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0. FOREWORD

The following Conditions and Notes on Site Investigation Procedures should be read in conjunction with this report.

General

Recommendations made and opinions expressed in the report are based on the strata observed in the excavations / recovered samples, together with the results of site and laboratory testing. No responsibility can be held for conditions which have not been revealed by the exploratory holes or which occur between exploratory holes. Whilst the report may suggest the likely configuration of strata, both between exploratory holes and below the maximum depth of investigation, this is only indicative and liability cannot be accepted for its accuracy.

Unless specifically stated, no account has been taken of possible subsidence due to mineral extraction below or close to the site.

Investigation Procedures

Intrusive techniques for ground investigation have been employed throughout the project. All intrusive operations, geotechnical / environmental sampling, logging of soils / rocks and in-situ testing complies with the recommendations of the British Code of Practice BS 5930:2015+A1:2020 'Site Investigations', British Code of Practice BS 10175: 2011+A2:2017 'Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites' and BS 1377:1990, 'Methods of Test for Soils for Engineering Purposes'.

Routine Sampling

Representative bulk, disturbed and environmental samples of the different strata were taken. All samples are returned from site to Quantum Geotechnic Limited's controlled storage within 24 hours of sampling to await test scheduling / requirements.

In-Situ Testing, Surveying & Instrumentation

No in-situ testing was carried out.

Groundwater

Where possible, the depth of entry of any influx of groundwater is recorded during the course of excavation or boring operations. The rate of inflow into the excavation or borehole is monitored during the course of the excavation or during boring procedures. Upon encountering any water strikes, work is temporarily halted and the water levels monitored for a standard twenty-minute period recording the change in water level at the end of the twenty minutes.

Groundwater conditions observed in the excavations are those appertaining to the period of investigation. It should be noted, that groundwater levels are subject to diurnal, seasonal and climatic variations as well as affects caused by drainage conditions or other causes.

Retention of Samples

After satisfactory completion of all the scheduled laboratory tests on any sample, the remaining material is discarded. Further to notifying the Client / Engineer with one week's notice, all soil and / or rock samples not tested will be discarded 28 days after submission of the approved final report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

Upon the instructions of our Client, Maxiom Developments Ltd, Quantum Geotechnic Ltd (QG) was commissioned to undertake a ground investigation at the residential development at upper Colliers Row, Heolgerrig, Merthyr Tydfil.

1.2 Purpose of Ground Investigation

The purpose of the ground investigation was targeted to allow a geotechnical assessment of re-use of the site materials for any earthwork operations required; and to provide a human health risk assessment of the soils on site in relation to the development and end use.

1.3 Scope of Work

The scope of work undertaken in the preparation of this assessment was as follows:

- Conduct a brief ground investigation with the aim of sampling the shallow soils as to their characteristics for re-use on site and for potential contamination levels.
- Carry out laboratory testing to obtain geotechnical and environmental data to inform interpretation.
- Provide an interpretative report presenting an analysis of the ground conditions and characteristic geotechnical parameters and an assessment of human health risks.

General notes on the techniques employed by Quantum Geotechnic Ltd are described in the Foreword together with the limitations inherent in carrying out ground investigation work.

2. SITE SETTING

2.1 Site Description

The site is an area of undeveloped land west of Upper Colliers Row, in the Heolgerrig suburb of Merthyr Tydfil. The site topography rises westwards from Upper Colliers Row towards the exiting residences to the west. Some immature trees are still present on the site. The approximate National Grid Reference of the centre of the site is 303910E, 206265N. The approximate elevation of the site is c.210m.AOD. The nearest postcode is CF48 1UN.

The approximate extent of the site is shown in yellow highlight on a current aerial mapping extract presented below in Figure 1.

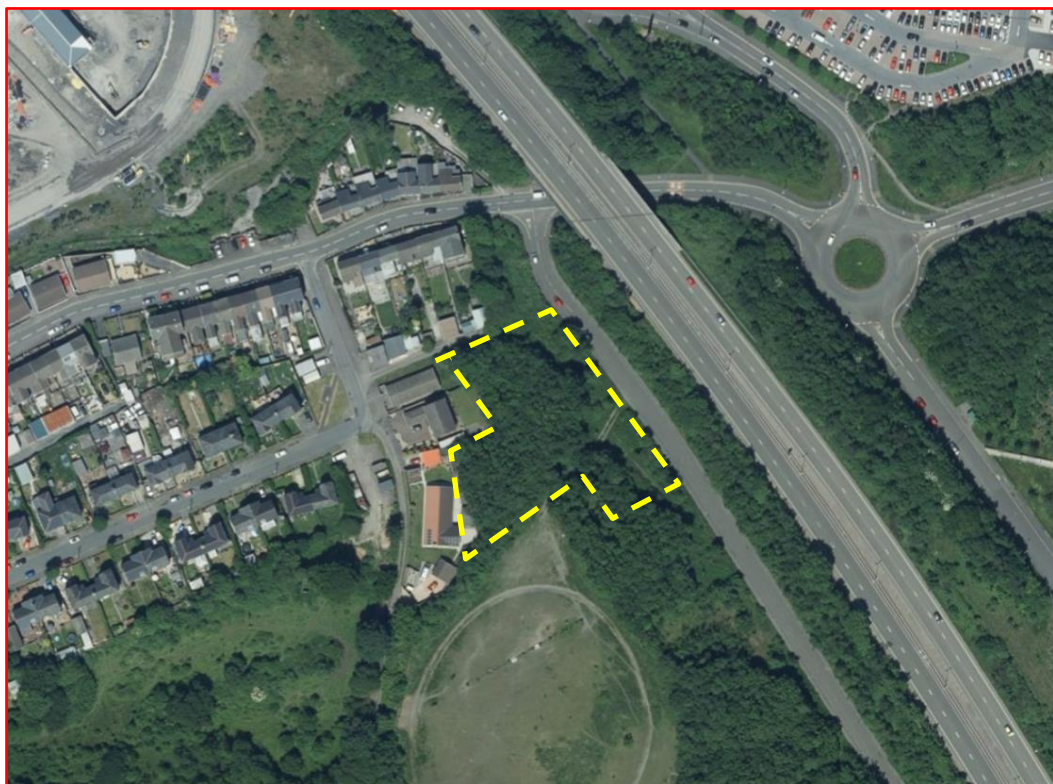


Figure 1: Site Location & Setting (not to scale) ©Apple Maps

2.2 Published Geology

The 1:10,560 scale British Geological Survey map of the area, Sheet SO 00 NW, shows the detailed geology of the site. An extract from the map is presented over page.

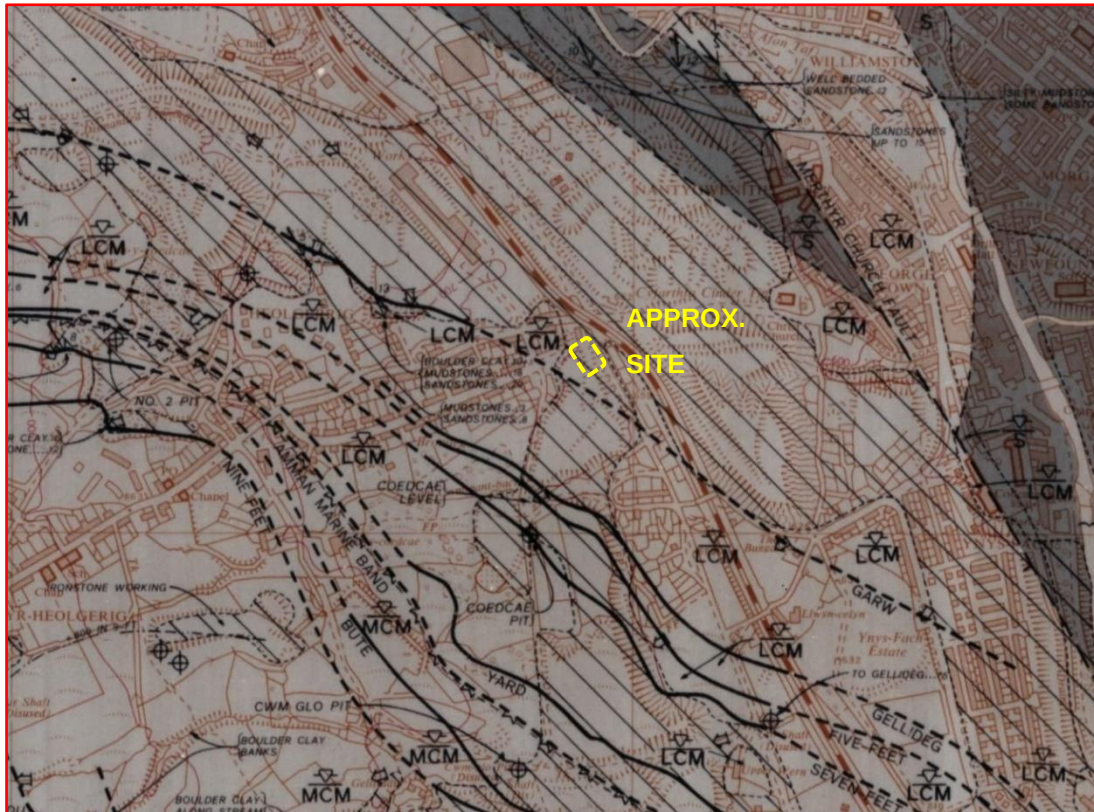


Figure 2: BGS sheet SO 00 NW Extract (Not to Scale) British Geological Survey © NERC

This edition map indicates the site to be mantled by superficial deposits comprising Made Ground (typically mine spoil), with Glacial Till (boulder clay) shown immediately west of the made ground.

The solid bedrock strata are mapped as the Lower Coal Measures. The *Garw* coal seam is shown to outcrop conjecturally to the south west of the site, dipping away from the site at a shallow angle towards the south west. No other coal seams are indicated in the local sequence on the geological map beneath the *Garw* seam, but a series of ironstone veins are recorded, as *Rosser Ironstone Veins*.

3. FIELDWORK

The fieldwork was carried out on the 17th June 2021. The site operations were carried out with plant supplied by the Client.

The geotechnical supervision was provided by an experienced Chartered Engineering Geologist from Quantum. No incidents or near misses were recorded during the fieldworks. No deviations from standards and procedures adopted for the works were recorded.

The fieldworks comprised of five trial pits at the positions indicated on the plan in Appendix I. A summary of the trial pit depths and positions is tabulated below. The purpose of the trial pits was to sample the shallow soils for testing purposes.

Table 1: Summary of Trial Holes.

Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Comments
A	1.00	Plot 8/9; Terminated in Made Ground
B	1.00	Plot 6/7; Terminated in Made Ground
C	1.00	Plot 1/2/3; Terminated in Made Ground
D	1.00	Plot 3/5; Terminated in Made Ground
E	1.00	Plot 4/5/10; Terminated in Made Ground

All site operations, sampling and logging, were undertaken in accordance with the relevant British Standards, namely: BS5930:2015+A1:2020 *Code of practice for ground investigation*; BS EN 1997-2:2007 *Eurocode 7. Geotechnical design. Ground investigation and testing*; BS1377-9:1999 *Method of test for soils for civil engineering purposes. In-situ testing*; BS EN ISO 14688-1:2018 *Geotechnical investigation and testing. Identification and classification of soil. Identification and description*; and BS EN ISO 14688-2:2018 *Geotechnical investigation and testing. Identification and classification of soil. Principles for a classification*.

