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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A Phase I Desk Study Report (which includes a preliminary risk assessment) was required by Bury Metropolitan Borough Council under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Contaminated Land (Wales) Regulations, 2006 (as amended), regulations associated with radioactivity on contaminated land and the Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM). This report is required to support the planning application for the site.

1. "a site is suitable for its proposed use taking account of ground conditions and any risks arising from land instability and contamination. This includes risks arising from natural hazards or former activities such as mining, and any proposals for mitigation including land remediation (as well as potential impacts on the natural environment arising from that remediation);

2. "after remediation, as a minimum, land should not be capable of being determined as contaminated land under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990"; and

3. "adequate site investigation information, prepared by a competent person, is available to inform these assessments."

In order to support the planning application for the site, ***HSQ 1 Limited*** commissioned ***Demeter Environmental Ltd*** to undertake a Phase I Desk Study Report (which includes a preliminarily risk assessment) at Land to the rear of 29 Raven Street, Bury, BL9 5AU, to support the planning application for the erection of an office building on the site.

The report has been completed to fulfil the requirements of a preliminary risk assessment in accordance with and the Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM)'. and the documents referred to in Appendix A.

These procedures relate to 'past' contamination, and assume that legislative controls such as Pollution Prevention and Control authorisations control current potentially polluting activities. Emphasis is therefore upon historic site use and how this may affect potential future users of the site should the proposed development plans be realised.

The project has been carried out within the existing legislative framework, which is outlined in Appendix B.

It should be noted that the table below only offers a brief summary of the information presented in this report and is for briefing purposes only. Reference should be made to the main report for detailed analysis undertaken.

**Table 1: Executive Summary**

| | SUBJECT | | DATA |
|---|---|---|---|
| SITE INFORMATION AND SETTING | Client | | HSQ 1 Limited |
| | Site | | Land to the rear of 29 Raven Street |
| | Site location | | (The corner of Regent Street and Back Walmersley Road West). Land to the rear of 29 Raven Street, Bury, BL9 5AU |
| | Proposed development | | The erection of an office building on the site |
| | Planning Reference | | N/A |
| | Grid Reference | | 380854E, 411650N |
| | Current Land Use | | The site comprised of two single storey buildings with cement sheeting rooves. A sign on the southern face of the site indicated the site had been previously been occupied by a builder.<br>The northern building was inaccessible with the windows covered internally with brickwork.<br><br>The southern building was in a state of disrepair, parts of the roof had collapsed. The interior of the southern building comprised of broken cement sheeting (likely from the roof), a mattress and general waste.<br><br>A small area was present between the buildings, this was overgrown with a path from the entrance to the southern building. |
| | Access | | Via open fence panel |
| CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL | History | | Initially (1849) the site formed part of a larger parcel of open land, by 1890 the site had been developed and was occupied by a single building. The 1891 map identified two small buildings on the north west boundary, the 1930 map identifies a second building on the southern boundary of the site.<br><br>The 1959 map identifies the site as a works with a number of buildings identified on the site. The works is identified on all subsequent large scale maps. The buildings are identified on the aerial plates and street level imagery. |
| | Geology | Drift | Devensian Till. |
| | | Solid | Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation (mudstone, siltstone and sandstone) of the Langsettian Sub-age. |
| | Radon | | Less than 1% of properties are above the action level. No radon protective measures are required. |
| | Hydrology | | There are no water bodies within 250m of the site. |
| | Hydrogeology | Drift | The drift is regarded as a very low sensitivity aquifer |
| | | Solid | The solid is regarded as a very low sensitivity aquifer |
| | Previous Site Investigation | | N/A |
| | Potential Sources of Contamination | | Made ground<br>Works |
| | Potential Contaminants of Concern | | Wide range of contaminants in the made ground<br>VOC's /SVOC's |
| | Potential Receptors | | Human beings (construction workers)<br>Human beings (future worker occupants)<br>Human beings (trespassers / transient users)<br>Human beings (residents of adjacent properties)<br>Property in the form of buildings (on site)<br>Property in the form of buildings (adjacent)<br>Potable water mains (on site) |

**Table 1 (continued): Executive Summary**

| PPL ID | AIM(S) / OBJECTIVES(S) | Proposed Further Investigation |
|---|---|---|
| N/A | Enabling works | Prior to any intrusive investigation the following will need to be undertaken in order to access the site;<br><br>1. Approval from the local authority on the scope of the proposed works;<br>2. Removal of buildings from the site;<br>3. Removal of any ACM's (asbestos contaminating materials) from the site; |
| N/A | Sequence of works | The works in sequence is given below. |
| | To determine if made ground is present on the site and if present, is it impacted by elevated levels of contamination: | EXPLORATORY INVESTIGATION/MAIN INVESTIGATION:<br>Based on the size of the site (0.01Ha) it is proposed that an initial exploratory investigation based on a non-targeted regular herringbone sampling grid of 10m is proposed, which equates to approximately 3 positions (dynamic sampling boreholes).<br><br>Additional positions will be incorporated into the exploratory investigation if additional information is required to delineate the areas of made ground.<br><br>Selective spot samples will be taken where there is any visual or olfactory evidence of contamination. The first sample of natural soils will be taken as close as possible to the boundary with the anthropogenic ground (approximately 0.25m to 0.5m into natural ground).<br><br>Disturbed spot samples will be taken in each layer and at fixed intervals of 0.5m as well as within ground to reflect any identifiable changes in appearance.<br><br>Sampling depths will take into account any proposed changes in levels (if information is available).<br><br>Where encountered spot samples of the made ground will be taken as well as spot samples of the natural soils form below the made ground natural soils interface. Additional samples will be taken where there is visual or olfactory evidence of contamination.<br><br>Samples of made ground will be analysed to the suite in Table 14, initially a maximum of 6 samples will be analysed (targeted towards areas of gardens/landscaping), the remaining samples will be subject to chemical analysis if any exceedances are recorded (e.g., all made ground samples will be analysed for lead if exceedances of lead are recorded).<br><br>Samples of the natural strata will be subject to chemical analysis at the locations where exceedances have been recorded.<br><br>All work should be undertaken by a suitably experienced geoenvironmental engineer. |

This sheet is intended as a summary of the report; it does not provide a definitive analysis and should not be treated as an independent document.

# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Desk Study Terms of Reference

1.1.1 This report presents the results of a Phase I Desk Study carried out within the grounds of ***land to the rear of 29 Raven Street, Bury, BL9 5AU***, performed for ***HSQ 1 Limited***. This report was written in July 2022, revised in January 2026 and should be read in the light of any subsequent changes in legislation, statutory requirements or industry practices.

1.1.2 The works were carried out in accordance with the standard terms of contract of ***Demeter Environmental Ltd***.

1.1.3 The aim of the report is to support the planning application for the site.

1.1.4 This report has been prepared in accordance to the Demeter Environmental Limited Quality Management System.

## 1.2 Aims and Objectives of Desk Study

1.2.1 The objectives of the desk study are as follows:

- To provide information on past and current uses of the site and surrounding area and the nature of any hazards and physical constraints;
- To determine the risks associated with hazardous ground gas, including radon;
- To identify current and likely future receptors, potential sources of contamination and likely pathways and any features of immediate concern, including those that could be introduced in the future;
- To identify any aspect of the site requiring immediate attention (e.g., insecure fences, hazardous substances accessible to trespassers or likely to be dispersed by water or wind);
- To provide information on the geology, geochemistry, soil, hydrogeology and hydrology of the site;
- To identify potentially different sub-areas (zones) of a site, based on differing ground conditions; potential contamination; and past, present and future uses;
- To provide information for the preliminary risk assessment;
- To provide data to assist in the design of potential subsequent exploratory and main investigations and to give an early indication of possible remedial requirements;

- To provide information relevant to worker health and safety and to the protection of the environment during field investigations;
- To provide data to assist in the design of potential subsequent investigations and to give early indication of possible remedial requirements;
- To identify the need to involve regulatory bodies prior to intrusive investigation.

1.2.2 The primary objective of the desk study is to identify potential environmental issues that may represent a constraint to the proposed redevelopment of the site. The findings of this assessment can be used to determine, if required, the scope of a follow on Phase II intrusive site investigation.

1.2.3 The desk top study provides an initial view in respect of the status of the site with regard to:

- The potential impact on the site of interest from surrounding land uses and other environmental factors;
- Potential contamination of the site strata by historical and or current use;
- The potential impact on the wider environment by historical and or current use of the site of interest;
- Potential problems associated with geological features such as faulting, mineral extraction, mining and land instability;
- The location of above-surface features that may affect the proposed redevelopment.

1.2.4 This study includes a review of the available geological, historical and environmental information in order to establish the likely ground conditions at the site. The review is based on the following information:

- Align any report to the requirements of relevant guidance;
- To assess historical activities, referring to past Ordnance Survey maps, at the site with respect to their potential impact on the site environment;
- To characterise the environmental setting of the site, identify migration pathways and vulnerable receptors for contamination originating at the site, focusing on potential soil and groundwater liabilities;

- To assess historical and current surrounding land use, referring to past Ordnance Survey maps, in relation to known or potential off-site contamination issues that may impact the subject property;
- To identify likely ground conditions at the site and the potential geotechnical and environmental constraints to development;
- To establish development abnormals prior to site development;
- Assessment of the potential risks to both on and off site receptors;
- To develop a preliminary conceptual model.

1.2.5 The data collated in this study has been undertaken to allow the construction of a preliminary conceptual model, which represents the potential contaminant linkages that have been identified on the site. This is used as a basis to develop a strategy for an intrusive investigation where required.

### 1.3 Scope of Desk Study

1.3.1 The scope of work for this report comprises of the following:

- Procurement of Groundsure Enviro+Geo Insight Report;
- Procurement of Ordnance Survey maps;
- Review of published geology;
- Review of data available in the public domain (borehole section sheets etc.);
- Review of planning history and any associated documents using information in the public domain;
- Site walkover survey;
- Preparation of a preliminarily risk assessment.

### 1.4 Basis of Risk Assessment

1.4.1 This assessment has been undertaken with due regard to the Environmental Protection Act 1990, associated statutory guidance (NPPF, PAN 33 etc.), 'Guidance for the Safe Development of Housing on Land Affected by Contamination', the Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM)', the Contaminated Land Guidance Documents issued by the Environment Agency and the documents referred to in Appendix A. The

methods used follow a risk based approach with the potential risk assessed using the 'Source – pathway – receptor contaminant linkage concept introduced by the Environmental Protection Act.

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1.5.16 The findings of this report are based on finite information obtained from research and consultations. Demeter Environmental Ltd cannot guarantee the reliability of all such information and the searches should not be considered exhaustive. The findings of the report

may need to be reviewed as any future exploratory investigations progress and in the event that additional archive information becomes available.

1.5.17 Notwithstanding the findings of this study (and any subsequent investigations), if any indication of contaminated soil (visual or olfactory) is encountered at any stage of the development further investigation may be required.

1.5.18 Arboricultural Survey and advice on arboricultural issues are considered to be outside the scope of this report except for their effect on the foundations to the proposed buildings. Where identification of any species is made, especially invasive plants such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam or Giant Hogweed, this should only be considered as a preliminary assessment and subject to confirmation by a professional Arboriculturist. Demeter Environmental Ltd takes no responsibility for failing to identify, or the incorrect identification of, any tree or plant species on site.

1.5.19 Our investigations exclude surveys to identify the presence injurious and invasive weeds. Under the Weeds Act 1959, the Secretary of State may serve an enforcement notice on the occupier of land on which injurious weeds are growing, requiring the occupier to take action to prevent the spread of injurious weeds. The Weeds Act specifies five Injurious weeds: Common Ragwort, Spear Thistle, Creeping of Field Thistle, Broad-leaved Dock and Curled Dock. The Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 provides the primary controls on the release of non-native species into the wild in Great Britain. It is an offence under section 14(2) of the act to 'plant or otherwise cause to grow in the wild' any plants listed in schedule 9, part II. The only flowering plants currently listed are Japanese Knotweed and Giant Knotweed. The presence of such weeds on site may have considerable effects on the cost / timescale in developing the site.

1.5.20 Good guidance on injurious and invasive weeds is provided on DEFRA and Environment Agency web sites.

1.5.21 Our investigations exclude surveys to identify the presence or indeed absence of asbestos in buildings/infrastructure on site. If asbestos is suspected to be present, we recommend specialists in the identification and control / disposal of asbestos are appointed prior to commencement of any works on site or, if appropriate, purchase of the site. The presence of asbestos on site may have considerable effects on the cost / timescale in developing the site. There is good guidance in relation to Asbestos available on the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) web site.

1.5.22 The scope of this investigation does not include an assessment for the presence of asbestos containing materials within or below the buildings or in associated infrastructure in the

ground at the site. Should there be a requirement under Regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 for any part of the site to be deemed 'non-domestic premises' the duty holders should prepare an asbestos risk management plan and this may require technical survey works as described in the HSE Guidance HSG264 (2nd edition).

1.5.23 The Health and Safety at Work Act requires that Employers provide safe places of work for their employees. The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations (CAWR) place very heavy specific duties on those who commission and carry out work on asbestos containing materials. Construction work that is likely to involve exposure of workers to hazards associated with asbestos in existing buildings will be subject to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations which impose duties upon Clients, Designers and the Contractors carrying out the work. Other health and safety and welfare regulations place duties on Employers to undertake risk assessments and prepare hazard management plans which, in the case of a building likely to contain asbestos, could involve the commissioning of surveys, hazardous materials location registers and proposals for remedial work.

1.5.24 Whilst a site walkover has been undertaken as part of this report, the survey does not constitute either an asbestos or structural survey and all areas of the site may not have been visited / inspected.

1.5.25 Consideration of occupational health and safety issues are beyond the scope of this report.

1.5.26 All assessments and recommendations should be forwarded to the relevant planning authorities for comment and approval prior to implementation.

## 1.6 Principal Sources of Information

1.6.1 Documents that were available or have been obtained for reference or obtaining data are given in Appendix A. Further information on data used in this report and dates the data was obtained/accessed is given below:

**Table 2: Summary of Information Obtained**

| Source | Data Provided | Date Obtained |
|---|---|---|
| Groundsure | Ordnance Survey Maps<br>Groundsure Enviro+Geo Report | 14th July 2022 |
| Bury Council | Planning history | 15th July 2022 |
| British Geological Survey | 1:50,000 Geological Maps<br>1:10,000 Geological maps<br>Borehole Section sheets | 15th July 2022 |
| Environment Agency | Historic Landfill Data (last updated 5th April 2016)<br>Authorised Landfills (5th April 2016) | 15th July 2022 |
| MAGIC Database | Nitrate Vulnerable Zones<br>Aquifer Details<br>Groundwater vulnerability<br>Water Safeguard Zones<br>Groundwater Source Protection Zone | 15th July 2022 |
| Coal Authority | Interactive Map Viewer<br>Coalfield Plans | 15th July 2022 |
| Google Earth© | Aerial plates | 15th July 2022 |
| Google Streetview© | Street level imagery | 15th July 2022 |

# 2 SITE CONTEXT

## 2.1 Site Location

2.1.1 The site is located at the corner of Regent Street and Back Walmersley Road West, the approximate grid reference is 380854E, 411650N, as shown on Drawing 1 and Plate 2 in Appendix D.

2.1.2 The site is located within the administrative jurisdiction of Bury Metropolitan Borough Council.

## 2.2 Proposed Development

2.2.1 It is proposed that an office building is erected on the site. No landscaped areas will be present on the proposed development. The drawings of the proposed development are given in Appendix D.

## 2.3 Site Description & Site Reconnaissance Visit

2.3.1 The aims of the walkover were to determine whether there were any obvious potential sources of contamination, pathways and receptors on or near the site and whether there were any obvious geotechnical difficulties with the site. In addition, access routes into the site were investigated in order to establish the feasibility of further site investigation.

2.3.2 A site walkover survey was undertaken in July 2022 by a consultant from Demeter Environmental Ltd, in general accordance with CLEA CLR 2, on completion of a review of relevant historical and environmental data. The observations of the walkover are presented hereunder:

**Table 3: Summary of Walkover Survey**

| Topic | | Discussion |
|---|---|---|
| Site Description / Use | | The site extended to an area of approximately 0.10Ha and the site topography was approximately level. The site comprised of two single storey buildings with cement sheeting rooves. A sign on the southern face of the site indicated the site had been previously been occupied by a builder.<br><br>The northern building was inaccessible with the windows covered internally with brickwork.<br><br>The southern building was in a state of disrepair, parts of the roof had collapsed. The interior of the southern building comprised of broken cement sheeting (likely from the roof), a mattress and general waste.<br><br>A small area was present between the buildings, this was overgrown with a path from the entrance to the southern building.<br><br>No visual or olfactory evidence of contamination as noted during the walkover survey. |
| Description of surrounding area | | Residential |
| Surrounding Land Uses | North | Residential |
| | East | Residential |
| | South | Residential |
| | West | Residential |
| Access | | Via open fence panel |
| Structures | | The site was occupied by two single storey buildings, the southern building as in a state of disrepair. |
| Surfacing | | The site appears to have been covered by concrete hard-standing. |
| Made Ground | | Whilst made ground was not directly observed, it is likely to be present under the hard-standing. |
| Vegetation / Trees | | The area between the buildings was overgrown. |
| Invasive Species | | During the site walkover, we did not notice the presence of any Japanese Knotweed, however this plant can be difficult to identify in the early stages of growth and therefore it is not always possible to identify its presence at certain times of the year. It should be noted that we are not qualified ecologists and as such cannot guarantee the absence of Knotweed or other invasive vegetation.<br><br>It is recommended that if it is suspected that this species or other similarly invasive plants are present at the site, a specialist contractor should be commissioned to make a detailed assessment. |
| Storage Tanks | | No evidence of either historical or current underground or aboveground storage tanks was noted at the site. |
| Raw Material and Chemical Use and Storage | | No evidence of significant raw material or chemical use or storage was observed at the site. |
| Solid Wastes | | No significant observations were made of solid waste storage at the site. |
| Hazardous and Industrial Wastes | | No evidence of significant hazardous and industrial waste storage was observed at the site. |
| Air Emissions | | No significant sources of air emissions were observed at the site. |
| Asbestos Containing Materials | | It is likely that due to the age of the building structures that some possible asbestos containing materials are located within the building fabric across the site. Areas of corrugated roofing sheets were observed on both buildings with damaged sheeting in the southern building.<br><br>It should be noted that we are not qualified asbestos surveyors and as such cannot guarantee the presence or absence of ACM's. |
| Spills and Releases | | No evidence of any spills or releases of substances which may contain potentially polluting materials was noted at the site. |

2.3.3 A plan of the site in its current configuration is presented on Drawing 3 in Appendix D. Potentially contaminative features identified during the walkover survey are presented on Drawing 4.

2.3.4 Photographs of the site and a photograph key plan are presented in Appendix E.

# 3 SITE HISTORY

## 3.1 Historical O.S. Maps, Aerial Plates and Street View Images

3.1.1 The historical usage of both the site and the surrounds has been researched by reference to historical maps and aerial plates presented in Appendix F (O.S. maps, Old Maps Online, and National Library of Scotland), street plans, street directories, historical aerial photographs (Google Earth, Britain From Above, historical street level imagery and plates in the public domain.) are summarised hereunder in Table 4.

**Table 4: Summary of Review of Historical Maps and Aerial Plates**

| Area | Summary of Historical Review |
|---|---|
| Site | Initially (1849) the site formed part of a larger parcel of open land, by 1890 the site had been developed and was occupied by a single building. The 1891 map identified two small buildings on the north west boundary, the 1930 map identifies a second building on the southern boundary of the site.<br><br>The 1959 map identifies the site as a works with a number of buildings identified on the site. The works is identified on all subsequent large scale maps. The buildings are identified on the aerial plates and street level imagery. |
| Area adjacent to the site | Initially the site boundaries were formed by open land on all sides, by 1891 the area had been developed with dwellings to the north and west, Regent Street to the south and Back Walmersley Road west to the east. No significant changes could be discerned. |
| Area within 50m (including ponds) | A number of potentially contaminative land uses have been identified on the historical O.S. maps, which are discussed below by order of date.<br><br>**1959:**<br>Works 17m north – the building was identified as a chapel on previous maps (erected circa 1890) and by 1989 the building is identified as a place of worship, which is confirmed on the street level imagery. |
| Potentially In-Filled Land Within 250m (excluding ponds) | A number of areas of potentially in-filled land have been identified on the historical O.S. maps, which are discussed below by order of date.<br><br>**1890:**<br>Reservoir 185m south west (440m$^2$, 30m by 15m) – in-filled circa between 1956 and 1959.<br><br>Reservoirs 190m south (65m by 20m – 1,140m$^2$) and 220m south (36m by 20m – 690m$^2$) – in-filled between 1960 and 1983.<br><br>Reservoirs 220m, east (30m by 30m – 710m$^2$) – in-filled between 1910 and 1927.<br><br>**1959:**<br>Works 40m south east - the building was identified as a chapel on previous maps (erected circa 1890), by 2003 the area had been redeveloped and was occupied by three dwellings. |

3.1.2 A summary of potentially contaminative land uses is presented on Drawing 4.

### 3.2 Anecdotal Evidence

3.2.1 No additional information on the site history could be sourced.

### 3.3 Archaeological Considerations

3.3.1 No known archaeological considerations have currently been identified.

3.3.2 Archaeological information has not been sought as part of this desk study and has not been identified as an issue by the Client. Some Local Authorities require at least an initial archaeological appraisal for development sites.

3.3.3 Archaeological investigations occasionally reveal ground-related problems from ancient times (prior to the 1st Edition O.S. maps) and can occasionally cause foundation and contamination development hazards.

3.3.4 The Local Authority archaeological officer has not been contacted at this stage.

### 3.4 Planning Information

3.4.1 A search of on-line planning information held by Bury Metropolitan Borough Council was undertaken, no previous applications were noted.

### 3.5 Previous Reports

3.5.1 Demeter Environmental Limited has no knowledge nor has received any reports relating to the site or the surrounding area.

## 4 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

### 4.1 Published Geology – 1:10,000 Geological Maps

4.1.1 The documented geology has been ascertained by the examination of British Geological Survey 1:10,000 Sheet SD81SW and the appropriate geological memoir is summarised hereunder:

4.1.2 Deposits of made ground are present 190m west of the site.

4.1.3 The drift geology is given as Devensian Till.

4.1.4 The solid geology is given as the Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation (mudstone, siltstone and sandstone) of the Langsettian Sub-age.

## 4.2 Published Geology – 1:50,000 Geological Maps

4.2.1 The documented geology has been ascertained by the examination of British Geological Survey 1:50,000 Sheet 85 (Manchester) and the appropriate geological memoir is summarised hereunder:

4.2.2 Deposits of made ground are present 174m west of the site.

4.2.3 The drift geology is given as Devensian Till.

4.2.4 The solid geology is given as the Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation (mudstone, siltstone and sandstone) of the Westphalian Epoch Sub-age.

## 4.3 Data From The Coal Authority

4.3.1 The Coal Authority interactive map viewer was accessed, the map indicates the site is not within a "Development High Risk Area".

4.3.2 The Development High Risk Area is defined as 'The Development High Risk Area is the part of the coal mining reporting area which contains one or more recorded coal mining related features which have the potential for instability or a degree of risk to the surface from the legacy of coal mining operations. The combination of features includes mine entries; shallow coal workings (recorded and probable); recorded coal mining related hazards; recorded mine gas sites; fissures and breaklines and previous surface mining sites. New development in this defined area needs to demonstrate that the development will be safe and stable taking full account of former coal mining activities. This area was formally known as the Development Referral Area'.

## 4.4 Borehole Records

4.4.1 The BGS Borehole map indicates that there are no borehole records available within 50m of the site.

## 4.5 Geological Hazards

4.5.1 Potential natural geological hazards which may represent a risk to the proposed development on the site could include the following:

**Table 5: Summary of Potential Natural Geological Hazards Identified in the Groundsure© Reports**

| Potential Hazard | Assessed Risk on the Site | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Radon | The property is not in a Radon Affected Area, as less than 1% of properties are above the Action Level. No radon protective measures are necessary. | | | |
| Background Soil Chemistry | Element | Estimated Geometric Mean (mg/kg) | Residential Threshold(mg/kg) | Industrial / Commercial Threshold (mg/kg) |
| | Arsenic | 15-25 | 37 (S4UL) | 640 (S4UL) |
| | Bioaccessible Arsenic | No data | | |
| | Lead | 100-200 | 200 (C4SL) | 750 (C4SL) |
| | Bioaccessible Lead | 60-120 | | |
| | Cadmium | 1.8 | 10 (S4UL) | 230 (S4UL) |
| | Chromium | 60-90 | 620 (S4UL) | 30,400 (S4UL) |
| | Nickel | 15-30 | 130 (S4UL) | 1,700 (S4UL) |
| BGS Estimated Urban Soil Chemistry | No data | | | |
| BGS Measured Urban Soil Chemistry | No data | | | |

## 4.6 Review of Data Obtained from Geology and Ground Stability Groundsure Report

4.6.1 A geology and ground stability report has been procured from Groundsure©, which is presented in Appendix G, and is summarised hereunder.

