



FAO: Dave Padgett

Date: 7th July 2021

COAL MINING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

DARTON BUSINESS PARK, BARNSELEY
S210640

Introduction

Solmek Ltd. were instructed by Mr Dave Padgett to undertake a Coal Mining Risk Assessment on a parcel of land at Darton Business Park, Barnsley Road, Darton, Barnsley, S75 5QX.

The client wishes to purchase the area of land with the view of replacing the current office building with a new industrial unit and concrete yard. Site location maps are attached to this letter report.

The purpose of this mining assessment is to evaluate the underlying ground conditions of the site based on existing information and to plan the scope of a subsequent investigation should it be required. The objectives and planned outcomes of the mining assessment are:

- to identify existing features on and near the site;
- to review geological maps and previous site investigations of the area;
- to make an assessment of a coal mining report for the site;
- to design the scope of the proposed intrusive investigation (if necessary); and
- to identify constraints to the investigation, i.e., site access and health and safety considerations.

Site Description

The site is located on a parcel of land within Darton Business Park in Darton, Barnsley. The site comprises a series of single and multi-storey office buildings with associated areas of soft landscaping.

Geology

Inspection of the BGS 1:10,000 Geology Series Sheet SE30NW was undertaken as well as the 1:50,000 BGS sheet no. 87 Barnsley Solid and Drift Edition 2008.

The site is shown to be underlain by solid geology of Haigh Moor Rock – Sandstone and Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation, most likely comprising cyclical beds of mudstone, siltstone and sandstone with coal seams of varying thickness (Figure 3, attached). Superficial deposits are shown to be present in the northerly section of the site, comprising Alluvial sediments – Clay, Silt, Sand and Gravels (Figure 4, attached).

The site is potentially underlain by the Fenton Seam which comprises the High and Low Fenton at depth and close in stratigraphic sequence. The Top Haigh Moor seam is noted to southwest of the site with the Swallow Wood seam noted in the northeast corner while a mine entry is noted in the southwest corner of the site.

A fault with a downthrow to the northeast is located passing along the northeastern boundary of the site.

There are several recorded BGS borehole scans in close proximity to the site, as shown in Figure 6. One of these borehole scans details one seam of coal at 144ft (~44m) with a thickness of 1ft (~0.30m). Two deeper seams are also identified here at depths of 171ft (~52m) and 244ft (~74m) with seam thicknesses of 1ft 9inches (~0.57m) and 3ft (~1m) respectively. These are described as the Swallow Wood marker seam, Swallow Wood seam and Top Haigh Moor seam respectively.

Mining

The site lies within a “**Development High Risk Area**” as defined by the Coal Authority (Figure 5), as a result a coal mining search report was required to assess the risks posed by historic and possible future coal mining to any current or future developments on the site.

The coal mining search report conducted by David Bellis Consulting Surveyors, dated 5th July 2021 is presented within the appendices.

The mining report highlights that the site is situated in an area where one seam has been worked within the likely zone of physical influence on the surface. This is the Fenton Seam worked pre 1977 at a depth of 144m with a section thickness of 2.41m.

The report highlights that the site is not situated within the boundary of a former opencast coal mining site. Neither is the site located within 200m of a currently operating opencast coal mine or 800m of a future opencast coal mine.

The Coal Authority licensed mine Entry dataset shows that **one mine entry is located within 20 metres of the property or boundary of the property**. A location plan indicating the approximate position of the mine entry is presented within the coal mining report and appears to indicate that the shaft is present in the southwestern edge of the site.

There are no tips or lagoons in the vicinity of the site, no notices or claims for subsidence are recorded within 50m of the site and there are no recorded mine gas issues. However, **it is highlighted that there are possible ancient shallow coal mining working within the likely zone of influence on the surface in the vicinity of the property, for which no accurate plans or records exist.**

The report outlines the site is not in an area where the Coal Authority have received an application for coal mining, or an area where a licence has been granted; the property is situated in an area for which notices relating to the withdrawal of support have been published. The area is not likely to be affected by future coal mining, however, reserves of coal do exist in the area.

The report concludes by stating that old workings are present, but all settlement is likely to have completed long ago. In their opinion it is unlikely that coal will be worked in the foreseeable future.

Mining Assessment

The general guidance and good practice for assessing if a seam of coal is within influencing distance to the surface, is if rock cover (excluding drift) is greater than 10 times the worked thickness of the coal seam; then generally, no void migration will reach the interface of the rock and drift and thus no instability via a crown hole type collapse will occur.

The Coal Mining Report states that there is 1no. recorded worked seam within the likely zone of physical influence on the surface; the Fenton seam lying at 144m below ground level (bgl) with a section thickness of 2.41m. Additionally, possible ancient shallow unrecorded coal mining workings may be present.

Given the presence of possible ancient shallow coal mine workings it is recommended that a minimum of three open rotary boreholes are drilled to ca. 30.00mbgl as part of any site investigation for the new development. The boreholes are necessary to investigate potential voids, collapsed workings and possible weak/broken areas of rock due to mine workings underlying the proposed new development.

Additional information relating to the mine entry can be obtained through the purchase of a mine entry assessment report which can provide an assessment of the risk of subsidence damage occurring due to the presence of the mine entry.

