considered stable in respect of past coal mining. As a purely precautionary measure, it is recommended that the footings are lightly reinforced.

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April 2025

Procedure Notes

The desk study and/or ground investigation have been carried out using reasonable skill and care, primarily in accordance with the principles of BS5930: 2015 + A1: 2020: Code of Practice for Site Investigations and BS10175: 2011 + A1: 2017: Code of Practice for the Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites, 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, soil properties and contamination 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 with budgetary constraints.

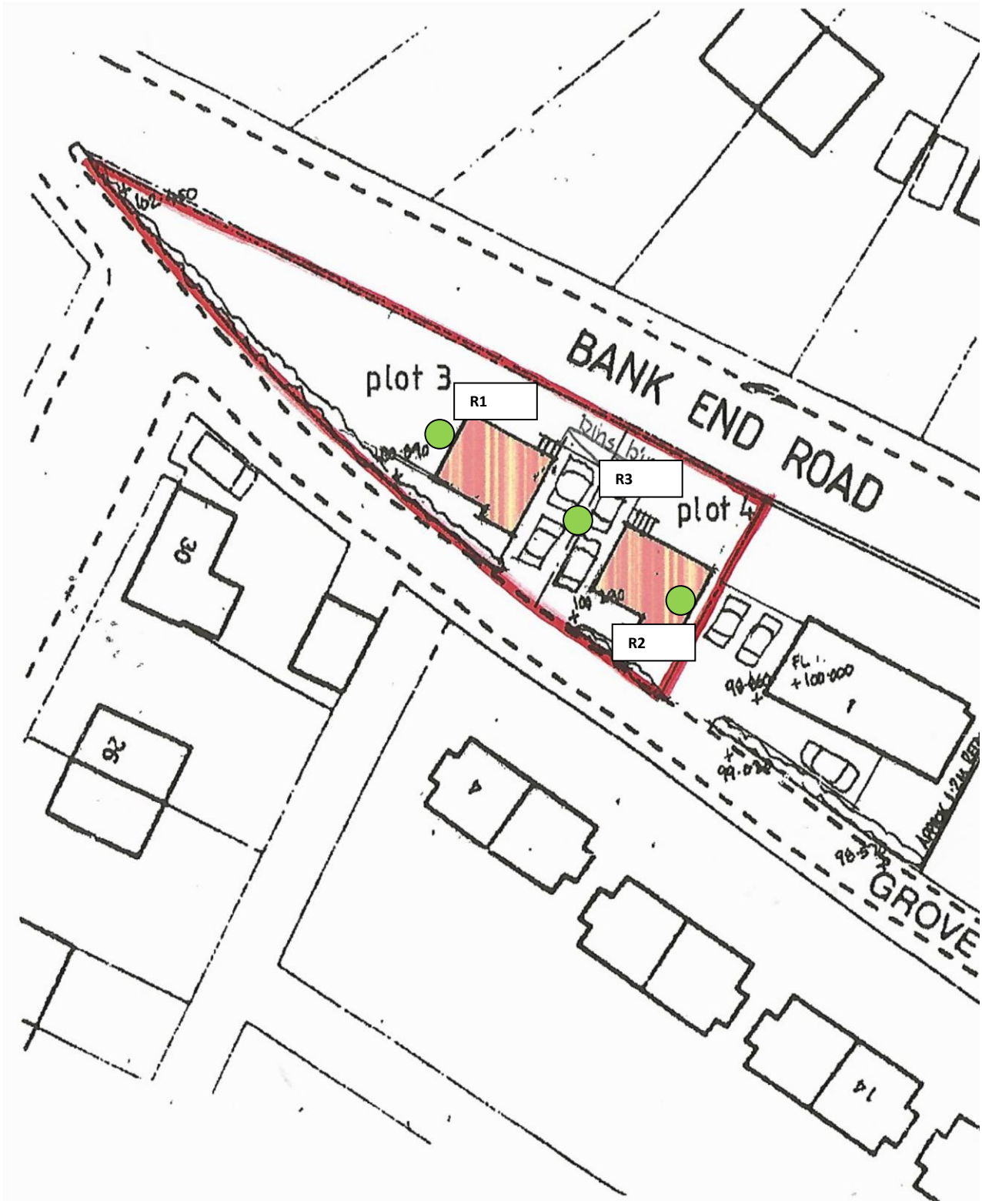
Conclusions and recommendations are based on the information presented in this report, but unforeseen features may exist. No liability can be accepted for ground conditions not revealed by the exploratory holes or for contamination not sampled or tested for. Therefore, actual ground conditions should be noted during construction and further advice sought if they differ from those predicted. Michael D. Joyce Associates LLP reserves the right to amend the conclusions and recommendations in the light of further information. Actual methods of construction or alternative designs should 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 reduce uncertainty further 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 will 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 should be noted that the observations are subject to the method of the boring or excavation, and that groundwater levels will vary due to seasonal or other effects.