**Table 6: Summary of Data within Groundsure© Geology and Ground Stability Report**

| Data | Distance (m) | Comments | Significance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Faults | <50m | No data | - |
| Natural cavities | <250m | No data | |
| BritPits | <250m | No data | |
| Surface ground workings | <250m | 174m W – colliery<br>159m to 195m S – reservoirs<br>222m to 249m E – ponds | Potential sources |
| Underground workings | <250m | No data | |

# 5 HYDROLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY

5.1.1 The geological succession underlying the site may be regarded as a series of discrete units in terms of their hydrogeological significance, as illustrated hereunder:

**Table 7: Hydrogeological Interpretation**

| UNIT | PROPERTIES | AQUIFER TYPE | FLOW TYPE | PERMEABILITY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Made Ground | Likely to be generally granular and permeable and will permit vertical and lateral transmission of groundwater. Where underlain by an aquiclude perched groundwater may be present in depressions at the interface. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Devensian Till | This classification has been assigned in cases where it has not been possible to attribute either category A or B to a rock type. In most cases, this means that the layer in question has previously been designated as both minor and non-aquifer in different locations due to the variable characteristics of the rock type. | Secondary Undifferentiated | Mixed | Low to high |
| Coal Measures | Permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale, and in some cases forming an important source of base flow to rivers. These are generally aquifers formerly classified as minor aquifers. | Secondary A | Mixed | Low to high |

## 5.2 Assessment of Vulnerability of Surface Water Receptors

5.2.1 The sensitivity of both the surface water receptors and the underlying groundwater in both the drift deposits and bedrock has been assessed in line with the methodology in Appendix C based on the information presented below. Where the risk is regarded as low or very low the receptor will not be regarded as a credible receptor and will not be assessed further.

**Table 8: Assessment of Vulnerability of Surface Water Receptors**

| INFORMATION | Surface Water | Superficial Soils | Bedrock |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aquifer Status of Geology: | N/A | Secondary Undifferentiated | Secondary A |
| Likely Geology (based on closest BGS Borehole Section Sheet) | Boreholes 16om west of the site demonstrate a minimum of 6m of drift cover. | | |
| Groundwater Vulnerability | Leaching class: Low<br>Infiltration value: <40%<br>Dilution value: >550mm/year | Vulnerability: Low<br>Aquifer type: Secondary<br>Thickness: 3-10m<br>Patchiness value: >90%<br>Recharge potential: Medium | Vulnerability: Low<br>Aquifer type: Secondary<br>Flow mechanism: Well connected fractures |
| Groundwater Vulnerability Summary: | Summary Classification: Secondary superficial aquifer - Low Vulnerability<br>Combined classification: Productive Bedrock Aquifer, Productive Superficial Aquifer | | |
| Groundwater Vulnerability (soluble rock risk): | N/A | No data | No data |
| Groundwater Vulnerability-Local Information: | N/A | No data | No data |
| Groundwater Abstractions (<1,000m) (Only Current Abstractions Are Listed): | N/A | None | |
| Surface Water Abstractions (<500m) (Only Current Abstractions Are Listed): | None | N/A | |
| Potable Abstractions (<2,000m) (Only Current Abstractions Are Listed): | N/A | None | |
| Source Protection Zones: | N/A | No – none within 500m | |
| Source Protection Zones (Confined Aquifer): | No data | No data | No data |
| Surface Water Bodies (<100m): | None | N/A | |
| Surface Water Features (<250m): | None | N/A | |
| Is the site within a Surface Water / Groundwater Safeguard Zone? (DEFRA MAGIC): | No | No | |
| Sensitivity of Surface Water / Groundwater: | L2 – very low | L2 – very low | L2 – very low |

# 6 DATA OBTAINED FROM REGULATORY BODIES AND OTHERS

## 6.1 Data From Groundsure

6.1.1 An Environmental Data Report was procured from Groundsure©. Groundsure© reports contain a broad spectrum of environmental data collated from many sources, including the Environment Agency and the relevant local authority. The report is contained in Appendix G.

6.1.2 Relevant data on potentially contaminative land uses within the report, covering an area within a radius of 50m (250m for landfill and other waste sites) from the site is summarised hereunder:

**Table 9: Summary of Groundsure© Environmental Data Report**

| Data | Distance | Comments | Significance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Historical Land Uses (Industrial, tanks, energy features, petrol stations, garages) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Historical military land | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Active or Recent Landfill | On Site | No data | - |
| | <250m | No data | - |
| Landfills (historical from BGS/EA/LA, NRW, O.S. maps) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <250m | 246m E – Mill Lodge | Potential source |
| Historical and Licensed Waste Sites | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Waste Exemptions | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Recent Industrial Land Uses | On Site | Works | Potential source |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Current or Recent Petrol Stations | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Sites determined as Contaminated Land | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Regulated Explosive Sites | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Hazardous Substance Storage/Usage | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Historical licensed industrial activities (IPC) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Licensed Industrial Activities (Part A(1)) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Licensed Pollutant Release (Part A(2)/B) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Radioactive Substance Authorisations | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Pollutant Release To Surface Waters (Red List) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Pollutant Release To Public Sewer | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| List 1 Dangerous Substances | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| List 2 Dangerous Substances | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Pollution Incidents (EA/NRW) | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Pollution inventory substances | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Pollution inventory waste transfers | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |
| Pollution inventory radioactive waste | On Site | No data | - |
| | <50m | No data | - |

## 6.2 Ecological Designated Sites

6.2.1 Data on ecological designated sites with the Groundsure© report covering an area within a radius of 50m from the site are summarised hereunder:

**Table 10: Summary of Groundsure© Environmental Data Report**

| Record | Distance | Comments |
|---|---|---|
| **Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** | <50m | |
| **Conserved wetland sites (Ramsar sites)** | <50m | |
| **Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)** | <50m | |
| **Special Protection Areas (SPA)** | <50m | |
| **Local Nature Reserves (LNR)** | <50m | |
| **Designated Ancient Woodland** | <50m | |
| **Biosphere Reserves** | <50m | |
| **Forest Parks** | <50m | |
| **Marine Conservation Zones** | <50m | |
| **Green Belt** | <50m | |
| **Nitrate Sensitive Areas** | <50m | |
| **Nitrate Vulnerable Zones** | <50m | |
| **World Heritage Sites** | <50m | |
| **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** | <50m | |
| **National Parks** | <50m | |
| **Listed Buildings** | <50m | |
| **Conservation Areas** | <50m | |
| **Scheduled Ancient Monuments** | <50m | |
| **Registered Parks and Gardens** | <50m | |

6.2.2 If a full assessment of Environmental or Ecological aspects is required, it is recommended that appropriate specialists be consulted.

# 7 PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL MODEL AND PRELIMINARILY RISK ASSESSMENT

## 7.1 Introduction

7.1.1 The findings of the desk study have been used to develop a preliminary conceptual model of the site, which identifies potential contaminant linkages. The scope of the model is intended primarily to identify potential impacts to human health and environmental receptors from potential on-site and off-site contamination sources. More generalised comments may be included with respect to potential impacts to the wider ecosystem if relevant.

7.1.2 Contaminated land is defined under Section 78A(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 IIA, as "Any land which appears to the Local Authority in whose area it is situated to be in such a condition, by reason of substances in, on or under the land that:

- Significant harm is being caused, or there is significant possibility of such harm being caused, or
- Pollution of controlled waters is being or is likely to be caused"

7.1.3 Thus, land can be defined as contaminated if it is causing significant harm; or where substances in, on or under the land are polluting a controlled water, or there is a significant risk of this happening.

7.1.4 Current approaches (Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM), Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the National Planning Policy Framework) to risk assessment of contaminated land suggest the construction of a Preliminary Conceptual Model. The purpose of this model is to define all possible complete contaminant linkages, where the requisite source – pathway – target elements are present, and these elements being defined as:

- a contaminant (source) is a hazardous substance or agent, present at levels that have the potential to cause harm or damage a receptor
- a pathway is the means by or through which a contaminant comes into contact with, or otherwise affects, the receptor
- a receptor (target) is an entity (human being, aquatic environment, flora and fauna etc.) that is vulnerable to the adverse effects of the contaminant

7.1.5 This relationship is termed a "contaminant linkage". It should be recognised that for a health or environmental risk to exist, all three elements of the relationship or linkage must be present, i.e.

- if there is no contaminant, or contaminant present at levels below those considered to be harmful or damaging to a receptor, then there can be no adverse effect on a receptor
- if there is no receptor present that can be adversely affected by a contaminant, no harm or damage can arise
- even where both a contaminant and a receptor are present, no harm or damage will occur if there is no pathway by or through which a linkage between the two can be established

7.1.6 The information collated in the desk study was assessed hereunder to determine the potential contaminant linkage(s) existing on this site, and the likelihood of the linkage being present, allowing the construction of a preliminary conceptual model, as discussed hereunder.

## 7.2 Assessment of Potential Sources of Contamination

7.2.1 The potential sources of contamination identified in the desk study summarised hereunder:

**Table 11: Potential Sources of Contamination**

| Potential Source of Contamination | Distance to Site | Dates Identified on Historical Maps | Discussion | Probability | Consequence | Risk | Does source warrant further assessment? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Made ground | On site | N/A | Site History: Given that the site has been previously developed it is likely that deposits of made ground will be present on the site. | Likely | Medium – chronic effect on human health | Moderate | Yes |
| Made ground | On site | N/A | As there is no evidence the made ground on the site is in excess of 1m (no evidence to suggest made ground is up to 5m thick or has an average thickness of 3m) thick with low organic matter the made ground is not regarded as a credible source of ground gases. It is also unlikely that there will be sufficient organic matter to generate ground gases (SOM is likely to be <5%). | None – not a credible source | Severe – acute risk to human health | None | No |
| Site buildings | On site | 1890 – 2022 | The use of the site as a works has the potential to impact site soils. | Likely | Medium – chronic effect on human health | Moderate | Yes |
| Damaged cement sheeting | On site | N/A | The damaged cement sheeting has the potential to release asbestos fibres. | Likely | Medium – chronic effect on human health | Moderate | Yes |
| Use / storage of chemicals and/or fuel on the site | On site and within 15m of the site | N/A | Based on the site history there is the possibility that chemicals / fuels have been used and/or stored either on the site or within 15m of the site. | Likely | Medium – ingress of contaminants through plastic potable water pipes | Moderate | Yes |
| Potential for mobile contamination (VOC's, fuels etc.) | On site | N/A | Given the history of the site it is possible that mobile contamination may be present on the site (i.e. the natural soils may have been impacted). | Likely | Medium – chronic effect on human health | Moderate | Yes |
| Works | 17m north | 1959 - <1989 | The works has the potential to impact soils, although given the distance to the site the probability of risk occurring is regarded as unlikely. | Unlikely | Medium – chronic effect on human health | Low | No |
| Works | 40m south east | 1959 - <2003 | The works has the potential to impact soils, although given the distance to the site the probability of risk occurring is regarded as unlikely. | Unlikely | Medium – chronic effect on human health | Low | No |
| Colliery | 174m west | N/A | The colliery is identified in the Groundsure report, a review of the mas indicate the colliery is in excess of 250m of the site and there is no evidence of excavations within 250m of the site. | None – not regarded as a credible source | Medium – chronic effect on human health | None | No |
| Made ground | 174m and 190m west | N/A | The made ground is identified on both the 10,000 and 50,000 geological maps, however there is no evidence of excavations on the O.S. maps, based on this the probability of risk occurring is regarded as negligible. | Negligible | Severe – acute risk to human health | Low | No |
| Reservoir | 185m west | 1890 - 1959 | As the in-filled reservoirs are not identified as a landfill by the Environment Agency or identified as a landfill on the O.S maps, the land is likely to have been in-filled with 'typical made ground with a low organic content.<br><br>It is unlikely that the in-filling is greater than 5m (or an average depth of 3m), gas protection measures, therefore if gas monitoring is not undertaken it is acceptable to simply install Characteristic Situation 2 protection on sites where Alluvial soils are present.<br><br>The gas generation potential is regarded as very low, the risk of lateral migration as negligible and the probability so risk occurring is regarded as negligible. | Negligible | Severe – acute risk to human health | Low | No |
| Reservoir | 190m south | 1890 - <1983 | | | | Low | No |
| Reservoir | 220m south | 1890 - <1983 | | | | Low | No |
| Reservoirs | 220m east | 1890 - <1927 | | | | Low | No |
| Mill Lodge Landfill | 246m east | N/A | The landfill appears to be associated with a reservoir in excess of 250m from the site, given the distance to the landfill and the geology of the area the probability of risk occurring is regarded as negligible. | Negligible | Severe – acute risk to human health | Low | No |

### 7.3 Identification of Potential Receptors

7.3.1 Potential receptors of contamination on this site may be represented as tabulated hereunder:

**Table 12: Potential Receptors**

| ID | POTENTIAL RECEPTOR | IS THE RECEPTOR PRESENT? | JUSTIFICATION FOR INCLUSION / EXCLUSION |
|---|---|---|---|
| **A** | Human beings (construction workers) | **Yes** | Will be on site during the construction phase |
| **B** | Human beings (future residents) | **No** | The proposed development is commercial |
| **C** | Human beings (future worker occupants) | **Yes** | |
| **D** | Human beings (trespassers / transient users) | **Yes** | May be present on the proposed development |
| **E** | Human beings (worker occupants of adjacent properties) | **No** | Commercial buildings do not adjoin the site |
| **F** | Human beings (residents of adjacent properties) | **Yes** | Dwellings do not adjoin the site |
| **G** | Designated ecological systems | **No** | None have been identified |
| **H** | On site flora and fauna | **No** | No sensitive species have been identified |
| **I** | Property in the form of buildings (on site) | **Yes** | The development includes the erection of dwellings/buildings |
| **J** | Property in the form of buildings (adjacent) | **Yes** | Dwellings for the western and northern boundaries. |
| **K** | Property in the form of crops/livestock (on site) | **No** | Will not form part of the development |
| **L** | Property in the form of crops/livestock (adjacent) | **No** | None have been identified |
| **M** | Potable water mains (on site) | **Yes** | The site will be served by potable water mains |
| **N** | Potable water mains (off site) | **No** | It is unlikely that water mains for nearby sites will run through the subject site. |
| **O** | Groundwater (underlying aquifer) | **No** | The site is underlain by low sensitivity aquifers |
| **P** | Surface water bodies | **No** | No high/moderate sensitivity water bodies within 250m |

### 7.4 Potential Pathways

7.4.1 Taking account of the intended use of the site, the pathways by which the above sources and receptors may be linked may be summarised as follows:

**Table 13: Potential Pathways**

| ID | POTENTIAL RECEPTOR | ASSOCIATED POTENTIAL PATHWAYS | JUSTIFICATION FOR EXCLUSION |
|---|---|---|---|
| **A** | Human beings (construction workers) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust<br>~~Migration of ground gases through permeable strata / preferential pathways~~ | <br><br><br>No credible sources of ground gases |
| **C** | Human beings (future worker occupants) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust<br>~~Dermal contact with soil / soil dust outdoors~~<br>Dermal contact with soil dust indoors<br>Inhalation of soil dust indoors<br>~~Inhalation of soil dust outdoors~~<br>Inhalation of soil vapours indoors<br>Inhalation of soil vapours outdoors<br>~~Migration of ground gases through permeable strata / preferential pathways~~ | <br><br><br>No landscaped area will be present<br><br><br>No landscaped area will be present<br><br><br>No credible sources of ground gases |
| **D** | Human beings (trespassers / transient users) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust | |
| **F** | Human beings (residents of adjacent properties) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust outdoors<br>Dermal contact with soil dust indoors<br>Ingestion of home-grown produce<br>Ingestion of soil attached to home-grown produce<br>Inhalation of soil dust indoors<br>Inhalation of soil dust outdoors<br>Inhalation of soil vapours indoors<br>Inhalation of soil vapours outdoors<br>~~Migration of ground gases through permeable strata / preferential pathways~~ | <br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>No credible sources of ground gases on site |
| **I** | Property in the form of buildings (on site) | Direct contact with aggressive ground conditions<br>~~Migration of ground gases through permeable strata / preferential pathways~~ | <br>No credible sources of ground gases on site |
| **J** | Property in the form of buildings (adjacent) | Direct contact with aggressive ground conditions<br>~~Migration of ground gases through permeable strata / preferential pathways~~ | <br>No credible sources of ground gases on site |
| **M** | Potable water mains (on site) | Direct contact with aggressive ground conditions<br>Direct contact with organic contamination | <br>No credible sources of ground gases on site |

### 7.5 Preliminarily Qualitative Risk Assessment

7.5.1 In accordance with the current UK Government of 'suitable for use' approach to the assessment of contaminated land, a preliminarily qualitative risk assessment has been undertaken on the potential contaminant linkages identified above, which considers the magnitude of the potential consequence of the risk occurring, the magnitude of the probability of the risk occurring and provides an overall risk classification.

7.5.2 The following sections discuss all the identified potential on and off site sources which warrant further consideration (see Clause 7.2), pathways and receptors in the context of the proposed development and plausible pollutant linkages which may represent a risk to identified receptors such as human health and/or controlled waters from the data gained from the desk study. At this stage the assessment is qualitative and aimed to determine all pollutant linkages, irrespective of significance or allowing for uncertainty.

7.5.3 The purpose of the PQRA is to:

- Refine and update the conceptual model;
- Confirm the presence of actual pollutant linkages;
- Evaluate potentially unacceptable risks; and
- Provide the basis for the options appraisal when unacceptable risks are identified at the site.

7.5.4 The methodology used in the 2001 CIRIA report C552 – "Contaminated Land Risk Assessment. A Guide to Good Practice' and 'Guidance for the Safe Development of Housing on Land Affected by Contamination' is used here and is discussed in Appendix C.

7.5.5 Based on the above a Preliminarily Conceptual Model (PCM) has been created and is presented in hereunder.

**Table 14: Preliminary Conceptual Model**

| PPL ID | Source | Pollutant(s) | Receptor(s) | Pathways to Receptor | Probability | Consequence | Risk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Made ground<br><br>Works | Arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, chromium (III and VI), copper, cyanide, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, PAH's (USEPA 16) selenium, sulphur, thallium, hydrocarbons (TPHCWG), vanadium, zinc<br><br>VOC's /SVOC's | Human beings (construction workers) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust | Likely | Minor – can be prevented by the use of PPE | Low |
| 2 | | | Human beings (future worker occupants) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil dust indoors<br>Inhalation of soil dust indoors<br>~~Inhalation of soil dust outdoors~~<br>Inhalation of soil vapours indoors<br>Inhalation of soil vapours outdoors | | Medium – there is a potential for chronic effects to humans | Moderate |
| 3 | | | Human beings (trespassers / transient users) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust | | Medium – there is a potential for chronic effects to humans | Moderate |
| 4 | | | Human beings (residents of adjacent properties) | Ingestion of soil / soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust<br>Inhalation of soil dust<br>Dermal contact with soil / soil dust outdoors<br>Dermal contact with soil dust indoors<br>Ingestion of home-grown produce<br>Ingestion of soil attached to home-grown produce<br>Inhalation of soil dust indoors<br>Inhalation of soil dust outdoors<br>Inhalation of soil vapours indoors<br>Inhalation of soil vapours outdoors | | Medium – there is a potential for chronic effects to humans | Moderate |
| 5 | | | Property in the form of buildings (on site) | Direct contact with aggressive ground conditions | | Medium– significant damage to buildings | Moderate |
| 6 | | | Property in the form of buildings (adjacent) | Direct contact with aggressive ground conditions | | Medium– significant damage to buildings | Moderate |
| 7 | | | Potable water mains (on site) | Direct contact with aggressive ground conditions<br>Direct contact with organic contamination | | Medium – ingress of contaminants through plastic potable water pipes | Moderate |

7.5.6 The potential significant linkages listed above are based on the available data listed in the sections above and the features noted during the site walkover. Therefore, the linkages identified are tentative and subject to the following uncertainties(s):

- Presence of made ground under the site;
- The past uses have impacted site soils;

7.5.7 The precautionary principle as discussed in PPS23 (withdrawn) has been applied in the assessment of potential sources, pathways and receptors.

7.5.8 It can be seen that contaminant linkages 2 to 7 require further investigation.

# 8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER WORKS AND SAMPLING STRATEGY

## 8.1 Introduction

8.1.1 In accordance with the National Policy Planning Framework, Demeter Environmental consider that sufficient information on the potential for contamination is available in this report to allow the validation of any future planning application by Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and for conditional planning approval to be granted as it is unlikely that the site is capable of being determined as contaminated land under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Where the report has proposed further intrusive works and/or remediation such a conditional approval will likely include the conditions requiring a site investigation, risk assessment and implementation plan are undertaken to the satisfaction of Bury Metropolitan Borough Council prior to commencement of any development.

## 8.2 Proposals for Further Works

8.2.1 The proposals to investigate / break the potential contaminant linkages identified above in the PCM are discussed hereunder (in order of risk).

8.2.2 Given the site is occupied by a number of buildings it is advised that the buildings are removed prior to the investigation to enable full assess.

8.2.3 Prior to the investigation the buildings and tank infrastructure should be removed as the removal has the potential to impact on site soils.

8.2.4 Any asbestos containing materials should be removed prior to investigation as this may impact on site soils.

8.2.5 If any demolition is to be undertaken on site, consideration of BS 6187:2011 should pre-empt any demolition carried out on site. Care should be taken not to spread any potential contamination to other areas during such an exercise with due consideration to CIRIA paper

SP102 Remedial Treatment for Contaminated Land, Decommissioning, Decontamination and Demolition.

8.2.6 Prior to any demolition and redevelopment of the site it may be necessary to undertake a Type 3 Asbestos Survey.

**Table 15: Proposed Aims and Scope of Further Works**

| PPL ID | AIM(S) / OBJECTIVES(S) | Proposed Further Investigation |
|---|---|---|
| N/A | Enabling works | Prior to any intrusive investigation the following will need to be undertaken in order to access the site;<br><br>1. Approval from the local authority on the scope of the proposed works;<br>2. Removal of buildings from the site;<br>3. Removal of any ACM's (asbestos contaminating materials) from the site; |
| N/A | Sequence of works | The works in sequence is given below. |
| | To determine if made ground is present on the site and if present, is it impacted by elevated levels of contamination: | MAIN INVESTIGATION:<br>Based on the size of the site (0.01Ha) it is proposed that an initial exploratory investigation based on a non-targeted regular herringbone sampling grid of 10m is proposed, which equates to approximately 3 positions (dynamic sampling boreholes).<br><br>Additional positions will be incorporated into the exploratory investigation if additional information is required to delineate the areas of made ground.<br><br>Selective spot samples will be taken where there is any visual or olfactory evidence of contamination. The first sample of natural soils will be taken as close as possible to the boundary with the anthropogenic ground (approximately 0.25m to 0.5m into natural ground).<br><br>Disturbed spot samples will be taken in each layer and at fixed intervals of 0.5m as well as within ground to reflect any identifiable changes in appearance.<br><br>Sampling depths will take into account any proposed changes in levels (if information is available).<br><br>Where encountered spot samples of the made ground will be taken as well as spot samples of the natural soils form below the made ground natural soils interface. Additional samples will be taken where there is visual or olfactory evidence of contamination.<br><br>Samples of made ground will be analysed to the suite in Table 14, initially a maximum of 6 samples will be analysed (targeted towards areas of gardens/landscaping), the remaining samples will be subject to chemical analysis if any exceedances are recorded (e.g., all made ground samples will be analysed for lead if exceedances of lead are recorded).<br><br>Samples of the natural strata will be subject to chemical analysis at the locations where exceedances have been recorded.<br><br>All work should be undertaken by a suitably experienced geoenvironmental engineer. |

8.2.7 The proposed sampling strategy and site investigation has been created in line with the guidance in BS5930:2015, BS10175:2011, CLR4 and the EA publication 'Secondary model for the development of appropriate soil sampling strategies for contaminated land'.

8.2.8 The proposed site investigation is presented on Drawing 5 in Appendix D.

8.2.9 If any demolition is to be undertaken on site, consideration of BS 6187 should pre-empt any demolition carried out on site. Care should be taken not to spread any potential contamination to other areas during such an exercise with due consideration to CIRIA paper SP102 Remedial Treatment for Contaminated Land, Decommissioning, Decontamination and Demolition.

8.2.10 Prior to any demolition and redevelopment of the site it may be necessary to undertake a Refurbishment & Demolition Asbestos Survey.

8.2.11 If asbestos is encountered during any demolition works or during the intrusive investigation,

## 8.3 Responsibility of Developer / Landowner

8.3.1 In line with the National Policy Planning Framework, where a site is affected by contamination or land stability issues, responsibility for securing a safe development rests with the developer and/or landowner.

## 8.4 Management of Unexpected Contamination

8.4.1 It is possible that further contamination may be found at any time during the development. Should such contamination be identified or suspected during the site clearance or ground works, these should be dealt with accordingly.

8.4.2 A number of options are available for handling this material, which include:

- The removal from site and disposal to a suitably licensed tip of all material suspected of being contaminated. The material would need to be classified prior to disposal.

- Short-term storage of the suspected material while undertaking verification testing for potential contamination. The storage area should be a contained area to ensure that contamination does not migrate and affect other areas of the site. Depending upon the amounts of material under consideration, this could be either a skip or a lined area.

