

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

FOR

NSW LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION

26 – 28, Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights, NSW (BH273)

Report No: 23/1711

Project No: 32265/7633D-G

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a Geotechnical Investigation carried out by STS Geotechnics Pty Limited (STS) for a proposed new residential development to be constructed at 26 – 28, Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights, NSW. At the time of writing this report STS were not provided with architectural drawings for the project. The report has been prepared assuming site development will be limited to one and two storey residential buildings without basement excavation. Reference the Fairfield City Council LEP indicates the site is not affected by Acid Sulfate Soils, and therefore an ASS assessment is not required.

The purpose of the investigation was to provide information on:

- Site conditions and regional geology,
- Subsurface conditions,
- Site Classification according to AS2870-2011 (soil reactivity),
- Foundation design parameters including foundation options, and
- Exposure classification/soil aggressiveness according to AS2870-2011 and AS2159-2009.

The investigation was undertaken in accordance with STS proposal P23-212 dated May 11, 2023.

2. NATURE OF THE INVESTIGATION

2.1. Fieldwork

The fieldwork consisted of drilling five (5) boreholes numbered BH1 to BH5, inclusive, at the locations shown on attached Drawing No. 23/1711. The boreholes were drilled using a utility mounted Christie drilling rig, owned, and operated by STS. Soil strengths were assessed by carrying out a Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) test adjacent to each borehole location.

Drilling operations were undertaken by one of STS's senior technical officers who also logged the subsurface conditions encountered.

Representative soil samples were collected from the boreholes for subsequent laboratory testing.

2.2. Laboratory Testing

To assess the soils for their aggressiveness, three (3) representative soil samples were tested to determine the following:

- pH,
- Sulphate content (SO₄),
- Chloride (Cl)
- Electrical Conductivity (EC).

To assist with determining the Site Classification, three (3) representative soil samples were tested to determine the shrink/swell index.

Detailed test reports are given in Appendix B.

3. GEOLOGY AND SITE CONDITIONS

The Penrith geological series map at a scale of 1:100,000 shows the site is underlain by Triassic Age, Bringelly Shale of the Wianamatta group. Rocks within this formation comprise of shale, carbonaceous claystone, rare coal and tuff.

The site is rectangular in shape with an approximate area of 2099 m². At the time of the fieldwork, the site was occupied by existing dwellings. The vegetation comprises of trees and grass. The ground surface falls approximately 0.5 metres to the north.

The site is bound by Welwyn Road to the north, Stevenage Road to the east, and residential dwellings in adjoining properties.

4. SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

When assessing the subsurface conditions across a site from a limited number of boreholes, there is the possibility that variations may occur between test locations. The data derived from the site investigation programme are extrapolated across the site to form a geological model and an engineering opinion is rendered about overall subsurface conditions and their likely behaviour regarding the proposed development. The actual condition at the site may differ from those inferred, since no subsurface exploration programme, no matter how comprehensive, can reveal all subsurface details and anomalies, particularly on a site such as this where there has been previous development.

The subsurface conditions generally consist of topsoil overlying sandy clays, silty clays, and weathered sandstone. The topsoil is present from the surface to a depth of 0.1 metres. Stiff, becoming very stiff with depth, natural sandy clays underlie the topsoil to the depths of auger refusal on weathered sandstone, 1.8 and 2.0 metres in BH1 and BH2 respectively, and to the maximum depth of drilling, 3.0 metres in the remaining boreholes.

No groundwater was observed during the fieldwork.

The subsurface conditions observed are recorded on the borehole logs given in Appendix A. An explanation of the terms used on the logs is also given in Appendix A. Notes relating to geotechnical reports are also attached.

5. GEOTECHNICAL DISCUSSION

5.1. Site Classification to AS2870-2011

The classification has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the “Residential Slabs and Footings” Code, AS2870 – 2011.

To assist with determining the site classification, a shrink/swell test was carried out on a representative sample retrieved from the site. The detailed test report is attached and summarised below:

Table 5.1 – Shrink/Swell Test Summary

Location	Depth (m)	Material Description	Shrink/Swell Index (% per ΔpF)
BH1	0.6 – 0.9	Sandy CLAY: fine to medium grained, brown, trace of gravel	2.8
BH2	0.6 – 0.8	Silty CLAY: medium plasticity, trace of gravel	3.1

The remaining sample was unsuitable for testing.

Because there are trees and existing dwellings present, abnormal moisture conditions (AMC) prevail at the site. (Refer to Section 1.3.3 of AS2870-2011).

Because of the AMC, the site is classified a *Problem Site (P)*. However, provided the recommendations given below are adopted the site may be reclassified *Highly Reactive (H1)*.

Foundation design and construction consistent with this classification shall be adopted as specified in the above referenced standard and in accordance with the following design details.