Where buildings are present on a site, structural and asbestos surveys of the buildings have not been carried out, unless specifically stated. An Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Survey has not been carried out unless specifically stated. Furthermore, the positive identification of intrusive plants is beyond the expertise of this practice. In relevant situations it would be prudent to commission surveys in respect of UXO and invasive plants.

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.



Grove Street, Worsborough, Barnsley

Development Proposals and Rotary Borehole Locations

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Scale: NTS

Figure: 1

Appendix 1

Consultant's Coal Mining Report

The Coal Authority

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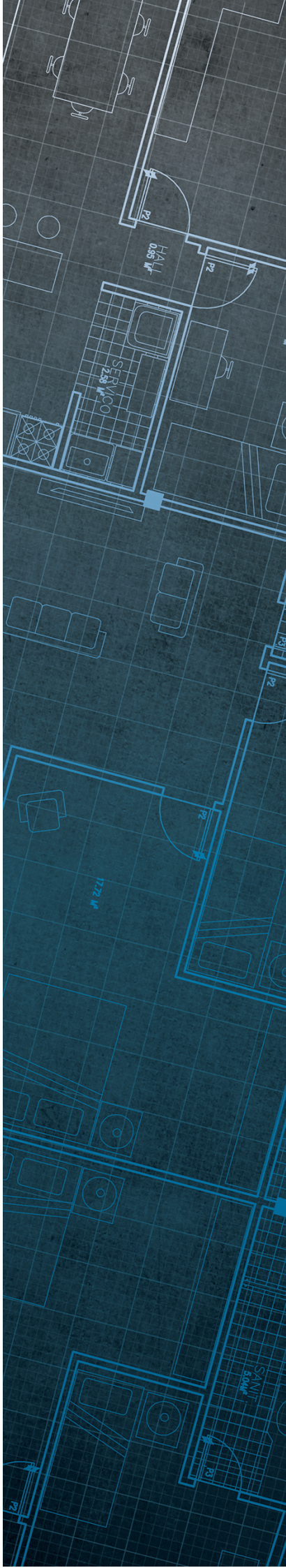
Coal Mining Report

Grove Street, Worsborough
South Yorkshire
S70 4SL

Date of enquiry:	**3 April 2025**
Date enquiry received:	**3 April 2025**
Issue date:	**3 April 2025**
Our reference:	**51003489659001**
Your reference:	**GS-ENE-FNH-Z4S-WC8**



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Coal Mining Report

This report is based on and limited to the records held by the Coal Authority at the time the report was produced.

Client name

GROUNDSURE LIMITED

Enquiry address

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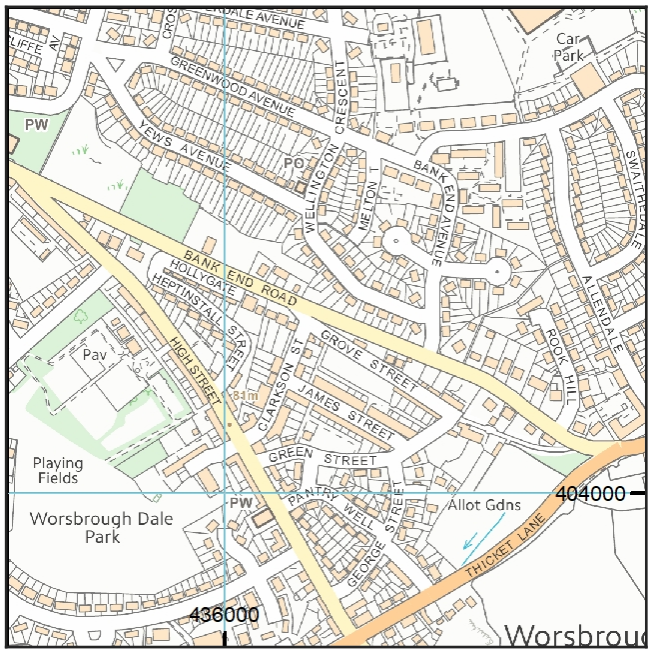

Approximate position of property

Map data

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Section 1 – Mining activity and geology