- Having a suitably experienced environmental engineer either on-call or with a watching brief for the visual and olfactory assessment of the material, and sampling for verification purposes.

## 8.5 Liaison with the Local Planning Authority

8.5.1 Prior to the commencement of any site works it is recommended that a copy of this report is forwarded to Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, and their approval of the

conclusions/recommendations contained in this report is obtained prior to the commencement of any works on the site.

8.5.2 Where this report has recommended remedial measures, the methodology on the validation of the remedial measures should be agreed with Bury Metropolitan Borough Council prior to commencement of site works (Phase IIIa Implementation Plan). On completion of the remediation a Phase IIIb completion report will need to be submitted to Bury Metropolitan Borough Council in order to demonstrate the site has been suitably remediated.

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# APPENDIX B: LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

## LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

This report includes hazard identification and environmental risk assessment in line with the risk-based methods referred to in relevant UK legislation and guidance. Government environmental policy is based upon a "suitable for use approach". When considering the current use of land, Part IIA of the Environment Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990) provides the regulatory regime, which was introduced by Section 57 of the Environment Act 1995, which came into force in England on 1 April 2000. The main objective of introducing the Part IIA regime is to provide an improved system for the identification and remediation of land where contamination is causing unacceptable risks to human health or the wider environment given the current use and circumstances of the land.

Part IIA provides a statutory definition of contaminated land under Section 78A(2) as:

"any land which appears to the Local Authority in whose area it is situated to be in such a condition, by reason of substances in, on, or under the land, that:

Significant harm is being caused or there is a significant possibility of such harm being caused; or Pollution of controlled waters is being, or is likely to be, caused."

Harm is defined under section 78A of the Environmental Protection Act as meaning 'harm to the health of living organisms or other interference with the ecological systems of which they form part and, in the case of man, includes harm to his property'. Part IIA provides a statutory definition of the pollution of controlled waters under Section 78A(9) as "the entry into controlled waters of any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter or any solid waste matter".

Types of harm are related to specific receptors in order to determine whether they can be regarded as "significant harm" or "significant possibility of significant harm', as defined in Clause 4 of the DEFRA publication 'Environmental Protection Act 1990: Part 2A Contaminated Land Statutory Guidance', which is presented hereunder:

## Table 1: Categories Of Significant Harm and Significant Possibility of Significant Harm for Each Receptor

| | Type of Receptor | Description of harm to that type of receptor that is to be regarded as:" | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Significant Harm | Significant Possibility of Significant Harm |
| 1 | Human beings | Death; life threatening diseases (e.g. cancers); other diseases likely to have serious impacts on health; serious injury; birth defects; and impairment of reproductive functions<br><br>Physical injury; gastrointestinal disturbances; respiratory tract effects; cardio-vascular effects; central nervous system effects; skin ailments; effects on organs such as the liver or kidneys; or a wide range of other health impacts.<br><br>Death, disease, serious injury, genetic mutation, birth defects or the impairment of reproductive functions.<br>For these purposes, disease is to be taken to mean an unhealthy condition of the body or a part of it and can include, for example, cancer, liver dysfunction or extensive skin ailments. Mental dysfunction is included only insofar as it is attributable to the effects of a pollutant on the body of the person concerned. | - |
| 2 | Any ecological system, or living organism forming part of such a system, within a location which is:<br><br>• a site of special scientific interest (under section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981)<br>• a national nature reserve (under s.35 of the 1981 Act)<br>• a marine nature reserve (under s.36 of the 1981 Act)<br>• an area of special protection for birds (under s.3 of the 1981 Act)<br>• a "European site" within the meaning of regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010<br>• any habitat or site afforded policy protection under paragraph 6 of Planning Policy Statement (PPS 9) on nature conservation (i.e. candidate Special Areas of Conservation, potential Special Protection Areas and listed Ramsar sites); or<br>• any nature reserve established under section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. | The following types of harm should be considered to be significant harm:<br><br>• harm which results in an irreversible adverse change, or in some other substantial adverse change, in the functioning of the ecological system within any substantial part of that location; or<br><br>• harm which significantly affects any species of special interest within that location and which endangers the long-term maintenance of the population of that species at that location.<br><br>In the case of European sites, harm should also be considered to be significant harm if it endangers the favourable conservation status of natural habitats at such locations or species typically found there. In deciding what constitutes such harm, the local authority should have regard to the advice of Natural England and to the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. | Conditions would exist for considering that a significant possibility of significant harm exists to a relevant ecological receptor where the local authority considers that:<br><br>• significant harm of that description is more likely than not to result from the contaminant linkage in question; or<br><br>• there is a reasonable possibility of significant harm of that description being caused, and if that harm were to occur, it would result in such a degree of damage to features of special interest at the location in question that they would be beyond any practicable possibility of restoration. |
| 3 | Property in the form of:<br>• crops, including timber;<br>• produce grown domestically, or on allotments, for consumption;<br>• livestock;<br>• other owned or domesticated animals;<br>• wild animals which are the subject of shooting or fishing rights. | For crops, a substantial diminution in yield or other substantial loss in their value resulting from death, disease or other physical damage. For domestic pets, death, serious disease or serious physical damage. For other property in this category, a substantial loss in its value resulting from death, disease or other serious physical damage.<br><br>The local authority should regard a substantial loss in value as occurring only when a substantial proportion of the animals or crops are dead or otherwise no longer fit for their intended purpose.<br><br>Food should be regarded as being no longer fit for purpose when it fails to comply with the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990. Where a diminution in yield or loss in value is caused by a contaminant linkage, a 20% diminution or loss should be regarded as a benchmark for what constitutes a substantial diminution or loss. | Conditions would exist for considering that a significant possibility of significant harm exists to the relevant types of receptor where the local authority considers that significant harm is more likely than not to result from the contaminant linkage in question, taking into account relevant information for that type of contaminant linkage, particularly in relation to the ecotoxicological effects of the contaminant. |
| 4 | Property in the form of buildings. For this purpose, "building" means any structure or erection, and any part of a building including any part below ground level, but does not include plant or machinery comprised in a building, or buried services such as sewers, water pipes or electricity cables. | Structural failure, substantial damage or substantial interference with any right of occupation. The local authority should regard substantial damage or substantial interference as occurring when any part of the building ceases to be capable of being used for the purpose for which it is or was intended.<br><br>In the case of a scheduled Ancient Monument, substantial damage should also be regarded as occurring when the damage significantly impairs the historic, architectural, traditional, artistic or archaeological interest by reason of which the monument was scheduled. | Conditions would exist for considering that a significant possibility of significant harm exists to the relevant types of receptor where the local authority considers that significant harm is more likely than not to result from the contaminant linkage in question during the expected economic life of the building (or in the case of a scheduled Ancient Monument the foreseeable future), taking into account relevant information for that type of contaminant linkage. |

For human beings and controlled waters there are four categories of harm, given hereunder:

**Table 2: Categories Of Harm for Human Beings and Controlled Waters**

| Category | Description of harm to that type of receptor that is to be regarded as:" | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Human Beings** | **Controlled Waters** |
| 1 | The local authority should assume that a significant possibility of significant harm exists in any case where it considers there is an unacceptably high probability, supported by robust science based evidence, that significant harm would occur if no action is taken to stop it. For the purposes of this Guidance, these are referred to as "Category 1: Human Health" cases. Land should be deemed to be a Category 1: Human Health case where:<br><br>(a) the authority is aware that similar land or situations are known, or are strongly suspected on the basis of robust evidence, to have caused such harm before in the United Kingdom or elsewhere; or<br><br>(b) the authority is aware that similar degrees of exposure (via any medium) to the contaminant(s) in question are known, or strongly suspected on the basis of robust evidence, to have caused such harm before in the United Kingdom or elsewhere;<br><br>(c) the authority considers that significant harm may already have been caused by contaminants in, on or under the land, and that there is an unacceptable risk that it might continue or occur again if no action is taken. Among other things, the authority may decide to determine the land on these grounds if it considers that it is likely that significant harm is being caused, but it considers either: (i) that there is insufficient evidence to be sure of meeting the "balance of probability" test for demonstrating that significant harm is being caused; or (ii) that the time needed to demonstrate such a level of probability would cause unreasonable delay, cost, or disruption and stress to affected people particularly in cases involving residential properties. | This covers land where the authority considers that there is a strong and compelling case for considering that a significant possibility of significant pollution of controlled waters exists. In particular this would include cases where there is robust science-based evidence for considering that it is likely that high impact pollution (such as the pollution described in paragraph 4.38) would occur if nothing were done to stop it. |
| 2 | For land that cannot be placed into Categories 1 or 4, the local authority should decide whether the land should be placed into either: (a) Category 2: Human Health, in which case the land would be capable of being determined as contaminated land on grounds of significant possibility of significant harm to human health; or (b) Category 3: Human Health, in which case the land would not be capable of being determined on such grounds.<br><br>The local authority should consider this decision in the context of the broad objectives of the regime and of the Government's policy as set out in Section 1. It should also be mindful of the fact that the decision is a positive legal test, meaning that the starting assumption should be that land does not pose a significant possibility of significant harm unless there is reason to consider otherwise. The authority should then, in accordance with paragraphs 4.26 to 4.29 below, decide which of the following two categories the land falls into: | This covers land where: (i) the authority considers that the strength of evidence to put the land into Category 1 does not exist; but (ii) nonetheless, on the basis of the available scientific evidence and expert opinion, the authority considers that the risks posed by the land are of sufficient concern that the land should be considered to pose a significant possibility of significant pollution of controlled waters on a precautionary basis, with all that this might involve (e.g. likely remediation requirements, and the benefits, costs and other impacts of regulatory intervention). Among other things, this category might include land where there is a relatively low likelihood that the most serious types of significant pollution might occur. |
| 3 | (a) Category 2: Human Health. Land should be placed into Category 2 if the authority concludes, on the basis that there is a strong case for considering that the risks from the land are of sufficient concern, that the land poses a significant possibility of significant harm, with all that this might involve and having regard to Section 1. Category 2 may include land where there is little or no direct evidence that similar land, situations or levels of exposure have caused harm before, but nonetheless the authority considers on the basis of the available evidence, including expert opinion, that there is a strong case for taking action under Part 2A on a precautionary basis.<br><br>(b) Category 3: Human Health. Land should be placed into Category 3 if the authority concludes that the strong case described in 4.25(a) does not exist, and therefore the legal test for significant possibility of significant harm is not met. Category 3 may include land where the risks are not low, but nonetheless the authority considers that regulatory intervention under Part 2A is not warranted. This recognises that placing land in Category 3 would not stop others, such as the owner or occupier of the land, from taking action to reduce risks outside of the Part 2A regime if they choose. The authority should consider making available the results of its inspection and risk assessment to the owners/occupiers of Category 3 land. | This covers land where the authority concludes that the risks are such that (whilst the authority and others might prefer they did not exist) the tests set out in Categories 1 and 2 above are not met, and therefore regulatory intervention under Part 2A is not warranted. This category should include land where the authority considers that it is very unlikely that serious pollution would occur; or where there is a low likelihood that less serious types of significant pollution might occur. |
| 4 | The local authority should not assume that land poses a significant possibility of significant harm if it considers that there is no risk or that the level of risk posed is low. For the purposes of this Guidance, such land is referred to as a "Category 4: Human Health" case. The authority may decide that the land is a Category 4: Human Health case as soon as it considers it has evidence to this effect, and this may happen at any stage during risk assessment including the early stages.<br><br>The local authority should consider that the following types of land should be placed into Category 4: Human Health:<br><br>(a) Land where no relevant contaminant linkage has been established.<br>(b) Land where there are only normal levels of contaminants in soil.<br>(c) Land that has been excluded from the need for further inspection and assessment because contaminant levels do not exceed relevant generic assessment criteria.<br><br>(d) Land where estimated levels of exposure to contaminants in soil are likely to form only a small proportion of what a receptor might be exposed to anyway through other sources of environmental exposure (e.g. in relation to average estimated national levels of exposure to substances commonly found in the environment, to which receptors are likely to be exposed in the normal course of their lives).<br><br>The local authority may consider that land other than the types described above should be placed into Category 4: Human Health if following a detailed quantitative risk assessment it is satisfied that the level of risk posed is sufficiently low.<br><br>Local authorities may decide that particular land apparently matching the descriptions above immediately above poses sufficient risk to human health to fall into Categories other than Category 4. However, such cases are likely to be very unusual and the authority should take particular care to explain why the decision has been taken, and to ensure that it is supported by robust evidence. | This covers land where the authority concludes that there is no risk, or that the level of risk posed is low. In particular, the authority should consider that this is the case where: (a) no contaminant linkage has been established in which controlled waters are the receptor in the linkage; or (b) the possibility only relates to types of pollution described in paragraph 4.40 above (i.e. types of pollution that should not be considered to be significant pollution); or (c) the possibility of water pollution similar to that which might be caused by "background" contamination. |

Category 1 or 2 encompass land which is capable of being determined as contaminated land on grounds of significant possibility of significant harm to human health.

The guidance defines what 'normal' levels of contamination is and that a site should not be classified as 'contaminated land'.

'Normal' levels of contamination is defined as:

> (a) The natural presence of contaminants (e.g. caused by soil formation processes and underlying geology) at levels that might reasonably be considered typical in a given area and have not been shown to pose an unacceptable risk to health or the environment.
>
> (b) The presence of contaminants caused by low level diffuse pollution, and common human activity other than specific industrial processes. For example, this would include diffuse pollution caused by historic use of leaded petrol and the presence of benzo(a)pyrene from vehicle exhausts, and the spreading of domestic ash in gardens at levels that might reasonably be considered typical.

The UK regulatory authorities have adopted the widely recognised pollutant linkage concept for assessing risks from land contamination. However, the scenarios under which significant harm may occur are often largely defined by the site conditions and the receptor sensitivity. The concept of suitability for use is adopted to ensure that the risk management process addresses the site-specific conditions and that any remediation undertaken reduces risks to an acceptable level. To meet requirements under Part IIA the site should be suitable for its current use, including use for which a planning permission is already held.

Part IIA of The Environmental Protection Act 1990 is supported by the DEFRA publication of April 2012 'Environmental Protection Act 1990: Part 2A Contaminated Land Statutory Guidance' (this replaces DETR Circular 06/2006), which defines the duties of Local Authorities in dealing with it. Part IIA places contaminated land responsibility as a part of planning and redevelopment process rather than Local Authority direct action except in situations of very high pollution risk. In the planning process guidance is provided by the National Planning Policy Framework which requires that a site which has been developed shall not be capable of being determined "contaminated land" under Part IIA.

The criteria for assessing levels of pollutants and hence determining whether a site represents a hazard are based on a range of techniques, models and guidance. Within this context it is relevant to note that Government objectives are:

(a) To identify and remove unacceptable risks to human health and the environment;

(b) To seek to ensure that contaminated land is made suitable for its current use;

(c) To ensure that the burdens faced by individuals, companies and society as a whole are proportionate, manageable and compatible with the principles of sustainable development.

These three objectives underlie the "suitable for use" approach to remediation of contaminated land. The "suitable for use" approach focuses on the risks caused by land contamination. The approach recognises that the risks presented by any given level of contamination will vary greatly according to the use of the land and a wide range of other factors, such as the underlying geology of the site. Risks therefore should be assessed on a site-by-site basis.

The "suitable for use" approach comprises of three elements:

(a) ensuring that land is suitable for its current use

(b) ensuring that land is made suitable for any new use, as planning permission is given for that new use

(c) limiting requirements for remediation to the work necessary to prevent unacceptable risks to human health or the environment in relation to the current use or future use of the land for which planning permission is being sought

The mere presence of pollutants does not therefore necessarily warrant action, and consideration must be given to the scale of risk involved for the use that the site has, and will have in the future.

**Legislation in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales**

**Northern Ireland**

The Northern Ireland Assembly was established as part of the Belfast Agreement and it is the prime source of authority for all devolved/transferred matters (including environment and planning) and has full legislative and executive authority. Devolution powers became the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Assembly on the 2nd December 1999. The Executive was subsequently suspended and Direct Rule restored on the 11th February 2000. Restoration of devolution subsequently took place on 30th May 2000. Twenty-four hour suspensions also took place in August and September 2001.

On the 14th October 2002 the Assembly was again suspended and then formally dissolved on the 28th April 2003. Subsequently the Assembly was restored to a state of suspension following elections in November 2003 with the Assembly finally being restored on 8th May 2007.

The Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) is the largest Agency within the Department of the Environment (DOE NI), one of the eleven Northern Ireland Departments created in 1999. The EHS takes the lead in advising on, and in implementing, the Government's environmental policy and strategy in Northern Ireland.

The Planning Service, another Agency which comes under the umbrella of the DOE NI, is responsible for developing and implementing Government planning policies and development plans in Northern Ireland.

Part 3 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 contains the main legal provisions for the introduction of a contaminated land regime in Northern Ireland. The Order was enacted in 1997 but the regime is not yet in operation. The provisions within Part 3 are virtually identical to those provided by part 2A and would establish a regime whereby local authorities are under a duty to investigate and identify contaminated land and identify those responsible for its remediation.

In terms of provision of technical guidance for regulators to assist them in the determination of contaminated land the DOE NI references the DEFRA SGV Task Force and CLEA publications.

The primary legislation governing planning in Northern Ireland is the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (as amended). This is backed up by secondary legislation and planning policy, including planning policy statements (PPSs) and area plans. However there is currently no specific PPS addressing development on potentially contaminated land.

Planning applications are determined by the Planning Service with local councils, along with other government departments, acting as consultees to the approval process. Despite the lack of guidance the Planning Service, in considering planning applications for brownfield sites, will impose conditions for site investigation and remediation that broadly mirror the requirements of part 3/Part 2A.

**Wales**

Both the Environment Protection Act 1990 and the Environment Act 1995 were issued on a UK wide basis, so the same principles of Part 2A legislation are applicable. In July 1997 the UK Government published a white paper outlining proposals for devolution. In Wales a referendum was held in September 1997 and the result led to the Government of Wales Act 1998 being issued thus establishing the National Assembly for Wales (NAW) with powers being transferred on 1st July 1999.

Since this time subordinate legislation has been introduced in Wales that details how the provisions of an Act of Parliament will apply, hence the reason for different effects in Wales to that of England.

The elected Assembly Members effectively delegated their powers for implementation of policies and legislation to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). One of the subject areas within WAG is Environment Planning & Countryside, which covers the policies and subordinate legislation relevant to land contamination. The preliminary legislation was The Contaminated Land (Wales) Regulations 2001 Welsh Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2197 (W.157) which came into force on 1st July 2001. This has now been revoked and replaced by The Contaminated Land (Wales) Regulations 2006 Welsh Statutory Instrument 2006 No. 2989 (W.278) which came into force on 10th December 2006. These include the changes for appeals on Remediation Notices, which are required to be made to NAW. The Radioactive Contaminated Land (Modification of Enactments) (Wales) Regulations 2006 were implemented at the same time.

Current Statutory Guidance relevant to Wales is the 'Contaminated Land Statutory Guidance – 2012' (2012) issued by the Welsh Government. This comprises Guidance previously issued in November 2001 and further guidance to accompany other modifications such as the introduction of radioactivity. The principle regulators of the Part 2A process are Environment Agency Wales and as appropriate the local authority responsible for the site in question. As in England the use of the CLEA v1.06 model and the relevant SGV and TOX reports are applicable in Wales.

In respect of Planning the circular 022/87 (WO) prepared by DETR (Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions) on Development of Contaminated Land remains applicable for outlining the requirements associated with new developments, including change of use. The document states that contamination is a material planning consideration, but is ambiguous in a number of areas. It does however indicate that an investigation will normally be required where the previous history of the site suggests contamination.

Planning Policy Wales (2002) outlines that the physical constraints on the land are to be taken into account at all stages of the planning process and this is in the context of land instability and land contamination. It also explains that LPA's (Local Planning Authorities) should be aware of the requirements of Part 2A and ensure that their policies and decisions are consistent with it. This implies that the methods used in assessing land for Part 2A purposes should be applied within the planning regime. Accordingly the concept of risk assessment as a tool to help direct development on a suitable for use basis is appropriate as in England.

NPPF does not apply in Wales, however it may be referred to as good practice, though this may be open to challenge. In Wales Technical Advice Notes (TAN) are used as Planning Policy Statements and currently there is no TAN applicable to land contamination in Wales. WAG is considering the preparation of a TAN and it is understood that this will look at the suitability of PPS23 for Wales, though no timetable for delivering this has been made.

Land Contamination: A Guide for Developers prepared on behalf of the Welsh Local Government Association, Environment Agency Wales & WAG was issued in July 2006. Whilst this is not statutory guidance, it helps confirm good practice and broadly details the risk assessment process in line with the Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM)'

**Scotland**

Since the passing of the Scotland Act and the official convening of the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Executive on the 1st July 1999 devolved matters, including the environment and planning, have been the responsibility of Scottish Ministers.

There are two regulatory enforcement bodies in Scotland with duties and powers in terms of identification and remediation of contaminated land and development of brownfield sites; Local Authorities and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) which was established in 1996.

The current structure of local government in Scotland was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994. Since the passing of the Act Scotland has been divided into 29 unitary authorities and 3 island authorities. It is the responsibility of the Scottish Executive to implement Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990. Scottish Ministers therefore implemented.

The Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SI2000/178) (the 2000 Regulations) with accompanying statutory guidance on the 14th July 2000. The 2000 Regulations were replaced on the 1st April 2006 by the Contaminated Land (Scotland) 2005 Regulations (the 2005 Regulations). The 2005 Regulations amended Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the 2000 Regulations in the light of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003. Guidance on the 2005 Regulations was published in June 2006 in the form of Paper SE/2006/44 (Statutory Guidance; Edition 2) by the Scottish Executive. The document replaces in its entirety the guidance issued July 2000.

Contaminated land was defined in the 2000 Regulations where pollution of controlled waters is being, or is likely to be caused. This meant that any degree of pollution of controlled waters could have resulted in the land being designated as contaminated. The 2005 Regulations addressed the anomaly whereby trivial amounts of pollution resulted in land being designated as contaminated by introducing a requirement that pollution be "significant" or likely to be "significant" in relation to the water environment.

Unlike England and Wales the 2005 Regulations do not include radioactive contamination. The Radioactive Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2007 came into force in Scotland on the 30th October 2007. The Regulations make provision for Part 2A to have effect with modifications for the purpose of the identification and remediation of radioactive contaminated land.

When brownfield or contaminated sites are being developed, Local Authorities require that the need for remediation is determined using guidance provided by Planning Advice Note (PAN) 33. PAN 33 uses the Suitable for Use Approach. The approach focuses on the risks caused by land contamination and recognises that the risks presented by any given level of contamination will vary greatly according to the use of the land and a wide range of other factors such as the underlying geology.

The Suitable for Use Approach comprises three elements:

- Ensuring that land is suitable for its current use;
- Ensuring that land is made suitable for any new use as planning permission is given for that use; and
- Limiting the requirements for remediation to the work necessary to prevent unacceptable risks to human health or the environment in relation to the current use or future use for which planning permission is being sought.

# APPENDIX C: RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES

**RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

The methods applied by ***DEMETER ENVIRONMENTAL Ltd*** in the assessment of risks to receptors from soil, water and gas data, are presented hereunder:

**LEGISLATION OVERVIEW:**

The legislative background to risk assessment is discussed in the legislative Appendix B.

**RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

Current practice recommends that the determination of potential liabilities that could arise from land contamination be carried out using the process of risk assessment, whereby "risk" is defined as:

(a) The probability, or frequency, or occurrence of a defined hazard; and
(b) The magnitude (including the seriousness) of the consequences."

The UK's approach to the assessment of environmental risk is set out in by the Department of the Environment (2000) publication "A Guide to Risk Assessment and Risk Management for Environmental Protection." This established an iterative, systematic staged process which comprises:

(a) Hazard identification
(b) Hazard assessment
(c) Risk estimation
(d) Risk evaluation
(e) Risk Assessment

At each stage during the investigation process the above steps are repeated as more detailed information becomes available for the site.

The Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM), guidance published by the the Environment Agency (EA) outlines a tiered approach to the assessment of risks posed by contaminated land, as summarised hereunder:

**Tier 1: Preliminary Risk Assessment**

A Preliminary Risk Assessment is usually undertaken as part of a desk study, outlines potential risks posed by potential contamination to all receptors by defining plausible "pollution linkages" and developing a preliminary conceptual model (PCM). The purpose of this model is to define all possible complete pollution linkages, where the requisite source – pathway – target elements are present, and these elements being defined as:

- a contaminant (source) is a hazardous substance or agent, present at levels that have the potential to cause harm or damage a receptor
- a pathway is the means by or through which a contaminant comes into contact with, or otherwise affects, the receptor
- a receptor (target) is an entity (human being, aquatic environment, flora and fauna etc) that is vulnerable to the adverse effects of the contaminant

This relationship is termed a "pollution linkage". It should be recognised that for a health or environmental risk to exist, all three elements of the relationship or linkage must be present, i.e.