The relative positions of the trial holes are shown on the site plan included in Appendix I. The engineering logs of the boreholes are presented in Appendix II.

4. LABORATORY TESTING

4.1 General

The laboratory testing was scheduled by Quantum and comprised a combination of geotechnical testing to assess the compaction characteristics of the site material for re-use, and environmental testing on selected soil samples obtained from the investigation.

4.2 Geotechnical Laboratory Testing

All the geotechnical soil testing was carried out in accordance with the procedure stipulated in the various sections of BS 1377:1999 Parts 1 – 9 *Methods of test for soils for civil engineering purposes*. Table 2 details the tests undertaken.

Table 2: Summary of Scheduled Geotechnical Tests.

Type of Test	No. of Tests
Natural Moisture Content	5
Particle Size Grading	5
4.5kg Compaction	5
Loss on Ignition	5

A full set of the geotechnical laboratory test certificates is presented within Appendix III.

4.3 Environmental Laboratory Testing

Environmental testing was carried out on selected soil samples obtained from the ground investigation. The purpose of the testing was to gain a baseline view of any raised levels of contaminants that may exist on site. The suites of tests undertaken for human health assessment are listed in Table 3. Five soil samples were tested for this suite of potential contaminants.

A full set of environmental laboratory test certificates is provided in Appendix IV.

Table 3a: Geo-Environmental Tests on Soil Samples.

Heavy Metals			
• Arsenic	• Barium	• Beryllium	• Boron (soluble)
• Cadmium	• Chromium (III & VI)	• Copper	• Lead
• Mercury	• Nickel	• Selenium	• Vanadium
• Zinc			
Inorganics			
• pH	• Total Sulphate	• Soluble Sulphate	• Sulphide
• Sulphur	• Organic Matter	• Total Cyanide	• Complex Cyanide
• Free Cyanide	• Asbestos		

Table 3b: Geo-Environmental Tests on Soil Samples (Continued)

Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons			
• Naphthalene	• Acenaphthylene	• Acenaphthene	• Fluorene
• Phenanthrene	• Anthracene	• Fluoranthene	• Pyrene
• Benzo(a)anthracene	• Chrysene	• Benzo(b)fluoranthene	• Benzo(k)fluoranthene
• Benzo(a)pyrene	• Indeno(1,2,3-cd) pyrene	• Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	• Benzo(ghi)perylene
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons			
TPH-CWG Aliphatic Split:	• EC5 – EC6	• EC6 – EC8	• EC8 – EC10
• EC10 – EC12	• EC12 – EC16	• EC16 – EC21	• EC21 – EC35
TPH-CWG Aromatic Split:	• EC5 – EC7	• EC7 – EC8	• EC8 – EC10
• EC10 – EC12	• EC12 – EC16	• EC16 – EC21	• EC21 – EC35
Aromatic, Monoaromatics & Oxygenates			
• Phenols	• Benzene	• Toluene	• Ethylbenzene
• p & m - xylene	• o - xylene	• MTBE	

All environmental testing was undertaken by a specialist testing house Partner (*Chemtest*) who hold the required MCERTS accreditation and ISO17025 Standards, which are stipulated on the individual test certificates.

5. GROUND CONDITIONS

5.1 Summary of Strata Encountered

A detailed description of the strata encountered during the investigation is given in the Engineering Geologist's logs presented in Appendix II. Table 4 summarises the strata encountered in the investigation holes.

Table 4: Summary of strata encountered

Trial Pit	Depth (m.bgl)		Description
	From	To	
TP A	GL	1.0	Loose to compact grey slightly clayey/silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone
TP B	GL	1.0	Loose to compact grey slightly clayey/silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone
TP C	GL	1.0	Loose to compact grey clayey, silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone/ironstone
TP D	GL	1.0	Loose to compact grey clayey, silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone
TP E	GL	1.0	Loose to compact grey clayey, silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone

The succession of strata in each trial pit generally revealed a similar composition of shallow Made Ground over the site.

5.2 Groundwater Conditions

No groundwater was encountered in any of the trial holes during the investigation. No groundwater monitoring installations were instructed as part of this commission.

Please Note: Groundwater levels are subject to diurnal, seasonal and climatic conditions or may vary due to other causes.

5.3 Visual & Olfactory Evidence of Contamination

There was no visual and / or olfactory evidence of any soil contamination during the investigation works.

There was no evidence of any contaminated groundwater during the investigation works.

6.0 GEOTECHNICAL DISCUSSION

6.1 General

The aim of this geotechnical assessment was to determine the suitability of the in-situ material for re-use as engineered fill on site. Any potential contamination issues revealed within the ground are discussed in Section 7.

Precise detail of any proposed levels or depth of any cut or fill are not known at present. The advice given herein may require revision once further details are known.

6.2 Engineering Properties of Strata

The engineering descriptions of the strata are presented on the Trial Pit logs in Appendix II.

The geotechnical classification testing results are summarised below.

Table 5: Summary of Geotechnical Test Results

Trial Pit	Depth (m)	Classification/Performance Tests						Compaction Tests	
		w %	Loss on Ignition (%)	Particle Size Grading (%)				OMC (%)	MDD (Mg/m ³)
				Cobbles	Gravel	Sand	Silt/Clay		
WS01	0.5	6.7 / 8.2	3.7	0	60	33	7	14	1.97
WS01	0.5	5.2 / 7.6	3.5	0	54	31	15	13	1.91
WS03	0.5	5.0 / 4.8	5.0	0	41	33	26	10	2.01
WS03	0.5	7.0 / 4.3	16	0	58	24	18	11	2.01
WS04	0.5	7.5 / 9.5	4.7	0	47	31	22	13	1.94

Note: OMC: Optimum Moisture Content
MDD: Maximum Dry Density

6.3 Re-Use of Site Won Soils

The laboratory test certificates for the classification and compaction tests are presented in Appendix III.

From the particle size gradings of the soils, these broadly fall into Class 1A *Well Graded Granular Material* according to the Highways Agency Specification for Highway Works Series 600 (SHW).

The SHW defines the placement method for Class 1A in Table 6/4 as Method 2. The principle of the SHW is that by adopting the method specified in Table 6/4, then at least 95% of maximum compaction would be achieved if placed within an acceptable moisture content range. A method compaction specification rules out the need for extensive validation testing during filling operations.

The laboratory testing results for the five site-won samples have recorded the following compaction parameters:

Table 6: Compaction Test Results

Test/Parameter	Range of Results
Maximum Dry Density (MDD) Mg/m ³	1.91 – 2.01
Optimum Moisture Content (OMC) %	10 – 14
Natural Moisture Content (NMC) %	4.3 – 9.5
MC Range for 95% Compaction	OMC ± 5%

The suitability of the performance of the material as-dug will be moisture content dependent.

The natural moisture content of these soils ranged between 4% and 10%.

The compaction testing recorded maximum dry densities (MDD) of between 1.91 Mg/m³ and 2.01Mg/m³ at corresponding Optimum Moisture Contents (OMC) of between 10% and 14%.

In most re-engineering of soils, a figure of 95% of maximum dry density is considered to be the desired performance for an engineered fill when used as a structural fill. By plotting the 95% level of MDD over the range of moisture contents of the compaction test curve, a range of moisture contents can be derived to achieve 95% compaction.

The acceptable range of moisture content to achieve 95% compaction was OMC $\pm$ 5%. The average OMC was 12%. The average natural moisture content (NMC) of the soils was 7%. This places the average NMC at OMC-5%, i.e., within the acceptable range to achieve optimum compaction.

Table 6/4 of SHW lists the requirements for placement of fill once classified at suitable material. The extract from Table 6/4 shows the required thickness of compacted layers and number of passes of various size rollers. For example, as below; for a 2,500kg smoothed wheel roller, Method 2 requires 10 passes on layers 125mm in thickness.

Table 7: SHW Series 600 Table 6/4 Extract

Type of Compaction Plant	Ref No.	Category	Method 1		Method 2	
			D	N#	D	N#
Smoothed wheeled roller (or vibratory roller operating without vibration)	1	Mass per metre width of roll: over 2100 kg up to 2700 kg	125	8	125	10
	2	over 2700 kg up to 5400 kg	125	6	125	8
	3	over 5400 kg	150	4	150	8

6.4 Concrete Classification

The Aggressive Chemical Environment for Concrete (ACEC) classification for the site has been assessed according to the guidelines within BRE Special Digest (2005) using the chemical test results from the contamination testing. For classification purposes, based on the BRE guidance, groundwater must be classed as 'mobile' unless proven to be 'static' over a 24hr period.

The pH values of the soil samples taken from across the site ranged between 7.6 and 8.3 whilst the levels of water-soluble sulphate (SO₄) content of the tested soil samples were all less than 0.043g/litre.

Based on the site being effectively 'brownfield' soils, due to the made ground; with an assumed mobile groundwater the Design Sulphate class for the site is assessed as DS-1 with an ACEC classification as AC-1.

7.0 GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL APPRAISAL

7.1 General

Selected samples from the investigation have been tested for potential contamination by way of a baseline assessment of the risks to the site end users using a Tier 2 Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment methodology.

The risks to human health are considered herein. The assessment does not extend to wider environmental issues of controlled waters.

7.2 Human Health Risk Assessment Criteria

For the purposes of Quantum Geotechnic Ltd assessments, the most recent and applicable SGVs, GACs, SU4Ls and C4SLs are used based on the proposed site end use and development and overall suitability. These are all referenced within the text. SU4Ls take precedence in QGL assessments. Where these are not available or suitable, C4SLs are adopted.

By adopting the CLEA approach to human health risk assessment as defined in new regulatory guidance 'Land Contamination Risk Management' (LCRM); www.gov.uk/government/publications/land-contamination-risk-management-lcrm (superseding CLR11), a human health risk assessment has been undertaken for the proposed development adopting the most appropriate end use model of a *Commercial End Use*.

The assessment criteria used in this assessment is that presented by LQM / CIEH in their publication *The LQM / CIEH S4ULs for Human Health Risk Assessment* (2015). The S4ULs (Suitable for Use Levels) used have been derived in accordance with UK legislation as well as Environment Agency policy. These have been used in conjunction with a modified version of the Environmental Agency CLEA software and available guidance provided to the contaminated land practitioner community for the purpose of deriving Generic Assessment Criteria (GAC).

The LQM / CIEH S4ULs are intended for use in assessing potential risks posed to human health by contaminants in soil and as transparently derived and cautious 'trigger values' above which further assessment or remedial action may be necessary. By using the LQM / CIEH S4ULs, Quantum acknowledges Copyright Land Quality Management Ltd reproduced with permission, Publication Number S4UL3409. All Rights Reserved.

7.3 Soil Sample Test Results Comparisons

7.3.1 Asbestos

No Asbestos was identified in the five samples tested.

7.3.2 Heavy Metal and Inorganic Compounds

The results of levels of potential contaminants have been compared to GACs as described above for a '*Residential End Use with Plant Uptake*' situation, as being considered the most appropriate threshold for human health relating to the ultimate use of soils on this site.