Past underground mining

Colliery	Seam	Mineral	Coal Authority reference	Depth (m)	Direction to working	Dipping rate of seam worked (degrees)	Dipped direction of seam worked	Extraction thickness (cm)	Year last mined
unnamed	BARNSLEY	Coal	6Z8A	148	West	4.6	North-East	252	1877
unnamed	BARNSLEY	Coal	6IA4	160	Beneath Property	4.7	North-East	262	1856
unnamed	BARNSLEY	Coal	6IA6	165	North-West	3.5	North-East	262	1860
BARROW	LIDGETT	Coal	6Z8B	259	West	3.7	North-East	119	1968
unnamed	LIDGETT	Coal	5QRA	260	South	4.3	North-East	101	1967
unnamed	LIDGETT	Coal	6IAC	270	Beneath Property	4.2	North-East	122	1968
BARROW	TOP FENTON	Coal	6Y3A	381	South-West	4.6	North-East	102	1946
BARROW	TOP FENTON	Coal	5QRG	386	South	4.0	North-East	100	1944
unnamed	TOP FENTON	Coal	6Z8H	389	West	4.2	North-East	96	1948
unnamed	TOP FENTON	Coal	6IAE	394	South-West	4.2	North-East	99	1949
unnamed	TOP FENTON	Coal	6IAF	400	South-East	3.8	North-East	135	1948
BARROW	PARKGATE	Coal	6Y3B	402	South-West	4.7	North-East	175	1836
BARROW	THORNCLIFFE	Coal	5QRI	403	South	4.4	East	137	1924
BARNSLEY	PARKGATE	Coal	5QRD	404	South	3.3	North-East	142	1934
BARNSLEY	PARKGATE	Coal	6Z8N	407	West	4.4	East	155	1934
BARNSLEY MAIN	PARKGATE	Coal	6IAK	409	Beneath Property	4.0	North-East	142	1934
BARROW	MIDDLETON MAIN	Coal	6Z8U	429	West	4.4	East	132	1928
unnamed	MIDDLETON MAIN	Coal	6IAQ	430	Beneath Property	1.1	North-East	137	1925
BARROW	MIDDLETON MAIN	Coal	6Y1C	431	South-West	4.8	North-East	132	1942
BARROW	THORNCLIFFE	Coal	5QRK	431	South-West	0.0	East	132	1942
BARROW	SILKSTONE	Coal	6Z91	470	South-West	4.6	North-East	200	1909
BARROW	SILKSTONE	Coal	6Y8C	471	South-West	3.8	East	90	1910

Colliery	Seam	Mineral	Coal Authority reference	Depth (m)	Direction to working	Dipping rate of seam worked (degrees)	Dipped direction of seam worked	Extraction thickness (cm)	Year last mined
BARROW	SILKSTONE	Coal	6Y5C	472	South-West	4.7	North-East	200	1909
unnamed	SILKSTONE	Coal	6IAT	478	Beneath Property	5.2	North-East	86	1923
BARROW	SILKSTONE	Coal	6Z92	480	West	4.8	North-East	96	1970
BARROW	SILKSTONE	Coal	5QI6	534	South	4.9	North-East	90	1919

Probable unrecorded shallow workings

Yes.

Spine roadways at shallow depth

No spine roadway recorded at shallow depth.

Mine entries

None recorded within 100 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers

The following abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers intersect with some, or all, of the enquiry boundary:

M225	NE873	NE662
14372	R294	PO0
FGB141	NE1075	3479

Our records show we have more plans than those shown above which could affect the enquiry boundary.

Please contact us on 0345 762 6848 to determine the exact abandoned mine plans you require based on your needs.

Outcrops

Seam name	Mineral	Seam workable	Distance to outcrop (m)	Direction to outcrop	Bearing of outcrop
MELTONFIELD	Coal	Yes	Within	N/A	113

Geological faults, fissures and breaklines

No faults, fissures or breaklines recorded.

Opencast mines

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Coal Authority managed tips

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Section 2 – Investigative or remedial activity

Please refer to the 'Summary of findings' map (on separate sheet) for details of any activity within the area of the site boundary.

Site investigations

Distance to site investigation (m)	Direction
7.5	South-West

See Section 4 for further information.

Remediated sites

None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Coal mining subsidence

The Coal Authority has not received a damage notice or claim for the subject property, or any property within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary, since 31 October 1994.

There is no current Stop Notice delaying the start of remedial works or repairs to the property.

The Coal Authority is not aware of any request having been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

Mine gas

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Mine water treatment schemes

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Section 3 – Licensing and future mining activity

Future underground mining
None recorded.

Coal mining licensing
None recorded within 200 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Court orders
None recorded.

Section 46 notices
No notices have been given, under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991, stating that the land is at risk of subsidence.

Withdrawal of support notices
The property is not in an area where a notice to withdraw support has been given.

The property is not in an area where a notice has been given under section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994, cancelling the entitlement to withdraw support.

Payments to owners of former copyhold land
The property is not in an area where a relevant notice has been published under the Coal Industry Act 1975/Coal Industry Act 1994.

Section 4 – Further information

The following potential risks have been identified and as part of your risk assessment should be investigated further.