- if there is no contaminant, or contaminant present at levels below those considered to be harmful or damaging to a receptor, then there can be no adverse effect on a receptor
- if there is no receptor present that can be adversely affected by a contaminant, no harm or damage can arise
- even where both a contaminant and a receptor are present, no harm or damage will occur if there is no pathway by or through which a linkage between the two can be established

The absence of one or more of each component (source, pathway, receptor) would prevent a pollutant linkage being established and there would be no significant environmental risk.

Potential contaminants of concern are identified with the aide of the Environment Agency and NHBC publication 'Guidance for the Safe Development of Housing on Land Affected by Contamination', the Department of Environment Industry Profiles and the now withdrawn CLEA CLR 8, which consolidated the information Industry Profiles into a tabular format.

The PCM is subject to continual refinement as additional data becomes available. As part of a Phase I Investigation (Desk Study and site walk over) a PCM is formed. Based on the PCM, potential pollutant linkages can be assessed. If the PCM and hazard assessment indicate that a pollution linkage is not of significance then no further assessment or action is required due to this linkage. For each significant and possible linkage a risk assessment is carried out. The linkages which potentially pose significant risks may require a variety of responses ranging from immediate remedial action or risk management or, more commonly, further investigation and risk assessment. This next stage is usually termed a Phase II Main Site Investigation and should provide additional data to allow refinement of the PCM and assess the level of risk from each pollutant linkage. The risk assessment will usually include a Tier 2 Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment and / or, if necessary, a Tier 3 Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment.

The criteria used for a Tier 1 risk assessment are broadly based on those presented in Section 6.3 of the CIRIA Report 'Contaminated Land Risk Assessment: A Guide to Good Practice' (CIRIA Report C552) and Section 1.7 of Guidance on the Safe Development of Housing on Land affected by Contamination. The consequence of the risk is classified according to the criteria in Table A below:

**Assessment of Sensitivity of Water Resources**

The criteria used to determine the sensitivity of a water resource is given hereunder:

**Groundwater**

| Sensitivity Assessment | Standard Response | Implications/need for further work (subject to nature of source and pathway) |
|---|---|---|
| H1 (Very high) | Highly vulnerable aquifer, actively used in vicinity of site with short travel times to sources of supply or sensitive watercourses. Likely to be within an inner or outer groundwater protection zone (Zones I or II under EA protection policy). All contaminant releases to the ground environment of concern. | Extensive groundwater and soil clean-up or removal is likely to be needed if a source and pathway exist. Potential for major on-site and off-site liabilities. Further, detailed risk assessment essential and is likely to be required by the Regulators. Could be long-term residual liabilities with major cost implications and potential high risk of prosecution. |
| H2 (High) | Major or minor vulnerable aquifer with probable use nearby (either direct abstraction or baseflow to sensitive watercourses and springs). Likely to be within Outer or Source Catchment protection zones (Zones II or III). Most contaminant releases to the ground environment of concern. | Significant groundwater remediation measures may be required, after detailed risk assessment, which is likely to be required by the Regulators. Soil decontamination or isolation probably necessary. Potential for significant on-site and off-site liabilities, including treatment and/or replacement of local potable water supplies. Substantial cost implications and potential moderate/high risk of prosecution. |
| M1 (Moderately high) | Recognised major or minor aquifer, moderately vulnerable, with probable use (either direct or via baseflow to a sensitive watercourse). Within formal protection zone or catchment of authorised abstractions for potable or other high quality uses. Minor, short-term releases of contaminants may be tolerable. | Following risk assessment, soil decontamination or isolation may be required. Localised groundwater clean-up may be needed but large scale clean-up unlikely unless source is substantial and toxic. Possible off-site liabilities such as replacement/treatment of local potable water supplies. Moderate cost implications and potential moderate risk of prosecution. |
| M2 (Moderate) | Minor aquifer, low to moderately vulnerable, but with possible uses in general area, particularly for domestic supplies. May provide pathway to surface water. | Risk assessment may indicate need for localised clean up/isolation of soil and groundwater only, but may be some off-site liabilities e.g. local potable water supplies. Moderate to low cost implications. Potential prosecution less likely. |
| L1 (Low) | Permeable strata/minor aquifer near surface, but no apparent use and low vulnerability (may also be a significant aquifer but downgraded by long-term/ permanent degradation of water quality). May provide pathway to surface watercourse at distance. | Localised clean-up/isolation of soil and groundwater only. Unlikely to be significant off-site liabilities or action by statutory authorities with respect to groundwater. Low cost implications. |
| L2 (Very low) | Not a recognised aquifer, but strata beneath site may retain a small amount of contaminated liquid but there is likely to be limited vertical penetration. High potential for surface runoff or ponding. | Clean-up/isolation of soil and contained groundwater only, in immediate vicinity of release. Unlikely to be off-site liabilities or action by statutory authorities with respect to groundwater. Low cost implications. |

**Surface Water (exc coastal waters)**

| Sensitivity Assessment | Standard Response | Implications/need for further work (subject to nature of source and pathway and no short circuiting by artificial drainage systems) |
|---|---|---|
| H1 (Very high) | High quality watercourse (GQA A or B) within close proximity (less than 250m) of site or with potential for rapid transmission of pollutants to that watercourse via a fissured aquifer. Or interconnected unclassified drain or stream. | Potential for major pollution incident with fish kills, risk to river users etc. Major cost implications for remediation measures and with respect to penalties on prosecution. Potential for major adverse publicity. |
| H2 (High) | Site within catchment and reasonable proximity (less than 500m) of high quality watercourse (GQA A/B) or with potential transmission of pollutants via baseflow from an aquifer with little subsurface attenuation or via an interconnected unclassified drain or stream. | Potential for significant pollution incident that requires remedial measures and likely to involve a prosecution and adverse publicity. Substantial cost implications. |
| M1 (Moderately high) | Site within catchment and reasonable proximity (less than 500m) of a moderate quality watercourse (GQA C/D) or 500-1000m of a high quality watercourse (GQA A/B). Also where there is potential transmission of pollutants via baseflow with little subsurface attenuation or via an interconnected unclassified drain or stream. | Potential for significant pollution incident that requires remediation measures. Possible prosecution, particularly if contamination is likely to be visible or result in public complaints. |
| M2 (Moderate) | Site within catchment of and relatively close (less than 1000m) to moderate or poor quality (GQA C to F) watercourse that may be subject to planned improvement by attainment of surface water quality objectives. May be potential for transmission of pollutants via baseflow from a highly permeable formation. | Minor incidents are unlikely to attract third party liabilities, but action by statutory authorities likely if contamination is visible or repeated. |
| L1 (Low) | Within catchment of and over 250m from generally poor quality watercourse (GQA E or F) that is unlikely to improved by current or foreseeable surface water quality objectives or at distance (over 1000m) from a good quality watercourse with no interconnecting drains or baseflow from fissured strata. | Unlikely to be third party liabilities or action from statutory authorities from surface water viewpoint. |
| L2 (Very low) | No surface water within general area of the site (at least 250m) or closed drainage within site. Little or no potential for significant transmission via baseflow and no interconnecting drains. | Liabilities restricted to site itself (localised soil contamination or ponding) or associated with groundwater. |

**Coastal Waters**

| Sensitivity Assessment | Standard Response | Implications/need for further work (subject to nature of source and pathway and no short circuiting by artificial drainage systems) |
|---|---|---|
| H1 (Very high) | Within 100m of a sensitive coastal water, that is, a recognised bathing water, a "more sensitive area" (as defined under the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive) or a marine SSSI or at a greater distance but with a direct connection via a stream or a highly fissured aquifer to such a coastal water with the potential for rapid flow to that water. | Potential for major environmental health risks and ecological damage. Probability of high remedial costs, prosecution and adverse publicity. |
| H2 (High) | As above, within 250m or with a relatively rapid route of transmission or within 100m of a "less sensitive area". | |
| M1 (Moderately high) | Within 500m of a bathing water or a defined sensitive area (see above); with possibility of diffuse flow via groundwater seepages at coastline or with connection via nearby watercourses. | LESS DATA AVAILABLE FOR COASTAL SITES TO GIVE GENERALISED ASSESSMENTS OF POTENTIAL LIABILITIES. |
| M2 (Moderate) | Within 500m of a coastal water (undefined), with possibility of diffuse flow via groundwater seepages at coastline or with connection via nearby watercourses. | |
| L1 (Low) | No coastline nearby (within 1km), but with possibility of diffuse groundwater seepages at coastline or connection via nearby watercourses. | Liabilities initially associated with watercourses or groundwaters. |
| L2 (Very low) | No coastline nearby (within 1km) and/or no direct connection via surface or ground water. | No liabilities likely. |

**Artificial Drainage System**

| Sensitivity Assessment | Standard Response | Implications/need for further work (subject to nature of source and pathway and no short circuiting by artificial drainage systems) |
|---|---|---|
| H1 (Very high) | Extensive land use/industrial history, successive building development. Steep surface slopes (rapid travel times with little opportunity for dilution/ interception facilities) or close proximity (within 250m) to surface watercourses or high sensitivity groundwater. Former mining areas where subsurface mine drains are present or suspected. Detailed drainage records absent. | Probability of interconnection of artificial and natural drainage systems, with consequent risks to sewers, surface and ground water. Potential unconsented connections and discharges on and off-site with third party pipes/structures, risk of third party action and additional effluent treatment costs. Potential damage to site fabric and structures due to leakages and collapse. Major cost implications for investigation and implementation of remedial measures. Drainage investigation and risk assessment essential. |
| H2 (High) | As above, but shallower slopes (longer retention times in drains) or more distant (over 250m) to surface watercourses or with detailed records of drainage systems. | As above, but potentially lower investigatory and remedial costs. Drainage investigation and risk assessment essential. |
| M1 (Moderately high) | More than one phase of site development with limited historic records of drainage systems (sewers, surface water, pipelines). Over 250m from surface watercourse. | As above, but less extensive drainage investigation and reduced investigation and remedial costs. |
| M2 (Moderate) | More than one phase of site development with detailed historic records of drainage systems (sewers, surface water, pipelines). | As above, costs likely to be dependent on-site processes and degree of maintenance of existing drainage systems. |
| L1 (Low) | Recent (greenfield) development, with recorded and low intensity drainage systems or older sites with thoroughly investigated and recorded drainage systems, drainage risk assessment and implementation of remedial measures. Within 250m of surface watercourses or on low permeability strata. No mine drains. | Leakages from drains may contaminate soil locally and eventually reach a watercourse. Low risk of third party action. |
| L2 (Very low) | Recent (greenfield) development, with recorded and low intensity drainage systems, or older sites with thoroughly investigated/recorded drainage systems, drainage risk assessment and implementation of remedial measures. Remote from surface watercourses, all drainage to adopted sewers and with no permeable strata within 10m of the site surface. No mine drains. | Leakages from drains may contaminate soil locally. |

**Table A – Consequence of Risk**

| CLASSIFICATION | DEFINITION | EXAMPLES |
|---|---|---|
| Severe | Highly elevated concentrations likely to result in "significant harm" to human health as defined by the EPA 1990, Part 2A, if exposure occurs.<br><br>Equivalent to EA Category 1 pollution incident including persistent and/or extensive effects on water quality; leading to closure of a potable abstraction point; major impact on amenity value or major damage to agriculture or commerce.<br><br>Short term risk of pollution of sensitive (H1/H2) water resource. Major damage to aquatic or other ecosystems, which is likely to result in a substantial adverse change in its functioning or harm to a species of special interest that endangers the long-term maintenance of the population.<br><br>A short term risk to a particular ecosystem, or organism forming part of such ecosystem. Catastrophic damage to crops, buildings or property. | Significant harm to humans is defined in circular 01/2006 as death, disease, serious injury, genetic mutation, birth defects or the impairment of reproductive functions.<br><br>Major fish kill in surface water from large spillage of contaminants from site.<br><br>Highly elevated concentrations of List I and II substances present in groundwater close to small potable abstraction (high sensitivity).<br><br>Explosion, causing building collapse (can also equate to immediate human health risk if buildings are occupied). |
| Medium | Elevated concentrations which could result in "significant harm" or "significant possibility of significant harm" to human health as defined by the EPA 1990, Part 2A if exposure occurs.<br><br>Equivalent to EA Category 2 pollution incident including significant effect on water quality; notification required to abstractors; reduction in amenity value or significant damage to agriculture or commerce. Pollution of a highly sensitive (H1/H2) water resource.<br><br>Significant damage/change to aquatic or other ecosystems, which may result in a substantial adverse change in its functioning or harm to a species of special interest that may endanger the long-term maintenance of the population.<br><br>Significant damage to crops, buildings or property. | Significant harm to humans is defined in circular 01/2006 as death, disease, serious injury, genetic mutation, birth defects or the impairment of reproductive functions.<br><br>Damage to building rendering it unsafe to occupy e.g. foundation damage resulting in instability.<br><br>Ingress of contaminants through plastic potable water pipes. |
| Mild | Exposure to human health unlikely to lead to "significant harm".<br><br>Equivalent to EA Category 3 pollution incident including minimal or short lived effect on water quality; marginal effect on amenity value, agriculture or commerce.<br><br>Pollution of moderately sensitive (M1/M2) water resources.<br><br>Minor or short lived damage to aquatic or other ecosystems, which is unlikely to result in a substantial adverse change in its functioning or harm to a species of special interest that would endanger the long-term maintenance of the population.<br><br>Significant damage to crops, buildings, structures and services ("significant harm" as defined in Circular 1/2006). | Exposure could lead to slight short-term effects (e.g. mild skin rash).<br><br>Surface spalling of concrete. |
| Minor | No measurable effect on humans.<br><br>Equivalent to insubstantial pollution incident with no observed effect on water quality or ecosystems.<br><br>Repairable effects of damage to buildings, structures and services.<br><br>Pollution of low sensitive (L1/L2) water resource.<br><br>Harm, although not necessarily significant harm, which may result in a financial loss, or expenditure to resolve. Non-permanent health effects to human health (easily prevented by means such as personal protective clothing etc). Easily repairable effects of damage to buildings, structures and services. | The loss of plants in a landscaping scheme.<br><br>Discoloration of concrete. |

The probability of the risk occurring is classified according to criteria given in Table B below:

**Table B – Probability of Risk Occurring**

| CLASSIFICATION | DEFINITION | EXAMPLES |
|---|---|---|
| High likelihood | There is pollutant linkage and an event would appear very likely in the short-term and almost inevitable over the long-term, or there is evidence at the receptor of harm or pollution. | a) Elevated concentrations of toxic contaminants are present in soils in the top 0.5m in a residential garden.<br><br>b) Ground/groundwater contamination could be present from chemical works, containing a number of USTs, having been in operation on the same site for over 50 years. |
| Likely | There is pollutant linkage and all the elements are present and in the right place which means that it is probable that an event will occur. Circumstances are such that an event is not inevitable, but possible in the short-term and likely over the long-term. | a) Elevated concentrations of toxic contaminants are present in soils at depths of 0.5-1.0m in a residential garden, or the top 0.5m in public open space.<br><br>b) Ground/groundwater contamination could be present from an industrial site containing a UST present between 1970 and 1990. The tank is known to be single skin. There is no evidence of leakage although there are no records of integrity tests. |
| Low likelihood | There is pollutant linkage and circumstances are possible under which an event could occur. However, it is by no means certain that even over a long period such an event would take place, and is less likely in the shorter term. | a) Elevated concentrations of toxic contaminants are present in soils at depths >1m in a residential garden, or 0.5-1.0m in public open space.<br><br>b) Ground/groundwater contamination could be present on a light industrial unit constructed in the 1990s containing a UST in operation over the last 10 years – the tank is double skinned but there is no integrity testing or evidence of leakage. |
| Unlikely | There is pollutant linkage but circumstances are such that it is improbable that an event would occur even in the very long-term. | a) Elevated concentrations of toxic contaminants are present below hardstanding.<br><br>b) Light industrial unit <10 yrs old containing a doubleskinned UST with annual integrity testing results available. |
| Negligible | There is pollutant linkage but circumstances are such that it is risk cannot be differentiated from nil (so rare that the risk is regarded a nil) | a) in-filled pond off site'<br><br>b) electricity substation 50m from the site |

An overall evaluation of the level of risk is gained from a comparison of the severity and probability, as shown in Table C below:

**Table C – Calculation of Risk**

| | | CONSEQUENCE | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Severe** | **Medium** | **Mild** | **Minor** |
| **PROBABILITY** | **High Likelihood** | Very High Risk | High Risk | Moderate Risk | Moderate / Low Risk |
| | **Likely** | High Risk | Moderate Risk | Moderate / Low Risk | Low Risk |
| | **Low Likelihood** | Moderate Risk | Moderate / Low Risk | Low Risk | Very low Risk |
| | **Unlikely** | Moderate / Low Risk | Low Risk | Very low Risk | Very low Risk |
| | **Negligible** | Low Risk | Very low Risk | Very low Risk | Very low Risk |

The above evaluated risk terms are described hereunder in Table D:

**Table D – Description of the Evaluated Risks from Table 3**

| EVALUATED RISK | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|
| **Very High Risk** | There is a high probability that severe harm could arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard, OR, there is evidence that severe harm to a designated receptor is currently happening. This risk, if realised, is likely to result in a substantial liability. Urgent investigation (if not undertaken already) and remediation are likely to be required. |
| **High Risk** | Harm is likely to arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard. Realisation of the risk is likely to present a substantial liability. Urgent investigation (if not undertaken already) is required and remedial works may be necessary in the short term and are likely over the long term. |
| **Moderate Risk** | It is possible that harm could arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard. However, it is relatively unlikely that any such harm would be severe, or if any harm were to occur it is more likely that the harm would be relatively mild. Investigation (if not already undertaken) is normally required to clarify the risk and to determine the potential liability. Some remedial works may be required in the longer term. |
| **Low Risk** | It is possible that harm could arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard, but there is a low likelihood of this hazard occurring and if realised, harm would at worst normally be mild. |
| **Very Low Risk** | There is a low possibility that harm could arise to a receptor. In the event of such harm being realised, it is not likely to be severe. |
| **No Potential Risk** | There is no potential risk if no pollution linkage has been established. |

The likely action required for each of the above evaluated risks is as follows:

Action in the form of site investigation and risk assessment, mitigation of risk or remediation of contamination is required at sites evaluated as **Very High Risk** or **High Risk**.

Site investigation is required at sites evaluated as **Moderate Risk**.

No action is required at sites evaluated as **No Potential Risk**, **Low Risk** or **Very Low Risk.**

**Tier 2: Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment (GQRA)**

GQRA requires an intrusive investigation in order to characterise the site assisting in the re-assessment of the source-pathway receptor linkage. The conceptual model should be refined accordingly.

If GQRA reveals that unacceptable risks are not present then no further action is required. If GQRA identifies a possibility of risk, a decision must be made whether further work is required or necessary for the purposes of risk assessment. If further risk assessment is deemed not suitable / not required an Options Appraisal should be undertaken. If further risk assessment is required, the scope / nature of further risk assessment must be decided – it is possible that a Tier 3 DQRA will be undertaken in this scenario.

**Tier 3: Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment (DQRA)**

DQRA is used when pollutant linkages require further assessment. DQRA is often undertaken for pollutant linkages where GAC are unavailable or inappropriate for or more conservative than the actual circumstances of the site. Site specific data is used to create Site Specific Assessment Criteria (SSAC) and enable a more accurate assessment of the risks. Further investigation may or may not be required to formulate SSAC depending on the site specific conditions and information already obtained.

If DQRA reveals that unacceptable risks are not present then no further action is required. If DQRA identifies a possibility of risk, a decision must be made whether further work is required or necessary for the purposes of risk assessment. If further risk assessment is deemed not suitable / not required an Options Appraisal should be undertaken. If further risk assessment is required, the scope nature of further risk assessment must be decided.

**NOTE:** A Tier 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment is undertaken as part of a Desk Study Report and a Preliminary Conceptual Model is developed for all pollutant linkages including risks ground gas and controlled waters. The methodologies for assessing the risks to human health, risks to controlled waters and risk posed by ground gas using quantitative techniques vary considerably, therefore GQRA and DQRA for human health, controlled waters and ground gas must be undertaken separately. The risk assessment methodologies where quantitative assessment is used for risks to human health, risks to controlled waters and risks posed by ground gas, if relevant, are described hereunder.

## HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY – SOIL AND WATER

### Background

In January 2009, the EA published the revised Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment (CLEA) Model and a series of related reports. These were designed to provide a scientifically based framework for the assessment of chronic risks to human health from contaminated land. These reports together with associated "TOX" and "SGV" documents are continually being published and will be used in any assessment.

Guidance on statistical assessment is given in CL:AIRE :2008 "Guidance on Comparing Data With a Critical Concentration"

A different approach to the statistical appraisal of data is required depending on whether the assessment of risk is to assess whether land is Contaminated Land in accordance with regulations, or whether the assessment is to determine whether the site is suitable for new development in according with planning guidance. This is discussed further in CL:AIRE :2008 "Guidance on Comparing Data With a Critical Concentration".

## COLLATION OF SOIL TOXICOLOGICAL DATA

The toxicological data collated by ***Demeter Environmental Ltd*** is presented as a separate document, available to regulatory bodies on request. The data gathered is generally in accordance with the hierarchy given in the EA Science Report SC050021/SR21 "Human health toxicological assessment of contaminants in soil". The hierarchy may be circumvented where more up to date authoritative data from a toxicological study has been published from sources lower down the hierarchy.

## DERIVATION OF SOIL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

GAC's derived by ***Demeter Environmental Ltd*** are based on a Soil Organic Matter (SOM) content of 1%. Whilst this approach differed from the Environment Agency (who have published SGV's based on a 6% SOM) it provides a more conservative GQRA. Where SSAC's are required, site specific SOM will be used in the DQRA. Where available, other parameters such as building size, receptor and soil characteristics will be used in the DQRA.

Assessment criteria are available from a number of sources, namely (and in order of use):

1. Land Quality Management Suitable for Use Levels (S4UL's) (Copyright Land Quality Management Limited reproduced with permission; Publication number S4UL3093. All rights reserved);
2. C4SL for lead;
3. EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE Generic Assessment Criteria;
4. In-house derived GAC's / S4UL's.

## STATISTICAL ASSESSMENT OF SOIL CONTAMINATION DATA

In any site investigation only a small fraction of the soil on the site is analysed. Therefore the mean derived from the contamination data for a contaminant may not be the same as the true mean for the contaminant distribution on the site. To improve the reliability of any assessment a statistical analyses is if the dataset is undertaken.

The statistical assessment is undertaken using ProUCL, which is published by the USEPA, which provides a statistical assessment that exceeds the guidance given in the CL:AIRE document "Guidance on Comparing Soil Contamination Data with a Critical Concentration".

Where the number of results in a dataset is less than four, a statistical assessment cannot be undertaken, and the assessment is performed by comparison of the maximum value(s) with the assessment criteria. Dependant on the distribution of the data, a statistical analysis may not be feasible and in those cases the results will be assessed directly to their respective assessment criteria.

If the screening levels are exceeded then more sophisticated quantitative risk assessment can be undertaken or remedial action may be taken to break the pollutant linkages. The benefits of undertaking a quantitative risk assessment must be weighed against the likelihood that it will bring about cost savings in the proposed remediation.

## ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH

## ASSESSMENT VALUES

Assessment criteria are available from a number of sources, namely:

1. Land Quality Management Suitable for Use Levels (S4UL's) (Copyright Land Quality Management Limited reproduced with permission; Publication number S4UL3093. All rights reserved);
2. C4SL for lead (the C4SL is used in lieu of the in house derived GAC as it provides a more conservative assessment);
3. EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE Generic Assessment Criteria;
4. In-house derived GAC's / S4UL's

## TIER 2 GENERIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR SOILS

Generic Assessment Criteria (GAC's) have been derived by ***Demeter Environmental Ltd*** to aid in the assessment of the risk to human health. These are derived using CLEA v1.06. Details of the derivation of the GAC's are provided within the Report. GAC's are based on generic assumptions on the land use, building and soil parameters.

## SITE SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR SOILS

Where there are exceedances of the Tier 2 GAC, Site Specific Assessment Criteria (SSAC) are derived, using site specific data for the Soil Organic Matter (SOM), building parameters, land use etc. An SSAC, like SGV's, S4UL's and GAC's is a threshold below which the risk is minimal.

Whilst CLEA v1.06 is normally used to derive SSAC's, other risk assessment packages may be used if they are more suitable for the subject site.

## ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH FROM SOIL WATER

Where exposure to contamination in soil water is significant this will be assessed using BP RISC (amended to be as close to UK compliant as possible).

**CONTROLLED WATER RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

**Background**

**Definition of Controlled Waters**

The term 'controlled waters' is defined in Section 104 of the Water Resources Act 1991 as:

*"Territorial Waters…which extend seawards for three miles…, coastal waters…, inland freshwaters, waters in any relevant lake or pond or of so much of any relevant river or watercourse as is above the freshwater limit, and ground waters, that is to say, any waters contained in underground strata."*

Note that the definition of groundwater under the Water Resources Act 1991 includes all water within underground strata (including soil / pore water in the unsaturated zone). The definition of groundwater under the Groundwater Directive however is limited to water in the saturated zone. From the 1st October 2004, the definition of groundwater in relation to Part IIA was amended, by the Second Water Act Commencement Order SI 2004 No 2528. For the purposes of Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Environment Agency recommends that the groundwater within the saturated zone only is considered as the receptor (rather than soil / pore water).

