

investigation technique is capable of identifying all conditions present in all areas. Groundwater levels can fluctuate in response to seasonal variations.

The number of sampling points and the methods of sampling and testing do not preclude the existence of localised “hotspots” of contamination where concentrations may be significantly higher than those actually encountered. The risk assessment and opinions provided, inter alia, take into consideration currently available guidance relating to acceptable contamination concentrations; no liability can be accepted for the retrospective effects of any future changes or amendments to these values.

The amount of exploratory work and chemical testing undertaken has necessarily been restricted by the short timescale available, and the locations of exploratory holes have been restricted to areas unoccupied by the building(s) on the site and by buried services.

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