Future development

If development proposals are being considered, technical advice relating to both the investigation of coal and former coal mines and their treatment should be obtained before beginning work on site. All proposals should apply specialist engineering practice required for former mining areas. No development should be undertaken that intersects, disturbs or interferes with any coal or coal mines without first obtaining the permission of the Coal Authority.

MINE GAS: Please note, if there are no recorded instances of mine gas within 500m of the enquiry boundary, this does not mean that mine gas is not present within the vicinity. The Coal Authority Mine Gas data is limited to only those sites where a Mine Gas incident has been recorded. Developers should be aware that the investigation of coal seams, mine workings or mine entries may have the potential to generate and/or displace underground gases. Associated risks both to the development site and any neighbouring land or properties should be fully considered when undertaking any ground works. The need for effective measures to prevent gases migrating onto any land or into any properties, either during investigation or remediation work, or after development must also be assessed and properly addressed. In these instances, the Coal Authority recommends that a more detailed Gas Risk Assessment is undertaken by a competent assessor.

Development advice

The site is within an area of historical coal mining activity. Should you require advice and/or support on understanding the mining legacy, its risks to your development or what next steps you need to take, please contact us.

Site investigations

The site is within an area of previous interest. It is close to where the Coal Authority has received information relating to past site investigations.

The site requires further investigation and may influence how you approach your risk assessment.

For further information on specific site or ground investigations in relation to any issues raised in Section 4, please call us on 0345 762 6848 or email us at groundstability@coal.gov.uk.

Section 5 – Data definitions

The datasets used in this report have limitations and assumptions within their results. For more guidance on the data and the results specific to the enquiry boundary, please **call us on 0345 762 6848** or **email us at groundstability@coal.gov.uk.**

Past underground coal mining

Details of all recorded underground mining relative to the enquiry boundary. Only past underground workings where the enquiry boundary is within 0.7 times the depth of the workings (zone of likely physical influence) allowing for seam inclination, will be included.

Probable unrecorded shallow workings

Areas where the Coal Authority believes there to be unrecorded coal workings that exist at or close to the surface (less than 30 metres deep).

Spine roadways at shallow depth

Connecting roadways either, working to working, or, surface to working, both in-seam and cross measures that exist at or close to the surface (less than 30 metres deep), either within or within 10 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Mine entries

Details of any shaft or adit either within, or within 100 metres of the enquiry boundary including approximate location, brief treatment details where known, the mineral worked from the mine entry and conveyance details where the mine entry has previously been sold by the Authority or its predecessors British Coal or the National Coal Board.

Abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers

Plan numbers extracted from the abandoned mines catalogue containing details of coal and other mineral abandonment plans deposited via the Mines Inspectorate in accordance with the Coal Mines Regulation Act and Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act 1872. A maximum of 9 plan extents that intersect with the enquiry boundary will be included. This does not infer that the workings and/or mine entries shown on the abandonment plan will be relevant to the site/property boundary.

Outcrops

Details of seam outcrops will be included where the enquiry boundary intersects with a conjectured or actual seam outcrop location (derived by either the British Geological Survey or the Coal Authority) or intersects with a defined 50 metres buffer on the coal (dip) side of the outcrop. An indication of whether the Coal Authority believes the seam to be of sufficient thickness and/or quality to have been worked will also be included.

Geological faults, fissures and breaklines

Geological disturbances or fractures in the bedrock. Surface fault lines (British Geological Survey derived data) and fissures and breaklines (Coal Authority derived data) intersecting with the enquiry boundary will be included. In some circumstances faults, fissures or breaklines have been known to contribute to surface subsidence damage as a consequence of underground coal mining.

Opencast mines
Opencast coal sites from which coal has been removed in the past by opencast (surface) methods and where the enquiry boundary is within 500 metres of either the licence area, site boundary, excavation area (high wall) or coaling area.

Coal Authority managed tips
Locations of disused colliery tip sites owned and managed by the Coal Authority, located within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Site investigations
Details of site investigations within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary where the Coal Authority has received information relating to coal mining risk investigation and/or remediation by third parties.

Remediated sites
Sites where the Coal Authority has undertaken remedial works either within or within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary following report of a hazard relating to coal mining under the Coal Authority's Emergency Surface Hazard Call Out procedures.

Coal mining subsidence
Details of alleged coal mining subsidence claims made since 31 October 1994 either within or within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary. Where the claim relates to the enquiry boundary confirmation of whether the claim was accepted, rejected or whether liability is still being determined will be given. Where the claim has been discharged, whether this was by repair, payment of compensation or a combination of both, the value of the claim, where known, will also be given.

Details of any current 'Stop Notice' deferring remedial works or repairs affecting the property/site, and if so the date of the notice.