**INTRODUCTION**

***Demeter Environmental Ltd*** utilises the methodology for the assessment of groundwater as discussed in the Environment Agency publication 'Remedial Targets Methodology and Policy and Protection of Groundwater.

The procedure for determining site-specific remedial targets is summarised below:

1) Determine a target concentration at the receptor or compliance point in relation to its use.

2) Undertake the tier assessment to determine whether the contaminant source would result in the target concentration being exceeded at the receptor or compliance point. At each tier, a remedial target is determined.

3) If the contaminant concentrations on-site exceed the remedial target, then the decision whether it is appropriate to upgrade the tier analysis is based on:

- timescale – the decision to proceed to the next tier analysis should only be made if any risk involved in delaying the decision to implement the remedial action is acceptable;
- what additional information is required and can be obtained;
- cost-benefit analysis, i.e. the cost of tier upgrade in relation to the potential reduction in the cost of the remedial solution.

Four assessment tiers are proposed for the assessment of contaminated soil to protect water resources:

Level 1 considers whether contaminant concentrations in "pore water" in contaminated soil are sufficient to impact on the receptor, ignoring dilution, dispersion and attenuation along the pathway. The "pore water" concentration is determined from:

i) measured "pore water" concentrations or perched water quality;
ii) soil leaching tests;
iii) theoretical calculations based on soil/water partitioning equations.

Level 2 considers dilution by the receiving groundwater or surface water body and whether this is sufficient to reduce contaminant concentrations to acceptable levels. The remedial target is defined as the target concentration multiplied by a dilution factor (DF).

Levels 3 and 4 consider whether natural attenuation (including dispersion, retardation and degradation) of the contaminant as it moves through the unsaturated and saturated zones to the receptor are sufficient to reduce contaminant concentrations to acceptable levels. The remedial target is defined as target concentration multiplied by a dilution factor (DF) and attenuation factor (AF). In Level 3 simple analytical models are used to calculate the significance of attenuation, whereas in Level 4 more sophisticated numerical models are used.

For each level, the "pore water" concentration determined for the soil zone is compared to the remedial target to determine the need for remedial action.

The assessment in relation to contaminated groundwater commences at Level 2 as the contaminants have already moved through the soil zone, so that the only processes of significance are attenuation, dispersion and further dilution of this groundwater as it moves from the source towards the receptor. Thus the assessment levels for contaminated groundwater are:

Level 2 – the observed contaminant concentration in groundwater below the site is compared directly to the target concentration.

Levels 3 and 4 – the observed groundwater concentration below the site is compared directly to the target concentration multiplied by an attenuation factor (AF); as with the soil levelled assessment, Levels 3 and 4 are distinguished by the sophistication of the modelling and prediction processes.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION, CURRENT GUIDANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY FOR RISKS POSED BY GROUND GAS**

**Background**

**Origin of Ground and Landfill Gases**

When carrying out a ground gas risk assessment, the origin or source of the gases is important as potential risks will vary depending on the source. This Appendix relates to the risk of the two main ground gases of concern; methane and carbon dioxide, and does not apply to other ground gases (e.g. radon or vapours from hydrocarbon spills). Methane and carbon dioxide are major constituents of ground gas but can also occur from a variety of anthropogenic and natural sources, as summarised in Table E below. The generation potential of each source is given below.

**Table E- Sources and Origins of Ground Gases**

| Source | Origin | | Typical Range of Concentrations | | | Generation Potential |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Methane | Carbon Dioxide | Others | |
| **Anthropogenic** | | | | | | |
| Landfill sites (include shallow and old landfill) | Microbial decay of organic materials derived from the disposal of putrescible materials | Landfill gas is a product of the biodegradation of organic materials contained in wastes deposited in landfill sites. Age and composition of landfill affect the gas regime. The gas regime will also be influenced by physical parameters such as volume/depth of waste and the groundwater regime, as well as environmental factors such as temperature, moisture content and pH value. These factors are considered in some detail in earlier CIRIA guidance (Barry et al, 2001). The Environment Agency Guidance on the management of landfill gas provides useful information on the mechanisms by which landfill gas is generated, its composition and physical and chemical characteristics and behaviour (Environment Agency, 2004a). Leachate from landfill sites may also contain dissolved gases or may degrade during migration to produce methane with carbon dioxide and associated gases. | 20-65% | 15-40% | Several hundred trace organic gases (maybe odorous or toxic) (generally makes up <1% of total volume, eg $H_2S$ | Very high if the landfill has recently closed (post 1960)<br><br>Moderate (pre 1960 landfills)<br><br>Very low (inert landfills) |
| Made ground | Microbial decay of organic materials contained in reworked natural ground containing demolition and other wastes | Made ground will often contain degradable material such as wood, rags, paper and vegetation. However, the proportion of such carbon-rich materials is typically low, with major components often comprising re-worked clays, silts, sands and gravels together with anthropogenic inclusions such as ash, clinker, brick, concrete etc. Many brownfield sites contain made ground and on these sites the methane concentrations are usually not highly elevated, although there are exceptions, while concentrations of carbon dioxide can typically range to higher values. The rate of gas generation also tends to be low, resulting in small but sustained volumes of gas. There often tends to be a lack of driving force within made ground (see Section 2.6.1). The low rate of gas generation, the limited driving force and the fact that the gas is denser than air result in little upward migration of carbon dioxide. | 0-20% | 0-10% | | Very low (inert made ground)<br><br>Low (made ground with high levels of organic/ putrescible matter) |
| Foundry sands | Microbial decay of waste materials from the foundry process (phenolic binders, dextrin, coal dust, wood rags, paper) | In foundry sands, organic materials resulting from the foundry process such as phenolic binders, detrin and coal dust, and other foundry wastes such as wood, lignin and paper can provide a substrate for methanogenic bacteria (Hooker et al, 1993) | Up to 50% | 15-40% | Trace organic gases (generally <1% of total volume) (maybe odorous and/or toxic) | Very low to low depending on presence of organic/ putrescible matter |

**Table E (continued)- Sources and Origins of Ground Gases**

| Source | Origin | | Typical Range of Concentrations | | | Generation Potential |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Methane | Carbon Dioxide | Others | |
| **Anthropogenic** | | | | | | |
| Sewage sludge, dung, cess pits/heaps | Microbial decay of organic materials | Methane and carbon dioxide are the main components associated with the anaerobic decomposition of organic components of sewage (Hooker et al, 1993). Hydrogen sulphide is also often present resulting from the degradation of organic matter and sulphur containing compounds (including mercaptans) in the sewage. Nitrogen oxide and ammonia gases are also associated with sewage. These gases can be a problem in sewer systems with confined spaces such as pipework, manholes and service chambers which can lead to potentially explosive, asphyxiating or chemically harmful atmospheres. Additionally the formation of sulphuric acid from the oxidation of hydrogen sulphide can corrode pipes, resulting in migration into the surrounding soils. | 60-75% | 18-40% | Trace organic gases (generally <1% of total volume) (maybe odorous and/or toxic) | Moderate |
| Burial Grounds (including cemeteries) | Microbial decay of organic materials contained within human/animal remains. | The generation of gases from the decomposition of corpses is well documented (Polson et al, 1975). The gases generated are predominantly carbon dioxide and methane with trace amounts of odorous sulphur-containing gases. Diphosphane may be generated by anaerobic decomposition of phosphorus in skeletal material (generally in waterlogged areas). Other gaseous emissions may include formaldehyde, associated with the preparation of cadavers and present in medium density fibreboard (MDF), widely used to make coffins. | 20-65% | 15-40% | | Moderate |
| Industrial/chemical/petroleum sites/manufacturing | Organic vapours derived from leaks or spills from storage, processing and disposal areas | | 3-100% | 2-8% | Trace organic gases (generally <1% of total volume) (maybe odorous and/or toxic), cyanide | Low |
| Natural gas (supply pipes) | Leakage from bulk pipeline transportation of natural gas | Mains gas is derived from the same geological source as methane in coal mines. Leaks into surrounding soils can occur from damaged or poorly maintained underground pipes. In the UK, a combination of mercaphens and sulphide are added as odourants which can often be detected. Ethane additives will also indicate the presence of distributed main gases. | 90-95% | 0-9.5% | 1 – 27% C2-C4 alkanes, 4.7% CO | Low |

**Table E (continued)- Sources and Origins of Ground Gases**

| **Natural** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Soils | Physical, chemical and biological transformations of rock during weathering | | <2ppm | 350ppm | | Very low (none if no organic material is present) |
| Coal measures strata | Burial of vegetation under high temperatures and pressures, liberating gases as a by-product as a result of mining activities | Methane is associated with coal bearing carboniferous strata, produced by the anaerobic decomposition of ancient vegetation trapped within the rock. Associated gases include higher alkanes (for example ethane), hydrogen and helium. Former shafts and/or fractured rock can provide a migration pathway to the surface and rising groundwater or flooding of mine workings can release trapped methane and carbon dioxide. | <1-90% | 0-6% | 4–13% $C_2$-$C_4$ alkanes,<br>0 – 10% CO<br>production of $H_2S$ possible but rarely occurs in hazardous concentrations | High (active mine working)<br>Moderate (abandoned mine working)<br>Very low (flooded mine workings) |
| Peat/bog areas | Gas formed by the microbial decay of accumulated plant debris under anaerobic conditions | Methane from these sources is produced by the microbial decay of organic material under anaerobic conditions, usually waterlogged vegetation. Carbon dioxide is usually produced by acid reaction on carbonate fraction in any alluvial soil, and also generated by methane oxidation. Trace gases include hydrogen sulphide and light hydrocarbons.<br>Methane can migrate large distances through soils. The source of the methane which caused the explosion at Abbeystead in 1985 was naturally occurring oil shales at more than 1 km depth. | 10-90% | 0-5% | | Moderate |
| Alluvium (organic rich sediments) | | | 0-5% | 0-10% | | Low (may be very low depending on levels of organic matter) |
| Radon emitting rocks | Decay of naturally occurring uranium within soils and rocks | Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally and has no taste, smell or colour. It is formed from the decay of uranium, which is found in small quantities in all soil and rocks, in particular granite. Radionuclides (the decay products of radon) can damage lung tissues and ultimately lead to lung cancer. An action level of 200 Bq/m³ was set by the former National Radiological Protection Board | Variable | Variable | 0-1000 Bq/m³ radon gas.<br>Higher concentrations of gas up to 4,000,000 Bq/m³ have been recorded in the southwest | N/A |
| Carbonate rich strata | Dissolution of calcium carbonate by acidic water | Acidic waters such as rainwater can react with calcium carbonate (e.g. chalk and limestones etc) to form carbon dioxide. Elevated concentrations of carbon dioxide (>five per cent) have been detected in confined spaces particularly those associated with groundwater abstraction infrastructure such as pump houses, located in chalk areas. | Variable | 1-9% | | Very low to low depending on water content |

This does not provide guidance for the assessment of risk when other gases are present due to 'Other Sources' from the above table (particularly volatile organic compounds or for the risk from radon or hydrogen sulphide).

To determine the origin of the gas a range of factors must be considered together, including;

1. Proximity of likely sources
2. Ground conditions (geology, hydrogeology, anthropogenic pathways etc)
3. Properties of gases present including:
   - Chemical composition
   - Physical properties
   - Ratios of components e.g. methane: carbon dioxide
4. Timeframe of activities such as infilling periods, capping works, installation of gas control systems etc

Identification of the originating source may be problematic given that there may be more than one source present and trace gas analysis may be required. Identification of the sources of the gases encountered during monitoring is usually carried out through a process of eliminating the most unlikely potential sources (given the site setting) and selecting those which are most likely.

**Hazards Associated with Presence of Methane**

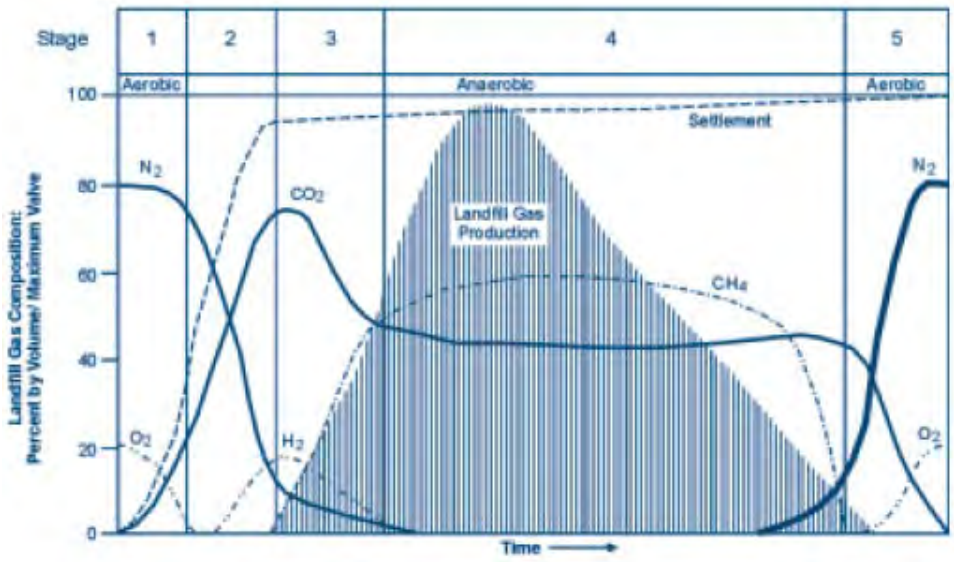
Methane gas is combustible and potentially explosive. When the concentration of methane in air is between the limits of 5.0%v/v and 15.0%v/v an explosive mixture is formed. The Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of methane is 5.0%v/v, which is equivalent to 100% LEL. The 15.0%v/v limit is known as the Upper Explosive Limit (UEL), but concentrations above this level cannot be assumed to represent safe concentrations. Further, the LEL and UEL will vary (up and down) depending upon the proportion of other gases (including oxygen). However, the fact that methane is a colourless, odourless gas means that there is no simple indicator of the presence of the gas until such a time as explosive limits are reached and an incident occurs. Methane is lighter than air and has a low toxicity. However, at high concentrations it can result in asphyxiation due to oxygen displacement.

**Hazards Associated with Presence of Carbon Dioxide**

Carbon dioxide is a colourless, odourless gas, which, although non-flammable, is both toxic and an asphyxiant. As carbon dioxide is denser than air, it will collect in low points and depressions. The UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has published information relating to concentrations of carbon dioxide that humans may be exposed to, which uses concentrations contained in the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended). These are the Long Term Occupational Exposure Limit (LTOEL, 8 hour period) and the Short Term Occupational Exposure Limit (STOEL, 15 minute period), which are 0.5% and 1.5% carbon dioxide, respectively.

**Parameters Influencing the Rate of Ground Gas Production**

The figure below is taken from EA guidance document LFTGN 03 illustrates typical ground gas generation curves from biodegradable materials:




The production of methane and carbon dioxide at a landfill site may be expected to be considerable and ongoing. Concentrations of methane will eventually decrease, followed by concentrations of carbon dioxide, but the duration and rate of gas production can vary markedly between sites. Five distinct phases of gas production occur during the process which are, in order of event as marked above, as follows:

1. An aerobic phase involving oxygen depletion and temperature increase through aerobic respiration;
2. The establishment of anaerobic conditions and the evolution of carbon dioxide and hydrogen through acidogenic activity;
3. Commencement of methanogenic activity; the establishment of populations of methanogenic bacteria;
4. A phase of stable methanogenic activity, which may go on for many tens of years;
5. A phase of decreasing methanogenic activity, representing depletion of the organic material and a return to aerobic conditions.

The time scale for the return to the normal ground gas concentrations will be highly variable, depending upon the types and quantities of materials present. In addition, the optimum parameters influencing the rate of decomposition and ground gas production within the ground at a site are as follows:

- High water content with adequate rainfall and water infiltration to provide moisture content between approximately 20 to 26%;
- Conditions that either are or are very close to anaerobic;
- High proportion of biodegradable materials;
- A pH between 6.5 and 8.5, ideally verging slightly on the acidic between pH 6 to 7;
- Temperature between 25°C and 55°C;
- The ratio of the biochemical and chemical oxygen demands (BOD:COD);
- High permeability;
- Small particle size, as finer subsurface materials possess a greater surface area to provide a growing 'face' for the micro-organisms but high fines levels reduces permeability and reduces decomposition rate.

For this reason, it is vital that sources of methane and carbon dioxide are identified prior to the commencement of any work on a construction site, and that the ground gas regime is characterised at the worst temporal conditions a site may experience. From this, a risk assessment is carried out to identify the risk at the site from ground gases so that suitable protection measures can be designed and incorporated into a development to prevent a dangerous build-up of gas occurring.

**Factors Influencing the Migration and Behaviour of Ground Gases**

There are many factors that influence the migration of ground gases which can affect the risk from a gassing source:

- driving force – pressure differential along a pathway, diffusion and dissolved in solution;
- meteorological conditions – short term and seasonal conditions including atmospheric pressure changes (e.g. rapidly falling pressure causes gas to expand increasing emission rates), rainfall, frozen ground and thawing, temperature;
- geological and groundwater conditions – these can have the over riding influence on the direction/pathways and quantity of migrating gas;
- anthropogenic influences – man-made pathways include mine shafts, service runs/drains, foundation piles, underground voids/pits/basements, foundation/building design/construction

**Ground Gas Risk Assessment Methodology**

Assessment of risk posed by ground gas is undertaken using the methodology as outlined previously, and summarised hereunder:

- Tier 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment
- Tier 2 Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment
- Tier 3 Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment

The methodology used in each of the above assessments with concern to ground gas is discussed hereunder.

<u>Tier 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment</u>

All potential sources of methane and carbon dioxide are identified in the Preliminary Conceptual Model and the generation potential determined. The background information discussed earlier is referred to in order to determine the potential for a source to generate ground gas.

CIRIA C665 provides idealised monitoring frequency / period dependent upon generation potential of gas source and sensitivity of the proposed land use as below:

**Idealised Frequency and Period of Monitoring (after Table 5.5a and 5.5b, CIRIA C665)**

| | | Generation Potential of Source | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Very Low** | **Low** | **Moderate** | **High** | **Very High** |
| **Sensitivity of Development** | **Low** (Commercial) | 4/1 | 6/2 | 6/3 | 12/6 | 12/12 |
| | **Moderate** (Flats) | 6/2 | 6/3 | 9/6 | 12/12 | 24/24 |
| | **High** (Residential with Gardens) | 6/3 | 9/6 | 12/6 | 24/12 | 24/24 |

**Notes**

1. First number is the number of readings and the second is the minimum period in months (e.g. 6/2 – six sets of readings over two months).

2. At least two sets of readings must be at low (preferably under 1,000 mb) and falling pressure.

The monitoring programme is decided using the above table prior to the intrusive site investigation. However, if the intrusive investigation reveals that a potential source is better or worse than anticipated the monitoring programme should be modified accordingly. For example, if the made ground contains no evidence of organic material and comprises entirely granular brick fill, the potential for that made ground to generate ground gas is reduced considerably.

**Tier 2 Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment**

Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment is undertaken upon completion of the required gas monitoring period.

All three current guidance documents propose that both ground gas concentrations and flow rates are used to calculate the limiting gas well gas volume flow rates for methane and carbon dioxide, based on the ground gas conditions monitored for during the worse-case temporal conditions. This limiting gas well volume flow rate is termed the Gas Screening Value (GSV, note that this was termed borehole gas volume flow), and is calculated as follows:

$$\textbf{GSV}\ (\text{l/hr}) = \frac{[\text{gas well gas concentration (\%v/v)}] \times [\text{gas well flow rate (l/hr)}]}{100}$$

GSV's are compared to typical max concentrations and limiting gas screening values derived for either Situation A - All development except low rise housing with gardens, or Situation B low rise housing with gardens (NHBC Traffic Light System). Table 8.5 from CIRIA C665 is used for comparison of gas screening values for "Situation A Developments" and is presented hereunder:

| Characteristic Situation (CIRIA R149) | Comparable Partners in Technology gas Regime (see Box 8.2) | Risk Classification | Gas Screening Value ($CH_4$ or $CO_2$) (l/hr)[1] | Additional Factors | Typical Source of Generation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A | Very low risk | <0.07 | Typically methane ≤ 1% and/or carbon dioxide ≤ 5%. Otherwise consider increase to Situation 2 | Natural soils with low organic content "Typical" made ground |
| 2 | B | Low risk | <0.7 | Borehole air flow rate not to exceed 70l/hr.<br>Otherwise consider increase to characteristic Situation 3 | Natural soil, high peat/organic content. "Typical" made ground |
| 3 | C | Moderate risk | <3.5 | | Old landfill, inert waste, mine working flooded |
| 4 | D | Moderate to high risk | <15 | Quantitative risk assessment required to evaluate scope of protective measures. | Mine working susceptible to flooding, completed landfill (WMP 26B criteria) |
| 5 | E | High risk | <70 | | Mine working unflooded inactive with shallow workings near surface |
| 6 | F | Very high risk | >70 | | Recent landfill site |

**Table 8.5 from CIRIA C665 Modified Wilson and Card Classification**

Table 8.7 is used for comparison of gas screening values for "Situation B Developments" and is presented hereunder:

| Traffic light | Methane [1] | | Carbon dioxide [2] | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Typical max concentration[3] (% by volume) | Gas screening value [2,4] (litres /hour) | Typical max concentration[3] (% by volume) | Gas screening value [2,4] (litres /hour) |
| Green | | | | |
| | 1 | 0.13 | 5 | 0.78 |
| Amber 1 | | | | |
| | 5 | 0.63 | 10 | 1.60 |
| Amber 2 | | | | |
| | 20 | 1.60 | 30 | 3.10 |
| Red | | | | |

Notes:
1. The worst-case ground gas regime identified on the site, either methane or carbon dioxide, at the worst-case temporal conditions that the site may be expected to encounter will be the decider as to what Traffic Light is allocated;
2. Borehole Gas Volume Flow Rate, in litres per hour as defined in Wilson and Card (1999), is the borehole flow rate multiplied by the concentration in the air stream of the particular gas being considered;
3. The Typical Maximum Concentrations can be exceeded in certain circumstances should the Conceptual Site Model indicate it is safe to do so;
4. The Gas Screening Value thresholds should not generally be exceeded without the completion of a detailed ground gas risk assessment taking into account site-specific conditions.

**CIRIA C665 Table 8.7 NHBC Traffic light system for 150 mm void**

Dependant on the outcome of the assessment of risk posed by ground gas it is determined whether gas protection measures are required for the proposed development, and or whether a detailed quantitative risk assessment is required for the site.

**Selection & Design of Protective Measures**

Table 8.6 and Box 8.4 of CIRIA C665 contain information on the detailed design of protection measures and were initially intended for the purposes of determining then level of protection measures a development requires. These tables and related text include some useful information on the design of gas protection measures, however BS8485:2015 which supersedes the guidance included within CIRIA C665, is used for selection of gas protection measures. BS8485:2015 uses a scoring system dependant on the Characteristic Situation / NHBC Traffic Light and proposed end use of the site. The scoring system is summarised in BS8485:2015 Table 4 as presented hereunder:

| **Characteristic gas situation, CS** | **NHBC traffic light** | **Required gas protection** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Type A Building** (private ownership with no building management controls on alterations to the internal structure, the use of rooms, the ventilation of rooms or the structural fabric of the building. Some small rooms present.<br><br>Probably conventional building construction (rather than civil engineering).<br><br>Examples include private housing and some retail premises) | **Type B Building** (private or commercial property with central building management control of any alterations to the building or its uses but limited or no central building management control of the maintenance of the building, including the gas protection measures. Multiple occupancy.<br><br>Small to medium size rooms with passive ventilation of rooms and other internal spaces throughout ground floor and basement areas. May be conventional building or civil engineering construction. Examples include managed apartments, multiple occupancy offices, some retail premises and parts of some public buildings (such as schools, hospitals, leisure centres) and parts of hotels) | **Type C Building** (commercial building with central building management control of any alterations to the building or its uses and central building management control of the maintenance of the building, including the gas protection measures. Single occupancy of ground floor and basement areas.<br><br>Small to large size rooms with active ventilation or good passive ventilation of all rooms and other internal spaces throughout ground floor and<br><br>basement areas. Probably civil engineering construction. Examples include<br><br>offices, some retail premises, and parts of some public buildings (such as schools, hospitals, leisure centres and parts of hotels). | **Type D Building** (industrial style building having large volume internal space(s) that are well ventilated. Corporate ownership with building management controls on alterations to the ground floor and basement areas of the building and on maintenance of ground gas protective measures. Probably civil engineering construction. Examples are retail park sales buildings, factory shop floor areas, warehouses. |
| 1 | *Green* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | *Amber 1* | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| 3 | *Amber 2* | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| 4 | *Red* | 6.5 (a) | 5.5 (a) | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| 5 | | (b) | 6.5 (a) | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| 6 | | (b) | (b) | 7.5 | 6.5 |
| ***NOTE*** *Traffic light indications are taken from NHBC Report no.:10627-RO1 (04) and are mainly applicable to low-rise residential housing[1]. These are for comparative purposes but the boundaries between the traffic light indications and CS values do not coincide.* | | | | | |
| a) Residential buildings should not be built on CS4 or higher sites unless the type of construction or site circumstances allow additional levels of protection to be incorporated, e.g. high-performance ventilation or pathway intervention measures, and an associated sustainable system of management of maintenance of the gas control system, e.g. in institutional and/or fully serviced contractual situations.<br><br>b) The gas hazard is too high for this empirical method to be used to define the gas protection measures | | | | | |

The NHBC guidance and CIRIA C665 guidance refers to low rise housing (which is up to three storeys without lifts) that is constructed with a 150mm ventilated sub-floor void.