Yours sincerely

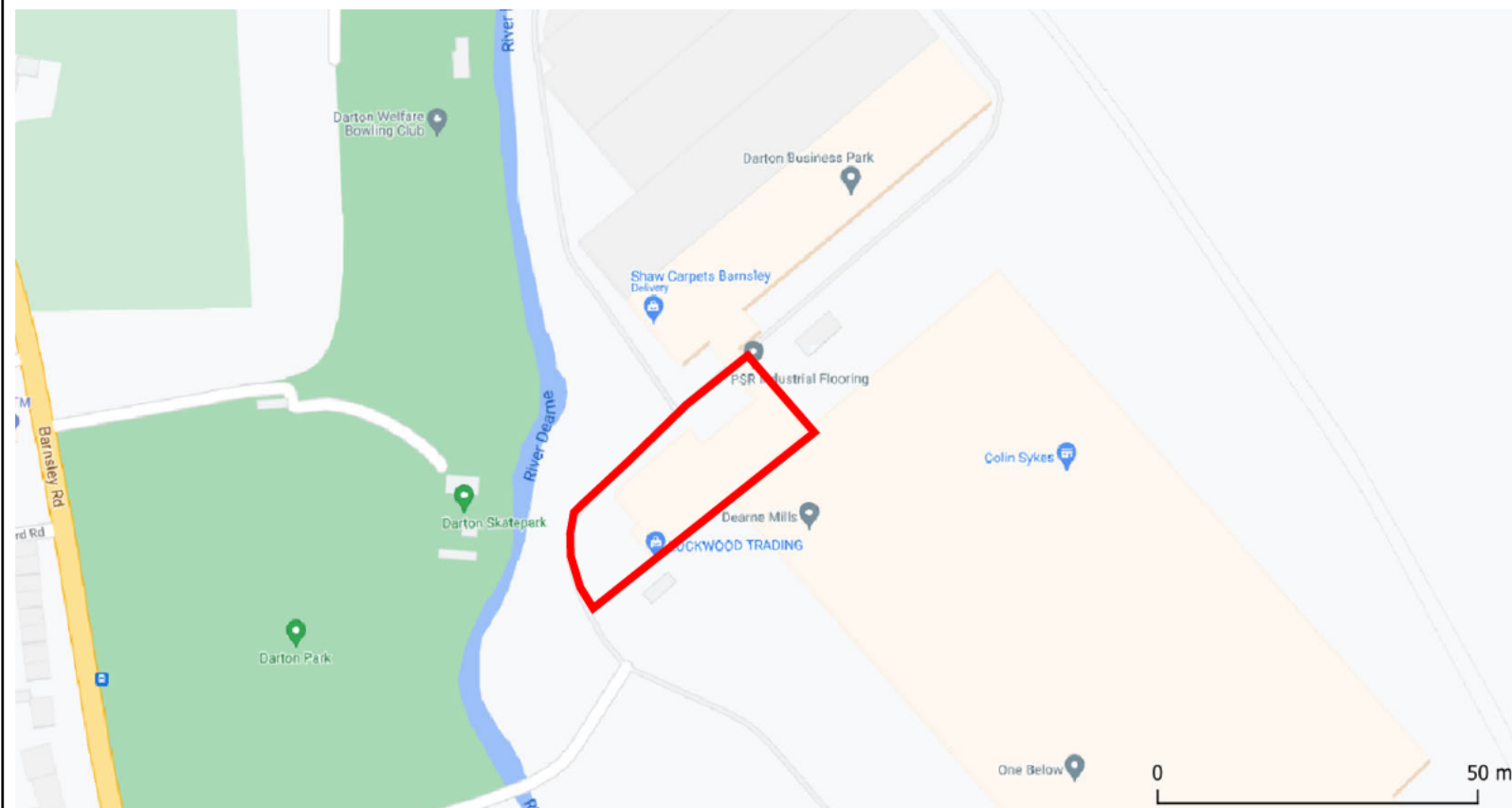


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Appendix A

Maps and Figures



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Site Location Map
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Figure 1
Scale
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Site Boundary
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Site Boundary Pennine Middle Coal Measures Forma ion – Mudstone, Siltstone and Sandstone. Sandstone N
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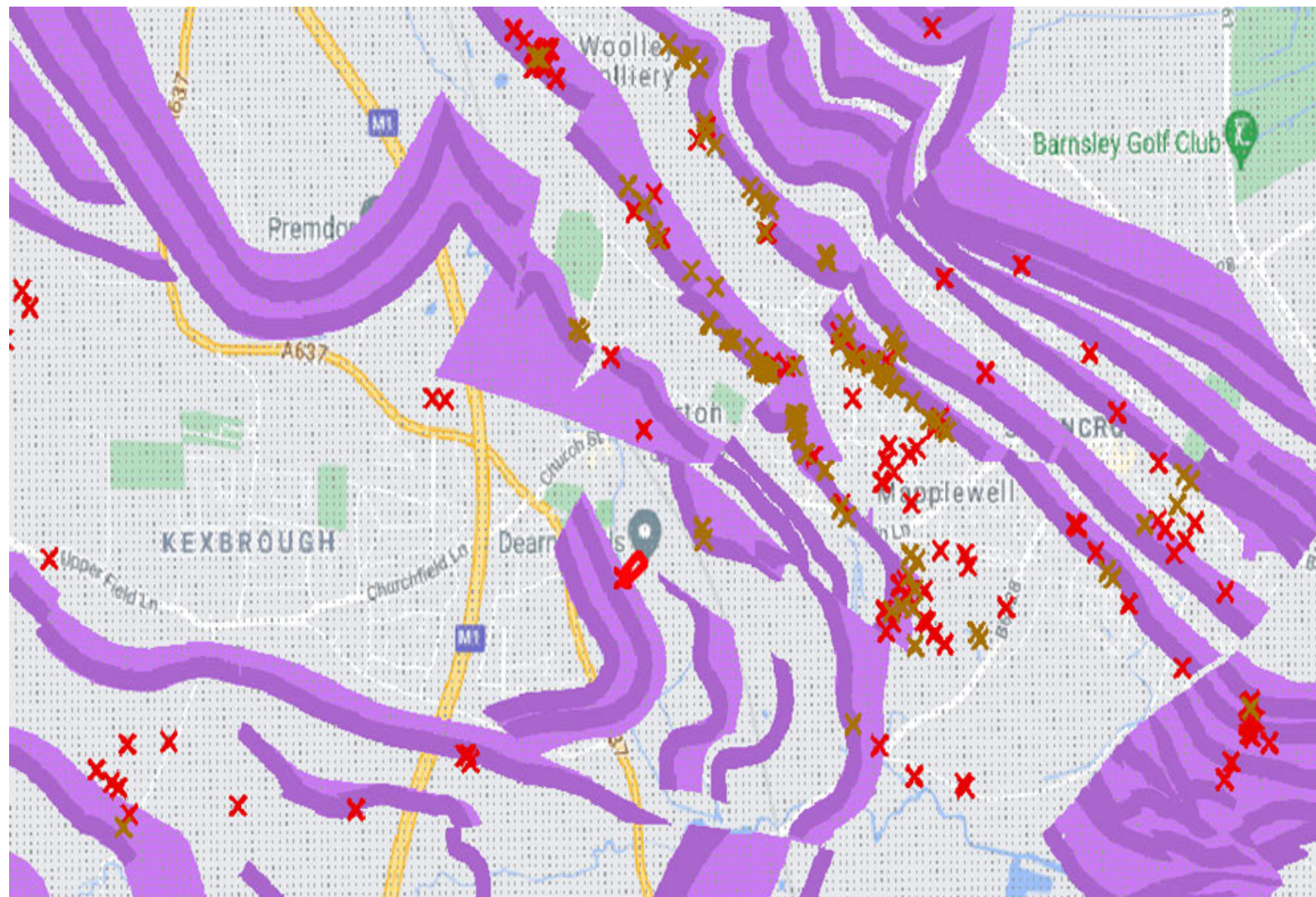
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Drift Geology Map
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Site Boundary Alluvium – Clay, Silt, Sand and Gravels.
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Title	Coal Mining Risk Map
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Key	Approx Site Boundary Area of possible shallow coal mining workings High Risk Development Area X Mine Entry (shaft) N
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Section of EMPIRE SURFACE BOREHOLE