The concentrations of heavy metal / inorganic compounds are listed in the Table 8. The test results certificates are included in Appendix IV.

Table 8: Summary of Heavy Metals and General Inorganic Soil Test Results.

Determinant	Concentration Range (mg/kg – unless specified)	LQM/CIEH (2015) GAC (mg/kg) Residential + Plants ⁽¹⁾	Exceedances
pH (as pH units)	7.6 – 8.3	< 5	0
Cyanide – Total	< 0.5	34	0
Free Cyanide	< 0.5	34	0
Water Soluble Sulphate (SO ₄) g/l	<0.01 – 0.04 g/l	0.5 g/l	0
Organic Matter	5.9 – 69	n/a	n/a
Arsenic	6.1 – 16	37	0
Beryllium	< 1.0 – 1.3	1.7	0
Boron (water soluble)	< 0.4 – 0.42	290	0
Cadmium	0.15 – 0.20	11	0
Chromium	9.2 – 16	910	0
Copper	36 – 51	2400	0
Lead	22 – 43	200	0
Mercury	< 0.1	40	0
Nickel	27 – 43	130	0
Selenium	0.27 – 0.62	250	0
Vanadium	7 – 22	410	0
Zinc	76 - 110	3700	0

Notes:

(1) GAC from LQM/CIEH S4ULs 2015.

7.3.3 Total Phenols

Total Phenols (monohydric) all recorded values of < 0.1mg/kg in the soil samples.

7.3.4 Speciated Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

The results of levels of potential contaminants as have been compared to GACs as described, for a *Residential* end use as being considered the most appropriate threshold for human health relating to handling of soils and for a Soil Organic Matter (SOM) content of 6% (minimum recorded value in tests: 5.9%). The test certificates are included in Appendix IV. The concentrations of speciated Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon are summarised and compared in the Table 9 over page.

Three determinands were above the threshold value for the proposed end use.

Table 9: Summary of Speciated Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Soil Test Results.

Determinant	Concentration Range (mg/kg – unless specified)	LQM/CIEH (2015) GAC Residential + Plants (mg/kg)	
		6% SOM	Exceedances
Naphthalene	< 0.1 – 3.3	13	0
Acenaphthylene	< 0.1 – 0.73	920	0
Acenaphthene	< 0.1 – 0.53	1100	0
Fluorene	< 0.1 – 0.9	860	0
Phenanthrene	0.9 – 4.8	440	0
Anthracene	0.34 – 1.7	11000	0
Fluoranthene	1.2 – 5.7	890	0
Pyrene	1.1 – 5.0	2000	0
Benzo(a)anthracene	1.1 – 4.8	13	0
Chrysene	1.2 – 5.1	27	0
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1.1 – 5.2	3.7	2
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.47 – 2.2	100	0
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.72 – 3.4	3.0	1
Indeno(1,2,3-cd) pyrene	0.48 – 1.8	41	0
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	0.24 – 0.95	0.3	3
Benzo(ghi)perylene	0.36 – 1.5	350	0

Notes:

(1). GAC from LQM/CIEH S4ULs 2015.

7.3.5 Monoaromatic Compounds and Oxygenates

Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene compounds and MTBE were all tested within the soil samples. All recorded values of <0.1µg/kg; all below the generic assessment criteria.

7.3.6 Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

The results of levels of potential contaminants have been compared to GAC as described, for a *Commercial* end use as being considered the most appropriate threshold for human health relating to handling of soils and for a Soil Organic Matter (SOM) content of 6%. The test certificates are included in Appendix IV. The concentrations of speciated Petroleum Hydrocarbon are summarised and compared in the Table 10 over page.

These all fell below the relevant threshold.

Table 10: Summary of Petroleum Hydrocarbon Soil Test Results.

Analytical Parameter	Site Results Range (mg/kg)	LQM/CIEH (2015) GAC ⁽¹⁾ Residential (mg/kg)	
		6% SOM	Exceedances
TPH – Aliphatic EC5-6	< 1.0	160	0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC6-8	< 1.0	530	0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC8-10	< 1.0	150	0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC10-12	< 1.0	760	0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC12-16	< 1.0	4,300	0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC16-21	< 1.0		0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC21-35	< 1.0 – 4.9	110,000 ⁽²⁾	0
TPH – Aliphatic >EC35-44	< 1.0	110,000	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC5-7	< 1.0	300	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC7-8	< 1.0	660	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC8-10	< 1.0	190	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC10-12	< 1.0	380	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC12-16	< 1.0	660	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC16-21	< 1.0	930	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC21-35	< 1.0 – 65	1,700	0
TPH – Aromatic >EC35-44	< 1.0	1,700	0

Notes:

(1). GAC from LQM/CIEH S4ULs 2015.

(2). GAC for C16 – C35 quoted.

7.4 Contaminated Land Risk Assessment

The scope of works included testing of select soil samples in order to assess potential risks to human health from an accepted suite of potential contaminants of concern. The following section summarises those findings.

7.4.1 Human Health Assessment & Recommendations

The majority of potential contaminants analysed from within the soils recorded concentrations values well below the prescribed generic assessment criteria for a *Residential end use with plant uptake*. The exception to this was three polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon determinants which recorded values in up to two samples marginally in excess of the generic assessment criteria.

Based on this, a potential contamination source does exist for a pollutant linkage that may constitute a risk to future site users.

The consequence of this, without undertaking any more detailed risk assessment and further testing, is that all areas of gardens and landscaping should be capped with a 600mm layer of suitable inert capping and topsoil. No special measures are required in areas of hard-standing.

As general good practice, we would recommend that suitable welfare and hygiene facilities are available on site during all construction work.

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- LQM / CIEH Suitable for Use Levels (S4UL) for Human Health Risk Assessment, 2015

APPENDIX I – SITE PLAN

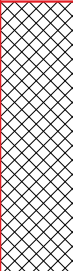
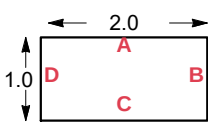


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Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil Trial Pit Location Plan

Job No:	Q0558	Date:	July '21
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APPENDIX II – TRIAL PIT LOGS

Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil Client : Maxiom Developments							Trial Pit No. TP A		
Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21 Location : Plot 8/9				Job Number : Q0558 Engineer : Quantum Geotech		Ground Level : Coordinates:			
m B.G.L.	Samples		Tests		Strata				WATER
	Depth	Type No.	Depth	Test Results	Depth (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Depth (Thickness)	
1	0.50 - 1.00	B1			1.00	MADE GROUND: Loose to compact grey slightly clayey/silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone TP Terminated at target depth		(1.00)	
	0.50 - 1.00	ES1							
	0.50 - 1.00	B2							
	0.50 - 1.00	B3							
PLAN 			Groundwater: None Encountered Stability: Relatively Stable Shoring: None			Remarks:			
Equipment Used: 13T Tracked Excavator									
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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Client : Maxiom Developments

Trial Pit No.

TP A

Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21

Job Number : Q0558

Ground Level :

Location : Plot 8/9

Engineer : Quantum Geotech

Coordinates:



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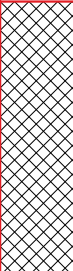
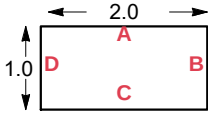
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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil Client : Maxiom Developments							Trial Pit No. TP B		
Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21 Location : Plot 6/7				Job Number : Q0558 Engineer : Quantum Geotech		Ground Level : Coordinates:			
m B.G.L.	Samples		Tests		Strata				WATER
	Depth	Type No.	Depth	Test Results	Depth (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Depth (Thickness)	
1	0.50 - 1.00	B1			1.00	MADE GROUND: Loose to compact grey slightly clayey/silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone TP Terminated at target depth		(1.00)	
	0.50 - 1.00	ES1			1.00			1.00	
	0.50 - 1.00	B2							
	0.50 - 1.00	B3							
PLAN 			Groundwater: None Encountered Stability: Relatively Stable Shoring: None			Remarks:			
Equipment Used: 13T Tracked Excavator									
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Client : Maxiom Developments

Trial Pit No.

TP B

Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21

Job Number : Q0558

Ground Level :

Location : Plot 6/7

Engineer : Quantum Geotech

Coordinates:



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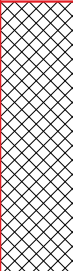
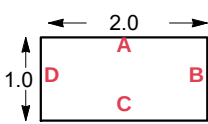
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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil Client : Maxiom Developments							Trial Pit No. TP C	
Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21 Location : Plot 1/2/3			Job Number : Q0558 Engineer : Quantum Geotech		Ground Level : Coordinates:			
m B.G.L.	Samples		Tests		Strata			
	Depth	Type No.	Depth	Test Results	Depth (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Depth (Thickness)
1	0.50 - 1.00	B1			1.00	MADE GROUND: Loose to compact grey clayey, silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone/ironstone TP Terminated at target depth		(1.00)
	0.50 - 1.00	ES1						
	0.50 - 1.00	B2						
	0.50 - 1.00	B3						
PLAN  Groundwater: None Encountered Stability: Relatively Stable Shoring: None Remarks:								
Equipment Used: 13T Tracked Excavator								
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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Client : Maxiom Developments

**Trial Pit No.
TP C**

Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21

Job Number : Q0558

Ground Level :

Location : Plot 1/2/3

Engineer : Quantum Geotech

Coordinates:



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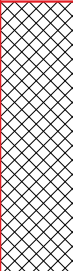
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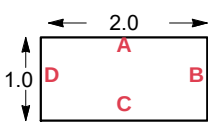
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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil Client : Maxiom Developments							Trial Pit No. TP D	
Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21 Location : Plot 3/5				Job Number : Q0558 Engineer : Quantum Geotech		Ground Level : Coordinates:		

m B.G.L.	Samples		Tests		Strata				WATER
	Depth	Type No.	Depth	Test Results	Depth (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Depth (Thickness)	
1	0.50 - 1.00	B1			1.00	MADE GROUND: Loose to compact grey clayey, silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone TP Terminated at target depth		(1.00)	
	0.50 -	ES1							
	0.50 - 1.00	B2							
		B3							

PLAN 		Groundwater: None Encountered Stability: Relatively Stable Shoring: None	Remarks:
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Equipment Used: 13T Tracked Excavator

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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Client : Maxiom Developments

**Trial Pit No.
TP D**

Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21

Job Number : Q0558

Ground Level :

Location : Plot 3/5

Engineer : Quantum Geotech

Coordinates:



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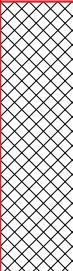
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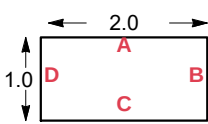
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Contract : Upper Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil Client : Maxiom Developments							Trial Pit No. TP E	
Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21 Location : Plot 4/5/10			Job Number : Q0558 Engineer : Quantum Geotech		Ground Level : Coordinates:			

m B.G.L.	Samples		Tests		Strata				WATER
	Depth	Type No.	Depth	Test Results	Depth (Thickness)	Description	Legend	Depth (Thickness)	
1	0.50 - 1.00	B1			1.00	MADE GROUND: Loose to compact grey clayey, silty fine to coarse sandy GRAVEL (fine to coarse angular and subangular), comprising predominantly sandstone, siltstone & mudstone with some ash/clinker and rare coal fragments, with some cobbles of sandstone TP Terminated at target depth		(1.00)	
	0.50 -	ES1							
	0.50 - 1.00	B2							
		B3							

