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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Appointment

- 1.1 Earth Environmental & Geotechnical Ltd has been commissioned by PHD Designs on behalf of Lesley & Tony Jacobs (the Client) to undertake a Phase I GeoEnvironmental Desk Study for 4 Butt Hill Road, Prestwich, Manchester.
- 1.2 It is understood that the Client intends to replace the existing bungalow at 4 Butt Hill Road with a two-storey house which will occupy the existing bungalows footprint.
- 1.3 A proposed development plan is presented in Figure 1, overleaf.

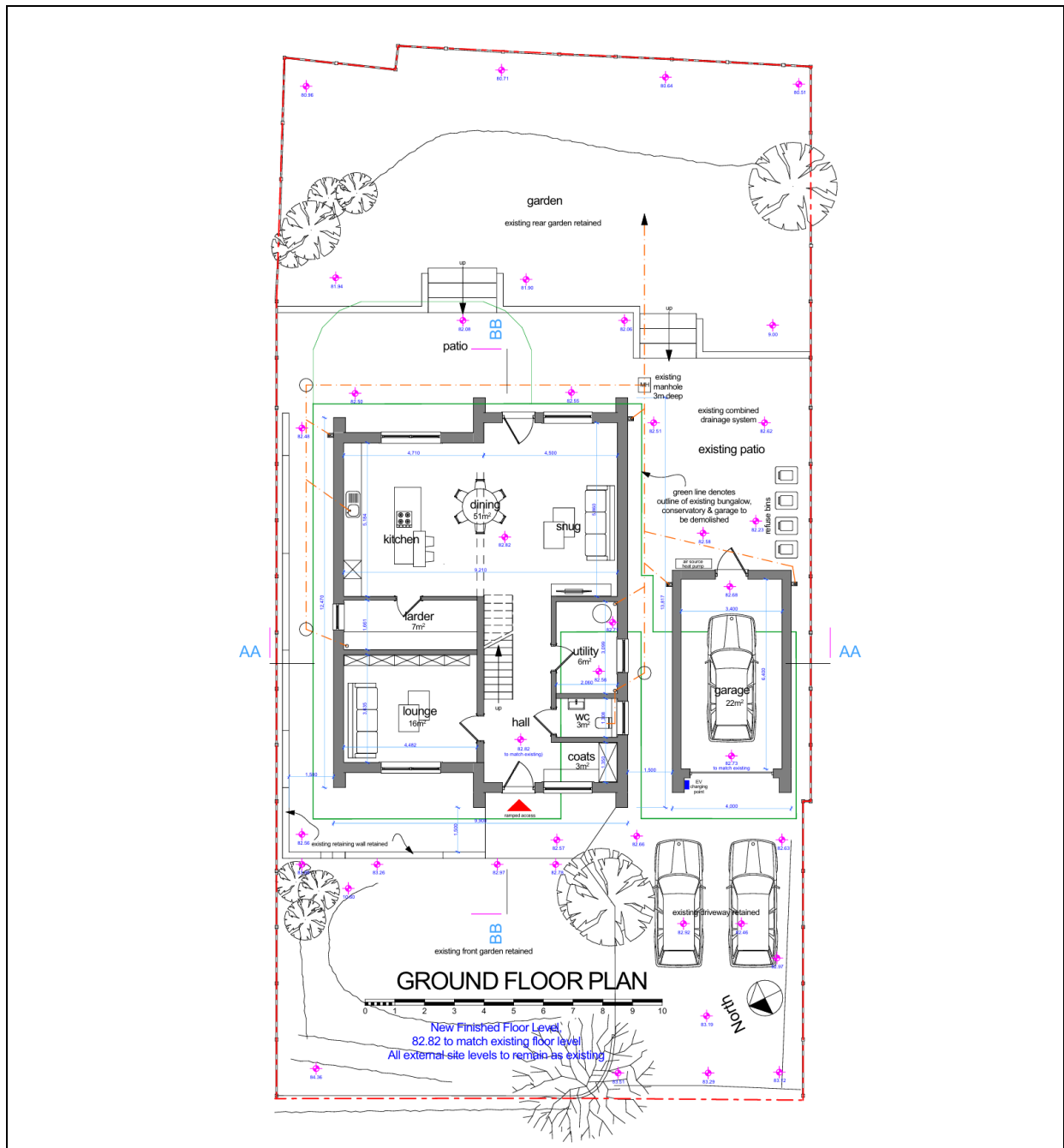
Objective

- 1.4 The purpose of the Desk Study is to collate available geological and environmental data for the site (and its environment) and provide a preliminary geotechnical and geo-environmental appraisal, with a site-specific conceptual model. This enables a preliminary assessment of geo-environmental risks to be undertaken and, if necessary, provides information for the design of a Phase 2 Ground Investigation.

Scope

- 1.5 The Phase I Environmental Desk Study comprises of a site reconnaissance visit and a review of the following information sources, some of which was provided by the client.
- British Geological Survey online maps.
 - Google Earth imagery.
 - Environment Agency online mapping data.
 - Historical Ordnance Survey maps.
 - The site and surrounding areas environmental, geological, and mining data presented in the site specific GroundSure Reports (Appendix 1).
 - Coal Authority Interactive Viewer.
 - Bury Metropolitan Borough Council Planning Portal.

