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Chesterton

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1 INTRODUCTION

RSK Environment Limited (RSK) have been commissioned by Taylor Wimpey (Oxfordshire) (the Client) to carry out a series of shallow infiltration tests at a site off The Hale, Chesterton.

The investigation was undertaken in accordance with the instructions provided by RPS Planning and Development (the Engineer), on behalf of the Client. This report summarises the work undertaken and presents the data obtained.

This report is subject to the RSK service constraints given in Appendix A.

1.1 Objective and scope of investigation

The objective of the investigation was to provide information regarding the infiltration characteristics of the shallow soils, in order to inform the design of the proposed residential development.

The project was carried out to an agreed brief as set out in RSK's proposal (313035-T00(00), dated 30th June 2015). The scope of testing was as follows:

- Excavate 5 trial holes into the Cornbrash Formation to depths of between 0.70m and 1.50m bgl (i.e. the maximum depths of the proposed soakaways); and
- Undertake three soakage tests to full BRE specification at each location to assess infiltration characteristics.

A description of the procedures followed during the testing are presented within Section 3. The exploratory hole records are presented in Appendix B, while factual data obtained during the soakaway tests is presented within Appendix C of this report.

1.2 Limitations

The comments provided and the opinions expressed within this report are based on the ground conditions encountered during the intrusive investigation, and on the results of testing undertaken in-situ and in the laboratory. There may, however, be conditions pertaining to the site that have not been disclosed by the investigation; and therefore could not be taken into account. In particular, it should be noted that the thickness and quality of the made ground may be variable across the site. In addition, groundwater levels and ground gas concentrations and flows may vary from those reported due to seasonal, or other, effects.



2 TEST PROCEEDURE AND RESULTS

Soakaway testing was undertaken in accordance with the instructions of the Client and Engineer between 20th and 22nd July 2015.

The techniques adopted for the intrusive investigation were chosen based on the aims of the investigation, and the access constraints for plant and equipment.

The testing strategy was primarily focused on the characterisation of the shallow Cornbrash Formation; in order to confirm the infiltration characteristics of the formation. The testing was undertaken at the locations and depths specified by the Engineer.

The investigation and the soil descriptions were carried out in accordance with 'BS 5930:1999. Code of Practice for Site Investigations' (BSI, 1999); and the testing was undertaken in accordance with Building Research Establishment (BRE) 365.

Each soakaway trial pit was excavated and logged by a suitably qualified engineer, with full logs for each location presented within Appendix B.

Table 1 below, summarises the programme of testing undertaken and the infiltration rates recorded for each individual test. The results of the tests are presented in full within Appendix C.

Location	Soakaway Depth (m bgl)	Stratum	Result (m/s)
TP09	1.20	Cornbrash Formation	9.90 x 10 ⁻⁶
		(limestone and clayey sand)	3.89 x 10 ⁻⁶
			7.57 x 10 ⁻⁶
TP10	1.20	Cornbrash Formation	2.41 x 10 ⁻⁴
		(limestone)	1.59 x 10 ⁻⁴
			5.74 x 10 ⁻⁵
TP11	1.10	Cornbrash Formation	1.68 x 10 ⁻⁵
		(limestone)	1.14 x 10 ⁻⁵
			1.17 x 10 ⁻⁵
TP12	0.70	Cornbrash Formation	1.25 x 10 ⁻⁴
		(limestone)	1.05 x 10 ⁻⁴
			7.52 x 10 ⁻⁵
TP13	0.90	Cornbrash Formation	1.01 x 10 ⁻⁴
		(limestone and clayey sand)	8.97 x 10 ⁻⁵
			7.73 x 10 ⁻⁵

Table 1: Summary of infiltration testing programme

As can be seen from the above, infiltration rates within the Cornbrash Formation ranged between 2.41×10^{-4} m/s and 3.89×10^{-6} m/s. Infiltration rates were typically recorded at $\times 10^{-4}$ m/s or $\times 10^{-5}$ m/s, while infiltration rates noted in TP09 were typically $\times 10^{-6}$ m/s.



FIGURES

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APPENDIX B EXPLORATORY HOLE RECORDS



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APPENDIX C TEST RECORDS

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