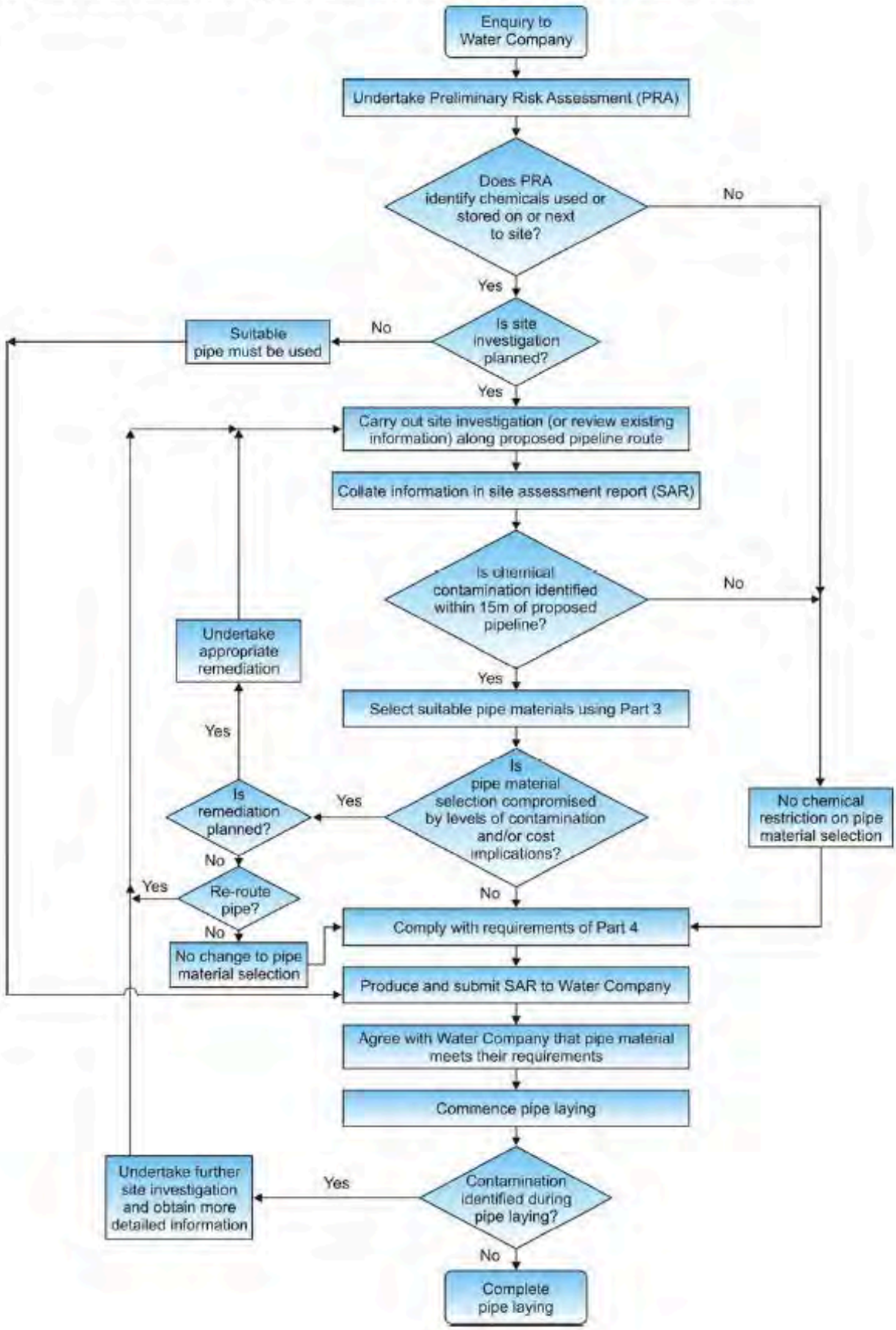
**BS8485:2015 Table 2 Required gas protection by characteristic gas situation and type of building**

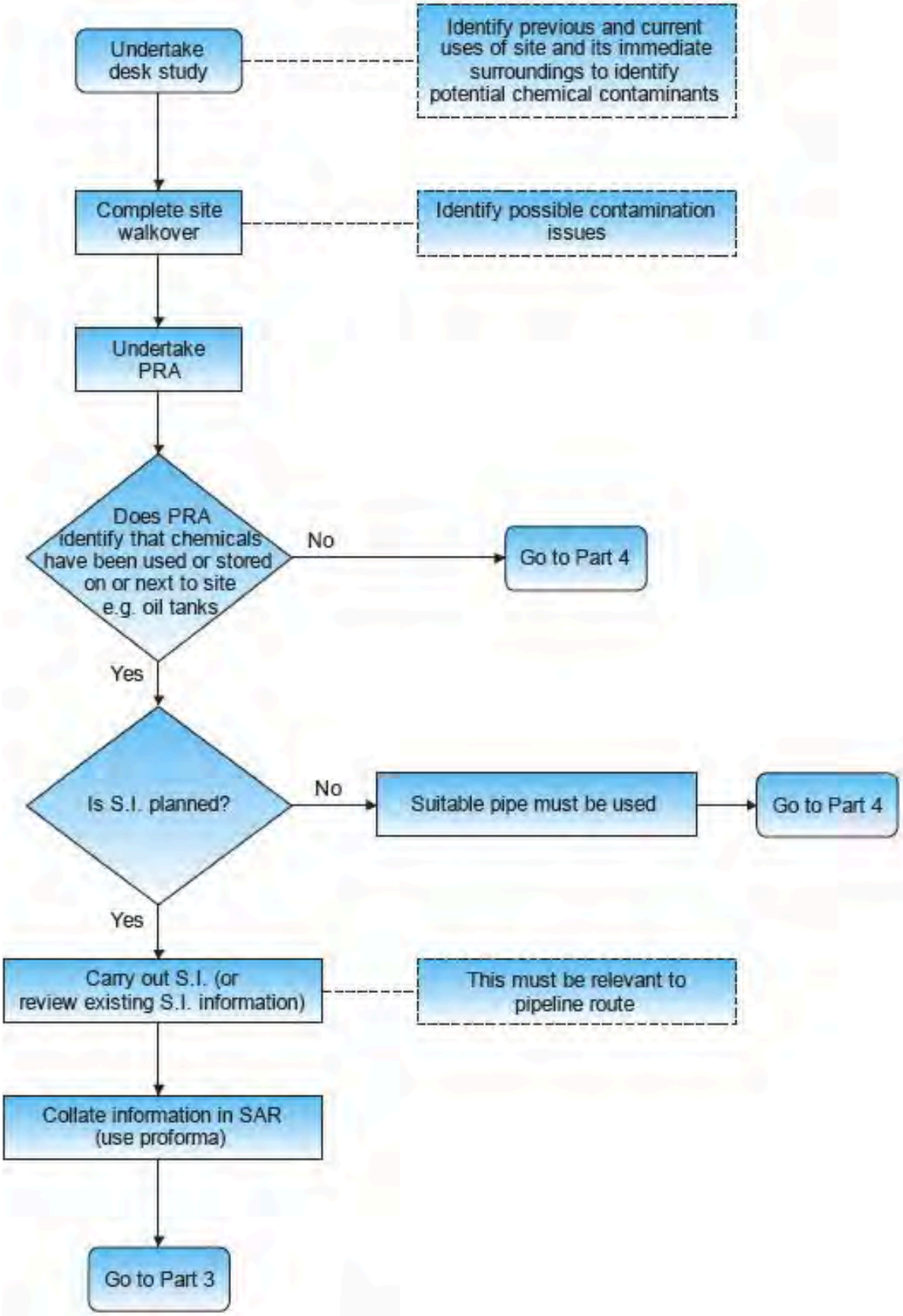
Once a score is assigned, a combination of protection systems / elements is chosen from BS8485:2015 Table 3 shown below:

| PROTECTION ELEMENT/SYSTEM | SCORE | COMMENTS |
|---|---|---|
| **Gas Protection Scores for Ventilation Protection Measures** | | |
| Pressure relief pathway (usually formed of low fines gravel or with a thin geocomposite blanket or strips terminating in a gravel trench external to the building) | 0.5 | *Whenever possible a pressure relief pathway (as a minimum) should be installed in all gas protection measures systems.*<br><br>*If the layer has a low permeability and/or is not terminated in a venting trench (or similar), then the score is zero.* |
| Passive sub floor dispersal layer: Very good performance<br><br>Media used to provide the dispersal layer are:<br><br>• Clear void, Polystyrene void former blanket, Geocomposite void former blanket, No-fines gravel layer with gas drains, No-fines gravel layer Good performance | 2.5<br><br>1.5 | *The ventilation effectiveness of different media depends on a number of different factors including the transmissivity of the medium, the width of the building, the side ventilation spacing and type and the thickness of the layer. The selected score should be assigned taking into account the recommendations in BS8485:2015. Passive ventilation should be designed to meet at least "good performance".* |
| Active dispersal layer, usually comprising fans with active abstraction (suction) from a subfloor dilution layer, with roof level vents. The dilution layer may comprise a clear void or be formed of geocomposite or polystyrene void formers | 1.5 to 2.5 | *This system relies on continued serviceability of the pumps, therefore alarm and response systems should be in place.*<br><br>*There should be robust management systems in place to ensure the continued maintenance of the system, including pumps and vents. Active ventilation should always be designed to meet at least "good performance", as described in BS8485:2015.* |
| Active positive pressurization by the creation of a blanket of external fresh air beneath the building floor slab by pumps supplying air to points across the central footprint of the building into a permeable layer, usually formed of a thin geocomposite blanket | 1.5 to 2.5 | *This system relies on continued operation of the pumps, therefore alarm and response systems should be in place.*<br><br>*The score assigned should be based on the efficient "coverage" of the building footprint and the redundancy of the system. Active ventilation should always be designed to meet at least "good performance".* |
| Ventilated car park (floor slab of occupied part of the building under consideration is underlain by a basement or undercroft car park) | 4.0 | *Assumes that the car park is vented to deal with car exhaust fumes, designed to Buildings Regulations 2000, Approved Document F* |
| **Gas Protection Scores for the Structural Barrier** | | |
| **Floor and Substructure Design**<br><br>Precast suspended segmental subfloor (i.e. Block and beam floor slab)<br><br>Cast in situ ground-bearing floor slab (with only nominal mesh reinforcement)<br><br>Cast in situ monolithic reinforced ground bearing raft or reinforced cast in situ suspended floor slab with minimal penetrations<br><br>Basement floor and walls conforming to BS 8102:2009, Grade 2 waterproofing (c)<br><br>Basement floor and walls conforming to BS 8102:2009, Grade 3 waterproofing (c) | 0 (a)<br><br>0.5 (a)<br><br>1.0 or 1.5 (a), (b)<br><br>2.0<br><br>2.5 | *a) The scores are conditional on breaches of floor slabs, etc. being effectively sealed;*<br><br>*b) to achieve a score of 1.5 the raft or suspended slab should be well reinforced to control cracking and have minimal penetrations cast in;*<br><br>*c) the score is conditional on the waterproofing not being based on the se of a geosynthetic clay liner waterproofing product* |
| **Membranes** | | |
| Gas resistant membrane meeting all of the following criteria:<br><br>• sufficiently impervious to the gases with a methane gas transmission rate <40.0 ml/day/m2/atm (average) for sheet and joints (tested in accordance with BS ISO 15105-1 manometric method);<br><br>• sufficiently durable to remain serviceable for the anticipated life of the building and duration of gas emissions;<br><br>• sufficiently strong to withstand in-service stresses (e.g. settlement if placed below a floor slab);<br><br>• sufficiently strong to withstand the installation process and following trades until covered (e.g. penetration from steel fibres in fibre reinforced concrete, penetration of reinforcement ties, tearing due to working above it, dropping tools, etc);<br><br>• capable, after installation, of providing a complete barrier to the entry of the relevant gas; and<br><br>• verified in accordance with CIRIA C735 | 2 | *The performance of membranes is heavily dependent on the quality and design of the installation, resistance to damage after installation and integrity of joints. For example, a minimum 0.4 mm thickness (equivalent to 370 g/m2 for polyethelene) reinforced membrane (virgin polymer) meets the performance criteria in BS8485:2015 If a membrane is installed that does not meet all the criteria in column 1 then the score is zero.* |

**WATER MAINS RISK ASSESSMENT**

Risks to water supply pipes are assessed using the document 'Guidance for the Selection of Water Supply Pipes to be Used in Brownfield Sites' published by the UK Water Industry Research (UKWIR). The methodology for the selection of water pipes in brownfield sites is below:




Undertake desk study
Identify previous and current uses of site and its immediate surroundings to identify potential chemical contaminants
Complete site walkover
Identify possible contamination issues
Undertake PRA
Does PRA identify that chemicals have been used or stored on or next to site e.g. oil tanks
No
Go to Part 4
Yes
Is S.I. planned?
No
Suitable pipe must be used
Go to Part 4
Yes
Carry out S.I. (or review existing S.I. information)
This must be relevant to pipeline route
Collate information in SAR (use proforma)
Go to Part 3

For sites where the preliminarily conceptual site model (PCSM) does not identify the potential for chemical storage either on or next to the site, there are no chemical restrictions on the selection of pipe selection material.

The guidance recommends that if known, samples should be taken along the route of the water mains. At the time of any intrusive investigation the route of the water mains is generally unknown, hence the guidance recommends that samples are taken across the site.

**Table 1: Pipe Selection Table**

| | **Pipe Material** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **All thresholds are in mg/kg** | | | | | |
| **Contaminant** | **PE** | **PVC** | **Barrier Pipe (PE-AL-PE)** | **Wrapped Steel** | **Wrapped Ductile Iron** | **Copper** |
| Extended VOC suite by purge and trap or head space and GC-MS with TIC | 0.5 | 0.125 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Total BTEX and MTBE | 0.1 | 0.03 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| SVOC's TIC by purge and trap or head space and GC-MS with TIC (aliphatic and aromatic EC5-EC10) | 2.0 | 1.4 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Phenols | 2 | 0.4 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Cresols and chlorinated phenols | 2 | 0.04 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Mineral oil C11-C20 (aromatic/aliphatic EC10-EC16, aromatic EC16-EC21 and aliphatic EC16-35) | 10 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Mineral oil C21-C40 (aliphatic EC16-EC35 and aromatic EC21-EC35) | 500 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| pH | Pass | Pass | Pass | Corrosive if pH<7 and conductivity >400uS/cm | Corrosive if pH<5, Eh not neutral and conductivity >400uS/cm | Corrosive if 5<pH>8 and Eh positive |
| Conductivity | | | | | | |
| Redox | | | | | | |
| **SPECIFIC SUITE IDENTIFIED AS RELEVANT FOLLOWING SITE INVESTIGATION** | | | | | | |
| Ethers | 0.5 | 1.0 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Nitrobenzene | 0.5 | 0.4 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Ketones | 0.5 | 0.02 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Aldehydes | 0.5 | 0.02 | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Amines | Fail | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |

It can be seen that barrier pipe is suitable on all sites. Where metallic (steel, ductile iron or copper) pipes are to be used, information on the pH, conductivity and redox of the soils will be required to determine suitability. Where PE or PVC pipes are to be laid, information on the presence of organic contaminants identified in the PSCM will be required.

## Stage 1 - Assessment Methodology Before Water Mains Alignment is Known

At the time of a Phase II site investigation the alignment of the water mains is generally unknown, and as part of the investigation the entirety of the site will be investigated. The contaminants subject to analysis will be guided by the preliminarily conceptual model, and only contaminants identified in the preliminary conceptual model will be subject to assessment, which will provide a preliminarily specification of water mains.

The site investigation data will be assessed against Table 1 above and a preliminarily assessment of the suitability of water pipe material will be made.

## Stage 2 – Assessment Methodology Once Alignment of the Water Mains is Known

Once the alignment of the water mains is known, if cost effective, additional analysis can be undertaken along the alignment to determine if metallic, PE or PVC pipes would be suitable.

## RISK TO CONCRETE IN THE GROUND

The risk to buried concrete is assessed in accordance with the BRE Special Digest 1:2005 – 'Concrete in Aggressive Ground'. Recommendations for the composition of concrete and supplementary protective measures (if required) are given on the basis of the assessment.

## CURRENT GUIDANCE ON REMEDIATION

When risk assessment of the site has been completed and it indicates that remedial works are required, the main guidance in managing this process is set out in the EA Guidance on 'Land contamination risk management (LCRM) The stages of managing remediation are as follows:

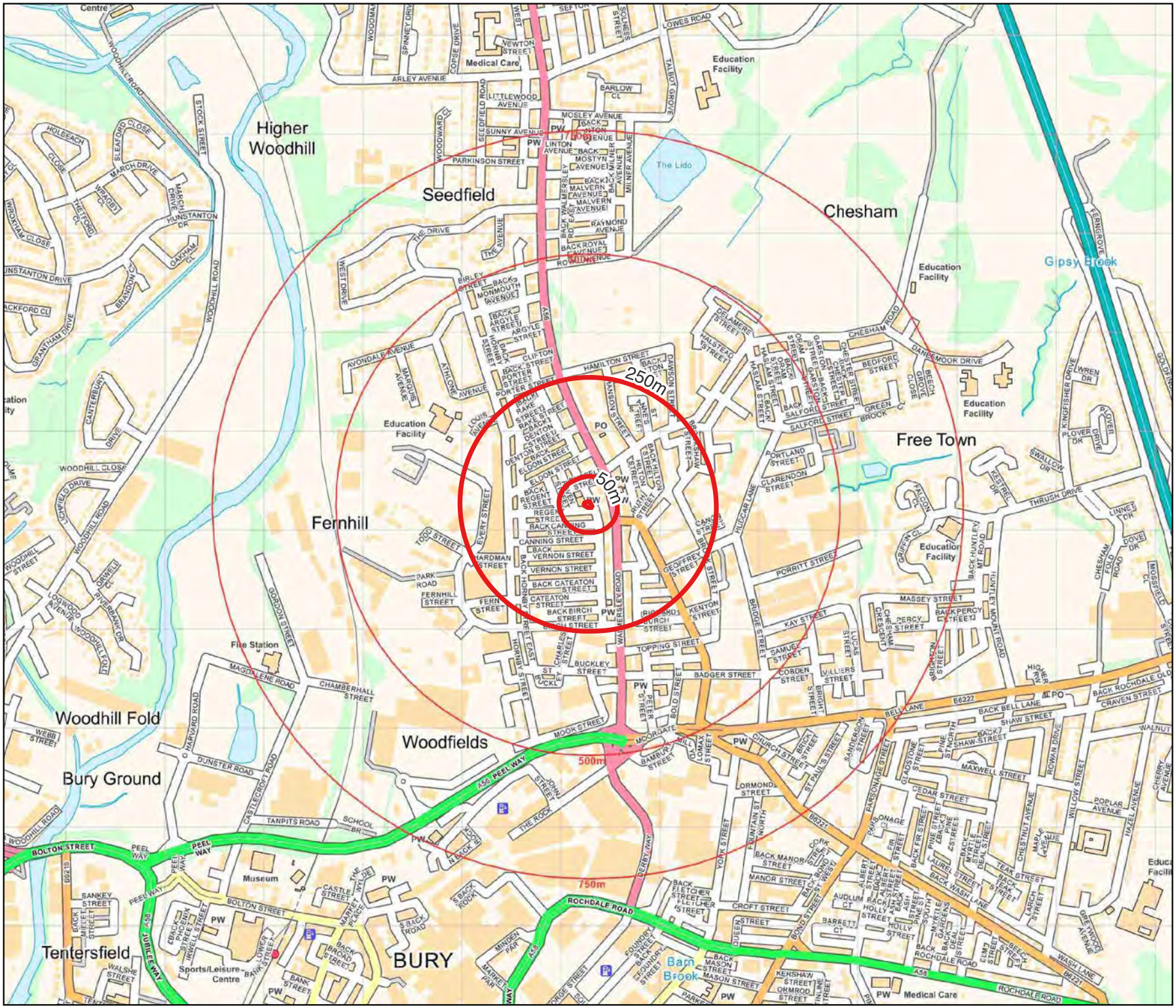
(a) Options Appraisal and develop Remediation Strategy;
(b) Develop Implementation Plan and Verification Plan;
(c) Remediation, Verification and Monitoring.

The Remediation Strategy sets out the remediation targets, identifies technically feasible remedial solutions and presents an evaluation of the options so that these can be assessed enabling that the most suitable solution is adopted. An outline of the proposed remedial method should be presented. Agreement should be sought of the appropriate statutory bodies for the Remediation Strategy before proceeding to the next stage.

The Implementation Plan is a detailed method statement setting out how the remediation is to be carried out including stating how the site will be managed, welfare procedures, health and safety considerations together with practical measures such as details of temporary works, programme of works, waste management licences and regulatory consents required. Agreement should again be sought of the appropriate statutory bodies for this Plan.

The Verification Plan sets out the requirements for gathering data to demonstrate that the remediation has met the required remediation objectives and criteria. The Verification Plan presents the requirements for a wide range of issues including the level of supervision, sampling and testing regimes for treated materials, waste and imported materials, required monitoring works during and post remediation, how compliance with all licenses and consents will be checked etc. Agreement should again be sought of the appropriate statutory bodies for the Verification Plan. On completion of the remediation a Verification Report should be produced to provide a complete record of all remediation activities on site and the data collected as required in the Verification Plan. The Verification Report should demonstrate that the remediation has met the remedial targets to show that the site is suitable for the proposed use.