Purpose Fault Proving

Exact Site O.S. N.C.B. SE.31516/09889

SE 30 NW 127

Level at which bore commenced relative to O.D. 226.99
A.O.D.

Date of sinking or boring January/February, 1976

Sinker or borer Barnsley Area N.C.B.

Cores other than coal examined by W.J. Smith & K.J. Rees

GEOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION	NATURE OF STRATA	THICKNESS		DEPTH	
		FEET	INCHES	FEET	INCHES
	OPEN HOLE - no cores	120	0	120	0
	Mudstone, grey	1	0	121	0
	Mudstone-seatearth, weak	2	8	123	8
	COAL		4	124	0
	Siltstone-seatearth	2	0	126	0
	Siltstone, grey with occasional roots	2	2	128	2
	Siltstone, banded	4	2	132	4
	Sandstone, grey with abundant carbonaceous/micaceous partings	1	2	133	6
	Sandstone, pale grey, massive	4	2	137	8
	Mudstone, grey with ironstone nodules and mussels	5	4	143	0
	Mudstone, dark grey, slightly silty with mussels	1	0	144	0
	COAL		11	144	11
	Mudstone-seatearth, grey	1	0	145	11
	Mudstone-seatearth, silty	2	0	147	11
	Siltstone, grey with plants	2	9	150	8
	Siltstone, grey with plant remains and fine sandy laminae	5	6	156	2
	Mudstone, grey, silty with plants	3	7	159	9
	Silt/sands laminated with plants	7	3	167	0
	Mudstone, dark grey, shaly with thin ironstone bands	2	3	169	3
SWALLOW WOOD MARKER	COAL 14"				
	COAL, inferior 1"	1	9	171	0
	COAL 2"				
	COAL, inferior 4"				
	Mudstone, carbonaceous with coal streaks		2	171	2
	Mudstone-seatearth, weak	1	0	172	2
	Mudstone-seatearth, silty	1	7	173	9
	Sandstone, pale grey	4	7	178	4
	Siltstone, dark grey	1	7	179	11
	Sandstone, rippled bedded with carbonaceous/micaceous partings	1	9	181	8
	Siltstone, dark grey with sandy laminae		10	182	6
	Siltstone, grey, strong	3	6	186	0
	Sandstone, pale grey, massive	5	6	191	6
	Sandstone and banded siltstone	1	0	192	6
	Sandstone, pale grey	2	0	194	6
	Siltstone, dark grey	2	13	196	7 1/2
	Sandstone, pale grey, massive	44	6 1/2	241	2
SWALLOW WOOD	COAL 12 1/2"				
	Mudstone-seatearth 6 1/2"	3	0	244	2
	COAL 17"				
	Mudstone, carbonaceous		2 1/2	244	4 1/2
	Mudstone-seatearth		6	244	10 1/2
	Mudstone with plants	2	8	247	6 1/2
	MISSING CORE	40	4 1/2	287	11

6-INCH MAP

6-INCH REGD. NO.

Yorks 262 SW

(County, Sheet and Qtr.)

SE 30 NW 127

(Nat. Grid, Sheet & Qtr.)

Attach tracing from a map or sketch map if possible

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Appendix B

Coal Mining Report

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Regulated Coal Mining Search Report