Details of any request made to execute preventative works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991. If yes, whether any person withheld consent or failed to comply with any request to execute preventative works.

Mine gas
Reports of alleged mine gas emissions received by the Coal Authority, either within or within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary that subsequently required investigation and action by the Coal Authority to mitigate the effects of the mine gas emission. Please note, if there are no recorded instances of mine gas reported, this does not mean that mine gas is not present within the vicinity. The Coal Authority Mine Gas data is limited to only those sites where a Mine Gas incident has been recorded.

Mine water treatment schemes
Locations where the Coal Authority has constructed or operates assets that remove pollutants from mine water prior to the treated mine water being discharged into the receiving water body.

These schemes are part of the UK's strategy to meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. Schemes fall into 2 basic categories: Remedial – mitigating the impact of existing pollution or Preventative – preventing a future pollution incident.

Mine water treatment schemes generally consist of one or more primary settlement lagoons and one or more reed beds for secondary treatment. A small number are more specialised process treatment plants.

Future underground mining
Details of all planned underground mining relative to the enquiry boundary. Only those future workings where the enquiry boundary is within 0.7 times the depth of the workings (zone of likely physical influence) allowing for seam inclination will be included.

Coal mining licensing
Details of all licenses issued by the Coal Authority either within or within 200 metres of the enquiry boundary in relation to the under taking of surface coal mining, underground coal mining or underground coal gasification.

Court orders
Orders in respect of the working of coal under the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Acts of 1923 and 1966 or any statutory modification or amendment thereof.

Section 46 notices
Notice of proposals relating to underground coal mining operations that have been given under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

Withdrawal of support notices
Published notices of entitlement to withdraw support and the date of the notice. Details of any revocation notice withdrawing the entitlement to withdraw support given under Section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994.

Payment to owners of former copyhold land
Relevant notices which may affect the property and any subsequent notice of retained interests in coal and coal mines, acceptance or rejection notices and whether any compensation has been paid to a claimant.

The Coal Authority

Summary of findings

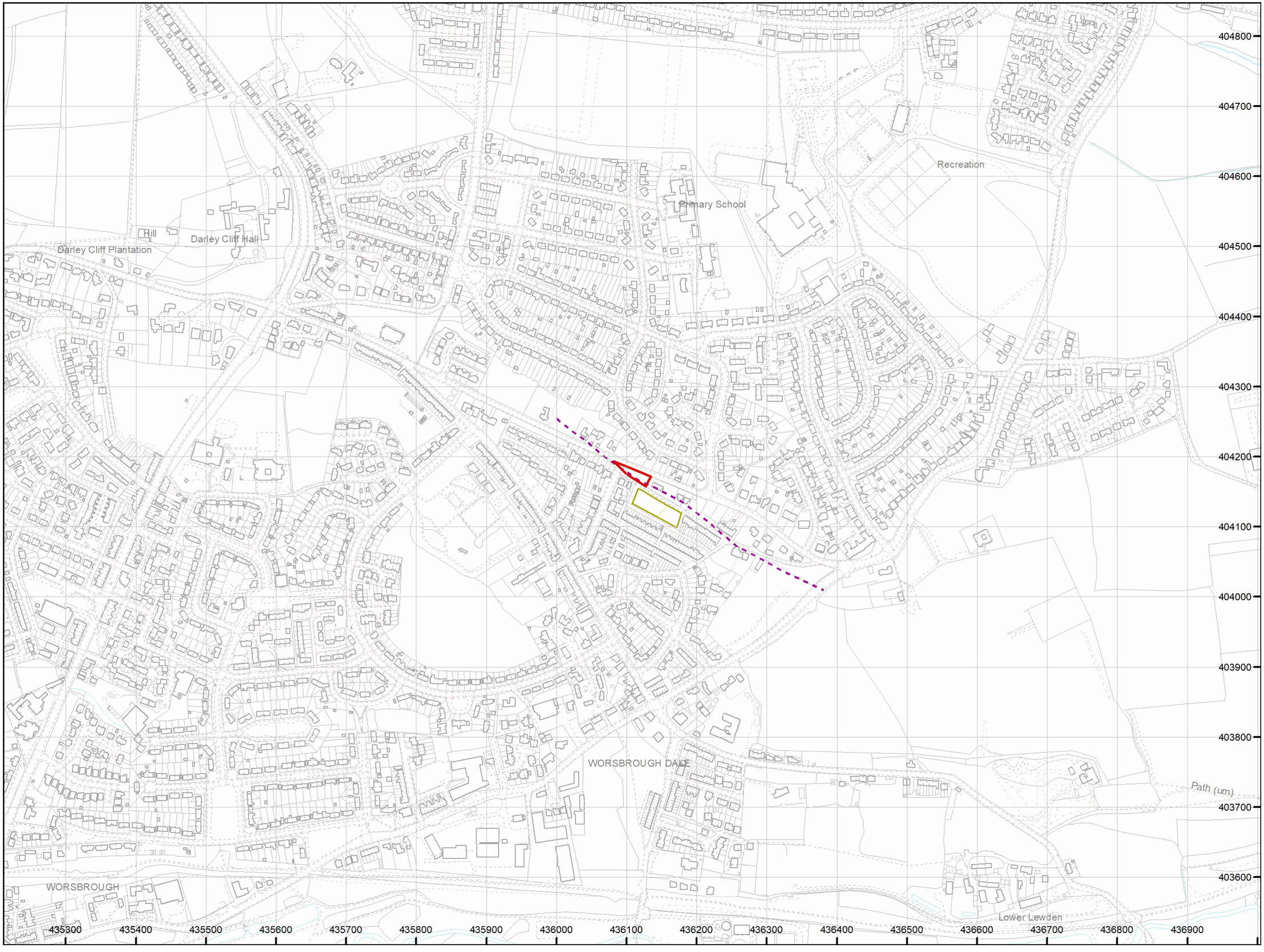
The map highlights any specific surface or subsurface features within or near to the boundary of the site.

