

Groundwater Monitoring Letter Report

CLIENT	Imperial Homes Southern
SITE ADDRESS	Springfield, Hook Avenue, Aldingbourne PO20 3TE
REPORT REFERENCE	GWPR4064
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INVESTIGATION LOCATIONS	Site works were undertaken on 21 st January 2021 and comprised the drilling of 3No. Windowless Sampler Boreholes to 3.00m bgl. 3No. combined Groundwater and Ground-gas monitoring standpipes were installed to depths of between 1.50 – 2.00m bgl. Prior to installation and due to the stability of the well, the boreholes collapsed to between 1.50 – 2.00m bgl, therefore this was the maximum depth of installation.

Combined Ground-gas and Groundwater Monitoring Well Construction				
Trial Hole	Depth of Installation (m bgl)	Thickness of slotted piping with gravel filter pack (m)	Depth of plain piping with bentonite seal (m bgl)	Piping internal diameter (mm)
WS1	2.00	1.00	1.00	50
WS2	1.80	0.80	1.00	50
WS3	1.50	0.50	1.00	50

A trial hole location plan can be viewed within Figure 1.

GROUND CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED

Summary of Strata Encountered			
Strata	Depth Top (m bgl)	Depth Base (m bgl)	Thickness (m)
TOPSOIL (WS1 and WS3): Brown clayey fine to medium SAND.	GL	0.20	0.20
MADE GROUND (ALL TRIAL HOLES): Light brown to brown slightly gravelly sandy CLAY. Sand was fine to coarse. Gravel was sub-angular to sub-rounded, fine to medium, flint, chalk and brick.	GL – 0.20	0.50 – 1.00	0.30 – 1.00
RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS – UNDIFFERENTIATED) (ALL TRIAL HOLES) (COHESIVE): Generally comprised of a brown and orangish brown slightly gravelly sandy silty CLAY. Sand was fine to coarse. Gravel was sub-angular, fine to medium, flint.	0.60 - 1.00	1.80 – 2.00	1.00 – 1.20
RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS – UNDIFFERENTIATED) (ALL TRIAL HOLES) (GRANULAR): Generally comprised a brown clayey fine to medium SAND to a fine SAND.	0.50 – 2.00	0.60 – 3.00	>0.10 – >1.00

Full trial hole logs can be viewed within Appendix B.

ROOTS

A tabulated summary of the roots noted can be seen below:

Depth of Root Penetrated Soils Observed Within Trial Holes (m bgl)		
Trial Hole	Fresh Roots	Rootlets/Decayed roots
WS1	1.00	-
WS2	1.50	-
WS3	0.50	0.80

It must be noted that the chance of determining actual depth of root penetration through a narrow diameter borehole is low. It should be noted that roots may be found to greater depths at other locations on the site, particularly close to trees and/or trees that have been removed both within the site and its close environs.

GROUNDWATER

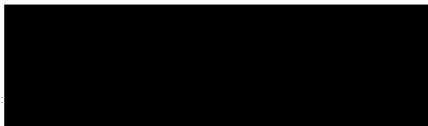
Groundwater strikes were encountered at 1.50m bgl within WS1 and WS3 and at 2.00m within WS2. It should be noted that groundwater strikes may have been obstructed by the drilling process.

4No. return groundwater monitoring visits were undertaken in January – March 2021. A tabulated summary can be seen tabulated below:

Depth of Groundwater Strikes/Standing Groundwater Within Trial Holes			
Trial Hole	Date	Depth of Groundwater (m bgl)	Depth of Standpipe (m bgl)
WS1	30/01/2021	0.24	1.97
	13/02/2021	1.00	1.78 (silted base)
	27/02/2021	1.15	1.76 (silted base)
	13/03/2021	0.89	1.73 (silted base)
WS2	30/01/2021	0.22	1.80
	13/02/2021	0.78	1.52 (silted base)
	27/02/2021	0.96	1.52 (silted base)
	13/03/2021	1.03	1.54 (silted base)
WS3	30/01/2021	0.24	1.45
	13/02/2021	0.65	1.40 (silted base)
	27/02/2021	0.82	1.41 (silted base)
	13/03/2021	0.74	1.40 (silted base)

Please feel free to contact us should you have any queries regarding the information enclosed within this letter report.

Yours sincerely,



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Figure 1 Trial Hole Location Plan
Appendix A Conditions and Limitations
Appendix B Trial Hole Logs

APPENDIX A

Conditions and Limitations

The ground is a product of continuing natural and artificial processes. As a result, the ground will exhibit a variety of characteristics that vary from place to place across a site, and also with time. Whilst a ground investigation will mitigate to a greater or lesser degree against the resulting risk from variation, the risks cannot be eliminated.

The report has been prepared on the basis of information, data and materials which were available at the time of writing. Accordingly, any conclusions, opinions or judgements made in the report should not be regarded as definitive or relied upon to the exclusion of other information, opinions and judgements.

The investigation, interpretations, and recommendations given in this report were prepared for the sole benefit of the client in accordance with their brief; as such these do not necessarily address all aspects of ground behaviour at the site. No liability is accepted for any reliance placed on it by others unless specifically agreed in writing.

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This report is based on readily available geological records, the recorded physical investigation, the strata observed in the works, together with the results of completed site and laboratory tests. Whilst skill and care has been taken to interpret these conditions likely between or below investigation points, the possibility of other characteristics not revealed cannot be discounted, for which no liability can be accepted. The impact of our assessment on other aspects of the development required evaluation by other involved parties.

The opinions expressed cannot be absolute due to the limitations of time and resources within the context of the agreed brief and the possibility of unrecorded previous in ground activities. The ground conditions have been sampled or monitored in recorded locations and tests for some of the more common chemicals generally expected. Other concentrations of types of chemicals may exist. It was not part of the scope of this report to comment on environment/contaminated land considerations.

The conclusions and recommendations relate to Springfield, Hook Avenue, Aldingbourne PO20 3TE.

Trial hole is a generic term used to describe a method of direct investigation. The term trial pit, borehole or window sampler borehole implies the specific technique used to produce a trial hole.

The depth to roots and/or of desiccation may vary from that found during the investigation. The client is responsible for establishing the depth to roots and/or of desiccation on a plot-by-plot basis prior to the construction of foundations. Where trees are mentioned in the text this means existing trees, recently removed trees (approximately 15 years to full recovery on cohesive soils) and those planned as part of the site landscaping.

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APPENDIX B
Trial Hole Logs