# APPENDIX D: DRAWINGS

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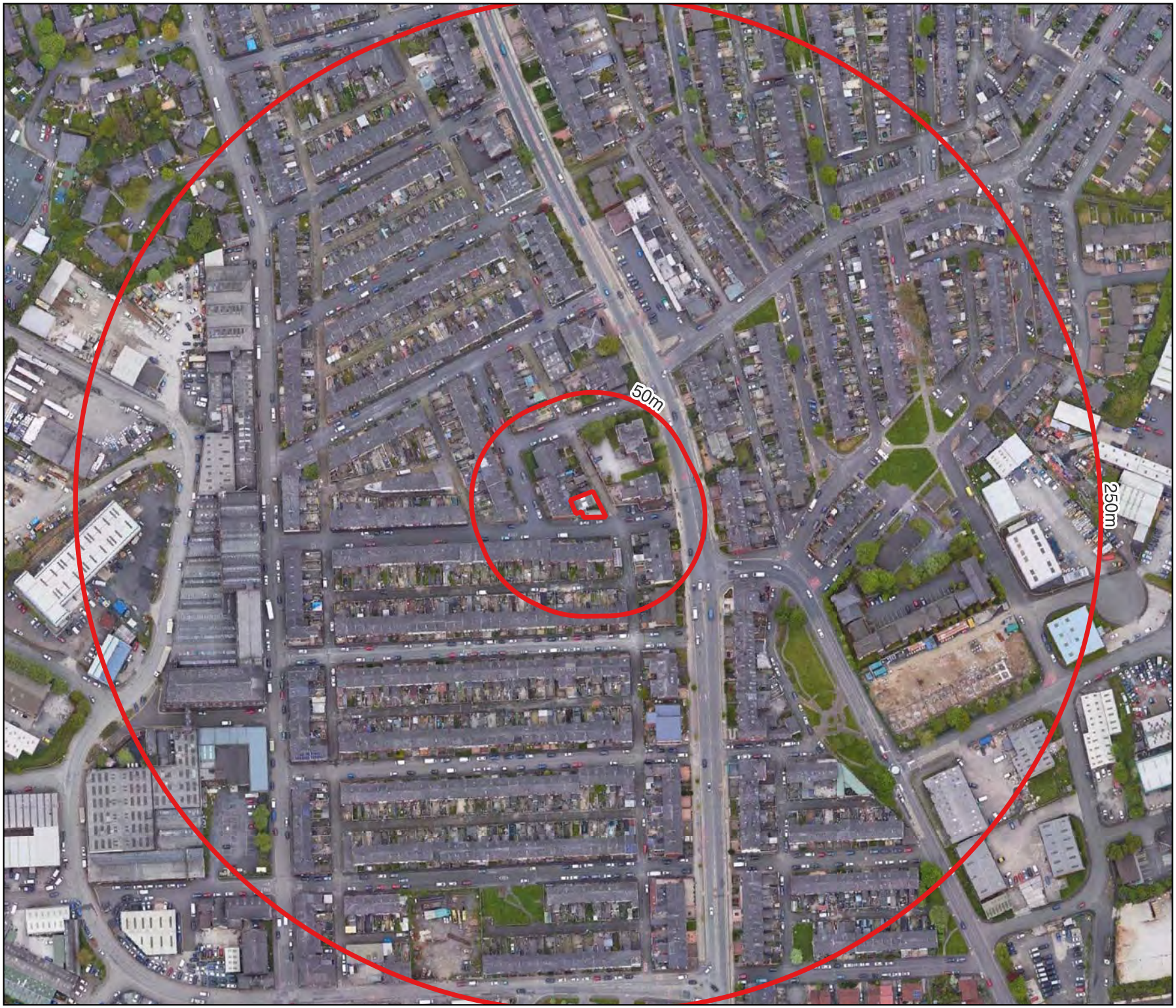


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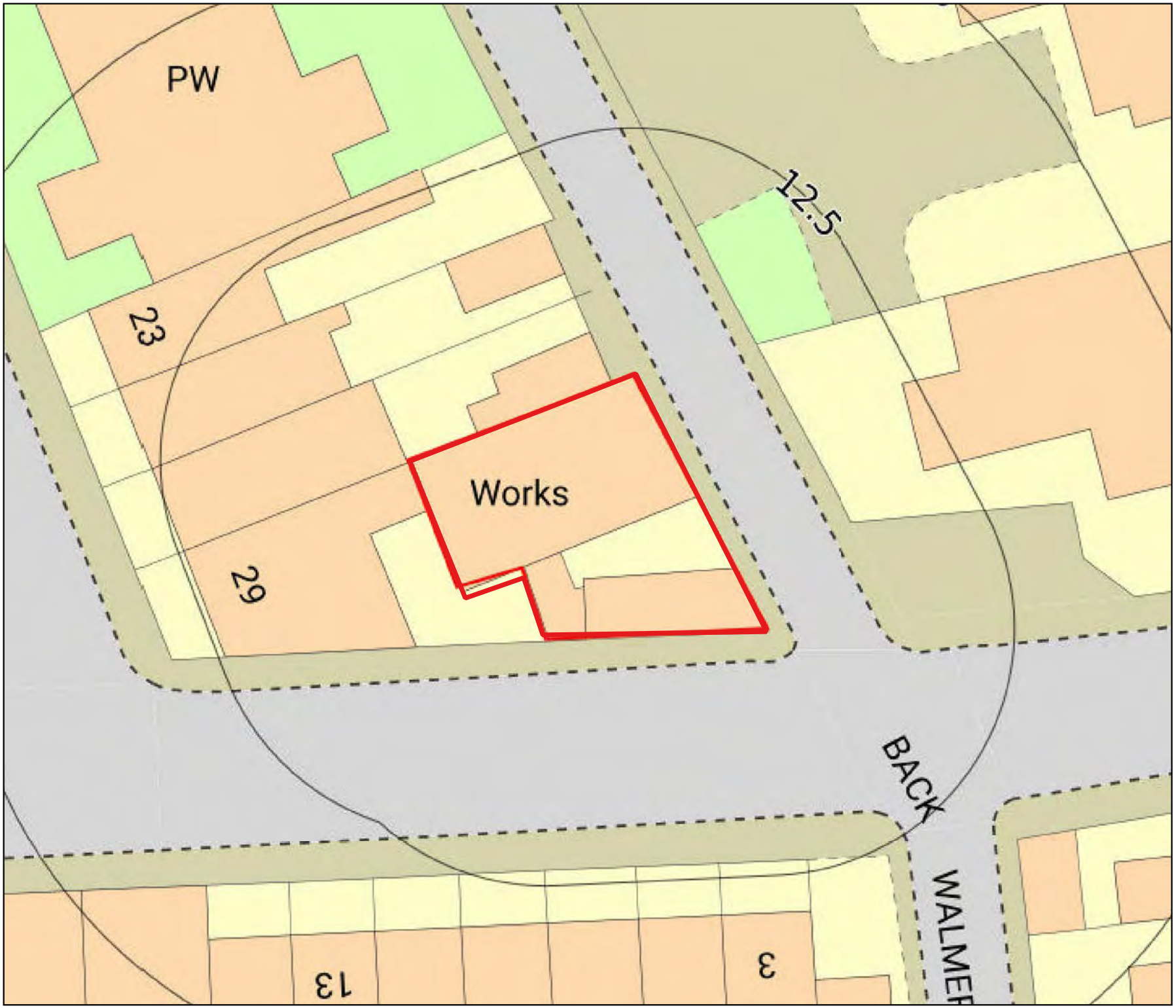


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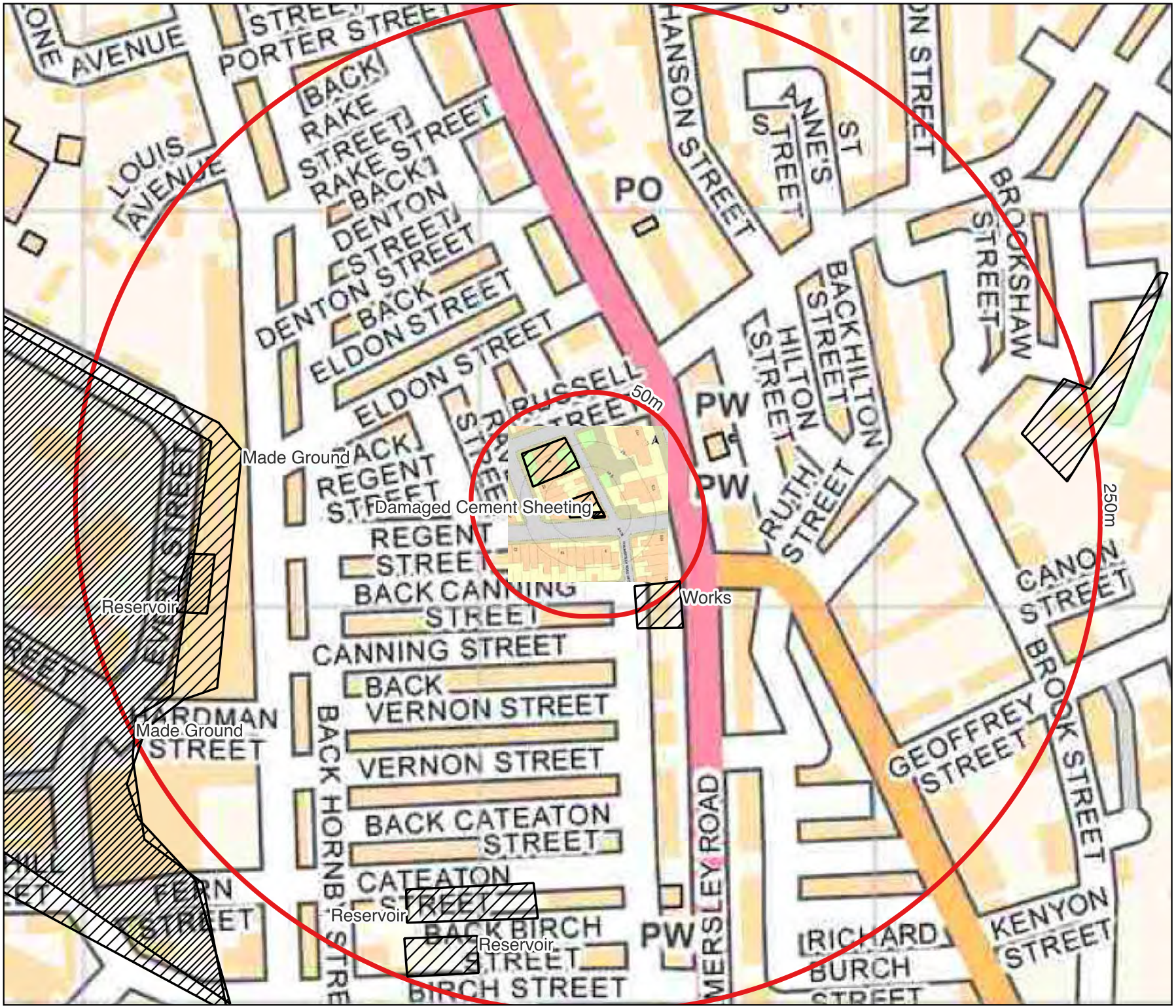


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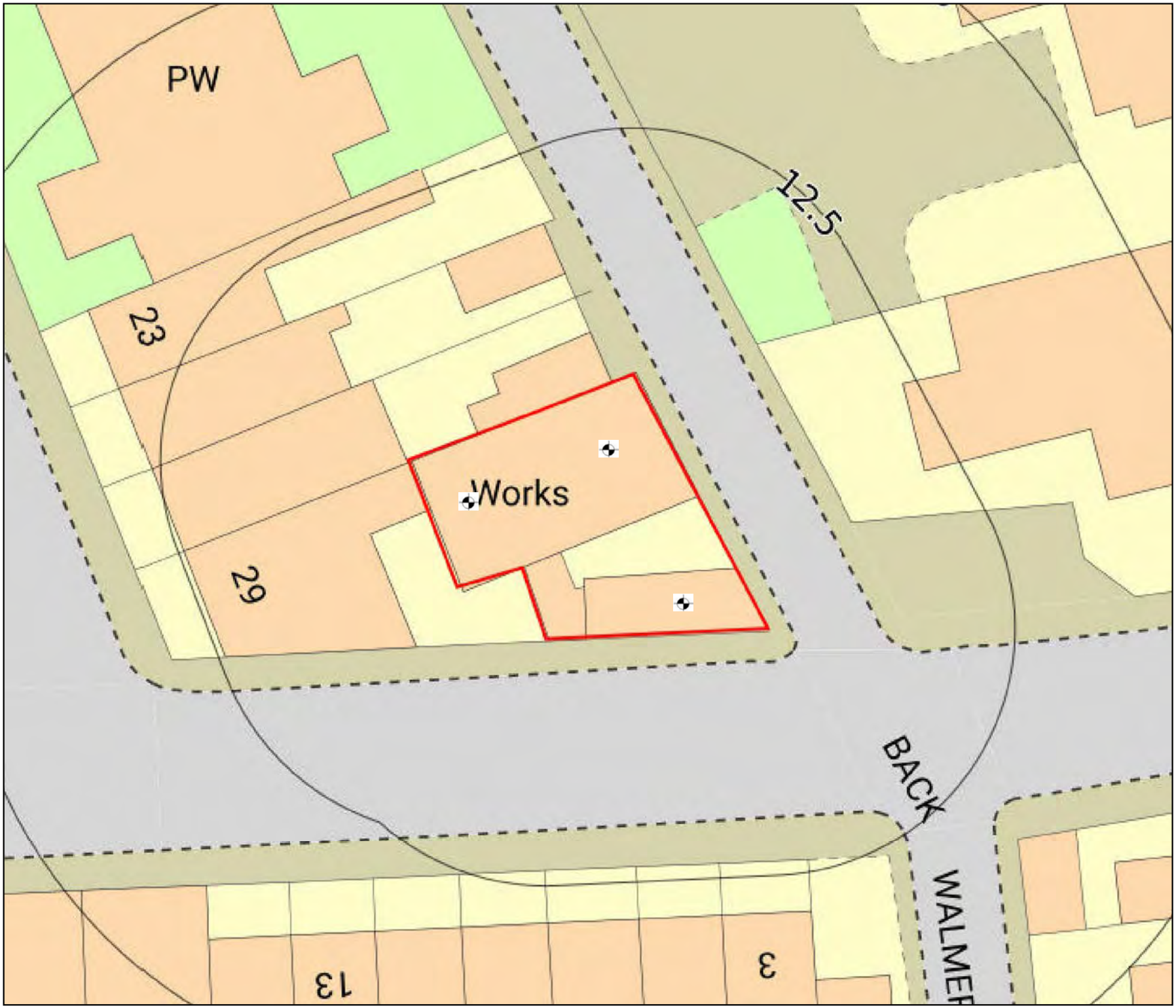


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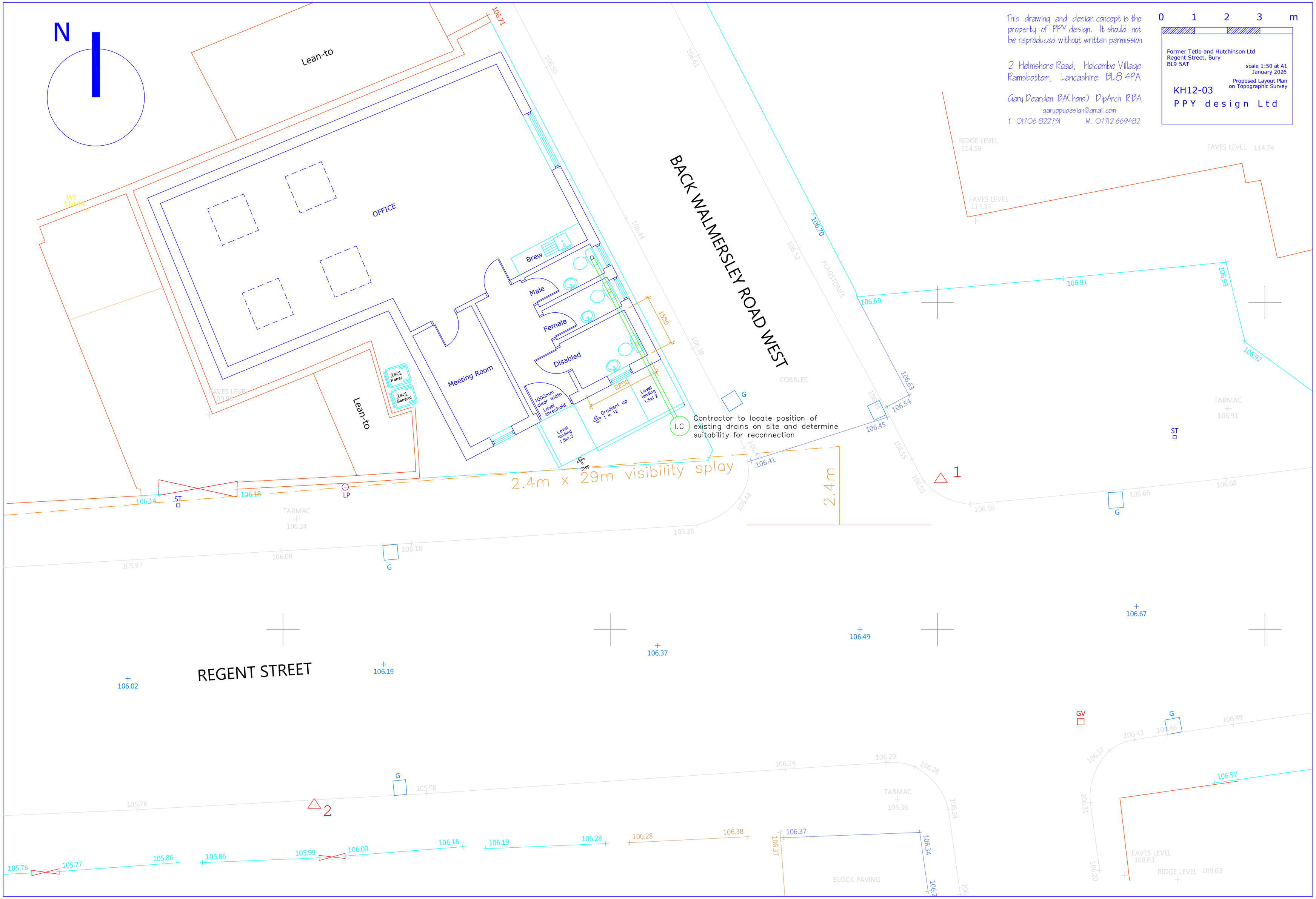


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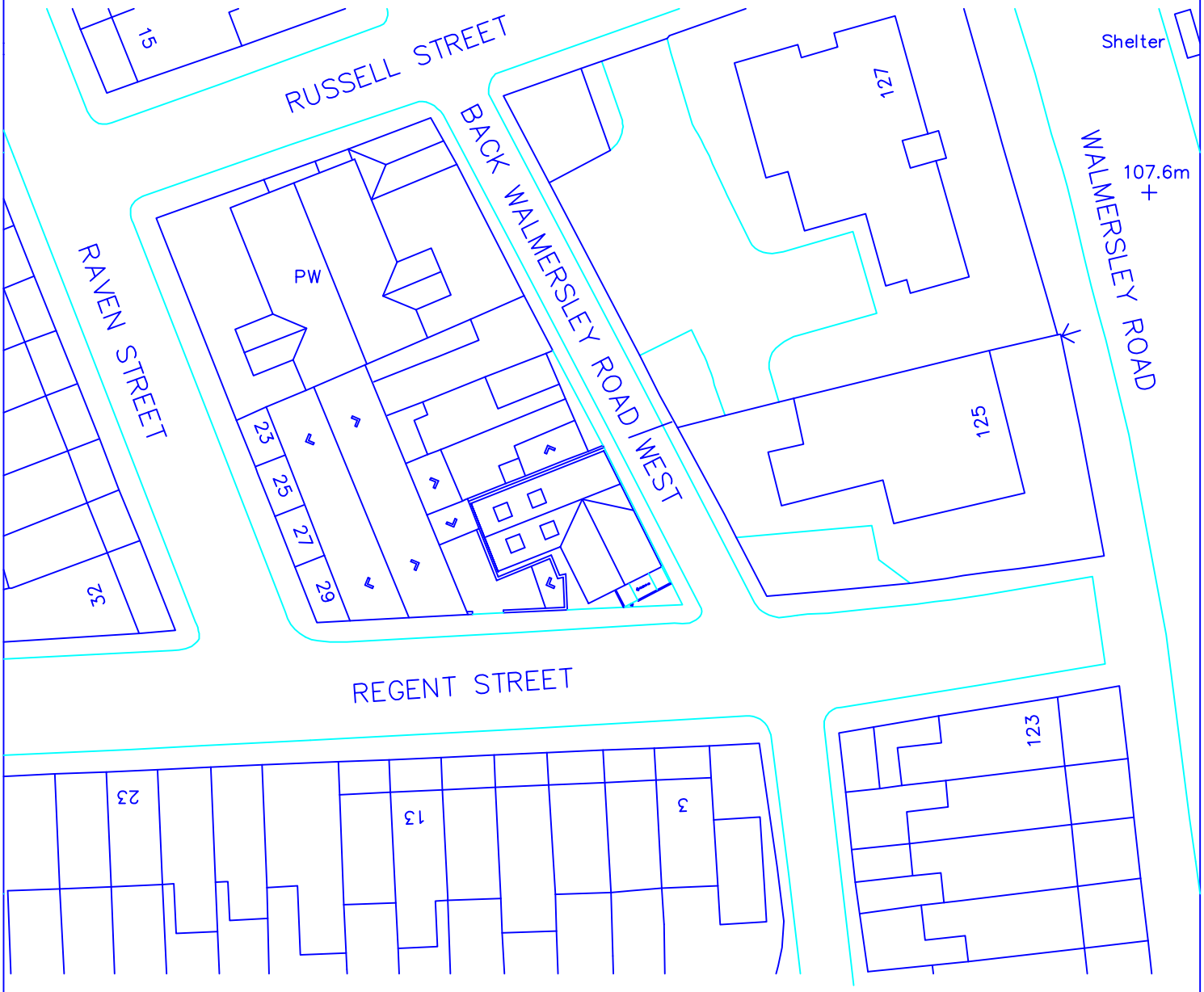


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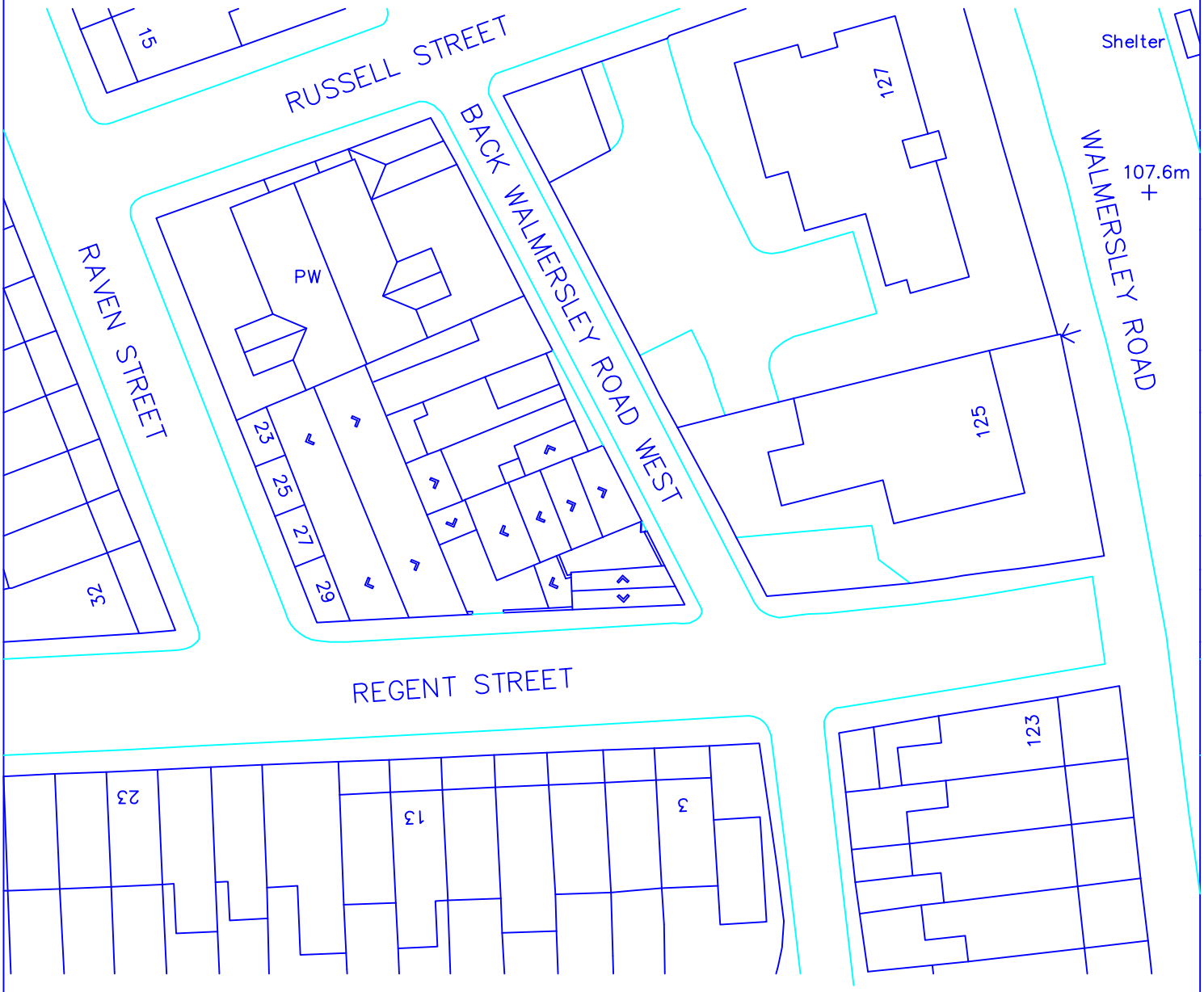


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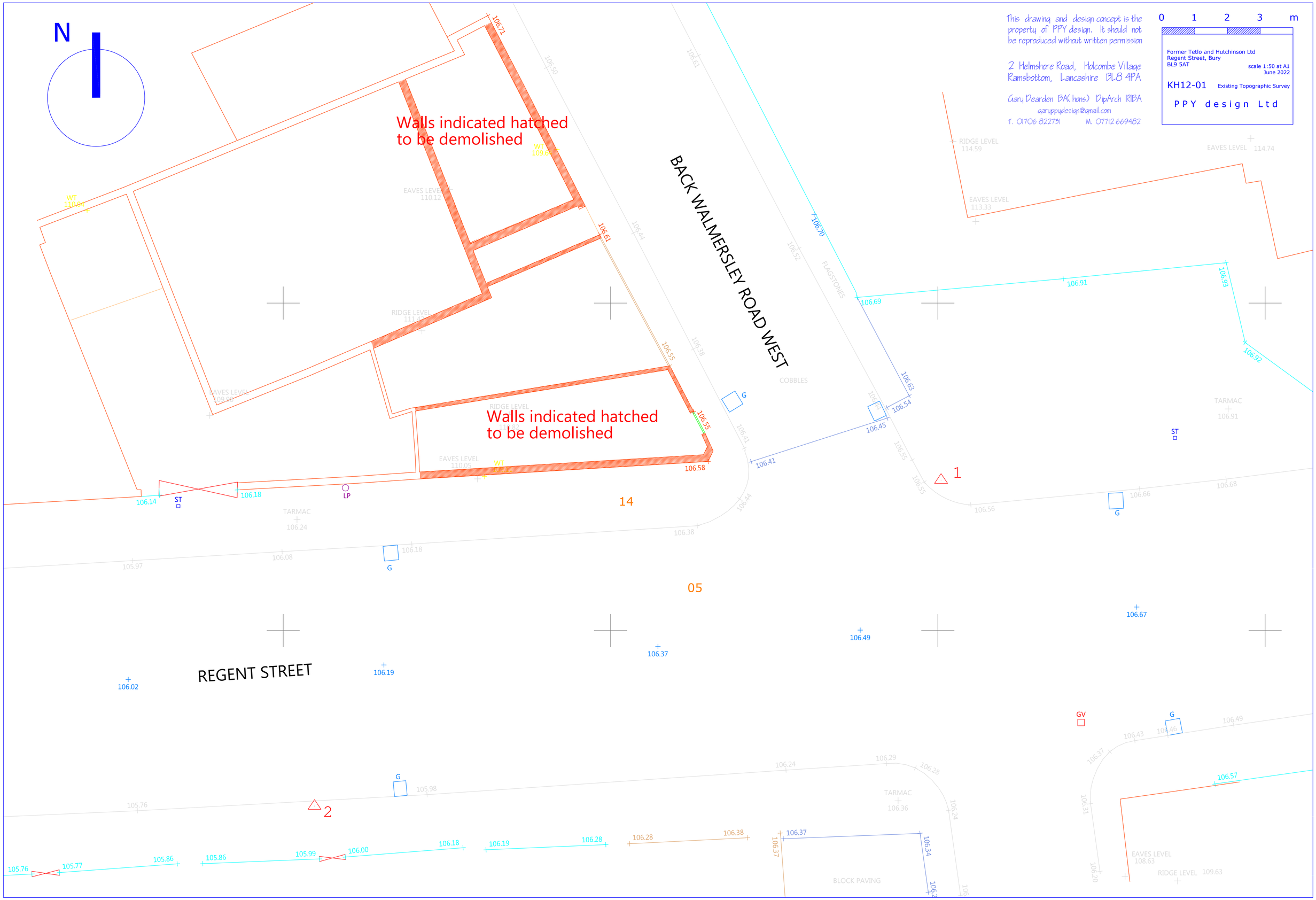


