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Capacity calculations for traditional soakaways  
 Design criteria Design to the Building Regulations 2002 Approved Document H part H2

Trial pit	Day	Recorded position	Sample pit size in mm	Invert depth	Date	Time	Time in secs	24hr
		front of dwelling plan 24/012						
T1	1		300 x 300 x 300	400	21/6/2024	9:30 am	1800	
T1	2		300 x 300 x 300	400	22/6/2024	9.30 AM	82800	
T1	3		300 x 300 x 300	400	23/6/2024	9.30 AM	86400	
							57000	Average

Volume equation  $I - O = S$  Where  
 I = Inflow from the impermeable area drained to the soakaway  
 O = The outflow infiltrating into the soil during rainfall  
 S = The required storage in the soakaway to balance a temporary outflow

Inflow to soakaway  $I = A \times R$   
 A = Impermeable area drained into the soakaway  
 R = Total rainfall from approved document H (building regulations)

Outflow of soakaway  $O = a \times s \times 50 \times f \times D$   
 O = The outflow infiltrating into the soil during rainfall  
 as50 = The internal surface of the soakaway to 50% effective depth excluding base  
 f = Soil infiltration rate  
 D = Storm duration

Total impermeable area to be drained  
 r1 = Roof area in sq metres 89 sq metres  
 c1 = roof constant @ 1.15 degree pitch 1.15 c1  
 Effective roof area drained 102.35 sq metres

Total time taken for water dispersal through ground from average recorded times taken in field test (Trial pit T1) where the dispersal rate is calculated based on an dispersion of 75% to 25% of the water within test pit. IE 150mm run off

Dispersion rate 57000 sec average  
 run off in mm 150 mm half depth  
 Water dispersion vp required therefore 380 vp

Filtration rate  $f = 0.01/2vp$  0.01 2 137 760 f  
 0.000013157894 outflow vol

Outflow Volume  $O = a \times s \times 50 \times f \times D$  2 0.000013157894 5 0.00013157894 O=outflow vol

Area drained x rainfall of 10mm 102.35 10 1023.5 /1000 storage capacity 1.0235 cubic metres

Therefore storage capacity minus the outflow volume = 1.0235 0.000013157894 1.023486842 storage volume 1

Soakaway dimensions in metres taken below invert  
 2.5 metres Length  
 1 metres Width  
 1.2 metres Depth  
 Soakaway volume 3 cubic metres

Therefore consider fill material containing 75% voids therefore soakaway volume x 75% 3 75 100 2.25 storage volume 2

Therefore using a reserve factor of 1.5 : 1 storage volume 2 to be increased 2.25 1.5 3.375 cubic metres

Therefore storage volume 2 3.375 is greater than storage volume 1 1.023486842 Therefore designed soakaway is ok cubic metres

Therefore by calculation 1 No soakaway 2.5 metres long by 1 metre wide by 1.2 metre deep is ok for the area drained

Note under the building regulations the maximum area drained should be no more than 25square metres . Per soakaway pit however by calculation the designed enlarged pit dimensions demonstrates the capacity of the soakaway to meet the current building regulations.

Typical 1m3 ploypipe interlocking crate system will drain an approximate area of 50m2. Individual crates 1000 Long 500 Wide x 400 Deep.