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***ST MARY'S ROAD, DARFIELD***

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**Soakaway Tests and Drainage Proposals**

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EXISTING GROUND / SOAKAWAY TEST

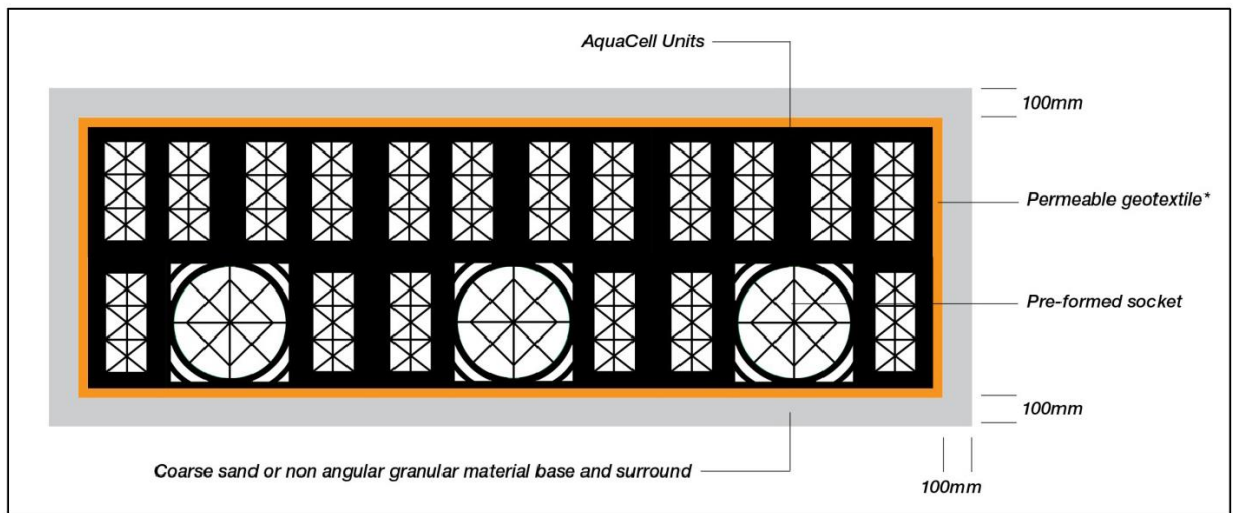
- 1 Permeability tests in line with BRE Digest 365 were carried out on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- 2 The excavated trench revealed a shallow depth of topsoil over brown sandy subsoil to a depth of around 1m. Below that depth the sandy soil had signs of clay deposits (approximately 25% to 30%) and at a depth of 1250mm a bedrock of mudstone was encountered.





### SOAKAWAY DESIGN

- 3 Due to changing ground conditions with depth it would be prudent to utilise the upper 1m layer of soil if draining by infiltration and therefore if the available depth for soakaways is limited, storage within the structure needs to be maximised using a modular crate cell system (StormCell, AquaCell etc.) rather than a 'conventional' stone matrix (cf. 95% - 30% voids). It is proposed to construct soakaways 1 cell unit deep (500mm).



- 4 The current edition of BRE Digest 365 indicates that soakaways should be designed not to flood during 1 in 100-year storms and additional allowances made for climate changes.
- 5 Storms of various lengths have been assessed to show the critical storm to be that of 24 hours whereby 8 cubic metres of water will need to be stored. Calculations show that a soakaway 8.5m by 2m in size will be required for each block of semi-detached houses covering 98 square metres (see appended calculations).

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# APPENDIX 1 – INFILTRATION TESTS

## PERMEABILITY TEST

Weather: Hot and dry  
Ground: sandy-soils down to 1m  
with a little clay below that  
before mustone at 1250

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Darfield  
25th July 2018

Time	Duration (mins)	Depth [dip] (m)	Width	Length	Pit Depth	Permeability	Permeability
08:40:00	0	0.450	0.32	2	1.22	(per section)	75%-25%
08:55:00	14	0.490				7.40E-06	
09:10:00	30	0.530				6.78E-06	
09:30:00	50	0.580				7.16E-06	
09:45:00	65	0.610				6.03E-06	
10:05:00	85	0.640				4.70E-06	
10:20:00	100	0.680				8.78E-06	

Design Figure

6.81E-06

Design Figure is carried over into 'Soakaway Design'

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Time	Duration (mins)	Depth [dip] (m)	Width 0.32	Length 2	Pit Depth 1.22 (per section)	Permeability	Permeability
10:30:00	0	0.425					
10:35:00	5	0.440				7.45E-06	
10:45:00	15	0.465				6.35E-06	
10:55:00	25	0.485				5.21E-06	
11:10:00	39	0.500				2.85E-06	
11:25:00	55	0.525				4.25E-06	
11:40:00	70	0.545				3.72E-06	
12:00:00	90	0.575				4.32E-06	
12:15:00	105	0.600				4.97E-06	
12:30:00	120	0.620				4.10E-06	
12:45:00	135	0.640				4.21E-06	
13:00:00	150	0.655				3.24E-06	

Design Figure 4.61E-06

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## APPENDIX 2 - SOAKAWAY SIZE CALCULATION

### SOAKAWAY SIZE CALCULATION

M5-60 =19mm r= 0.4	Duration (min)	100-YEAR STORM Rainfall (mm/hr)	STORM + 30% Rainfall (mm/hr)
	15	93.27	121.25
	30	61.29	79.68
Infiltration rate (worse case) 4.61E-06	60 - 1 hr	38.41	49.93
	120 - 2hrs	23.28	30.26
	180 - 3hrs	17.15	22.30
Infiltration	240 - 4 hrs	13.73	17.85
Test 1 6.81E-06	360 - 6 hrs	9.97	12.96
Test 2 4.61E-06	720 -12 hrs	5.75	7.48
Test 3 1.11E+09	1440 - 24 hrs	3.29	4.28

### St Mary's Road, Darfield

SOAKAWAY SIZE	
Length (m)	8.5
Width (m)	2
Depth (m)	0.5
<b>StormCell</b>	
<b>Soakaway</b>	
1/2 Internal side area (m2)	5.25
95% Voids	8.075

**DRAINED AREA (sq.m)** 98 for 1 pair of semi's

	INFLOW (m3)	OUTFLOW (m3)	STORAGE REQUIRED	SIZE OK
15 minute	2.97	0.01	2.96	Pass
30 minute	3.90	0.02	3.88	Pass
60 minute - 1 hr	4.89	0.05	4.84	Pass
120 minute -2 hrs	5.93	0.13	5.80	Pass
180 minute - 3 hrs	6.55	0.21	6.34	Pass
240 minute -4 hrs	7.00	0.30	6.70	Pass
360 minute -6 hrs	7.62	0.49	7.13	Pass
720 minute -12 hrs	8.79	1.04	7.75	Pass
1440 minute - 24 hrs	10.06	2.09	7.97	Pass Critical Storm

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