Key

Approximate position of the enquiry boundary shown

Outcrop (Conjectured)

Site investigations



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Appendix 2

Rotary Borehole Records

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)

Location: BARNSLEY

Method: Rotary Openhole

Date: 3rd April 2025

Client: BB and DG Property Ltd

Borehole No: R1

Michael D Joyce Associates LLP

Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
						0	0	Ground level.	
								MADE GROUND: Brown sandy gravel of sandstone (Possible weathered bedrock).	
						-0.6			
							1	Orange-brown weathered SANDSTONE.	
						-1.3			
								Intact COAL.	
								Grey-brown silty MUDSTONE.	
							2		
							3		
							4		
							5		
							6		
						-6.6			
								Grey silty MUDSTONE.	
							7		
						-8.1			
							8	Dark grey MUDSTONE.	
							9		
							10		

Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)

Location: BARNSLEY

Method: Rotary Openhole

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Borehole No: R1

Michael D Joyce Associates LLP

Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
						-11.7	11		
						-12.6	12	Intact COAL.	
						-13	13	Grey silty MUDSTONE.	
								End of Borehole	
							14		
							15		
							16		
							17		
							18		
							19		
							20		

Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)

Location: BARNSLEY

Method: Rotary Openhole

Date: 3rd April 2025

Client: BB and DG Property Ltd

Borehole No: R2

Michael D Joyce Associates LLP

Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
						0	0	Ground level.	
						-0.3		MADE GROUND: Brown sandy gravel of sandstone (Possible weathered bedrock).	
								Orange-brown weathered SANDSTONE.	
						-1.2	1	Grey-brown silty MUDSTONE.	
							2		
							3		
							4		
							5		
						-6	6	Grey silty MUDSTONE.	
							7		
						-7.5		Dark grey MUDSTONE.	
							8		
							9		
							10		

Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good to 17.2m.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)
Location: BARNSLEY
Method: Rotary Openhole
Date: 3rd April 2025
Client: BB and DG Property Ltd

Borehole No: R2

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Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
							11	Dark grey MUDSTONE.	
						-11.1			
							12	Intact COAL.	
						-12.6			
							13	Grey silty MUDSTONE.	
							14		
							15		
							16		
							17		
						-17.2			
							18	Solid - No Returns due to loss of water.	
							19		
							20	Unable to drill beyond 21m.	

Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good to 17.2m.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)
Location: BARNSLEY
Method: Rotary Openhole
Date: 3rd April 2025
Client: BB and DG Property Ltd

Borehole No: R2

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Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
						-21	21	End of Borehole	

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23
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Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good to 17.2m.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)

Location: BARNSLEY

Method: Rotary Openhole

Date: 3rd April 2025

Client: BB and DG Property Ltd

Borehole No: R3

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Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
						0	0	Ground level.	
						-0.2		MADE GROUND: Brown sandy gravel of sandstone (Possible weathered bedrock).	
								Orange-brown weathered SANDSTONE.	
						-1.2	1	Intact COAL.	
								Grey-brown silty MUDSTONE.	
							2		
							3		
							4		
							5		
							6		
						-6.5		Grey silty MUDSTONE.	
							7		
						-8		Dark grey MUDSTONE.	
							8		
							9		
							10		

Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Site: GROVE STREET (4451)
Location: BARNSLEY
Method: Rotary Openhole
Date: 3rd April 2025
Client: BB and DG Property Ltd

Borehole No: R3

Michael D Joyce Associates LLP

Depth (m)	TCR (%)	SCR (%)	RQD (%)	FI (%)	Field Records	Depth (mAOD)	Reduced Level (m)	Description	Legend
							11		
						-11.6			
							12	Intact COAL.	
						-12.5			
								Grey silty MUDSTONE.	
						-13	13		
								End of Borehole	
							14		
							15		
							16		
							17		
							18		
							19		
							20		

Equipment: Beretta T25 Rig

Flush: Water flush

Groundwater:

Returns: Good.