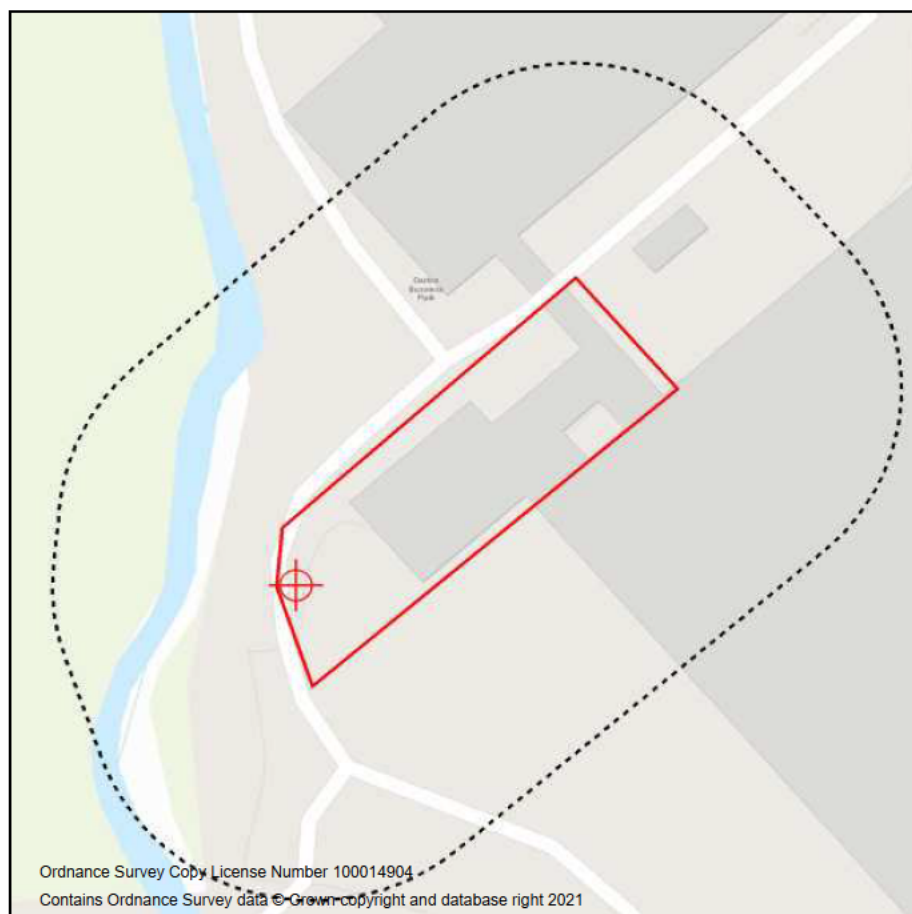
Incorporating Cheshire Brine Screening



SITE LOCATION AND COAL MINING FEATURE PLAN

ADDRESS: Darton Business Park, Barnsley, S75 5QX

SEARCH NUMBER: 438319



KEY

Property Boundary



50m property boundary buffer



Coal mining subsidence claims
within 50m (section 7)



Mine entries within 20m (section 5)

Adits



Shafts



Symbols are indicative only and are not drawn to
scale. Do not scale from this plan.

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This plan shows the location of the subject property and where relevant the location of mine entries and subsidence claims referred to in the attached CoalSearchPlus+ regulated coal mining search report. The plan must be viewed in conjunction with the detailed findings in the attached report. A coal mining risk rating, including recommended further action where appropriate, is given at the conclusion of the report. (section 8)

This plan shows reportable features relevant to the property only. Additional relevant coal mining aspects are reported upon within the report. The report and content of this plan are specific to the property under consideration. The report contents should not be used in relation to other property in the area.

Mine entries are reported if they are located within the property boundary or within 20m of it. (see report section 5 for detail)

Coal mining subsidence claims, made since 31st October 1994 and recorded by The Coal Authority, are reported for the subject property or property located within 50m of its boundary. Records of claims prior to this date are not normally retained by The Coal Authority and will not be reported. (see report section 7 for details)

Property owners have the benefit of the protection of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991* in the event of the occurrence of damage from disused coal mine workings including from disused coal mine entries.

The Coal Authority, regardless of responsibility and in conjunction with other public bodies, provide an emergency call out facility in coalfield areas to assess the public safety implications of mining features (including disused shafts and adits). The emergency telephone number at all times is (01623) 646333. If you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this coal mining report please contact David Bellis Consulting Surveyors Ltd.

* Note The Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991 does not apply where coal was worked or gotten by virtue of the grant of a gale in the Forest of Dean, or any other part of the Hundred of St. Briavels in the county of Gloucester

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Property details:

Darton Business Park
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Your ref : S210640 SOL 5175

Purchaser :

Vendor :

In accordance with your instructions received 22 Jun 2021 we have inspected plans and records of coal mine workings and have made enquiries with respect to Cheshire brine extraction in relation to the above property and can report as follows :

1. SEAM DETAILS FOR PAST UNDERGROUND COAL MINING : In relation to the property the undermentioned seam(s) have been worked within the likely zone of physical influence on the surface.

Seam	Depth (m)	Sect (cm)	Date	Remarks
Fenton	144	241	Pre 1977	Adjacent

2. SEAM DETAILS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE UNDERGROUND COAL MINING : The undermentioned seam(s) are currently being worked, or licenses to work are being determined, or have been granted to work, within the likely zone of physical influence on the surface in relation to the property.

Seam	Depth (m)	Sect (cm)	Date	Remarks
				Coal in reserve - no workings currently planned.

3. UNDERLYING GEOLOGY :

The property is situated in an area of Drift over Sandstone and Middle Coal Measure, shale and mudstones. Conjectured Surface Fault.

Serial Number 438319**4. OPENCAST COAL MINING :**

Past Opencast Workings : The property is not situated within the boundary of a former opencast coal mining site.

Present Opencast Workings : The property is not situated within 200m of the boundary of a currently operating opencast coal mining site.

Future Opencast Workings : The property is not situated within 800m of the boundary of an opencast site for which a license to extract coal by opencast methods has been granted or a license to do so is currently being determined.

5. MINE ENTRIES, MINE GAS, SURFACE HAZARDS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

The Coal Authority licensed Mine Entry dataset shows that one mine entry is located within 20 metres of the property or the boundary of the property. A plan is attached indicating the approximate position of the mine entry discovered. There are no recorded treatment details for the former mine entry.

There are no tips or lagoons in the vicinity of the property.

There are possible ancient shallow coal mining workings within the likely zone of influence on the surface in the vicinity of the property, for which no accurate plans or records exist.

The Coal Authority licensed Mine Gas dataset shows no record of mine gas emissions within the property or the property boundary requiring action

The Coal Authority licensed Coal Mining Related Hazards dataset shows that the property has not been subject to remedial works by the Coal Authority, or its representatives, under the Coal Authority Emergency Surface hazard Call Out procedures.