Figure 1: Proposed Development Plan



2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The site is located at 4 Butt Hill Road, Prestwich, Bury, Manchester, M25 9NJ.
- 2.2 The site is situated approximately 1.2km to the south of Prestwich Tram Stop.
- 2.3 The approximate National Grid Reference for the centre of the site is SD 81692 02940 (X: 381692, Y: 402940).
- 2.4 The site (0.06 hectares) is roughly a rectangular shaped parcel of land, which comprises of an existing residential bungalow, an associated garage, a hard surfaced driveway, and soft landscaping.
- 2.5 The site is currently occupied by a single storey domestic dwelling in the central area of the site with a garage located directly south of the dwelling. A hardstanding red brick driveway is located on the western side of the property whilst soft landscaped areas are located at the northwestern and eastern ends of the property. A hard surfaced concrete and brick path surrounds the house and the garage.
- 2.6 The site is bound by a wooden and concrete fencing to the northeast, southeast and southwest. The northwestern end of the site is bound by a public footpath and a public road.
- 2.7 The general surrounding area comprises of residential dwellings.
- 2.8 A location plan is shown below as Figure 2, together with a recent site photograph as Figure 3 (overleaf).

Figure 2: Site Location Plan



Figure 3: Site Photograph



Site Utility Services

- 2.9 Site service plans have not been obtained for the site by the Client. The status of all services should be checked prior to any development (including site investigation) commencing.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

- 3.1 The geology of the site is covered by British Geological Survey (BGS) online data and the site specific GroundSure Enviro+Geo Insight report (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 Environmental conditions are covered by Environment Agency (EA) and British Geological Survey (BGS) online data, and the site specific GroundSure Enviro+Geo Insight report (Appendix 1).

Geology

- 3.3 The BGS states that the site is not underlain by artificial deposits.
- 3.4 The site is recorded to be underlain by superficial Hummocky (moundy) Glacial Devensian Till Deposits comprising of sand and gravel.
- 3.5 The bedrock geology beneath the site is shown to be the Manchester Marls Formation, comprising of mudstone.
- 3.6 There are 2no. records of linear features within 500m of the site boundary. The nearest record refers to a fault located 41m northeast of the site.
- 3.7 There are no records of landslips within 500m of the site.
- 3.8 There is 1no. BGS borehole record identified within 250m of the site. The borehole was located 248m northwest of the site and recorded glacial drift to 7.32m bgl, followed by middle sands to 55.78m bgl, followed by Manchester Marls to 84.41m bgl.
- 3.9 The following hazards ratings applicate to the site and land with 50m are presented in the Enviro + Geo Insight Report
- | | |
|--|------------|
| • Shrink / swell clays: | Negligible |
| • Running sands: | Very Low |
| • Compressible deposits: | Negligible |
| • Collapsible deposits: | Very Low |
| • Landslides: | Very Low |
| • Ground dissolution of soluble rocks: | Negligible |

Hydrogeology and Hydrology

- 3.10 The superficial Hummocky (moundy) Glacial Devensian Till Deposits are classified by the Environment Agency (EA) as a Secondary A Aquifer with an intergranular flow type and high to very high permeability. The BGS states the following:

Secondary A '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.'

- 3.11 The Manchester Marls Formation is classified by the Environment Agency (EA) as a Secondary B Aquifer with a fracture flow type and a low permeability. The BGS states the following:

Secondary B *'Predominantly lower permeability layers which may store/yield limited amounts of groundwater due to localised features such as fissures, thin permeable horizons, and weathering. These are generally the water-bearing parts of the former non-aquifers'*

- 3.12 The groundwater vulnerability of the site has been classified as medium for the superficial and low for the bedrock aquifers. The soil leaching potential of the site classified as high. The BGS states:

'High - Areas able to easily transmit pollution to groundwater. They are likely to be characterised by high leaching soils and the absence of low permeability superficial deposits.'

- 3.13 There are 4no. groundwater abstraction license records within 2km of the site. The closest record refers to an active licence for spray irrigation located 751m south of the site.
- 3.14 There are no surface water abstraction license records within 2km of the site.
- 3.15 There are no records of potable water abstraction license records within 2km of the site.
- 3.16 There are no recorded source protected zones located within 500m of the site.
- 3.17 The site is not located within 500m of a Source Protection Zone within a confined aquifer.
- 3.18 There are no recorded water network entries within 250m of the site.
- 3.19 There are no surface water features identified within 250m of the site.
- 3.20 There is 1 record of a Water Framework Directive (WFD) surface water bodies located 759m south of the site. The record refers to the Irwell (Croal to Irk), where the EA assigned a fail chemical and moderate ecological rating in 2019.
- 3.21 There is 1 record of a Water Framework Directive (WFD) groundwater body located on-site. The record refers to the Manchester and East Cheshire Permo-Triassic Sandstone Aquifers which had a poor chemical rating in 2019.