Remarks: No gases recorded.

Standard Appendices

A and B

STANDARD APPENDIX A

NOTES ON SITE INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE (Dec 2023)

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 Cu (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

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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

7. **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 Mv and Cv 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 $\emptyset_u$. In dry sands, $C_u = 0$ and $\emptyset_u$ is equal to the angle of internal friction whereas with saturated non-fissured clays $\emptyset u$ tends to 0 and the apparent cohesion C_u is equal to one-half the unconfined compression strength qu. 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 $\emptyset'$ 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)		
Narrowly (Metamorphic and Igneous	Extremely close	6mm – 20mm
Thinly laminated (Sedimentary)		
Very narrowly (Metamorphic and Igneous)	Extremely close	<6mm

(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

STANDARD APPENDIX B

NOTES ON CONTAMINATION INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE (June 2021)

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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 (lees 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.

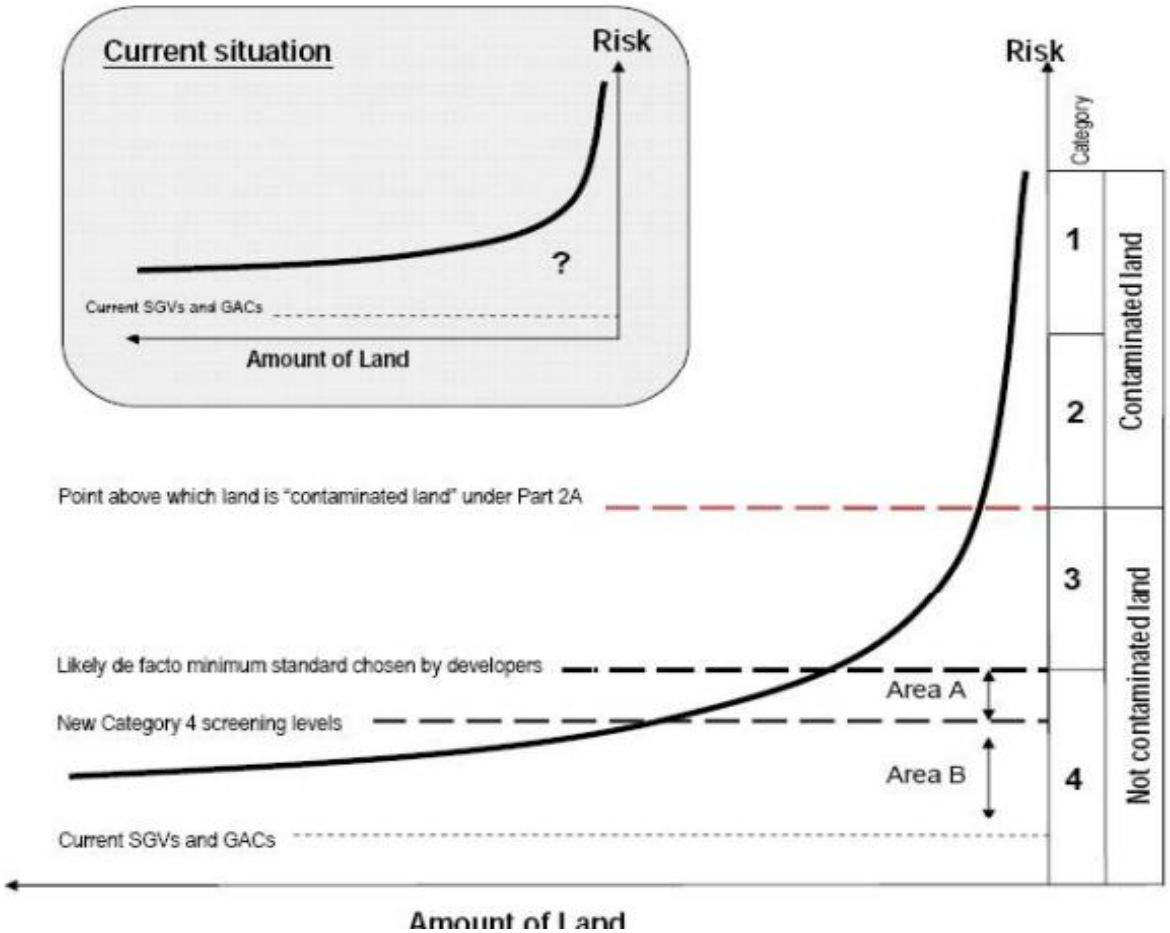
(d) They should not be viewed as indicators of levels of contamination above which detailed risk assessment would automatically be required under Part 2A.