PLAN 		Groundwater: None Encountered Stability: Relatively Stable Shoring: None	Remarks:
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Equipment Used: 13T Tracked Excavator

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Client : Maxiom Developments

**Trial Pit No.
TP E**

Dates : 17/6/21 - 17/6/21

Job Number : Q0558

Ground Level :

Location : Plot 4/5/10

Engineer : Quantum Geotech

Coordinates:



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APPENDIX III – GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TEST RESULTS



Contract Number: 54538

Client Ref: **Q0558**

Report Date: **03-07-2021**

Client PO:

Client **Quantum Geotechnic Ltd**
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Contract Title: **Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil**
For the attention of: **John Stark**

Date Received: **17-06-2021**

Date Completed: **03-07-2021**

Test Description	Qty
Moisture Content of Soil BS1377 : Part 2 : Clause 3.2 : 1990 - * UKAS	5
PSD Wet & Dry Sieve method BS 1377:1990 - Part 2 : 9.2 - * UKAS	5
PSD: Sedimentation by pipette carried out with Wet Sieve (Wet Sieve must also be selected) BS 1377:1990 - Part 2 : 9.4 - * UKAS	4
LOI Sub-contracted Test	5
Dry Den/MC (4.5kg Rammer Method 1 Litre Mould/CBR Mould) BS 1377:1990 - Part 4 : 3.5 - * UKAS	5
Samples Received - @ Non Accredited Test	10
Disposal of samples for job	1

Notes: Observations and Interpretations are outside the UKAS Accreditation
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- denotes test carried out by approved contractor
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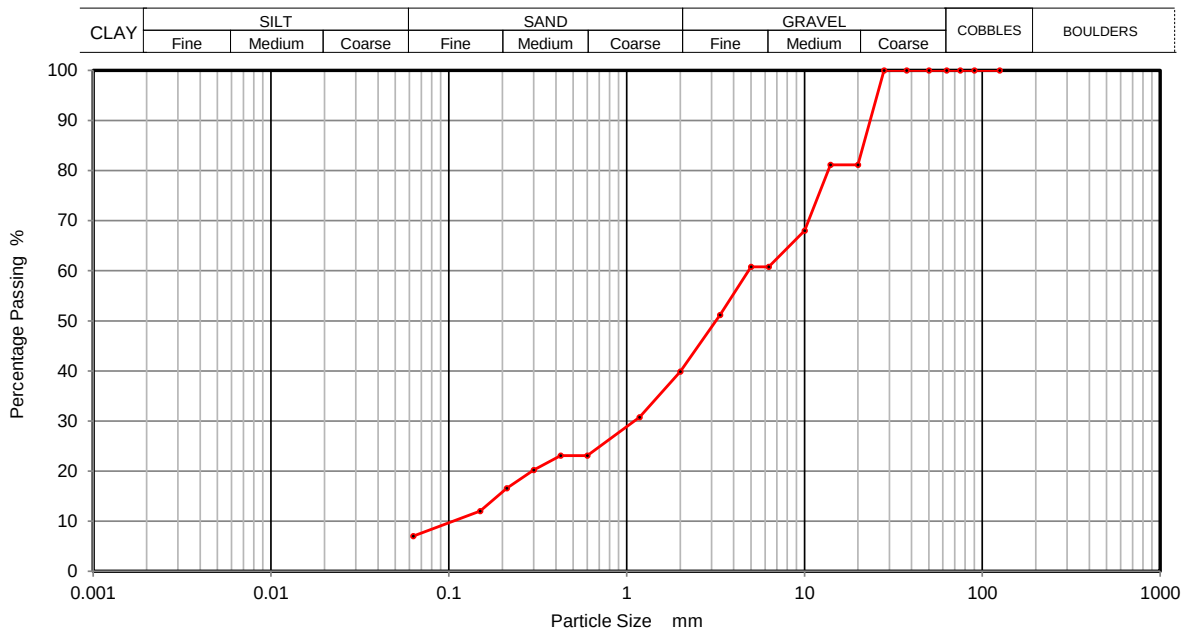
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Shaun Jones (Laboratory manager) - Wayne Honey (Administrative Assistant / Health and Safety)



**PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION
BS 1377 Part 2:1990
Wet Sieve, Clause 9.2**

		Contract Number	54538
		Borehole/Pit No.	TPA
Site Name	Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil	Sample No.	1 + 2
Soil Description	Grey slightly clayey/silty fine to coarse sandy fine to coarse GRAVEL	Depth Top	0.50
		Depth Base	
Date Tested	02/07/2021	Sample Type	B



Sieving		Sedimentation	
Particle Size mm	% Passing	Particle Size mm	% Passing
125	100		
90	100		
75	100		
63	100		
50	100		
37.5	100		
28	100		
20	81		
14	81		
10	68		
6.3	61		
5	61		
3.35	51		
2	40		
1.18	31		
0.6	23		
0.425	23		
0.3	20		
0.212	17		
0.15	12		
0.063	7		

MC in accordance with BS1377 Part 2 1990 Clause 3.2	
Moisture Content %	6.7

Sample Proportions	% dry mass
Cobbles	0
Gravel	60
Sand	33
Silt and Clay	7

Remarks
Preparation and testing in accordance with BS1377 unless noted below

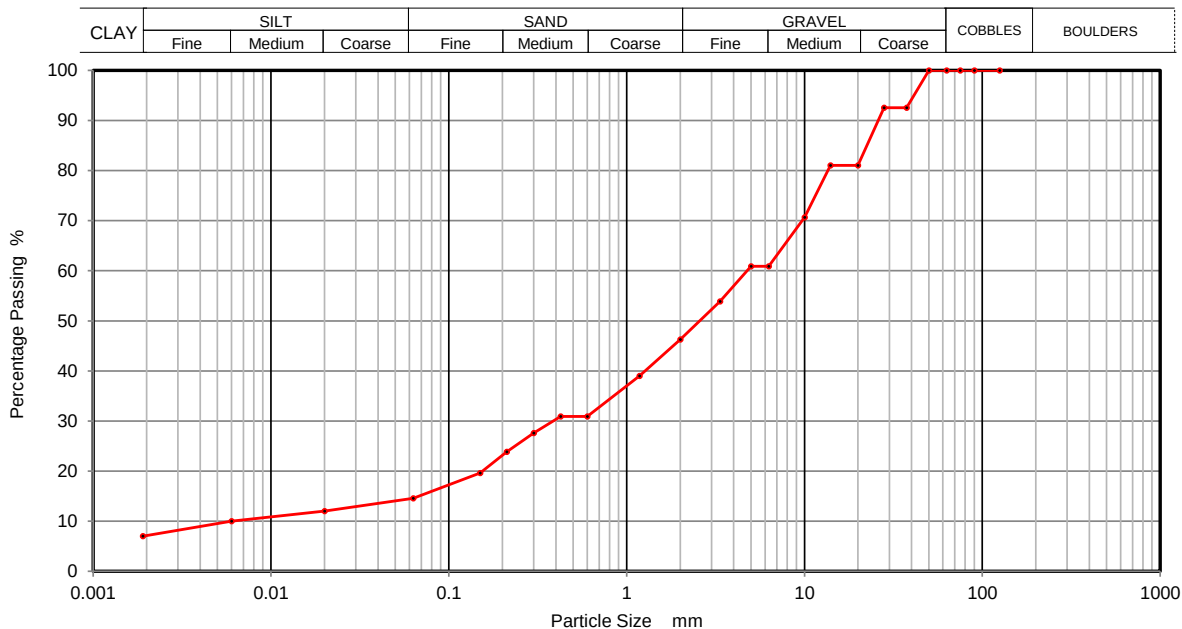
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PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION
BS 1377 Part 2:1990
Wet Sieve & Pipette Analysis, Clause 9.2 & 9.4

		Contract Number	54538
		Borehole/Pit No.	TPB
Site Name	Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil	Sample No.	1 + 2
Soil Description	Grey slightly clayey slightly silty fine to coarse sandy fine to coarse GRAVEL	Depth Top	0.50
		Depth Base	
Date Tested	02/07/2021	Sample Type	B



Sieving		Sedimentation	
Particle Size mm	% Passing	Particle Size mm	% Passing
125	100	0.0200	12
90	100	0.0060	10
75	100	0.0020	7
63	100		
50	100		
37.5	93		
28	93		
20	81		
14	81		
10	71		
6.3	61		
5	61		
3.35	54		
2	46		
1.18	39		
0.6	31		
0.425	31		
0.3	28		
0.212	24		
0.15	20		
0.063	15		

MC in accordance with BS1377 Part 2 1990 Clause 3.2	
Moisture Content %	5.2

Sample Proportions	% dry mass
Cobbles	0
Gravel	54
Sand	31
Silt	8
Clay	7

Remarks
 Preparation and testing in accordance with BS1377 unless noted below

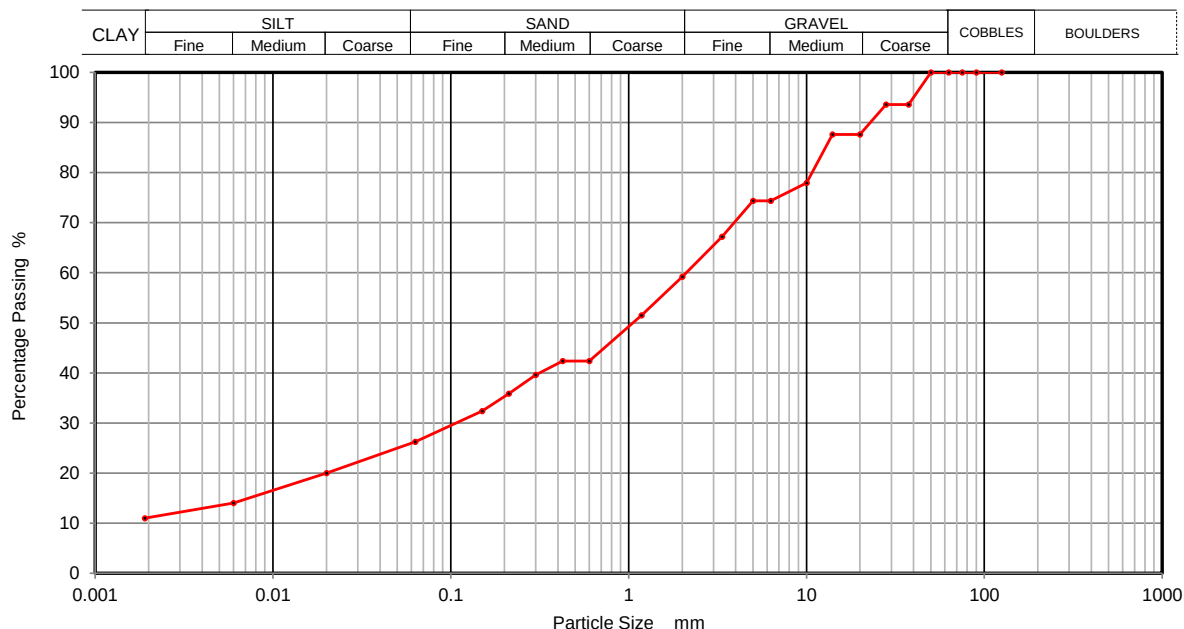
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BS 1377 Part 2:1990
Wet Sieve & Pipette Analysis, Clause 9.2 & 9.4