Ground Workings

- 3.22 There are 15no. records of historical surface ground working features identified within 250m of the site boundary. The nearest record refers to an unspecified pit located 54m northwest of the site, dated, 1956.

Mining and Other Underground Workings

- 3.23 The Coal Authority suggests that the site is located within a coal mining area. However, with reference to the coal authority interactive viewer, the site is not located within a Coal Authority Development High risk area.
- 3.24 There are no underground workings within 2km of the site.

- 3.25 There are no records of non-coal mining areas located within 1km of the site.
- 3.26 There is 1no. record of a historical mineral planning area within 500m of the site. This record refers to a sand surface mineral working located 30m east of the site.
- 3.27 There are no records of brine areas, gypsum extraction, tin mining, or clay mining on the site.
- 3.28 There is 1no. record of a natural cavity located within 500m of the site. This record is located 465m southeast of the site.
- 3.29 There are no records of mining cavities within 1km of the site.

Radon Potential

- 3.30 The site is located in a Radon Affected Area, where less than 1% of the properties are above the Action Level. Therefore, radon protection measures will not be required.

Landfill & Waste Management Activity

- 3.31 There are no records for current Environment Agency landfill records within 500m of the site.
- 3.32 There is no record of historic Environment Agency landfill sites within 500m of the site.
- 3.33 There are no records of BGS/DoE non-operational landfill sites within 500m of the site.
- 3.34 There are no records of a historical landfill from the Local Authority and Historical Mapping records within 500m of the site.
- 3.35 There are 2no. records of a waste treatment, transfer, or disposal site within 500m of the site. The nearest record refers to a “storing waste exemption” for “non-agricultural wastes” located 404m north of the site.
- 3.36 There are no records of historical waste sites within 500m of the site.

Industrial Land Use Information

- 3.37 There are 55no. records of potentially contaminative historical land uses identified within 500m of the site. Records within 100m of the site includes a nursery (50m SE), an unspecified pit (54m NW), unspecified ground workings (57m NW and 81m N) and a refuse heap (78m NW).
- 3.38 There are 32no. records of historical tanks within 500m of the site. The nearest record refers to a disused tank located 121m west of the site, dated 1952-1960.
- 3.39 There are 20no. records of historical energy features identified within 500m of the site. The nearest refers to an electricity substation located 162m east of the site.
- 3.40 There are 6no. records of recent industrial land uses identified within 250m of the site. The nearest record refers to engineering services located 92m northeast of the site.
- 3.41 There are no records of historical petrol or fuel sites within 500m of the site.

- 3.42 There are 2no. records of historical garages identified within 500m of the site. The nearest record refers to a garage located 231m northeast of the site.
- 3.43 There is 1no. record for current petrol or fuel sites within 500m of the site. The record refers to a Shell petrol station located 327m southeast of the site.
- 3.44 There are no records of historical military land use record within 500m of the site.
- 3.45 There are no National Grid high voltage underground electricity transmission cables within 500m of the site.
- 3.46 There are no National Grid high-pressure gas transmission pipelines within 500m of the site.
- 3.47 There are no historical railway and tunnel features identified within 250m of the site.
- 3.48 There are no historical railway lines identified within 250m of the site.
- 3.49 There are no current active railway line records identified within 250m of the site.
- 3.50 There are no underground railway lines or tunnels identified within 250m of the site.
- 3.51 The site is not within 500m of the route of the High Speed 2 rail project.
- 3.52 The site is not within 500m of the route of the Crossrail 2 rail project.

Environmental Permits, Incidents and Registers

- 3.53 The Groundsure Report includes records of environmental permits, incidents, and registers within 500m of the site, which are summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Environmental Permits, Incidents and Registers within 500m of the Site

Permit/Incident/Register	Number
Sites Determined as Contaminated Land under Part 2a EPA 1990	0
Dangerous or Hazardous (COMAH and NIHS) Sites	0
Regulated Explosive Sites	0
Historical Licensed Industrial Activities (IPC)	0
Part A (1) and IPPC Authorised Activities	0
Part A (2) and Part B Activities and Enforcements	1
Pollutant Release to Surface Waters (Red List)	0
List 1 Dangerous Substances Inventory Sites	0
List 2 Dangerous Substances Inventory Sites	0
Category 3 or 4 Radioactive Substance Authorisations	0
Licensed Discharge Consents	0
Planning Hazardous Substance Consents and Enforcements	0
Pollutant Release to Public Sewer	0

Permit/Incident/Register	Number
Substantiated Pollution Incidents	0
Pollution Inventory Substances, Wastes and Radioactive Wastes	0

- 3.54 There is 1no. record of Part A (2) and Part B Activities and Enforcements located within 500m of the site. This record is current and refers to “Unloading of Petrol into Storage at Service Stations” located 349m southeast of the site.

Environmentally Sensitive Sites.