If additional information is required regarding a mine entry disclosed in a residential coal mining report, a CoalSearchPlus+ Mine Entry Assessment Report can be provided for an additional fee of £75 plus vat. This will include an assessment of the risk of subsidence damage occurring due to the presence of the mine entry/entries.

Please contact David Bellis Consulting Surveyors on 01423 529911 to order a Mine Entry Assessment Report and arrange payment.

Further information regarding mine entries revealed in commercial/development coal mining reports can also be provided and reports will be tailored to client requirements. Please contact David Bellis Consulting Surveyors, on 01423 529911, to discuss the data that can be provided and agree the fee.

6. NOTICES IN RELATION TO FUTURE COAL MINING ACTIVITY :

We have no knowledge of any intention to work coal by underground methods within influencing distance on the surface in the vicinity of the property for which section 46 notices have been issued under the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

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The property is situated in an area for which notices relating to the withdrawal of support have been published.

7. PAST COAL MINING RELATED SUBSIDENCE :

A review of the records held by the Coal Authority has shown no evidence of coal mining related subsidence claims in relation to the subject property since 31st October 1994. This is the period for which records are held by the Coal Authority.

8. CONCLUSION (COAL MINING) : In the light of the above facts we conclude that in relation to coal mining :

Old workings are present but all settlement is likely to have completed long ago. In our opinion it is unlikely that coal will be worked in the foreseeable future.

COAL MINING RISK LEVEL : We recommend that the transaction is treated as :

Where this report is to be used for development purposes particular attention is drawn to the paragraphs below concerning the ownership of in situ coal, coal workings and the risks from mine gases.

Please note that the overall coal mining risk level above is based upon an assessment of the detailed information contained in the body of the report. The risk assessment must be used in conjunction with the detailed report.

If development of the property is being considered then all necessary enquiries and investigation should be completed prior to the commencement of work to ensure that proposals follow good engineering practice for development in mining areas. The Coal Authority has ownership of in situ coal, coal mines (both current and disused) and coal mine shafts and adits. Activities that intersect, enter or disturb any of the Coal Authority's interests require the written permission of the Authority.

Any development proposals should consider risks to the development, or adjacent property, of generating or displacing underground gases where coal seams or former mining works are disturbed. The need for effective measures to prevent gasses entering public properties should be assessed and properly addressed. These actions are necessary due to the public safety implications of development in these circumstances.

CHESHIRE BRINE EXTRACTION INFORMATION :

The property lies outside the Cheshire Brine Compensation District as prescribed by the Cheshire Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Act 1952.

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With respect to coal mining there is nothing to prevent a claim being made under the provisions of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991 and subsequent legislation, but it must not be inferred that the Coal Authority or their licensees will necessarily accept that any damage has been caused as a result of mining subsidence.

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Additional notes applicable to Residential Coal Mining Reports only:

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This report is a desk study of existing published geological and coal mining records, the CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining data base and data supplied under license by the Coal Authority. In order to compile this report enquiries have been made in relation to the following:

Past Coal Mining – the existence of any previously worked seams of coal within influencing distance on the surface in relation to the property including an indication of the depth and age of the workings,
A statement of shallow depth generally indicates records show that coal has been mined within 30m of the surface. In some circumstances coal classified as shallow may extend up to a depth of 50m.
A statement of moderate depth indicates records show that coal has been mined at between 30m and 500m depth.
A statement of 'at depth' indicates records show that coal has been mined at depths of over 500m.

Present Coal Mining - the existence of any currently worked seams of coal within influencing distance on the surface in relation to the property including an indication of the depth and age of the workings. The existence of coal that could be worked at some time in the future will be enquired into and detail of any relevant licenses disclosed where available.

Underlying Geology - the underlying geology of the property will be reviewed and briefly described in relation to coal mining.

Opencast Coal Mining - the existence of past present and future opencast coal mining, specifically :

- if the property is situated within the boundary of a former opencast site. In the case of old opencast workings it must be understood that the records are often unclear regarding the site boundary and or worked areas. Published records and data supplied under license by the Coal Authority will be reviewed to give our opinion of the existence of relevant former opencast coal workings.
- if the property is situated within 200m of the boundary of a currently operating opencast site.
- if the property is situated within 800m of the boundary of an opencast for which either a license to extract coal by opencast methods has been granted or a license to do so is currently being determined.

Mine Entries, Mine Gas, Surface Hazards and Additional Information – the existence of any mine entries within 20m of the property or the boundary of the property and its associated land and buildings (the definition of the boundary of the property is the

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responsibility of the individual or organisation ordering this report). Where a mine entry is found to exist the approximate location of the mine entry will be indicated on a plan. The existence of unworked coal will be enquired into and our opinion regarding the likelihood of it being worked at some time in the past will be given where relevant.

It will be reported if mine gas emissions relating to the property are recorded by The Coal Authority.

It will be reported if The Coal Authority has carried out work in relation to the property after a report of an alleged coal mining related hazard under the Coal Authority's Emergency Hazard Call Out procedures.

Any other relevant coal mining related features discovered will be noted.

Notices in relation to future coal mining activity – the existence of notices indicating an intention to work coal by underground methods in the future.

Past coal mining related subsidence – report if The Coal Authority licensed Claim Dataset shows record of a coal mining subsidence claim having been reported on the subject property or any other property within 50m of the boundary of the subject property since 31st October 1994. Where available claim detail information will be given for claims on the subject property only.

Coal Mining Risk Level – the opinion of David Bellis Consulting Surveyors Ltd of the risk posed to the property from coal mining given all the information contained in the report. The risk to the property is given in relation to the majority of the housing stock in the immediate area.

Cheshire Brine – the location of the property in relation to the Cheshire Brine Compensation District.

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We will co-operate fully with the Ombudsman during an investigation and comply with his final decision.

