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Subject: Groundwater Monitoring Winter Period 2022-2023 "Eastmere Stables" Eastergate Lane, Walberton
Attachments: GroundWater Second Development Eastmere Stables Eastergate Lane.pdf

Good afternoon Mark.

Here are the results of the second Groundwater Monitoring exercise for the winter period 2022-2023 as you requested. It should be noted that the monitoring exercise was carried out within the original 4 monitoring points, which were installed in late September 2021 for the 2021-2022 winter monitoring period. These monitoring points were left in situ in the event of any future monitoring requirement.

The pdf attachment, detailing the locations of the Groundwater Monitoring Points and the Percolation Testing Trial Pits, overlaid on a Google Earth image, with your original proposal itself overlaid onto the Google Earth image, was part of the original email.

Groundwater Monitoring

Over the monitoring period, groundwater was recorded in monitoring points GWP#1, GWP#2 & GWP#4, on only 2 occasions for a single reading each -- 21st January 2023 (highest) & 12th November 2022 (2nd highest) -- at the times of very heavy rainfall. This is consistent with groundwater monitoring exercises across other sites. These monitoring points were installed in undisturbed natural ground in late September 2021.

Only within GWP#3, which was installed in "made-up" ground consisting of brick pieces, general debris in a clay soil, was there any consistent water recorded and this is not considered, in the true sense, real groundwater levels, but rather 'run-off' from the adjacent area, pooling at the base of the installation pit and not quickly draining away at the base.

The highest recorded level in this monitoring point, GWP#3, was on 13th January 2023 & 2nd January 2023 (2nd highest), though this was not in general keeping with other peaks of groundwater levels recorded across other sites in the region.

Groundwater Highest Monitoring Point	Depth of Highest Date of 2nd Highest Groundwater BGL)	Depth of Highest Groundwater (mm BGL) Groundwater Level	Date of Highest Groundwater Level (metres AOD)	Groundwater Level (metres AOD) Above Ordnance Datum	Depth of 2nd Groundwater (mm Below Ground Level)
Number Level	Below Ground Level	Above Ordnance Datum		Above Ordnance Datum	Below Ground
GWP#1 November 2022	1711 14.179	21st January 2023	14.216	1748	12th
GWP#2 November 2022	1638 13.717	21st January 2023	13.730	1651	12th
GWP#3 January 2023	1429 14.419	13th January 2023	14.440	1450	2nd
GWP#4 November 2022	1765 13658	21st January 2023	13.666	1773	12th

Percolation Testing

This is a copy of the Percolation Testing summary which was part of my original email, for your information.

The testing was carried out to BRE365 principles within Trial Pits, of sizes larger than the minimum specifications, at locations & depths pertinent to the proposed soakaway / infiltration installations.

Two trial pits were deep ~1800mm (for soakaways) and one shallow ~800mm (for permeable parking & access roads).

In each of the 3 trial pits, 3 tests were performed as per BRE365 principles, so as to obtain the minimum Soil Infiltration Rate to be used in calculations.

I have included the single test from 2015 from your previous planning application, at the location of GWP#2, as part of the overall soil investigations, as it is still relevant, since it too was carried out in a 'winter period' and nothing has changed there.

A pdf (13 pages) of the tabular and graphical Percolation Test results was attached with the original email. This includes a summary page for each Trial Pit, showing the 3 tests, for comparison.

It can be seen that the eastern side of the plot appears to have the fastest infiltrating soils, whereas the south western corner appears to be in "made-up" soils, though still giving an acceptable result, are of an indeterminate characteristic. It is considered, from investigations, that the bulk of the plot is of soils relevant to the infiltration rate obtained from Trial Pit TP#1 testing.

The results are as follows, with all results in metres / second :-

Trial Pit Number	Location	Test #1	Test#2	Test#3
TP#1	North Paddock	6.797 E-05	3.540 E-05	3.709 E-05
TP#2	N/W corner (2015)	2.040 E-03		
TP#3	S/W corner	2.158 E-05	1.839 E-05	1.028 E-05
TP#4	Entrance	1.329 E-03	5.587 E-04	3.069 E-04

I trust that this is satisfactory and, as normal, if you have any queries then please call me on my mobile.

Regards
Ray

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Groundwater Monitoring at Second Development at "Eastmere Stables" Eastgate Lane Wetherby

Joint Measurement Issues Identified in Whitehead et al. (2018, September 2021) for a 2019–2022–2023 Winter, Monitoring, and Communication Block October 2022