- 3.55 There are 5no. records of Local Nature Reserves (LNR) located within 2km of the site. The nearest record refers to Kersal Moor located 716m south of the site.
- 3.56 There are 3no. records of designated ancient woodland located within 2km of the site. The closest record refers to Prestwich Clough Wood located 581m to the north of the site.
- 3.57 There are 5no. records of Green Belt located within 2km of the site. The nearest record refers to a green belt located 570m northwest of the site.
- 3.58 There are no records of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZ) located within 2km of the site.

Ecology

- 3.59 An ecological assessment of the site falls outside the brief of this report. Where considered necessary, advice should be sought from an ecological specialist in this respect.
- 3.60 The site is classified as urban land.

Archaeology

- 3.61 An archaeological assessment falls outside the brief of this report. Where considered necessary, advice should be sought from an archaeological specialist in this respect.
- 3.62 There are no records of World Heritage sites, areas of outstanding natural beauty, national parks, conservation areas, schedules ancient monument and registered Parks and Gardens within 250m of the site.
- 3.63 There are 2no. records of listed buildings located within 250m of the site. The nearest record refers to Rookwood Wrenwood located 195m southwest of the site.

Potential Flood Risks

- 3.64 Detailed assessment of flood risks is outside the scope of this report. However, the site does not lie within 50m of an Environment Agency Zone 2 or Zone 3 floodplain.
- 3.65 There are no records of risk of flooding from rivers and sea (RoFRaS) within 50m of the site.
- 3.66 There are no records of a historical flood event within 250m of the site.

- 3.67 There are no records of flood defences, no areas benefitting from flood defences, or no areas used for flood storage within 250m of the site.
- 3.68 The highest risk of surface water flooding occurring on-site is negligible.
- 3.69 The highest risk of groundwater flooding occurring on-site is low.

Previous Site Investigations

- 3.70 Earth Environmental & Geotechnical Ltd are not aware of any previous site investigations carried out at the site.

Unexploded Ordnance

- 3.71 The online Zetica UXO map shows the site within a low-risk zone.

4.0 SITE HISTORY

- 4.1 The historical development of the site has been determined by reference historical plans and Google Earth imagery. The reviewed historical plans comprise only readily available records and may be limited; however, the information available to date indicates that additional searches are unlikely to add to our understanding of the site. The earliest available historical mapping covering the site dates back to 1844-1845.
- 4.2 The site history is summarised in Table 2 and Table 3, below, followed by selected extracts from maps and aerial photographs in Figure 4 to 7.

Table 2: Summary of Site History from Historical Maps

Date	Scale	On-Site History	Surrounding Land Use History
1844-1845	1:10,560	The site is located within Butt Hill. A footpath runs through the central area of the site.	A public road is located directly southeast of the site. A pond is located approximately 50m southwest of the site. Residential / farm related developments are located approximately 40m south, 65m southwest, 70m west and 95m northeast of the site. A well is located approximately 90m northeast of the site.
1896	1:63,360	No significant change compared to previous map.	No significant change compared to previous map.
1906-1907	1:10,560	A lodge is located in the southeastern side of the site. The footpath is now located at the northwestern end of the site.	A lodge is located approximately 60m east of the site.
1947	1:25,000	No significant change compared to previous map.	No significant change compared to previous map.
1953	1:1,250	No significant change compared to previous map.	A pond is located approximately 15m east of the site. An old sand pit is located approximately 40m northwest of the site. Disused tanks are located approximately 100m west of the site. Cuttings are located approximately 50m northeast of the site. Residential houses are located approximately 60m northeast of the site.
1954	1:2,500	No significant change compared to previous map.	No significant change compared to previous map.

Date	Scale	On-Site History	Surrounding Land Use History
1956	1:10,560	No significant change compared to previous map.	No significant change compared to previous map.
1960	1:2,500	No significant change compared to previous map.	No significant change compared to previous map.
1970	1:1,250	No significant change compared to previous map.	Increase in residential developments directly northeast, directly southwest and approximately 10m northwest. A nursery is located approximately 30m southeast of the site. Public roads are located directly northwest and approximately 15m southwest of the site.

Table 3: Summary of Site History from Aerial Photographs

Date	On-Site History	Surrounding Land Use History
2000	The image is unclear but shows a residential dwelling occupying the central area of the site and an associated hard surfaced area in the western area of the site.	Residential developments partially surround the site from directly northeast, directly southwest and approximately 10m northwest. Public roads are present directly northwest, directly southeast, and approximately 15m southwest of the site. A park is located approximately 15m southeast of the site.
2005	No significant change compared to the previous photograph.	No significant change compared to the previous photograph.
2017	No significant change compared to the previous photograph.	No significant change compared to the previous photograph.
2022	No significant change compared to the previous photograph.	No significant change compared to the previous photograph.