Date : 05 Jul 2021

Signed :



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- provides protection for homebuyers, sellers, estate agents, conveyancers and mortgage lenders who rely on the information included in property search reports undertaken by subscribers on residential and commercial property within the United Kingdom
- sets out minimum standards which firms compiling and selling search reports have to meet
- promotes the best practice and quality standards within the industry for the benefit of consumers and property professionals
- enables consumers and property professionals to have confidence in firms which subscribe to the code, their products and services.

By giving you this information, the search firm is confirming that they keep to the principles of the Code. This provides important protection for you.

The Code's core principles

Firms which subscribe to the Search Code will:

- Display the Code logo prominently on their search reports.
- Act with integrity and carry out work with due skill, care and diligence.
- At all times maintain adequate and appropriate insurance to protect consumers.
- Conduct business in an honest, fair and professional manner.
- Handle complaints speedily and fairly.
- Ensure that all products and services comply with industry registration rules and standards and relevant laws.
- Monitor their compliance with the Code.

Complaints

If you have a query or complaint about your search, you should raise it directly with the search firm, and if appropriate ask for any complaint to be considered under their formal internal complaints procedure. If you remain dissatisfied with the firm's final response, after your complaint has been formally considered, or if the firm has exceeded the response timescales, you may refer your complaint for consideration under The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPOs). The Ombudsman can award up to £5,000 to you if the Ombudsman finds that you have suffered actual financial loss and/or aggravation, distress or inconvenience as a result of your search provider failing to keep to the Code.

Please note that all queries or complaints regarding your search should be directed to your search provider in the first instance, not to TPOs or to the PCCB.

TPOs Contact Details:

The Property Ombudsman scheme
Milford House
43-55 Milford Street
Salisbury
Wiltshire SP1 2BP
Tel: 01722 333306
Fax: 01722 332296
Website: www.tpos.co.uk
Email: admin@tpos.co.uk

You can get more information about the PCCB from www.propertycodes.org.uk.

PLEASE ASK YOUR SEARCH PROVIDER IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE SEARCH CODE

Serial Number 438319**David Bellis Consulting Surveyors Ltd and CoalSearchPlus+ Terms and Conditions (Available in large print by request)**

1. Definitions.
 - a) The Service Provider is David Bellis Consulting Surveyors Ltd, trading as CoalSearchPlus+.
 - b) The Applicant is the Individual, Organisation, or appointed officer of said Organisation placing a Request with the Service Provider.
 - c) The Third Party Provider is any Organisation from which the Service Provider obtains data and/or information on behalf of the Applicant in the normal course of fulfilling the Applicants Request.
 - d) The request is a formal Request by the Applicant with CoalSearchPlus+ to retrieve specific data and/or information.
2. CoalSearchPlus+ accept Requests only on the basis that the Applicant is acting as a principal and is directly liable for payment of our invoice or account.
3. It is the policy of CoalSearchPlus+ to observe confidentiality with regard to the identity and affairs of our customers to the extent permitted by law, but, in common with other service providers, we may be required exceptionally to disclose information to governmental and other public authorities.
4. The placing of a Request by the Applicant with CoalSearchPlus+ confirms acceptance of these terms and conditions.
5. Any Order Form produced by CoalSearchPlus+, either printed or published on the CoalSearchPlus+ website, is an invitation to treat. The Applicant makes an offer to buy from CoalSearchPlus+ by the submission of a Request, subject to clause 10. Acceptable modes of transmission for a Request are facsimile (fax), telephone, electronic mail(e-mail), online transmission via the CoalSearchPlus+ website only, Document Exchange (DX), Royal Mail or courier appointed by the Applicant.
6. Orders will be accepted on order forms other than CoalSearchPlus+ forms however these will be accepted under the standard CoalSearchPlus+ terms and conditions only, subject to Clause 10.
7. CoalSearchPlus+ reserves the right to refuse any Request.
8. CoalSearchPlus+ reserves the right to cancel any Request at any time.
9. Proof of transmission of a Request by the Applicant does not constitute proof of receipt by CoalSearchPlus+.
10. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure the accuracy, legibility, clarity and completeness of all data and/or information provided to CoalSearchPlus+ as part of the Request, including but not limited to, names, numbers, addresses, location plans, and boundary plans. This applies whether the Request is submitted on CoalSearchPlus+ order forms either printed or published on the CoalSearchPlus+ website or on the Applicants own order form.
11. CoalSearchPlus+ may request additional relevant data and/or information from the Applicant in the course of fulfilling a Request, including, but not limited to, names, numbers, addresses, location plans, and boundary plans.
12. CoalSearchPlus+ may request clarification of data and/or information supplied by the Applicant.
13. If, subsequent to Clause 11. and/or Clause 12., requested data and/or information is not provided and/or clarified, CoalSearchPlus+ cannot be held responsible for any resultant loss or delay.
14. If, subsequent to Clause 11. and/or Clause 12., requested data and/or information is not provided and/or clarified within a reasonable period of time, CoalSearchPlus+ reserves the right to cancel the Request in whole or in part. The Applicant remains liable for all fees, Taxes and Disbursements accrued prior to the cancellation.
15. CoalSearchPlus+ reserves the right to subcontract data and/or information retrieval to selected Organisations and/or Individuals. CoalSearchPlus+ is not required to reveal the identity of its Subcontractors.
16. CoalSearchPlus+ will, in the process of fulfilling the request, retrieve data and/or information from publicly and/or commercially available sources and the CoalSearchPlus+ mining database. The sources of data used will primarily be data held by The Coal Authority under an agreement with the Health and Safety Executive, data owned by the British Geological Survey and the CoalSearchPlus+ database.
17. A CoalSearchPlus+ mining report is a report of the interpretation of the data sources in 16. made by CoalSearchPlus+ staff.
18. CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining search reports are based upon the plans and records available from data sources detailed in 16. at the time the report was produced. It should be understood that third party organisations reserve the right to vary their proposals and intentions as to their future mining operations without prior notice save as provided in the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1994. CoalSearchPlus+ cannot be held responsible for changes to the future proposals and intentions of Third Parties.
19. The information and/or material supplied in a CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining report is composed from data based, in many cases, on measurements and records of various standards of reliability and age. In some instances (usually relating to older records) it is necessary for CoalSearchPlus+ to make assumptions regarding the 'best plot' position of mining features. For these reasons users of CoalSearchPlus+ reports should take the position of mining features detailed in reports to be indicative only.
20. The data and/or information that a coal mining search report is based on is constantly being updated. A CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining search report is based on the most up to date information available at the time that the report is produced however it cannot be guaranteed that the information and/or data will not become obsolete at some time in the future. Responsibility for the supply of accurate and up to date information to CoalSearchPlus+ lies with the data supplying organisations listed in 16.
21. A CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining search report relates only to coal mining and minerals worked in relation to coal mining. Other reports may be required in relation to other minerals.
22. A CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining search report is not a substitute for site investigation or a mining survey. Depending on the content of a coal mining search report, or whether development is intended, the Applicant must decide whether a site investigation or mining survey is required.
23. CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining reports comply with the Search Code.