		Contract Number	54538
		Borehole/Pit No.	TPC
Site Name	Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil	Sample No.	1 + 2
Soil Description	Grey clayey silty fine to coarse sandy fine to coarse GRAVEL	Depth Top	0.50
		Depth Base	
Date Tested	02/07/2021	Sample Type	B



Sieving		Sedimentation	
Particle Size mm	% Passing	Particle Size mm	% Passing
125	100	0.0200	20
90	100	0.0060	14
75	100	0.0020	11
63	100		
50	100		
37.5	94		
28	94		
20	88		
14	88		
10	78		
6.3	74		
5	74		
3.35	67		
2	59		
1.18	51		
0.6	42		
0.425	42		
0.3	40		
0.212	36		
0.15	32		
0.063	26		

MC in accordance with BS1377 Part 2 1990 Clause 3.2	
Moisture Content %	5.0

Sample Proportions	% dry mass
Cobbles	0
Gravel	41
Sand	33
Silt	15
Clay	11

Remarks
 Preparation and testing in accordance with BS1377 unless noted below

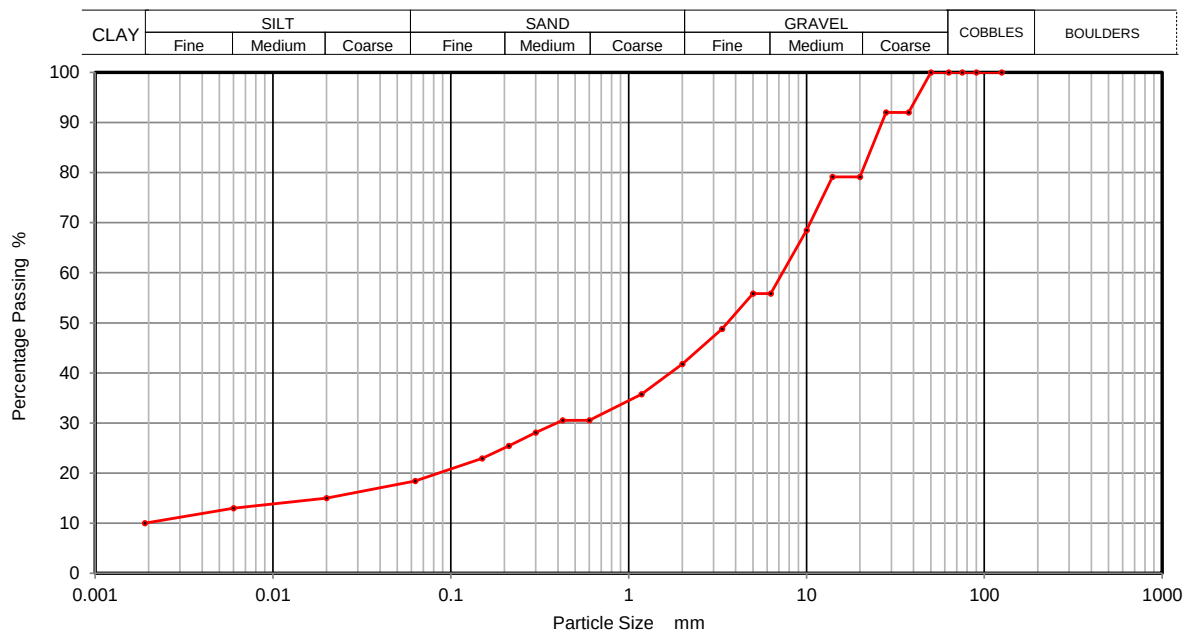
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		Contract Number	54538
		Borehole/Pit No.	TPD
Site Name	Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil	Sample No.	1 + 2
Soil Description	Grey slightly silty clayey fine to coarse sandy fine to coarse GRAVEL	Depth Top	0.50
		Depth Base	
Date Tested	02/07/2021	Sample Type	B



Sieving		Sedimentation	
Particle Size mm	% Passing	Particle Size mm	% Passing
125	100	0.0200	15
90	100	0.0060	13
75	100	0.0020	10
63	100		
50	100		
37.5	92		
28	92		
20	79		
14	79		
10	69		
6.3	56		
5	56		
3.35	49		
2	42		
1.18	36		
0.6	31		
0.425	31		
0.3	28		
0.212	25		
0.15	23		
0.063	18		

MC in accordance with BS1377 Part 2 1990 Clause 3.2	
Moisture Content %	7.0

Sample Proportions	% dry mass
Cobbles	0
Gravel	58
Sand	24
Silt	8
Clay	10

Remarks
 Preparation and testing in accordance with BS1377 unless noted below

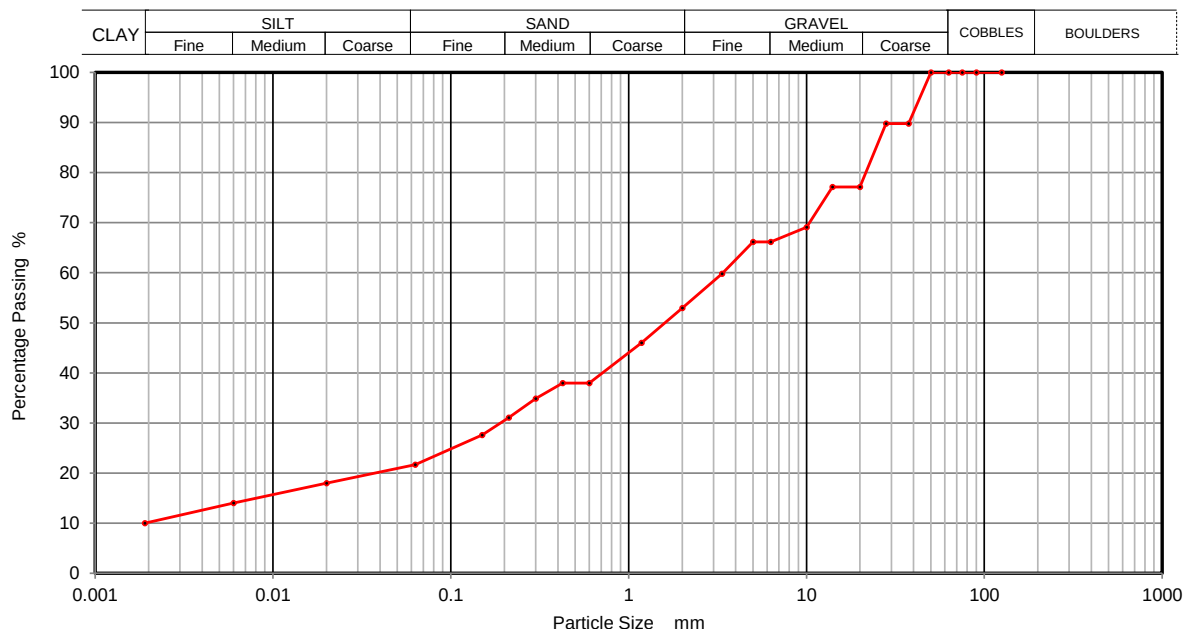
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		Contract Number	54538
		Borehole/Pit No.	TPE
Site Name	Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil	Sample No.	1 + 2
Soil Description	Grey clayey silty fine to coarse sandy fine to coarse GRAVEL	Depth Top	0.50
		Depth Base	
Date Tested	02/07/2021	Sample Type	B



Sieving		Sedimentation	
Particle Size mm	% Passing	Particle Size mm	% Passing
125	100	0.0200	18
90	100	0.0060	14
75	100	0.0020	10
63	100		
50	100		
37.5	90		
28	90		
20	77		
14	77		
10	69		
6.3	66		
5	66		
3.35	60		
2	53		
1.18	46		
0.6	38		
0.425	38		
0.3	35		
0.212	31		
0.15	28		
0.063	22		

MC in accordance with BS1377 Part 2 1990 Clause 3.2	
Moisture Content %	7.5

Sample Proportions	% dry mass
Cobbles	0
Gravel	47
Sand	31
Silt	12
Clay	10

Remarks
 Preparation and testing in accordance with BS1377 unless noted below

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Project Location Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Sample No 1 + 2

Date Tested 22/06/2021

Depth Top 0.50

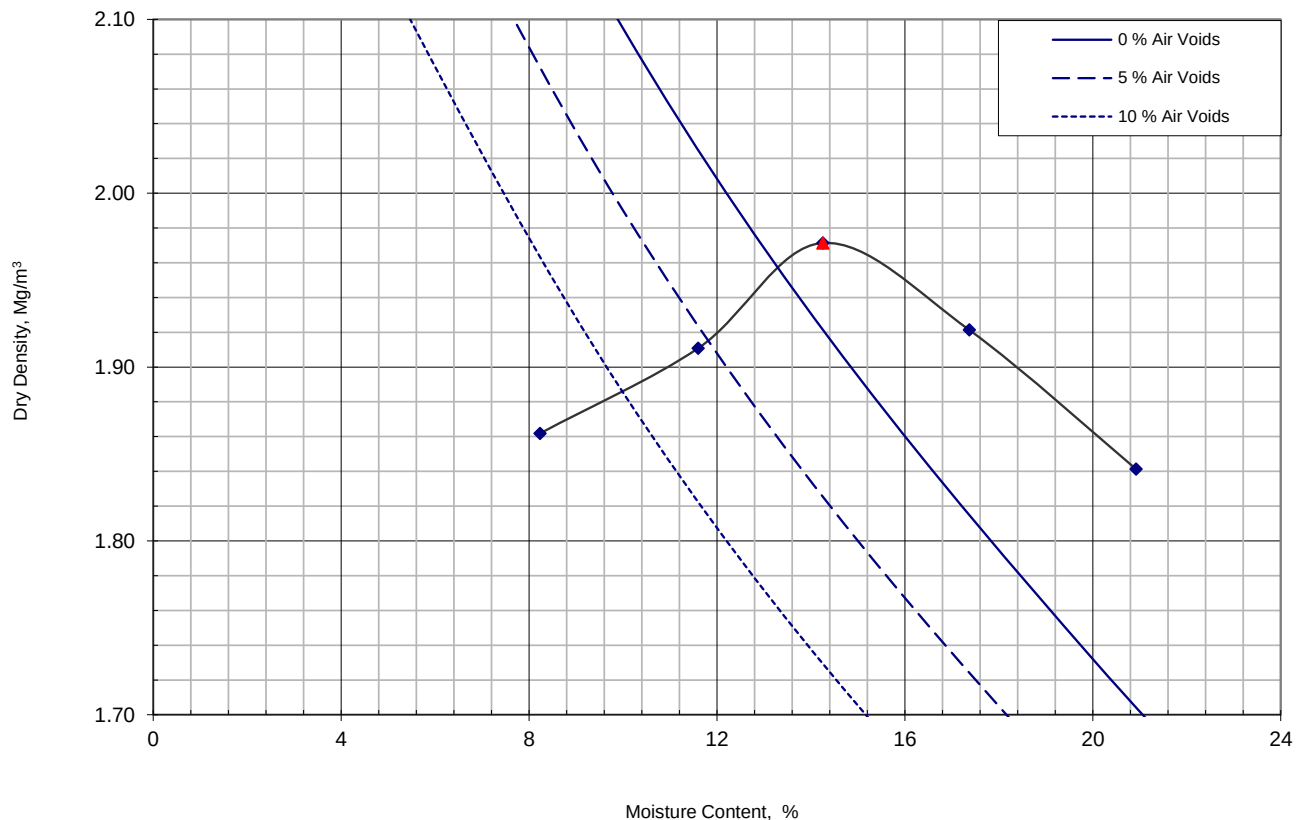
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Compaction Clause BS1377:Part 4:1990, Clause 3.5