Figure 4 OS Map Extract 1844-1845

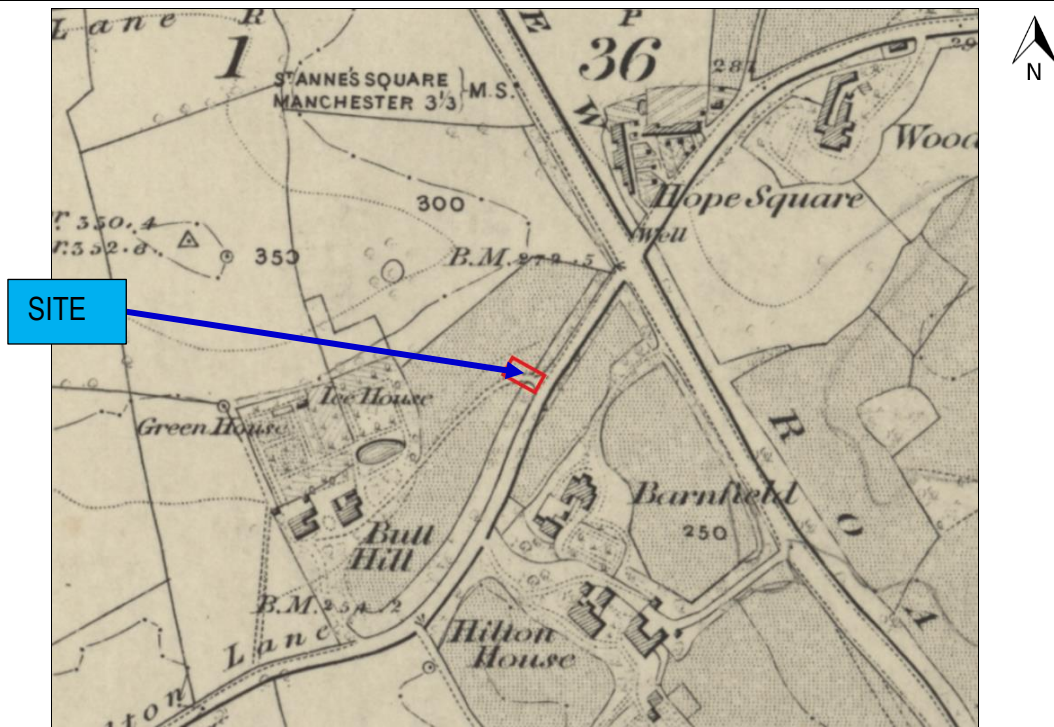


Figure 5 OS Map Extract 1906-1907

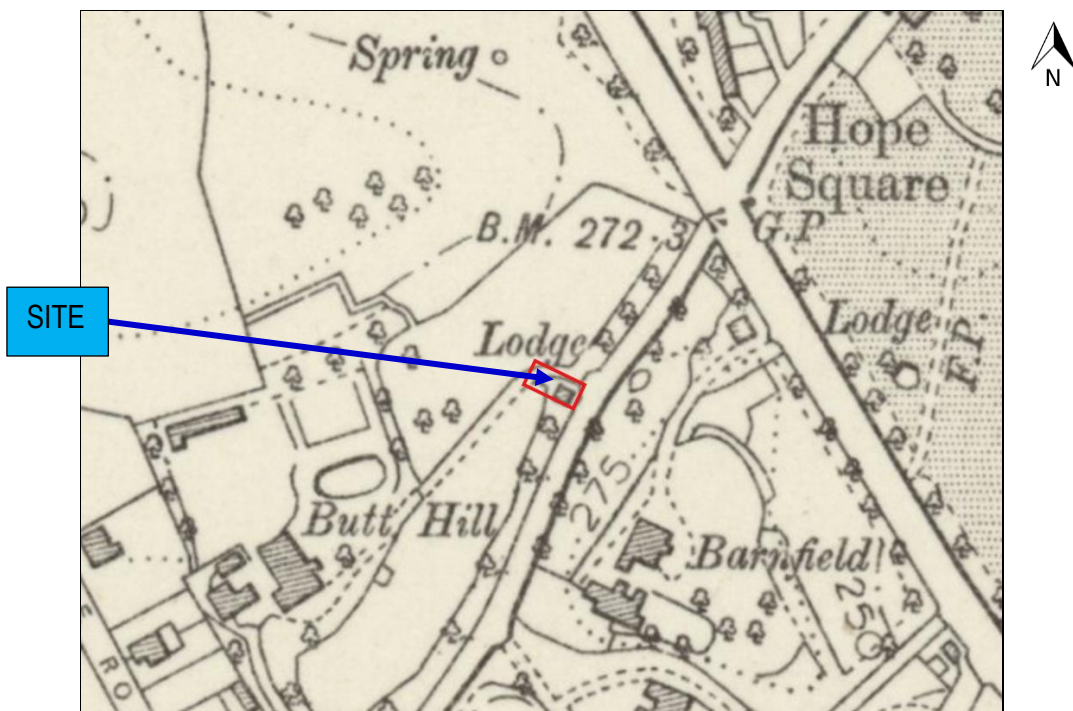


Figure 6 OS Map Extract 1970

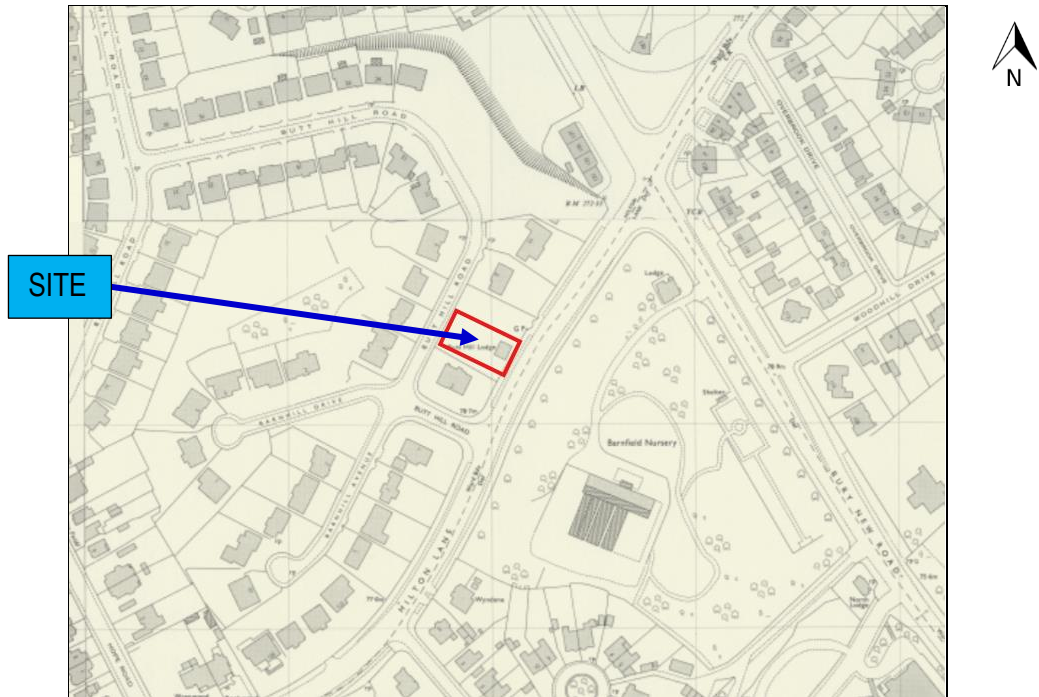


Figure 7 Aerial Photograph 2022



5.0 PRELIMINARY CONTAMINATION RISK ASSESSMENT

Introduction

- 5.1 The following paragraphs outline a Preliminary Risk Assessment (PRA) for the site based on the above desk study information as defined by Land Contamination Risk Management Environment Agency, July 2023.
- 5.2 Table 6 provides a Preliminary Conceptual Model (PCM) which considers the source-pathway-receptor linkages present alongside the likelihood, severity and risk level as defined within Table 4 and Table 5 below. The assessment of probability, a modified risk table, and certain consequence definitions are based on CIRIA C552 and Land Contamination Risk Management Environment Agency, July 2023.
- 5.3 Table 5 considers whether a pollution linkage is potentially present and provides a preliminary qualitative assessment of risk based on the information currently available. Where a possible linkage is identified, it does not necessarily mean that a significant risk exists but indicates that further information is required through appropriate site investigation to substantiate the conceptual model.
- 5.4 The PCM/PRA is based on a continued residential end use.

Table 4: Consequence, Probability and Risk

Probability	Consequence,	Risk
High Likelihood- There is a pollution linkage and an event either appears very likely in the short term and almost inevitable over the long term, or there is evidence at the receptor of harm or pollution	Very High – acute risk to the human health likely to result in significant harm. Risk of severe or irreversible effect on ground/surface water quality. Catastrophic damage to buildings / property.	Very High – there is a high potential that the source-pathway-receptor scenarios may give rise to harm to human health, or the environment and remedial action is likely to be required.