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24. All CoalSearchPlus+ reports are covered by professional indemnity insurance. The content of CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining search reports does not prevent any future claim being made by the Applicant against the Coal Authority in respect of coal mining related subsidence.
25. Any liability in the instance of negligence by CoalSearchPlus+ or its employees in the interpretation of coal mining data and/or the production and provision of coal mining reports will be limited to the extent of the CoalSearchPlus+ Professional Indemnity Insurance or the value of the loss caused by the negligence, whichever is the lower.
26. All CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining search reports give the information detailed in the services section of the CoalSearchPlus+ website and summarised in the report. Further explanation of this information is available in the Glossary and/or the Frequently Asked Questions areas of the CoalSearchPlus+ website. Alternatively contact CoalSearchPlus+ who will be happy to explain the content of a report.
27. The Request is fulfilled when all reports, data and/or information requested by the Applicant have been retrieved and/or compiled by CoalSearchPlus+ and delivered by electronic mail (e-mail) or fax or post or document exchange (DX) or a combination of these methods as required by the Applicant. Alternative delivery arrangements are at the discretion of CoalSearchPlus+.
28. If Requests for multiple reports, data and/or information relating to multiple addresses were made on a single order form these will be fulfilled individually by the delivery of the reports, data and/or information relating to each individual address being treated as an individual Request.
29. CoalSearchPlus+ is not responsible for any loss or misdelivery of retrieved data and/or information caused by failure of Document Exchange (DX), Royal Mail or internet service provider. Most retrieved data and/or information is archived by CoalSearchPlus+ and a copy may be requested by the Applicant. If the data and/or information could not be archived CoalSearchPlus+ reserves the right to treat the request as a new Request.
30. Delivery, by whatever agreed means, will be accompanied by an invoice. Delivery by electronic mail may be followed up with a paper invoice by post or DX. Where Applicants have agreed account facilities with CoalSearchPlus+ invoicing may be on a monthly basis. In all cases the Applicant agrees to provide CoalSearchPlus+ with remuneration for the full amount shown on the invoice, including all Fees, Taxes and Disbursements.
31. The Applicant will be liable for payment of the full invoice amount within 14 days from the date of receipt of the invoice. CoalSearchPlus+ reserve the right to charge for costs and expenses incurred in recovering late payments and to charge interest at the rate of 8% above the Bank of England base rate per annum for the full period that the payments are overdue.
32. Where full payment of the invoice is not made by the Applicant within 14 days from receipt of the invoice CoalSearchPlus+ reserve the right to withdraw account facilities from the Applicant and cancel any individual agreements concerning fees or other Terms and Conditions that may have been made between the Applicant and CoalSearchPlus+.
33. Where possible the Applicant will receive Advance Notice of the cost of the Request, including all Fees, Taxes and Disbursements, prior to receipt of the invoice. This advance notice will take the form of the price for the service requested as published on the CoalSearchPlus+ website, or the price as individually agreed between CoalSearchPlus+ and the Applicant.
34. Additional Fees, Taxes and Disbursements may arise during the course of data and/or information retrieval, over and above Advance Notice costs as in clause 33. The Applicant is liable for any such additional costs. Where possible, the Applicant is notified of additional costs prior to fulfilment of the Request.
35. If the Applicant shall pay in advance of receipt of the invoice, then the Applicant remains liable for any underpayment.
36. Any overpayment on the part of the Applicant will be refunded. Arrangements for refunds are agreed on a case-by-case basis, through discussion between CoalSearchPlus+ and the Applicant.
37. The Applicant may cancel the Request in whole or in part at any time prior to Clause 27.
38. If the Applicant cancels the Request in whole or in part prior to Clause 27, the Applicant remains liable for all Fees, Taxes and Disbursements already accrued prior to the Cancellation.
39. CoalSearchPlus+ accept no liability for any loss incurred by the Applicant or the Applicant's client where the Applicant is acting as an agent for a client, due to late fulfilment and delivery of the Request.
40. CoalSearchPlus+ accept no liability for any loss to the Applicant, or the Applicant's client where the Applicant is acting as an agent for a client, due to any negative outcome of a report provided in the process of the correct and accurate fulfilment of the Request.
41. Any disputes relating to the provision of coal mining search reports should be addressed to the Practice Principal, CoalSearchPlus+ in the first instance. Disputes will be settled according to the CoalSearchPlus+ complaints procedure detailed in each report.
42. Independent Dispute Resolution - If you make a complaint and we are unable to resolve it to your satisfaction you may refer the complaint to The Property Ombudsman scheme (website: www.tpos.co.uk email: admin@tpos.co.uk Tel: 01722 333306). We will cooperate fully with the Ombudsman during an investigation and comply with his final decision.
43. Third Party and subcontractor Terms and Conditions shall apply in addition to these clauses. Should any conflict arise between CoalSearchPlus+ Terms and Conditions and Third Party or Subcontractor Terms and Conditions, then CoalSearchPlus+ Terms and Conditions prevail unless and until CoalSearchPlus+ expressly states otherwise in writing and/or courts of England and Wales establish otherwise.
44. No variation to these Terms and Conditions is effective unless and until CoalSearchPlus+ expressly agrees in writing.
45. CoalSearchPlus+ reserves the right to alter these terms and conditions as appropriate, without notice, at any time. Such amended Terms and Conditions will become effective upon publication on the CoalSearchPlus+ website.
46. These Terms and conditions are subject to English Law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Appendix C