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Existing Elevations

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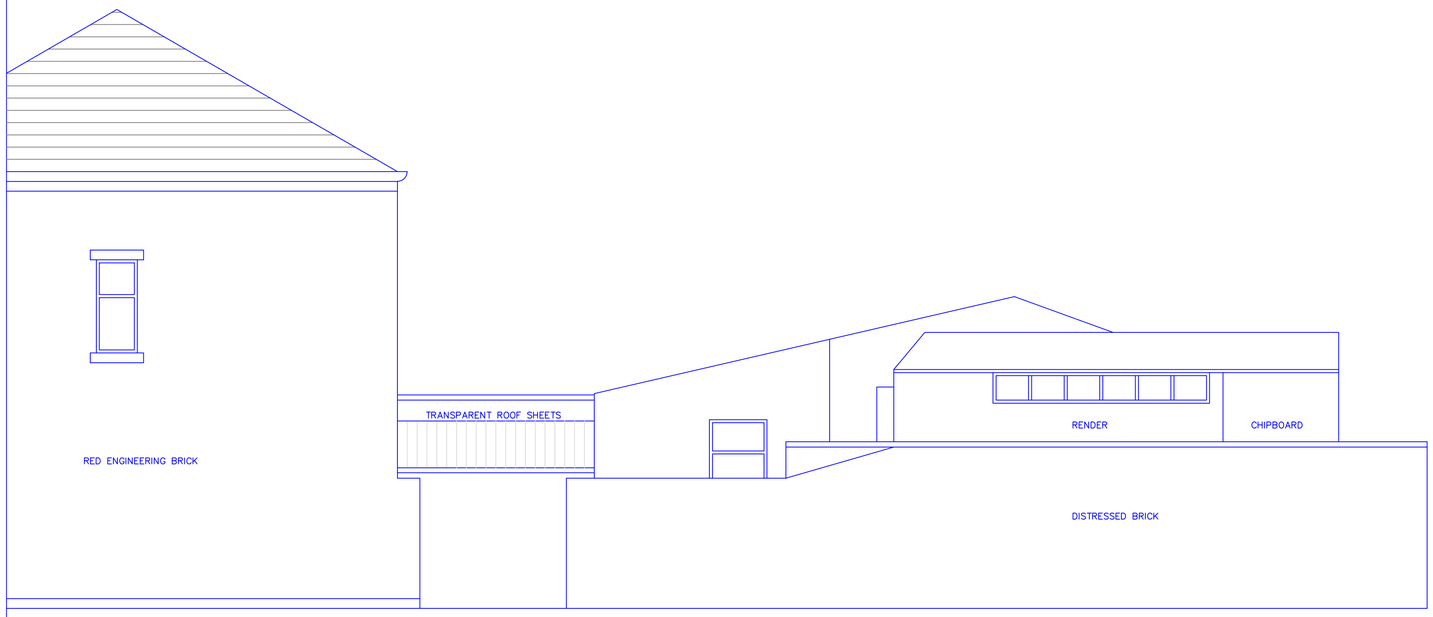


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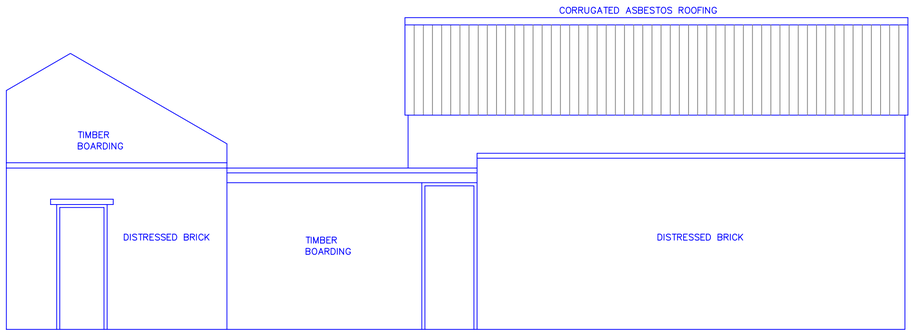


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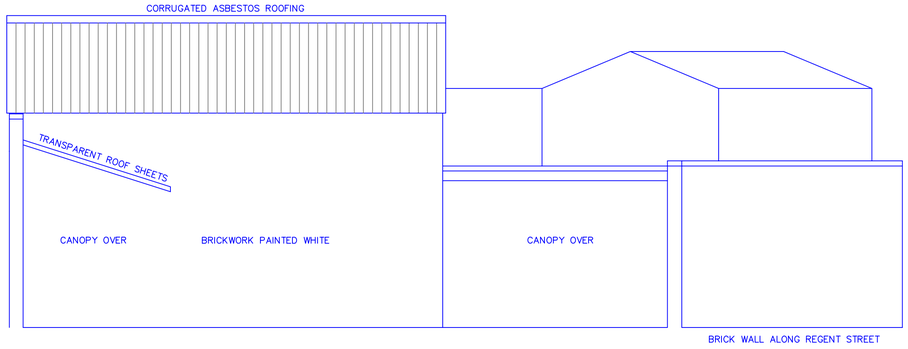


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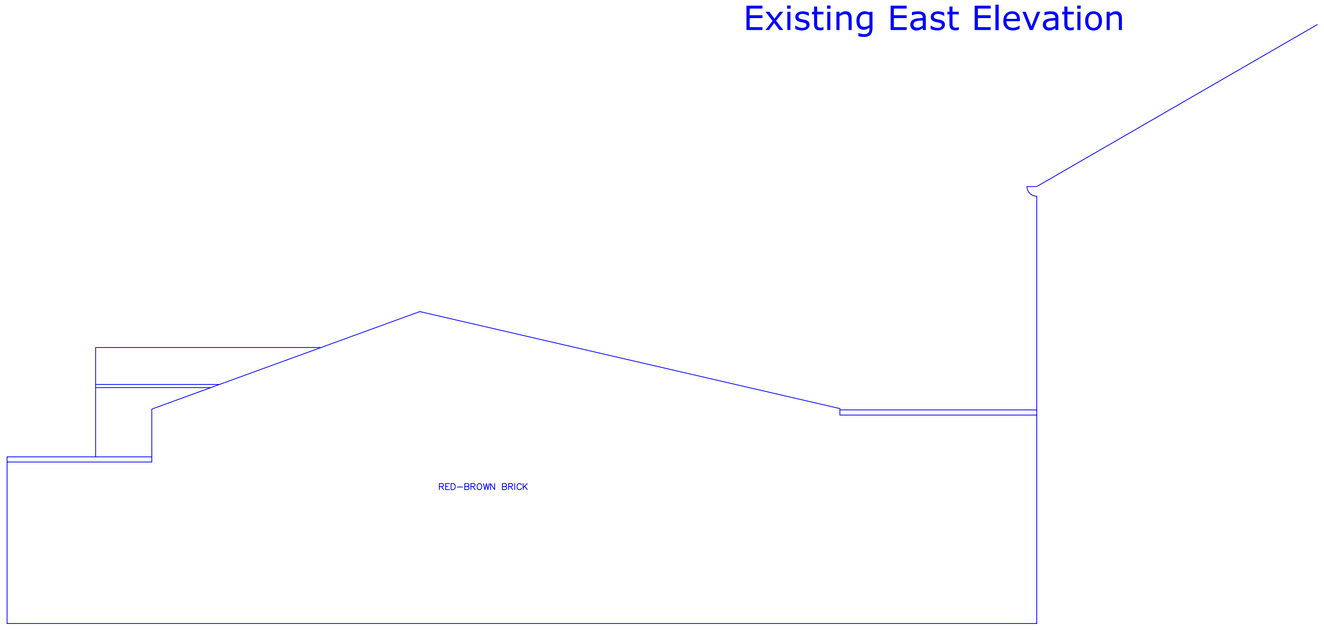


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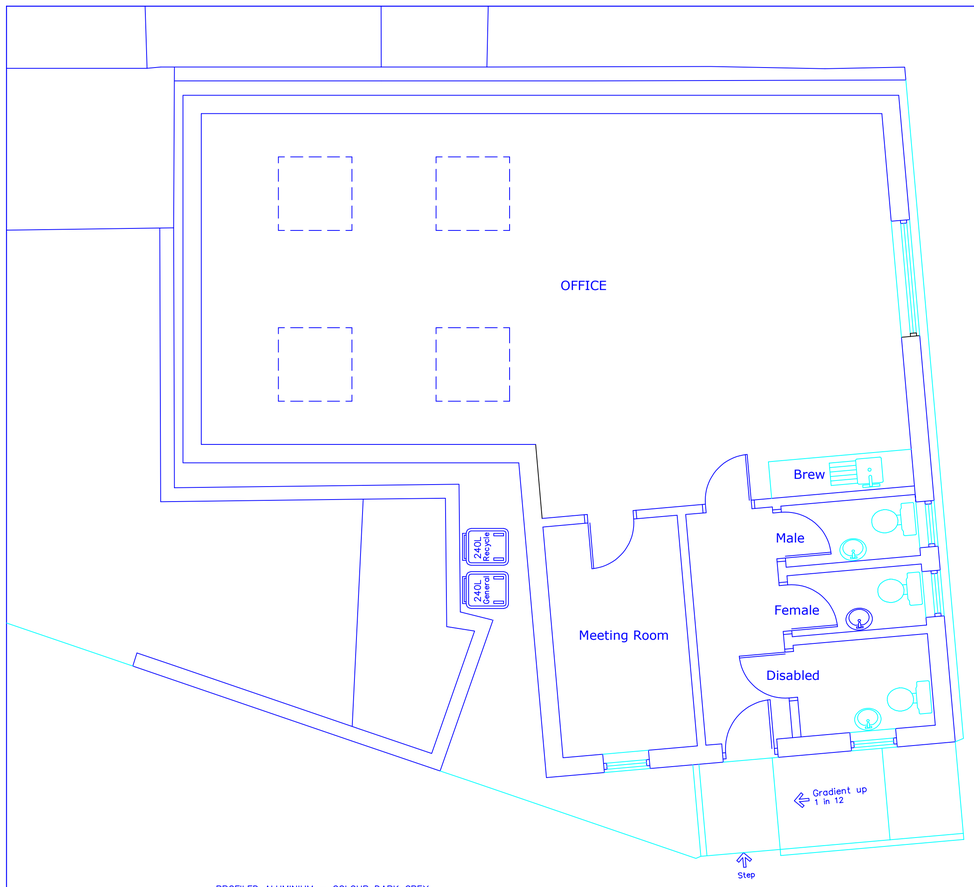


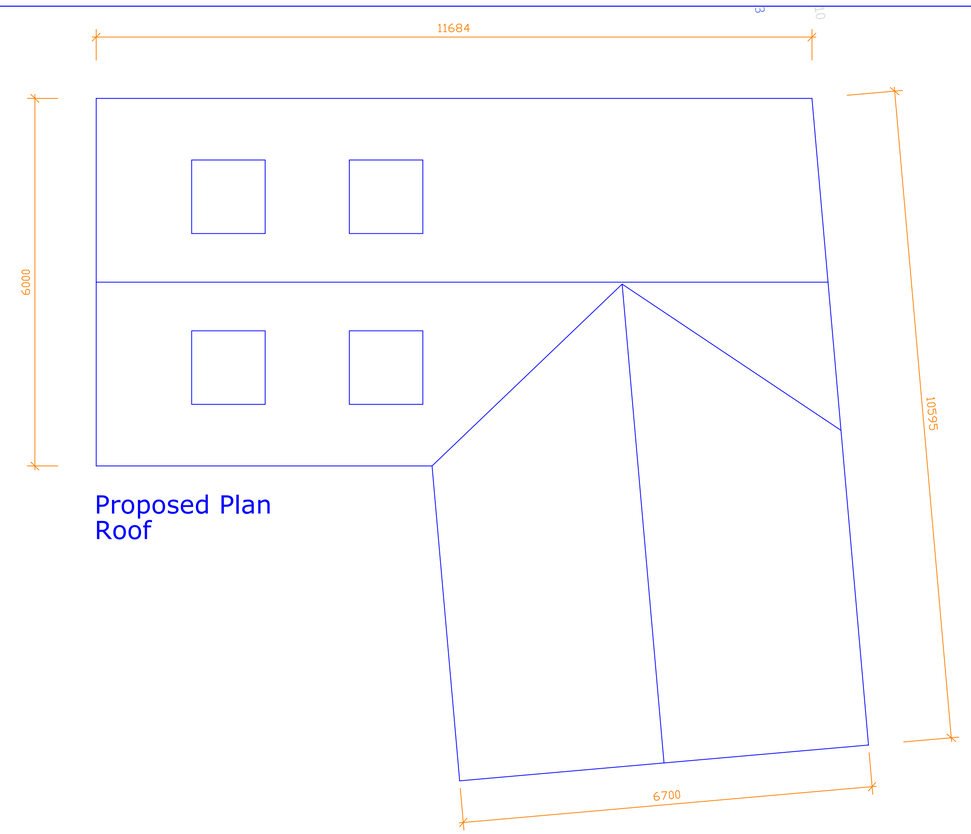


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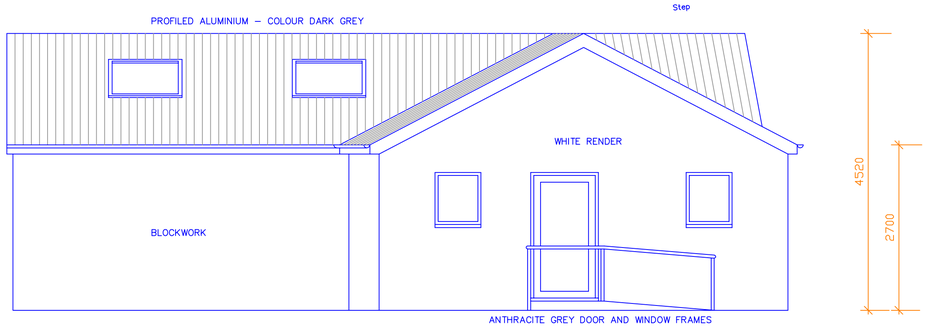


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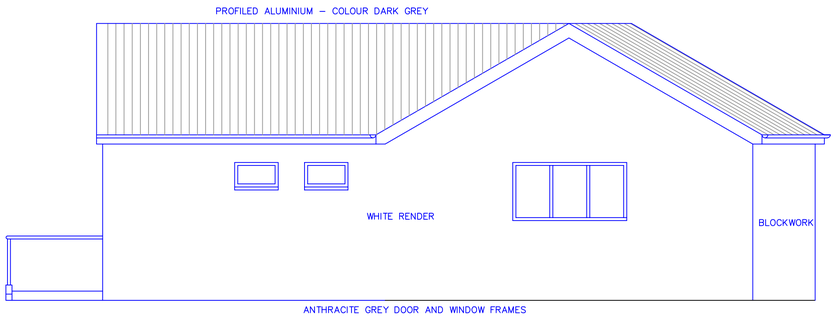


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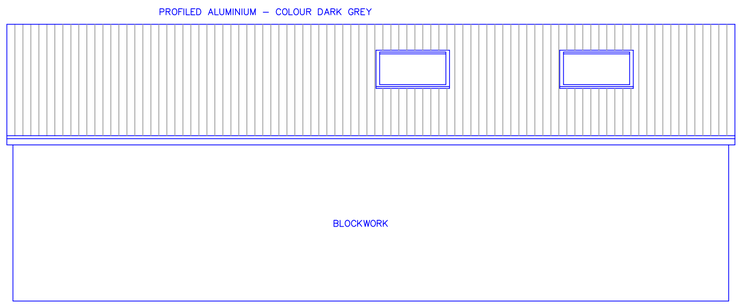


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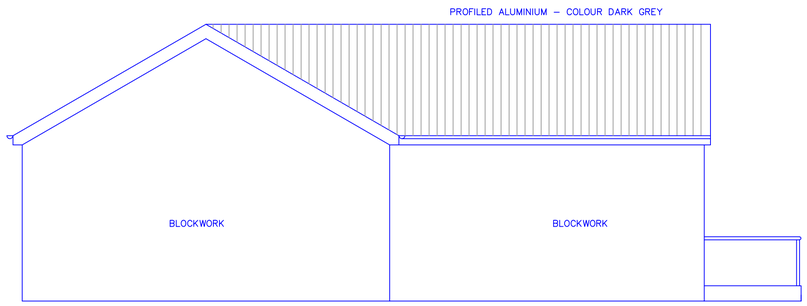


Rear (West) Elevation facing no. 29

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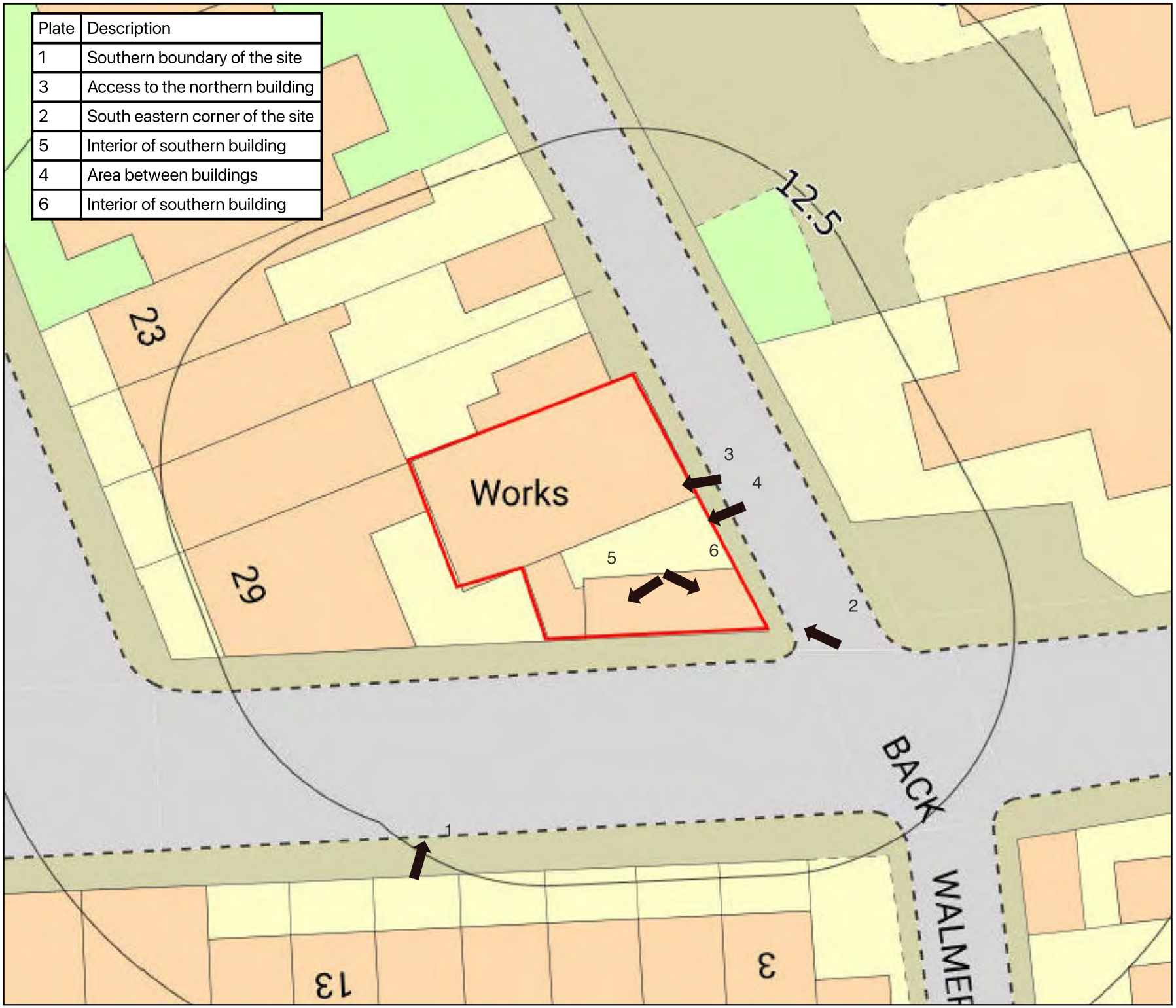


| Plate | Description |
|---|---|
| 1 | Southern boundary of the site |
| 3 | Access to the northern building |
| 2 | South eastern corner of the site |
| 5 | Interior of southern building |
| 4 | Area between buildings |
| 6 | Interior of southern building |

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Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Photograph Key Plan

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Plate: 1

Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Description: Southern boundary of the site

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Plate: 2

Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Description: South eastern corner of the site

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Plate: 3

Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Description: Access to the northern building

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Plate: 4

Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Description: Area between buildings

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Plate: 5

Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Description: Interior of southern building

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Site Name: LRO 29 Raven Street

Description: Interior of southern building

# APPENDIX F: HISTORICAL O.S. MAPS

## County Series 1:10,560 scale

### VEGETATION

- Fir Wood
- Deciduous Wood
- Mixed Wood
- Brushwood
- Orchard
- Reeds
- Rough Pasture
- Furze
- Marsh
- Osiers

### ROADS

- Railway over Road
- Road over Railway
- Road over River or Canal
- Level Crossing
- Railway over River
- Road over Stream
- Road over Stream
- Sunken Road
- Raised Road

### RAILWAYS

- Double Lines of Railway
- Single Lines of Railway and Tramway

### GENERAL FEATURES

- Gravel Pit
- Sand Pit
- Quarry
- Shingle
- Other Pits
- Antiquities, Site of
- Arrow, showing direction of flow of water
- Trigonometrical Station

### BOUNDARIES

- County Boundary
- Parliamentary Division Boundary
- Parish Boundary
- Union Boundary
- Contours
- Rural District Boundary

## National Grid 1:10,000 scale

### HEIGHTS (METRES)

Values are given in metres above mean sea level at Newlyn.

Surface heights determined by: ground survey • 161m; air survey ×

Bench marks and their values are shown on large scale maps, and bench mark lists containing fuller and possibly later levelling information are obtainable from the Director General, Ordnance Survey.

Contours are at 5 metres vertical interval.

### ROCK FEATURES

Loose rock, Boulders, Outcrop, Scree, Vertical face

### CONVERSION SCALE

Metres - Feet

2000 Metres – 6500 Feet; 6000; 5000; 1500; 4000

### ABBREVIATIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BP,BS | Boundary Post or Stone | PO | Post Office |
| Ch | Church | PC | Public Convenience |
| CH | Club House | PH | Public House |
| F Sta | Fire Station | S | Stone |
| FB | Foot Bridge | Spr | Spring |
| Fn | Fountain | TCB | Telephone Call Box |
| GP | Guide Post | TCP | Telephone Call Post |
| MP,MS | Mile Post or Stone | TH | Town Hall |
| P | Pole or Post | W | Well |
| Pol Sta | Police Station | Y | Youth hostel |

### ROADS

- Road
- Track (Where unfenced shown by pecked lines.)
- Path

### RAILWAYS

Cutting, Embankment, Road over, Road under, Level crossing, Foot Bridge

- Multiple track
- Single track (Standard gauge)
- Siding, tramway or mineral line
- Narrow gauge

### GENERAL FEATURES

- Antiquity, (site of)
- Lake, loch or pond
- Boulders
- Sloping masonry
- Building
- Chalk pit, clay pit or quarry
- Pylon / Pole – Electricity transmission line
- Gravel pit
- Glasshouse
- Sand pit
- Triangulation station
- Refuse or slag heap
- Direction of flow of water – Shingle, Sand

### VEGETATION

- Bracken, rough grassland
- Marsh
- Coppice
- Orchard
- Scrub
- Saltings
- Coniferous trees
- Heath
- Reeds
- Non-coniferous trees

In some areas bracken ( ) and rough grassland ( ) are shown separately.

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