Sample Type B

Sample Description



Compaction Point	1	2	3	4	5							
Moisture Content	8.2	12	14	17	21							
Bulk Density	2.01	2.13	2.25	2.26	2.23							
Dry Density	1.86	1.91	1.97	1.92	1.84							

Initial Moisture Content	8.2	%
Maximum Dry Density	1.97	Mg/m3
Optimum Moisture Content	14.0	%
Particle Density	2.65 Assumed	Mg/m3
Material Retained 37.5mm	0	%
Material Retained 20mm	19	%

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Dry Density / Moisture Content Relationship BS 1377:Part 4:1990

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Borehole / Pit No TPB

Project Location Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Sample No 1 + 2

Date Tested 22/06/2021

Depth Top 0.50

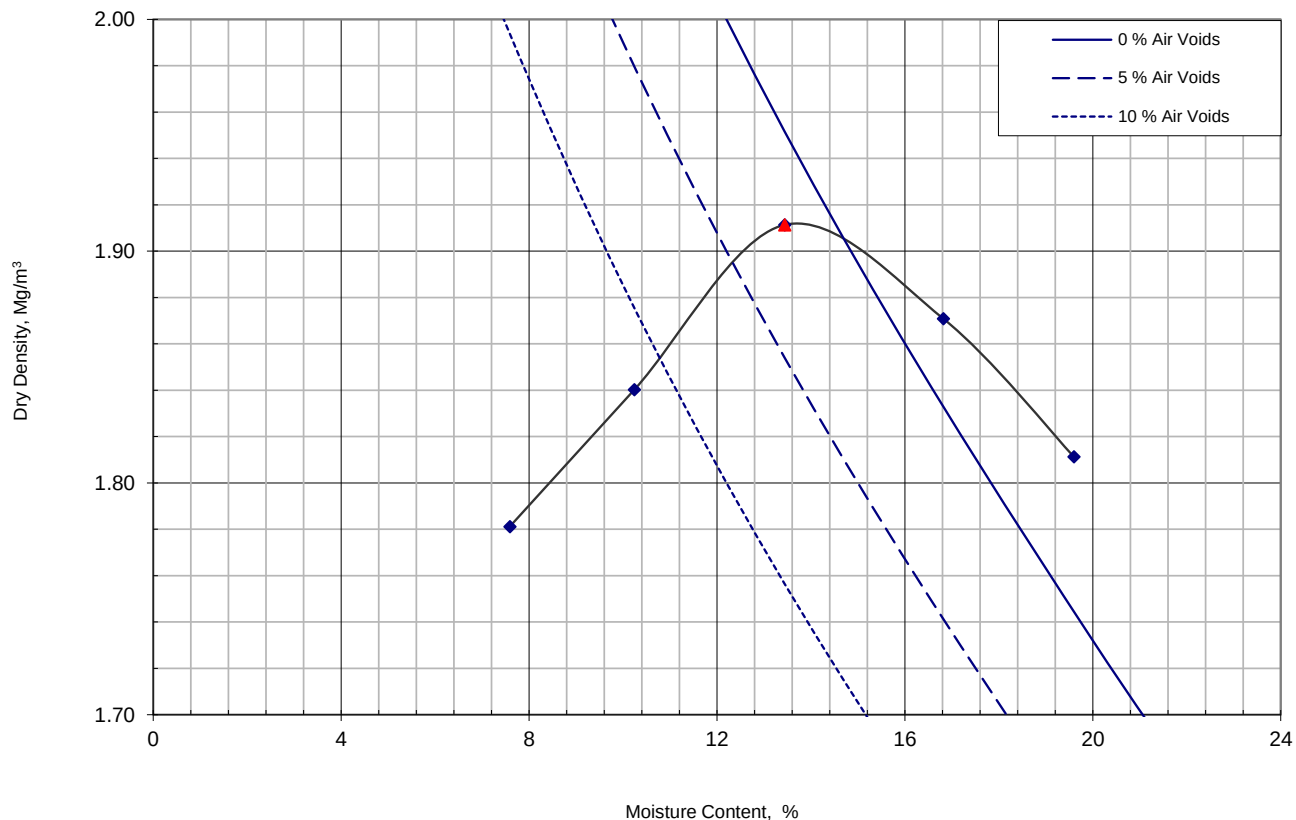
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Depth Base

Compaction Clause BS1377:Part 4:1990, Clause 3.5

Sample Type B

Sample Description



Compaction Point	1	2	3	4	5							
Moisture Content	7.6	10	13	17	20							
Bulk Density	1.92	2.03	2.17	2.19	2.17							
Dry Density	1.78	1.84	1.91	1.87	1.81							

Initial Moisture Content	10	%
Maximum Dry Density	1.91	Mg/m3
Optimum Moisture Content	13.0	%
Particle Density	2.65 Assumed	Mg/m3
Material Retained 37.5mm	7	%
Material Retained 20mm	12	%

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Dry Density / Moisture Content Relationship BS 1377:Part 4:1990

Contract Number 54538

Borehole / Pit No TPC

Project Location Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Sample No 1 + 2

Date Tested 22/06/2021

Depth Top 0.50

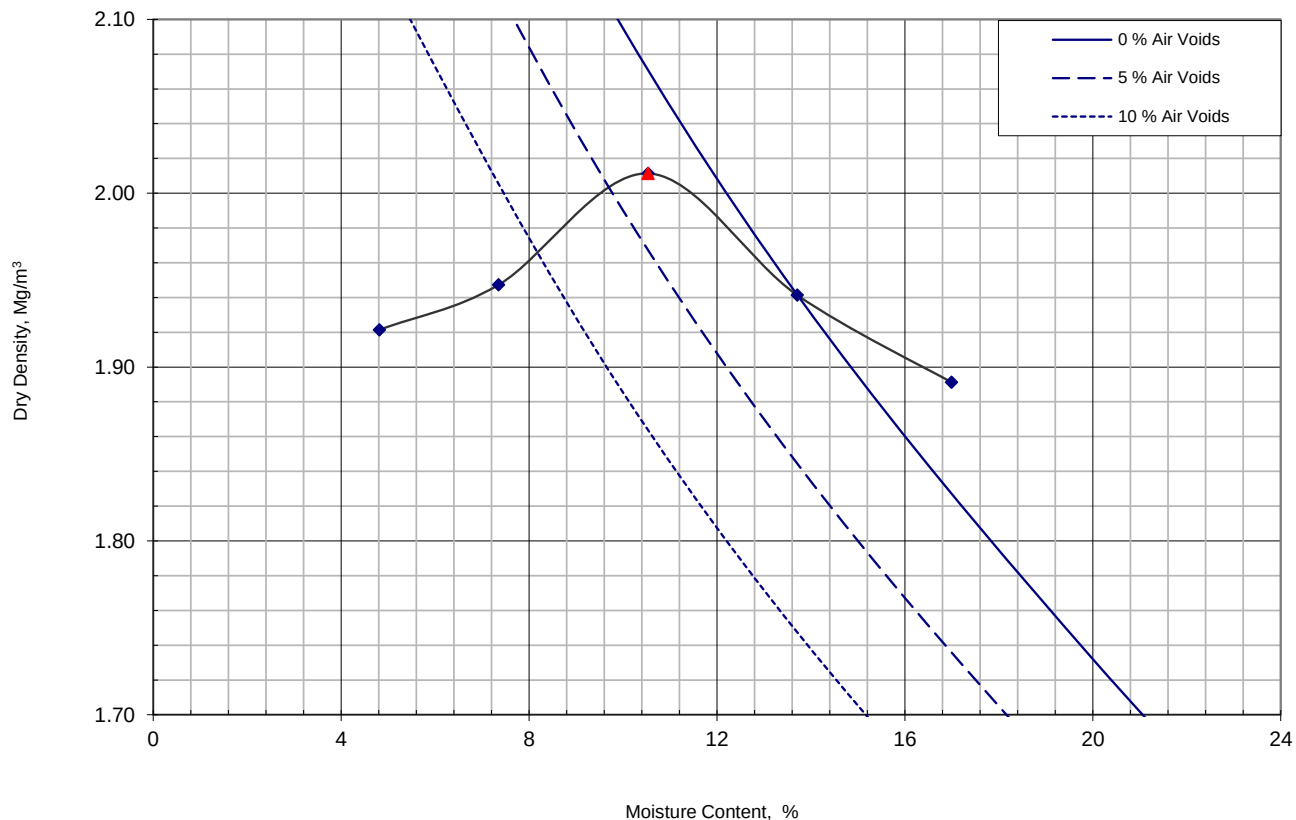
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Depth Base

Compaction Clause BS1377:Part 4:1990, Clause 3.5

Sample Type B

Sample Description



Compaction Point	1	2	3	4	5							
Moisture Content	4.8	7.4	11	14	17							
Bulk Density	2.01	2.09	2.22	2.21	2.21							
Dry Density	1.92	1.95	2.01	1.94	1.89							

Initial Moisture Content	7.4	%
Maximum Dry Density	2.01	Mg/m ³
Optimum Moisture Content	11.0	%
Particle Density	2.65 Assumed	Mg/m ³
Material Retained 37.5mm	6	%
Material Retained 20mm	6	%

Operator	Checked	02/07/2021	Richard John	
Conal	Approved	03/07/2021	Paul Evans	

Dry Density / Moisture Content Relationship BS 1377:Part 4:1990

Contract Number 54538

Borehole / Pit No TPD

Project Location Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Sample No 1 + 2