Notes on Limitations

♣Solmek conditions of offer, notes on limitations & basis for contract (ref: version1/2021)

These conditions accompany our tender and supercede any previous conditions issued. Solmek will prepare a report solely for the use of the Client (the party invoiced) and its agent(s). No reliance should be placed on the contents of this report, in whole or in part by 3rd parties. The report, its content and format and associated data are copyright, and the property of Solmek. Photocopying of part or all of the contents, transfer or reproduction of any kind is forbidden without written permission from Solmek. A charge may be levied against such approval, the same to be made at the discretion of Solmek.

Solmek cannot be held liable and do not warrant, or otherwise guarantee the validity of information provided by third parties and subsequently used in our reports. Solmek are not responsible for the action negligent of otherwise of subcontractors or third parties.

Site investigation is a process of sampling. The scope and size of an investigation may be considered proportional to levels of confidence regarding the ground and groundwater conditions. The exploratory holes undertaken investigate only a small volume of the ground in relation to the overall size of the site, and can only provide a general indication of site conditions. The opinions provided and recommendations given in this report are based on the ground conditions as encountered within each of the exploratory holes. There may be different ground conditions elsewhere on the site which have not been identified by this investigation and which therefore have not been taken into account in this report. Reports are generally subject to the comments of the local authority and Environment Agency. The comments made on groundwater conditions are based on observations made at the time that site work was carried out. It should be noted that mobile contamination, ground gas levels and groundwater levels may vary owing to seasonal, tidal and/or weather related effects. Solmek cannot be held liable for any unrecorded or unforeseen obstructions between exploratory boreholes and trial pits. This includes instances where previous structures on the site (buried man made structures) or the presence of boulder clay (cobbles and/or boulder obstructions) have been anticipated. All types of piling operations should make allowance for obstructions within the construction budget to accommodate this. Unrecorded ancient mining may occur anywhere where seams that have been worked and influence the rock and soil above. Dissolution cavities can occur where gypsum or chalk is present. Rotary drilling is the recommended technique to prove the integrity of the rock.

Where the scope of the investigation is limited via access to information, time constraints, equipment limitations, testing, interpretation or by the client or his agents budgetary constraints, elements not set out in the proposal and excluded from the report are deemed to be omitted from the scope of the investigation.

Desk studies are generally prepared in accordance with RICS guidelines. Environmental site investigations are generally undertaken as 'exploratory investigations' in accordance with the definitions provided in paragraph 5.4 of BS 10175:2011 in order to confirm the conceptual assumptions. You are advised to familiarize yourself with the typical scope of such an investigation. No pumping of water will be undertaken unless a licence or facilities/equipment have been arranged by others.

Where the type, number or/and depth of exploratory hole is specified by others, Solmek cannot and will not be responsible for any subsequent shortfall or inadequacy in data, and any consequent shortfall in interpretation of environmental and geotechnical aspects which may be required at a later date in order to facilitate the design of permanent or temporary works.

All information acquired by Solmek in the course of investigation is the property of Solmek, and, only also becomes the joint property of the Client only on the complete settlement of all invoices relating to the project. Solmek reserve the right to use the information in commercial tendering and marketing, unless the Client expressly wishes otherwise in writing. The quoted rates do not include VAT, and payment terms are 30 days from dispatch of invoice from our offices. Quotes are subject to a site visit.

We have allowed for 1 mobilisation and normal working hours unless otherwise stated. The scope of the investigation may be reviewed following the desk study and/or fieldwork. The presence or otherwise of Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants can be difficult to identify especially during winter months. If Japanese Knotweed or other invasive species are suspect, it should be confirmed by an ecologist. We have not allowed for acquiring services information, and cannot be responsible for damage to underground services or pipes not shown to us or not clearly shown on plans. Costs incurred will be passed on to you, and in commissioning Solmek you understand and accept that you/your agent have a contractual relationship with Solmek & you accept this. Our rates assume unobstructed, reasonably level and firm access to the exploratory positions and adequate clear working areas and headroom. We have priced on the basis that you or your client have the necessary permissions, wayleaves and approvals to access land. All boreholes and pits are backfilled with arisings except where gas monitoring pipes are installed with stopcock covers. Solmek are not responsible for any uneven surfaces as a result of siteworks and rutting and backfilled excavations may require re-levelling and/or making good by others after fieldwork is complete, and Solmek has not allowed for this. No price has been provided or requested for a return visit to remove pipework and covers. Hourly rates apply to consultancy only and do not include expenses unless otherwise shown. If warranties are required, legal costs incurred will be passed on to you assuming Solmek agree to complete such warranties, modified or otherwise and you understand and agree to pay all costs.

We reserve the right to pursue full payment of the invoice prior to release of any information including reports. We advise you/your client that we may elect to pursue our statutory rights under late payment legislation, and will apply 8% to the base rate for unreasonably late payments. Solmek are exempt from the CIS Scheme. Solmek offer to undertake work only in strict accordance with conditions covered by our current insurances, which are available for inspection. Solmek are not responsible for acts, negligent or otherwise of subcontractors and as a matter of policy cannot indemnify any other parties. Professional indemnity Insurance is limited to ten times the invoice net total except where stated otherwise by Solmek. Solmek give notice that consequential loss as a direct or indirect result of Solmek's activities or omission of the same are excluded.