(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 the 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 with 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			
Molybdbenum[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.

PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS

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

	S4UL						C4SL						EA SGV			EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
Compound	**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**
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)	770 (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 (	1600	1900	1200	28000	3800	7800													
Aliphatic + Aromatic EC>44-70 (	1800	1900	2100	28000	3800	7800													
Aliphatic + Aromatic EC>44-70 (	1900	1900	3000	28000	3800	7800													

	S4UL						C4SL						EA SGV			EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
Compound	**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

1 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).

2 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 and indoor dust is the most significant exposure pathway for the higher end aliphatics EC>12-16, EC>16-35 and EC35-44.

3 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.

4 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

1 Based on a sandy loam as defined in Environment Agency (2009b) and 6% SOM. At a lower SOM, SGVs may not be sufficient protective.
2 Generic assessment criteria will vary according to SOM for all land uses.
3 SGVs assume that free phase contamination is not present.
4 SGVs based on a sub-surface soil to indoor air correction air correction factor of 10.
5 SGV presented for Toluene Commercial based on the vapour saturation limit.
6 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.
7 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

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.

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

	LQM/CIEH						C4SL					
Compound	**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% SOI	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% SOI	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% SOI	0.24	0.31	0.14	3.5	0.57	1.1						
Dibenzo(ah)anthracene (2.5% S	0.28	0.32	0.27	3.6	0.57	1.3						
Dibenzo(ah)anthracene (6% SOI	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% SOI	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 marl	0.79	1.2	0.32	15	2.2	4.4						
Coal Tar (BaP as surrogate marl	0.98	1.2	0.67	15	2.2	4.7						
Coal Tar (BaP as surrogate marl	1.1	1.2	1.2	15	2.2	4.9						

CHLOROALCANES AND ALKANES

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	S4UL						EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
Compound	**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% SOI	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% S	1.2	1.5	0.79	110	1400	1500				
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane (2.5%	2.8	3.5	1.9	250	1400	1800				
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane (6% S	6.4	8.2	4.4	560	1400	2100				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (1%SI	1.6	3.9	0.41	270	1400	1800				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (2.5%	3.4	8.0	0.89	550	1400	2100				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (6%SI	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

	S4UL						EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
Compound	**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**
cis -1,2 Dichloroethene (2.5% SOM)							0.19	0.20	0.50	24
cis -1,2 Dichloroethene (6% SOM)							0.37	0.39	1.0	47
trans -1,2 Dichloroethene (1% SOM)							0.19	0.19	0.93	22
trans -1,2 Dichloroethene (2.5% SOM)							0.34	0.35	1.9	40
trans -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

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	S4UL					
Compound	**Residential with home grown produce**	**Residential without home grown produce**	**Allotment**	**Commercial**	**POSresi**	**POSpark**
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

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Compound	S4UL Residential with home grown produce	Residential without home grown produce	Allotment	Commercial	POSresi	POSpark
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 (6	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

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	S4UL						EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
Compound	**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% SOI	1.5	1.5	4.7	102	1800	770 (134)				
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (2.5% S(	3.6	3.7	12	250	1800	110 (330)				
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (6% SOI	8.6	8.8	28	590	1800	1600 (789)				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (1% SOI	2.6	2.6	55	220	15000	1700 (318)				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (2.5% S(	6.4	6.4	140	530	17000	2600 (786)				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (6% SOI	15	15	320	1300	19000	400 (1880)				
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene (1% SOI	0.33	0.33	4.7	23	1700	380 (36.7)				
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene (2.5% S(	0.81	0.81	12	55	1700	580 (90.8)				
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene (6% SOI	1.9	1.9	28	130	1800	860 (217)				
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene (1%	15	24	4.4	1700 (122)	830	1500 (122)				
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene (2.5	36	56	11	3080 (304)	830	1600				
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene (6%	78	120	26	4400 (728)	830	1600				
1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (1%	0.66	0.75	0.38	49 (39.4)	78	110 (39)				
1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (2.5	1.6	1.9	0.90	120 (98.1)	79	120				
1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (6%	3.7	4.3	2.2	240 (235)	79	130				
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (1%	0.33	0.73	0.06	42 (19.7)	13	25				
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (2.5	0.77	1.7	0.16	72 (49.1)	13	26				
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (6%	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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	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**	**otm**	**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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	EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE			
Compound	**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	220000
Diethyl Phthalate (6% SOM)	570	6300	94	290000
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

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Compound	**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 regarding 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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