Date Tested 22/06/2021

Depth Top 0.50

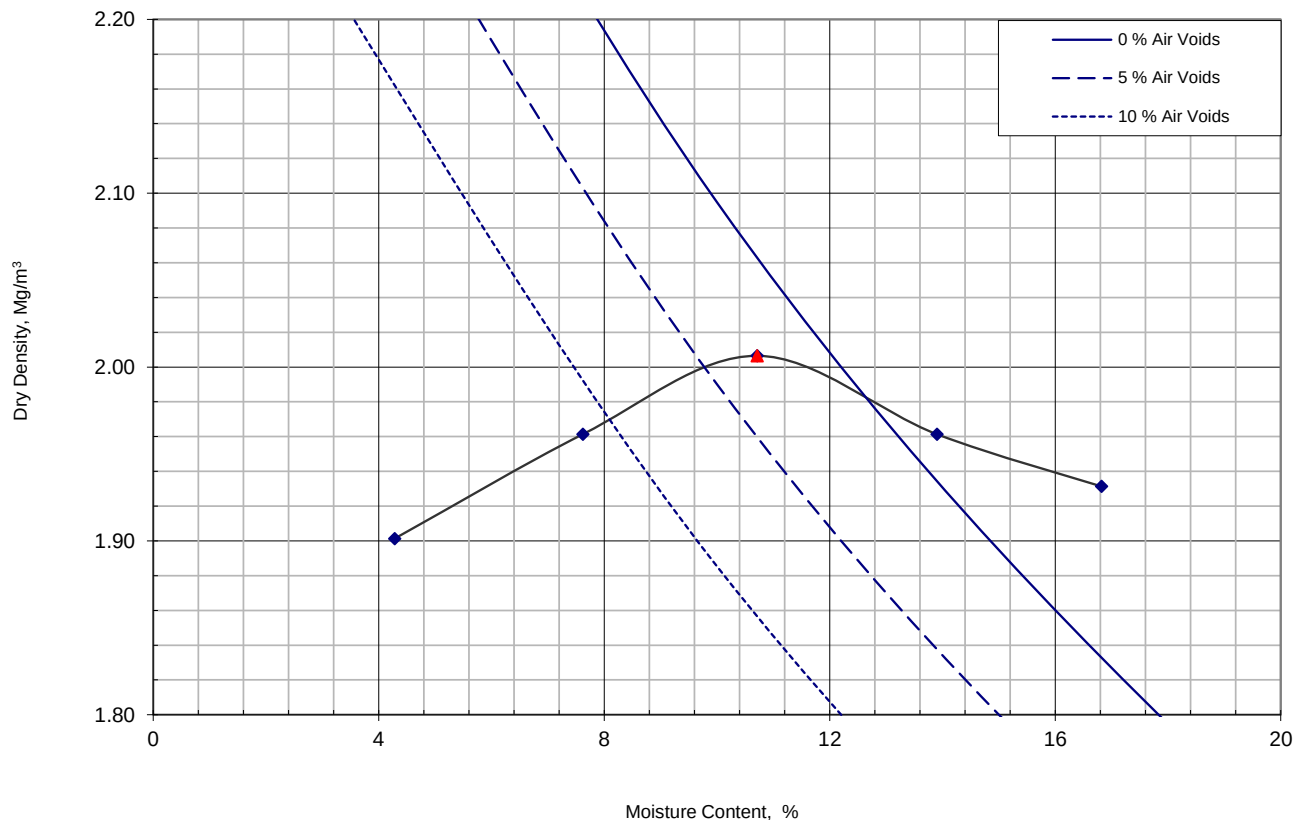
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Depth Base

Compaction Clause BS1377:Part 4:1990, Clause 3.5

Sample Type B

Sample Description



Compaction Point	1	2	3	4	5							
Moisture Content	4.3	7.6	11	14	17							
Bulk Density	1.98	2.11	2.22	2.23	2.26							
Dry Density	1.90	1.96	2.01	1.96	1.93							

Initial Moisture Content	11	%
Maximum Dry Density	2.01	Mg/m3
Optimum Moisture Content	11.0	%
Particle Density	2.65 Assumed	Mg/m3
Material Retained 37.5mm	8	%
Material Retained 20mm	13	%

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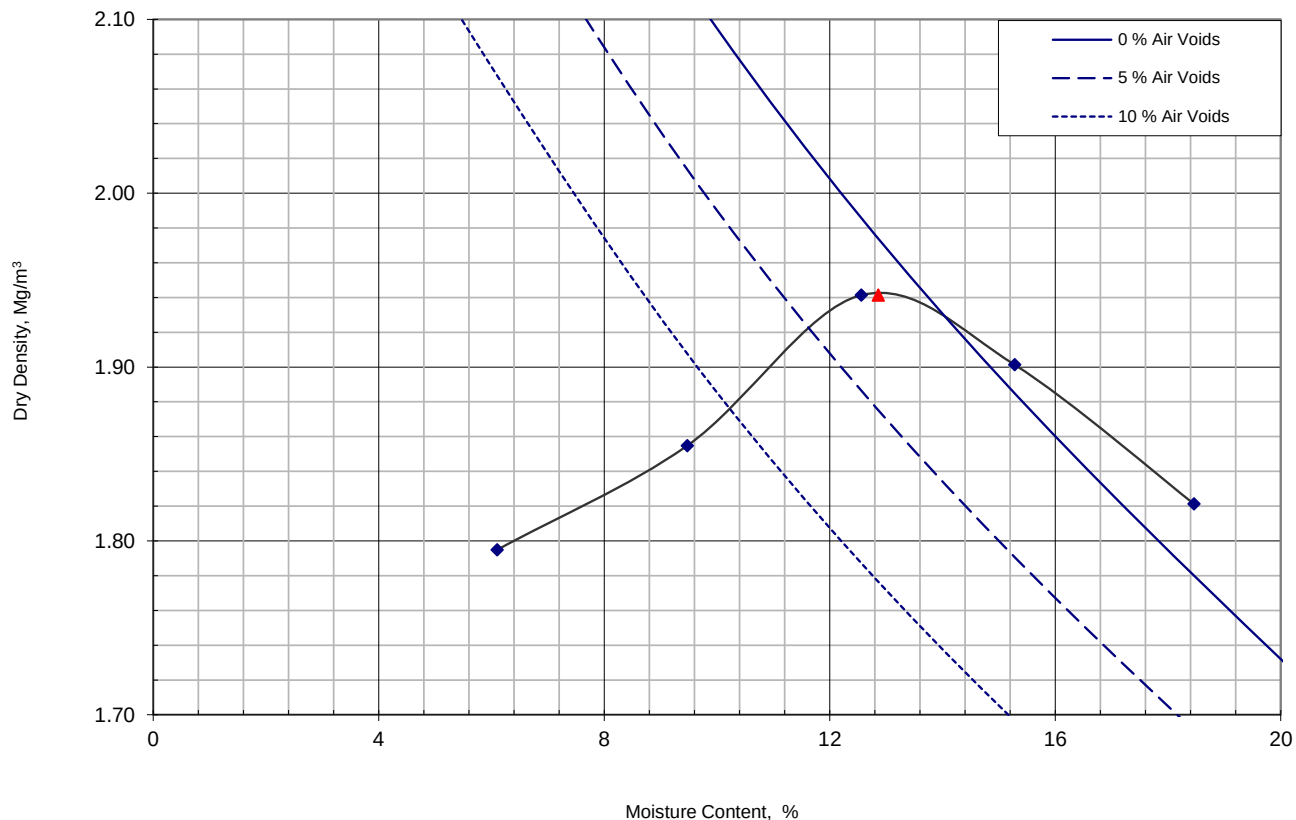
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Depth Base

Compaction Clause BS1377:Part 4:1990, Clause 3.5

Sample Type B

Sample Description



Compaction Point	1	2	3	4	5							
Moisture Content	6.1	9.5	13	15	18							
Bulk Density	1.90	2.03	2.19	2.19	2.16							
Dry Density	1.79	1.85	1.94	1.90	1.82							

Initial Moisture Content	9.5	%
Maximum Dry Density	1.94	Mg/m3
Optimum Moisture Content	13.0	%
Particle Density	2.65 Assumed	Mg/m3
Material Retained 37.5mm	10	%
Material Retained 20mm	13	%

Operator	Checked	02/07/2021	Richard John	
Conal	Approved	03/07/2021	Paul Evans	



Certificate of Analysis

Certificate Number 21-13009

Issued: 25-Jun-21

Client GEO Site and Testing Services Ltd
Unit 4
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SA14 8QN

Our Reference 21-13009

Client Reference Q0558

Order No (not supplied)

Contract Title Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Description 5 Soil samples.

Date Received 21-Jun-21

Date Started 21-Jun-21

Date Completed 25-Jun-21

Test Procedures Identified by prefix DETSn (details on request).

Notes Opinions and interpretations are outside the laboratory's scope of ISO 17025 accreditation. This certificate is issued in accordance with the accreditation requirements of the United Kingdom Accreditation Service. The results reported herein relate only to the material supplied to the laboratory. This certificate shall not be reproduced except in full, without the prior written approval of the laboratory.

Approved By

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Fenwick".

Adam Fenwick
Contracts Manager



Summary of Chemical Analysis

Soil Samples

Our Ref 21-13009

Client Ref Q0558

Contract Title Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Lab No	1864840	1864841	1864842	1864843	1864844
Sample ID	TPA	TPB	TPC	TPD	TPE
Depth	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Other ID					
Sample Type	B	B	B	B	B
Sampling Date	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s
Sampling Time	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s

Test	Method	LOD	Units					
Inorganics								
Loss on Ignition at 440oC	DETSC 2003#	0.01	%	3.7	3.5	5.0	16	4.7

Information in Support of the Analytical Results

Our Ref 21-13009
 Client Ref Q0558
 Contract Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Containers Received & Deviating Samples

Lab No	Sample ID	Date Sampled	Containers Received	Holding time exceeded for tests	inappropriate container for tests
1864840	TPA 0.50 SOIL		PT 1L	Sample date not supplied, Loss on Ignition (730 days)	
1864841	TPB 0.50 SOIL		PT 1L	Sample date not supplied, Loss on Ignition (730 days)	
1864842	TPC 0.50 SOIL		PT 1L	Sample date not supplied, Loss on Ignition (730 days)	
1864843	TPD 0.50 SOIL		PT 1L	Sample date not supplied, Loss on Ignition (730 days)	
1864844	TPE 0.50 SOIL		PT 1L	Sample date not supplied, Loss on Ignition (730 days)	

Key: P-Plastic T-Tub

DETS cannot be held responsible for the integrity of samples received whereby the laboratory did not undertake the sampling. In this instance samples received may be deviating. Deviating Sample criteria are based on British and International standards and laboratory trials in conjunction with the UKAS note 'Guidance on Deviating Samples'. All samples received are listed above. However, those samples that have additional comments in relation to hold time, inappropriate containers etc are deviating due to the reasons stated. This means that the analysis is accredited where applicable, but results may be compromised due to sample deviations. If no sampled date (soils) or date+time (waters) has been supplied then samples are deviating. However, if you are able to supply a sampled date (and time for waters) this will prevent samples being reported as deviating where specific hold times are not exceeded and where the container supplied is suitable.

Soil Analysis Notes

Inorganic soil analysis was carried out on a dried sample, crushed to pass a 425µm sieve, in accordance with BS1377.

Organic soil analysis was carried out on an 'as received' sample. Organics results are corrected for moisture and expressed on a dry weight basis.

The Loss on Drying, used to express organics analysis on an air dried basis, is carried out at a temperature of 28°C +/-2°C.