Likely – there is a pollution linkage, and all the elements are present, which means that it is probable 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.	High – Severe or irreversible effect on human health. Temporary severe or irreversible effect on ground/surface water quality. Reduction of water quality rendering groundwater or surface water unfit to drink and/or substantial adverse impact on groundwater dependant environmental receptors.	High – it is likely that the source-pathway-receptor scenarios may give rise to an impact on human health or the environment, which may require remediation and/or control measures to mitigate risks
Low likelihood– there is a pollutant linkage, and circumstances are possible for an event could occur. However, it is by no means certain that even over a longer period such event would take place, and is less likely in the shorter term	Moderate – Long term or short-term moderate effect on human health. Moderate effect on ground/surface water quality, reversible with time. Reduced reliability of a supply at a groundwater or surface water abstraction source	Moderate – it is possible that the source-pathway-receptor scenarios may give rise to an impact on human health or the environment, however it is either relatively unlikely that such would be severe, or if any harm were to occur it is more likely that harm would be mild.
Unlikely – there is a pollution linkage, but circumstances are such that it is doubtful that an event would occur even in the very long term.	Low – Non-permanent health effects to human health (easily prevented by means such as personal protective clothing etc.) Slight effect on ground/surface water quality, reversible with time. Marginal reduced reliability of a supply at a groundwater or surface water abstraction source.	Low – it is possible that harm could arise at the source, however it is likely that this would at worst be mild.
		Very Low – it is unlikely that the source-pathway-receptor scenarios will give rise to an impact on human health or the environment.

Table 5: Estimation of Level of Risk by Comparison of Consequence and Probability

		Consequence			
		High	Moderate	Low	Very low
Probability	High Likelihood	Very High	High risk	Moderate risk	Moderate to low risk
	Likely	High risk	Moderate risk	Moderate to low risk	Low risk
	Low Likelihood	Moderate risk	Moderate to low risk	Low risk	Very low risk
	Unlikely	Moderate to low risk	Low risk	Very low risk	Very low risk

Potential Sources

- 5.5 The site was occupied by a public footpath located in the central area of the site from 1844-1845. In 1906-1907, a lodge was shown in the southeastern side of the site.
- 5.6 At this time, a footpath was also shown in the northwestern end of the site. Proceeding this, ariel photographs from 2000 shows a residential dwelling occupying the central area of the site and

an associated hard surfaced area in the western area of the site. After this, no significant changes have occurred to date.

5.7 To summarise, there is limited potential for the presence of contamination on the site.

Potential Receptors

5.8 The following receptors have been considered for the construction and operational stages of the proposed redevelopment.

- Current site users;
- Adjacent land users;
- Future land users;
- Construction workers during site development works;
- Surface water and Groundwater within the underlying aquifer

Potential Pathways

5.9 The following pathways have been considered for the construction and operational stages of the proposed redevelopment.

- Dermal contact, ingestion, inhalation pathways of potentially contaminated soils;
- Downward vertical migration of leachate to surface waters and shallow groundwater;
- Vertical or lateral migration of ground gas.

Table 6: Preliminary Conceptual Model

Source	Pathway	Receptor	Probability	Consequence	Risk	Comment
Made Ground across site (Heavy Metals, PAH & TPH, PCBs).	Dermal contact, ingestion, and inhalation of soils dust	Current Site Users	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	The site is currently occupied by a single domestic property at the central area of the site with a hard surfaced driveway covering western area of the site and hard surfacing surrounding the house. Additionally, potential sources of made ground onsite are limited. Therefore, there is limited potential for direct contact within contaminated soils. The risk is therefore considered to be LOW .
		Adjacent land users	Unlikely	Low	Very Low	Residential properties partially surround the site. The risk is considered VERY LOW and usual dust control measures should be implemented as part of good site working practices during construction to reduce dust generation.
		Future land users	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	The proposed redevelopment consists of replacing the existing bungalow at 4 Butt Hill Road with a 2-storey house which will occupy the existing bungalows footprint. The risk to future site users via direct exposure is therefore, considered to be LOW .

Source	Pathway	Receptor	Probability	Consequence	Risk	Comment
		Construction Workers	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Construction workers could potentially be exposed to limited contaminated Made Ground materials and PCBs during construction works, however exposure duration will be short-term only. Assuming appropriate health and safety measures are adopted (in line with CDM and other relevant health and safety guidance) a LOW risk to construction workers is anticipated.
	Downward vertical migration of leachate to shallow groundwater	Groundwater within the Underlying Aquifer	Unlikely	Low	Very Low	Shallow groundwater may be present beneath the site; however, sources of contamination are limited. The risk to groundwater is therefore considered to be VERY LOW .
	Vertical or lateral migration of ground gas	Current Site Users	Unlikely	Low	Very Low	There is limited potential for Made Ground soils beneath the site. However, given the age of the materials present it is likely that any gasses or volatile vapours originally present would now have dissipated. The risk to current site users from ground gas is therefore considered VERY LOW .
		Adjacent land users	Unlikely	Low	Very Low	Considering the age of the potential Made Ground materials present the risk to adjacent site users from ground gas is therefore considered VERY LOW .
		Future land users	Unlikely	Low	Very Low	There is limited potential for Made Ground beneath the site. Therefore, the risk to future site users from ground gas is therefore considered VERY LOW .
		Construction Workers	Unlikely	Low	Very Low	Construction workers may be exposed to ground gas/depleted oxygen conditions in confined spaces and excavations; however, the duration will be short term. The risk to construction workers from ground gas is considered VERY LOW .
Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)		Current Site Users	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	There is very limited potential for made ground below the site and no asbestos is anticipated at the site. The risk to current site users is therefore, considered to be LOW .
		Adjacent land users	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	There is very limited potential for made ground below the site and no asbestos is anticipated at the site. Disturbance of soil during the construction phase may allow fibres to become airborne. The risk is therefore considered LOW . Dust control measures (dampening down) should be implemented as part of good site working practices in order to reduce the risk to LOW .

Source	Pathway	Receptor	Probability	Consequence	Risk	Comment
		Future land users	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Disturbance of potential ACM by future resident may allow fibres to become airborne. However, there is very limited potential for ACM within the soils. The risk is therefore considered to be LOW .
		Construction Workers	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Construction workers may be exposed to potential asbestos in soils. The risk is considered LOW . A contamination assessment of the existing on-site soils would be required to determine the level of risk and necessary mitigation measures.