Disposal

From the issue date of this test certificate, samples will be held for the following times prior to disposal :-

Soils - 1 month, Liquids - 2 weeks, Asbestos (test portion) - 6 months

End of Report

APPENDIX IV – ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY TEST RESULTS



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Final Report

Report No.: 21-20951-1
Initial Date of Issue: 28-Jun-2021
Client Quantum Geotechnic Ltd
Client Address: Plas Newydd
Llanedi
Pontarddulais
Swansea
SA4 0FQ
Contact(s): johnstark@quantumgeotech.co.uk
Project Q0558 Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil
Quotation No.:
Order No.:
No. of Samples: 5
Turnaround (Wkdays): 5
Date Approved: 28-Jun-2021

Date Received: 21-Jun-2021

Date Instructed: 21-Jun-2021

Results Due: 25-Jun-2021

Approved By:



Details: Glynn Harvey, Technical Manager

Results - Soil

Project: Q0558 Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Client: Quantum Geotechnic Ltd	Chemtest Job No.:				21-20951	21-20951	21-20951	21-20951	21-20951
Quotation No.:	Chemtest Sample ID.:				1224623	1224624	1224625	1224626	1224627
Order No.:	Client Sample Ref.:				TP A / ES1	TP B / ES1	TP C / ES1	TP D / ES1	TP E / ES1
	Client Sample ID.:				ES1	ES1	ES1	ES1	ES1
	Sample Location:				TP A	TP B	TP C	TP D	TP E
	Sample Type:				SOIL	SOIL	SOIL	SOIL	SOIL
	Top Depth (m):				0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Date Sampled:				17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021
	Time Sampled:				0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	Asbestos Lab:				DURHAM	DURHAM	DURHAM	DURHAM	DURHAM
Determinand	Accred.	SOP	Units	LOD					
ACM Type	U	2192		N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Asbestos Identification	U	2192		N/A	No Asbestos Detected	No Asbestos Detected	No Asbestos Detected	No Asbestos Detected	No Asbestos Detected
Moisture	N	2030	%	0.020	8.0	10	6.3	6.8	8.2
pH	U	2010		4.0	8.3	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.3
Boron (Hot Water Soluble)	U	2120	mg/kg	0.40	0.42	< 0.40	< 0.40	< 0.40	0.52
Sulphate (2:1 Water Soluble) as SO4	U	2120	g/l	0.010	0.043	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Sulphur (Elemental)	U	2180	mg/kg	1.0	3.5	4.8	1.8	7.4	15
Cyanide (Complex)	U	2300	mg/kg	0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Cyanide (Free)	U	2300	mg/kg	0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Cyanide (Total)	U	2300	mg/kg	0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Sulphide (Easily Liberatable)	N	2325	mg/kg	0.50	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5
Sulphate (Total)	U	2430	%	0.010	0.090	0.081	0.075	0.11	0.25
Arsenic	U	2450	mg/kg	1.0	7.9	6.1	7.1	9.4	16
Barium	U	2450	mg/kg	10	71	53	71	79	170
Beryllium	U	2450	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	1.3
Cadmium	U	2450	mg/kg	0.10	0.20	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.17
Chromium	U	2450	mg/kg	1.0	14	11	9.2	11	16
Copper	U	2450	mg/kg	0.50	51	39	36	42	43
Mercury	U	2450	mg/kg	0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10
Nickel	U	2450	mg/kg	0.50	43	33	27	32	31
Lead	U	2450	mg/kg	0.50	43	22	25	35	40
Selenium	U	2450	mg/kg	0.20	0.27	0.38	0.33	0.62	0.55
Vanadium	U	2450	mg/kg	5.0	8.9	7.0	8.4	11	22
Zinc	U	2450	mg/kg	0.50	110	79	86	79	76
Chromium (Trivalent)	N	2490	mg/kg	1.0	14	11	9.2	11	16
Chromium (Hexavalent)	N	2490	mg/kg	0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Organic Matter	U	2625	%	0.40	5.9	28	14	69	34
Aliphatic TPH >C5-C6	N	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C6-C8	N	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C8-C10	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C10-C12	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C12-C16	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C16-C21	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C21-C35	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	4.9	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C35-C44	N	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0

Results - Soil

Project: Q0558 Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil

Client: Quantum Geotechnic Ltd	Chemtest Job No.:				21-20951	21-20951	21-20951	21-20951	21-20951
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	Sample Location:				TP A	TP B	TP C	TP D	TP E
	Sample Type:				SOIL	SOIL	SOIL	SOIL	SOIL
	Top Depth (m):				0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Date Sampled:				17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021	17-Jun-2021
	Time Sampled:				0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	Asbestos Lab:				DURHAM	DURHAM	DURHAM	DURHAM	DURHAM
Determinand	Accred.	SOP	Units	LOD					
Total Aliphatic Hydrocarbons	N	2680	mg/kg	5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0
Aromatic TPH >C5-C7	N	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C7-C8	N	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C8-C10	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C10-C12	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C12-C16	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C16-C21	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C21-C35	U	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	38	< 1.0	65	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C35-C44	N	2680	mg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Total Aromatic Hydrocarbons	N	2680	mg/kg	5.0	< 5.0	38	< 5.0	65	< 5.0
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	N	2680	mg/kg	10.0	< 10	43	< 10	65	< 10
Naphthalene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	< 0.10	2.9	< 0.10	3.3	1.7
Acenaphthylene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	< 0.10	0.66	< 0.10	0.73	0.39
Acenaphthene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	< 0.10	0.31	< 0.10	0.53	0.29
Fluorene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	< 0.10	0.67	< 0.10	0.90	< 0.10
Phenanthrene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	0.65	4.8	0.90	4.7	2.8
Anthracene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	0.39	1.7	0.34	1.5	0.96
Fluoranthene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	2.0	5.3	1.2	5.7	3.8
Pyrene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	1.8	4.5	1.1	5.0	3.4
Benzo[a]anthracene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	1.6	3.7	1.1	4.8	2.9
Chrysene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	2.2	3.9	1.2	5.1	3.2
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	2.0	4.1	1.1	5.2	3.0
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	0.92	2.1	0.47	2.2	1.3
Benzo[a]pyrene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	1.2	2.4	0.72	3.4	2.0
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)Pyrene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	0.81	1.5	0.48	1.8	1.2
Dibenz(a,h)Anthracene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	0.30	0.70	0.24	0.95	0.67
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	U	2700	mg/kg	0.10	0.69	1.4	0.36	1.5	1.0
Total Of 16 PAH's	U	2700	mg/kg	2.0	15	41	9.2	47	29
Benzene	U	2760	µg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Toluene	U	2760	µg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Ethylbenzene	U	2760	µg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
m & p-Xylene	U	2760	µg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
o-Xylene	U	2760	µg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether	U	2760	µg/kg	1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Total Phenols	U	2920	mg/kg	0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10

Test Methods

SOP	Title	Parameters included	Method summary
2010	pH Value of Soils	pH	pH Meter
2030	Moisture and Stone Content of Soils(Requirement of MCERTS)	Moisture content	Determination of moisture content of soil as a percentage of its as received mass obtained at <37°C.
2040	Soil Description(Requirement of MCERTS)	Soil description	As received soil is described based upon BS5930
2120	Water Soluble Boron, Sulphate, Magnesium & Chromium	Boron; Sulphate; Magnesium; Chromium	Aqueous extraction / ICP-OES
2180	Sulphur (Elemental) in Soils by HPLC	Sulphur	Dichloromethane extraction / HPLC with UV detection
2192	Asbestos	Asbestos	Polarised light microscopy / Gravimetry
2300	Cyanides & Thiocyanate in Soils	Free (or easy liberatable) Cyanide; total Cyanide; complex Cyanide; Thiocyanate	Alkaline extraction followed by colorimetric determination using Automated Flow Injection Analyser.
2325	Sulphide in Soils	Sulphide	Steam distillation with sulphuric acid / analysis by 'Aquakem 600' Discrete Analyser, using N,N-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine.
2430	Total Sulphate in soils	Total Sulphate	Acid digestion followed by determination of sulphate in extract by ICP-OES.
2450	Acid Soluble Metals in Soils	Metals, including: Arsenic; Barium; Beryllium; Cadmium; Chromium; Cobalt; Copper; Lead; Manganese; Mercury; Molybdenum; Nickel; Selenium; Vanadium; Zinc	Acid digestion followed by determination of metals in extract by ICP-MS.
2490	Hexavalent Chromium in Soils	Chromium [VI]	Soil extracts are prepared by extracting dried and ground soil samples into boiling water. Chromium [VI] is determined by 'Aquakem 600' Discrete Analyser using 1,5-diphenylcarbazide.
2625	Total Organic Carbon in Soils	Total organic Carbon (TOC)	Determined by high temperature combustion under oxygen, using an Eltra elemental analyser.
2680	TPH A/A Split	Aliphatics: >C5–C6, >C6–C8,>C8–C10, >C10–C12, >C12–C16, >C16–C21, >C21–C35, >C35– C44Aromatics: >C5–C7, >C7–C8, >C8– C10, >C10–C12, >C12–C16, >C16– C21, >C21– C35, >C35– C44	Dichloromethane extraction / GCxGC FID detection
2700	Speciated Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) in Soil by GC-FID	Acenaphthene; Acenaphthylene; Anthracene; Benzo[a]Anthracene; Benzo[a]Pyrene; Benzo[b]Fluoranthene; Benzo[ghi]Perylene; Benzo[k]Fluoranthene; Chrysene; Dibenz[ah]Anthracene; Fluoranthene; Fluorene; Indeno[123cd]Pyrene; Naphthalene; Phenanthrene; Pyrene	Dichloromethane extraction / GC-FID (GC-FID detection is non-selective and can be subject to interference from co-eluting compounds)
2760	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in Soils by Headspace GC-MS	Volatile organic compounds, including BTEX and halogenated Aliphatic/Aromatics.(cf. USEPA Method 8260)*please refer to UKAS schedule	Automated headspace gas chromatographic (GC) analysis of a soil sample, as received, with mass spectrometric (MS) detection of volatile organic compounds.
2920	Phenols in Soils by HPLC	Phenolic compounds including Resorcinol, Phenol, Methylphenols, Dimethylphenols, 1-Naphthol and TrimethylphenolsNote: chlorophenols are excluded.	60:40 methanol/water mixture extraction, followed by HPLC determination using electrochemical detection.

Report Information

Key

U	UKAS accredited
M	MCERTS and UKAS accredited
N	Unaccredited
S	This analysis has been subcontracted to a UKAS accredited laboratory that is accredited for this analysis
SN	This analysis has been subcontracted to a UKAS accredited laboratory that is not accredited for this analysis
T	This analysis has been subcontracted to an unaccredited laboratory
I/S	Insufficient Sample
U/S	Unsuitable Sample
N/E	not evaluated
<	"less than"
>	"greater than"
SOP	Standard operating procedure
LOD	Limit of detection

Comments or interpretations are beyond the scope of UKAS accreditation

The results relate only to the items tested

Uncertainty of measurement for the determinands tested are available upon request

None of the results in this report have been recovery corrected

All results are expressed on a dry weight basis

The following tests were analysed on samples as received and the results subsequently corrected to a dry weight basis TPH, BTEX, VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, Phenols

For all other tests the samples were dried at < 37°C prior to analysis

All Asbestos testing is performed at the indicated laboratory

Issue numbers are sequential starting with 1 all subsequent reports are incremented by 1

Sample Deviation Codes

- A - Date of sampling not supplied
- B - Sample age exceeds stability time (sampling to extraction)
- C - Sample not received in appropriate containers
- D - Broken Container
- E - Insufficient Sample (Applies to LOI in Trommel Fines Only)

Sample Retention and Disposal

All soil samples will be retained for a period of 30 days from the date of receipt

All water samples will be retained for 14 days from the date of receipt

Charges may apply to extended sample storage

If you require extended retention of samples, please email your requirements to:

customerservices@chemtest.com