6.0 GEOTECHNICAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT

6.1 In addition to the environmental hazards there are also geotechnical hazards associated with the stability of the ground including load bearing capacity, slope stability and effects of ground mining activities. Local Authorities follow NPPF (2012) which requires that a site be suitable for its new use taking into account of ground conditions and land instability, including from natural hazards to former activities such as mining. A summary of the geotechnical considerations is provided below in Table 7 and Table 8.

Table 7: Summary of Geotechnical Hazards

Geohazards:	
Highly Compressible Ground	Very low risk.
Collapsible Soils	Very low risk.
Swelling Clay	Very low risk.
Running Sand	Very low risk.
Ground Dissolution	Negligible risk.
Landslip	Very low risk.
Mining & Quarrying	The Coal Authority suggests that the site is located within a coal mining area. However, with reference to the coal authority interactive viewer, the site is not located within a Development High Risk Area. The risk from mining and quarrying is generally considered to be very low.

Table 8: Summary of Geotechnical Design Considerations

Geotechnical Design Considerations	
Site Clearance	The site is currently occupied by an existing outbuilding and hard surfaced driveway. Therefore, site clearance is unlikely to be required.
Trees	There are trees located in the western and eastern areas of the site. No cohesive soils are anticipated at the site. Therefore, it is unlikely that heave precautions will be required for the proposed development.
Existing Buildings/Obstructions	The site is occupied by an existing bungalow which is due to be replaced by a 2-storey house, which will occupy the existing bungalows footprint.
Foundations	The suitability of the existing foundations for the development of the proposed 2 storey residential house would depend on the ground conditions present at the site, as well as the depth of the existing foundations. The site is recorded to be underlain by Hummocky (moundy) Glacial Devensian till deposits. The bedrock geology is of the Manchester Marls Formation. Therefore, an intrusive ground investigation will be recommended to be carried out prior to any construction taking place to determine the suitability of the existing foundations.

Geotechnical Design Considerations	
Floor Slabs	An intrusive geotechnical investigation is recommended prior to any construction works to determine the suitability of the existing slab design for the on-site ground conditions.
Groundwater	Exact groundwater conditions are not known at this stage. For more detailed knowledge of the groundwater regime, an intrusive geotechnical investigation would be needed. However, it is recorded that the site is underlain by a Secondary A superficial aquifer and Secondary B bedrock aquifer. The highest risk of groundwater flooding on site is considered moderate.
Earthworks	Extensive earthworks are unlikely to be required for the proposed development.
Slopes	The site has a slight slope from the northwestern end of the site to the southeastern end of the site.
Retaining Walls	There is currently a small retaining wall located approximately 1m northwest of the house.
Aggressive Ground	There is a low potential for chemically aggressive ground conditions on site. However, an intrusive geotechnical investigation would be necessary to confirm this.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

- 7.1 It is understood that the Client intends to replace the existing bungalow at 4 Butt Hill Road with a two-storey house which will occupy the existing bungalows footprint.
- 7.2 The site was occupied by a public footpath located in the central area of the site from 1844-1845. In 1906-1907, a lodge was shown in the southeastern side of the site. At this time, a footpath was also shown in the northwestern end of the site. Proceeding this, aerial photographs from 2000 shows a residential dwelling occupying the central area of the site and an associated hard surfaced area in the western area of the site. After this, no significant changes have occurred to date.
- 7.3 The site is recorded to be underlain by Hummocky (moundy) Glacial Devensian Till superficial deposits (Secondary A aquifer). The bedrock geology beneath the site is shown to be the Manchester Marls Formation, comprising of mudstone (Secondary B aquifer).
- 7.4 The Coal Authority suggests that the site is located within a coal mining area. However, with reference to the Coal Authority interactive viewer, the site is not located within a Development High Risk area.
- 7.5 The property is located in a Radon Affected Area, where less than 1% of the properties are above the Action Level. Therefore, radon protection measures will not be required.
- 7.6 There is limited potential for the presence of contamination on site.
- 7.7 Due to limited sources of contamination, the overall risk from soil contamination to end users and construction workers is **LOW**.
- 7.8 The overall risk to controlled waters is concluded to be **LOW** based on the absence of any nearby surface water features and limited potential sources of contamination.
- 7.9 The risk from ground gas to end users and construction workers is **VERY LOW** based on the absence of significant sources.
- 7.10 An Environment Agency Flood Zone 2 and 3 are not located on site. The highest risk of groundwater flooding is **LOW**

Recommendations

- 7.11 No further action is required with respect to the environmental setting of the site.

APPENDIX 1

GROUNDSURE REPORTS

APPENDIX 2

REPORT LIMITATIONS

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The groundwater conditions entered on the exploratory hole records are those observed at the time of investigation. The normal speed of investigation usually does not permit the recording of an equilibrium water level for any one water strike. Moreover, groundwater levels are subject to seasonal variation or changes in local drainage conditions and higher groundwater levels may occur at other times of the year than were recorded during this investigation.

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