5.2. Foundation Design Parameters

Pad and/or strip footings founded the stiff natural soils below any topsoil, may be proportioned using an allowable bearing pressure of 100 kPa. The minimum depth of founding must comply with the requirements of AS2870-2011. To overcome the presence of trees, the foundations should be designed in accordance with the procedures given in Appendices H and CH of AS2870-2011.

Piers founded in very stiff natural soils may be proportioned using an allowable end bearing pressure of 300 kPa, provided their depth to diameter ratio exceeds a value of 4. An allowable adhesion value of 20 kPa may be adopted for the portion of the shaft below a depth of 0.5 metres.

Piers founded in weathered sandstone may be proportioned using an allowable end bearing pressure of 800 kPa. An allowable adhesion value of 80 kPa may be adopted for the portion of the shaft in weathered sandstone. When piers are founded in weathered sandstone the adhesion within the overlying soils must be ignored.

To ensure the bearing values given can be achieved, care should be taken to ensure the base of the excavations is free of all loose material prior to concreting. To this end, it is recommended that all excavations be concreted as soon as possible, preferably immediately after excavating, cleaning, inspecting and approval. Pier excavations should not be left open overnight.

The site is considered suitable for slab on ground construction provided due regard is given to the ground surface slope.

During foundation construction, should the subsurface conditions vary to those inferred in this report, a suitably experienced geotechnical engineer should review the design and recommendations given above to determine if any alterations are required.

5.3. Soil Aggressiveness

The aggressiveness or erosion potential of an environment in building materials, particularly concrete and steel is dependent on the levels of soil pH and the types of salts present, generally sulphates and chlorides. To determine the degree of aggressiveness, the test values obtained are compared to Tables 6.4.2 (C) and 6.5.2 (C) in AS2159 – 2009 Piling – Design and Installation. The test results are summarised in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 – Soil Aggressiveness Summary

Sample No.	Location	Depth (m)	pH	Sulfate (mg/kg)	Chloride (mg/kg)	Electrical Conductivity (dS/m)	
						EC _{1:5}	EC _e
S1	BH1	0.3	5.2	30	40	0.058	0.6
S2	BH2	0.3	7.4	<10	20	0.066	0.7
S3	BH3	0.3	5.5	40	20	0.050	0.5

The soils on the site are cohesive and above groundwater. Therefore, soil conditions B are considered appropriate (AS2159-2009).

A review of the durability aspects indicates that:

- pH : minimum value of 5.2
- SO₄ : maximum value of 40 mg/kg (ppm) < 5000 ppm
- Cl : maximum value of 40 mg/kg (ppm) < 5000 ppm
- EC_e : maximum value of 0.7 dS/m

In accordance with AS2159-2009 the exposure classification for the onsite soils is mildly aggressive to concrete and non-aggressive to steel. In accordance with AS2870-2011 the soils are classified as A2.

Reference to DLWC (2002) "Site Investigations for Urban Salinity" indicates that EC_e values of 0.5 to 0.7 dS/m are consistent with the presence of non-saline soils.

6. FINAL COMMENTS

During construction, should the subsurface conditions vary from those inferred above, we would be contacted to determine if any changes should be made to our recommendations. The exposed bearing surfaces for footings should be inspected by a geotechnical engineer to ensure the allowable pressure given has been achieved.

The above classification has been made assuming that all footings will bear in either natural ground or in controlled filling. Prior to the placement of any filling the existing surface should be stripped of all vegetation and topsoil.

If excavations for rainwater or detention tanks are to be made within 6 metres of the building foundations, advice should be sought regarding their effect on the foundations.

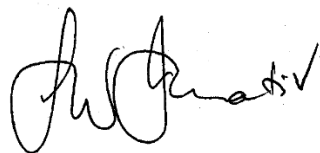
Placing absorption trenches on the high side of the property may create abnormal moisture conditions for the foundations (Refer to Section 1.3.3 of AS2870-2011). This could have a negative effect on the foundation performance and more than likely alter the site classification provided above.

This report has been prepared assuming that no trees other than the vegetation noted will be present on the site. If future tree planting is planned, e.g., there is a landscaping plan, their effect on the foundation performance must be considered.

This report has been prepared assuming the site development will be limited to one and two storey residential buildings. The information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal changes (e.g., to a five-storey building involving major cuts during the site preparation). If changes occur, we would be pleased to review the report and advise on the adequacy of the investigation.



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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION
26-28 STEVENAGE & 53 WELWYN ROADS, CANLEY HEIGHTS
BOREHOLE AND PENETROMETER LOCATIONS

Project No.
32265/7633D-G

Drawing No: 23/1711

INTRODUCTION

These notes have been provided to outline the methodology and limitations inherent in geotechnical reporting. The issues discussed are not relevant to all reports and further advice should be sought if there are any queries regarding any advice or report. When copies of reports are made, they should be reproduced in full.

GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS

Geotechnical reports are prepared by qualified personnel on the information supplied or obtained and are based on current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis.

Information may be gained from limited subsurface testing, surface observations, previous work and is supplemented by knowledge of the local geology and experience of the range of properties that may be exhibited by the materials present. For this reason, geotechnical reports should be regarded as interpretative rather than factual documents, limited to some extent by the scope of information on which they rely.

Where the report has been prepared for a specific purpose (eg. design of a three-storey building), the information and interpretation may not be appropriate if the design is changed (eg. a twenty storey building). In such cases, the report and the sufficiency of the existing work should be reviewed by STS Geotechnics Pty Limited in the light of the new proposal.

Every care is taken with the report content, however, it is not always possible to anticipate or assume responsibility for the following conditions:

- Unexpected variations in ground conditions. The potential for this depends on the amount of investigative work undertaken.
- Changes in policy or interpretation by statutory authorities.
- The actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures.

If these occur, STS Geotechnics Pty Limited would be pleased to resolve the matter through further investigation, analysis or advice.

UNFORSEEN CONDITIONS

Should conditions encountered on site differ markedly from those anticipated from the information contained in the report, STS Geotechnics Pty Limited should be notified immediately. Early identification of site anomalies generally results in any problems being more readily resolved and allows re-interpretation and assessment of the implications for future work.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Logs of a borehole, recovered core, test pit, excavated face or cone penetration test are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions. The reliability of the logged information depends on the drilling/testing method, sampling and/or observation spacings and the ground conditions. It is not always possible or economic to obtain continuous high quality data. It should also be recognised that the volume or material observed or tested is only a fraction of the total subsurface profile.

Interpretation of subsurface information and application to design and construction must take into consideration the spacing of the test locations, the frequency of observations and testing, and the possibility that geological boundaries may vary between observation points.

Groundwater observations and measurements outside of specially designed and constructed piezometers should be treated with care for the following reasons:

- In low permeability soils groundwater may not seep into an excavation or bore in the short time it is left open.
- A localised perched water table may not represent the true water table.
- Groundwater levels vary according to rainfall events or season.
- Some drilling and testing procedures mask or prevent groundwater inflow.

The installation of piezometers and long term monitoring of groundwater levels may be required to adequately identify groundwater conditions.

SUPPLY OF GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION OR TENDERING PURPOSES

It is recommended tenderers are provided with as much geological and geotechnical information that is available and that where there are uncertainties regarding the ground conditions, prospective tenders should be provided with comments discussing the range of likely conditions in addition to the investigation data.

APPENDIX A – BOREHOLE LOGS AND EXPLANATION SHEETS

Form: I1

Client: NSW Land & Housing Corporation		Project: 32265/7633D-G		BOREHOLE NO.: BH 2		
Project: 26-28 Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights		Date : June 5, 2023				
Location: Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711		Logged: IS Checked By: MT		Sheet 1 of 1		
W A T T A E B R L E	S A M P L E S	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION OF DRILLED PRODUCT Soil Name, grain size /plasticity, colour; secondary constituents (Inc. Description) , minor constituents including other remarks	S Y M B O L	CONSISTENCY (cohesive soils) or RELATIVE DENSITY (sands and gravels)	M O I S T U R E
	S2 @ 0.3 m	0.0	TOPSOIL: SANDY CLAY: fine to medium grained, brown, trace of gravel	CL	-	D
		0.1	SILTY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown, trace of gravel	CI	STIFF	D
		0.2				
		0.3				
		0.4				
		0.5				
		0.6				
		0.7				
		0.8				
		0.9				
U50	1.0	SANDY CLAY: fine to medium grained, brown, trace of gravel	CL	VERY STIFF	D	
	1.1					
	1.2					
	1.3					
	1.4					
	1.5					
	1.6					
	1.7					
	1.8					
	1.9					
	2.0	AUGER REFUSAL AT 2.0 M ON WEATHERED SANDSTONE				
	2.1					
	2.2					
	2.3					
	2.4					
	2.5					
	2.6					
	2.7					
	2.8					
	2.9					
3.0						
D - disturbed sample U - undisturbed tube sample B - bulk sample				Contractor: STS		
WT - level of water table or free water N - Standard Penetration Test (SPT)				Equipment: Christie		
S - jar sample				Hole Diameter (mm): 100		
NOTES: See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols				Angle from Vertical (°): 0		
				Drill Bit: Spiral		

Client: NSW Land & Housing Corporation		Project: 32265/7633D-G		BOREHOLE NO.: BH 3		
Project: 26-28 Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights		Date : June 5, 2023				
Location: Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711		Logged: IS Checked By: MT		Sheet 1 of 1		
W A T E R L E V E	S A M P L E S	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION OF DRILLED PRODUCT Soil Name, grain size /plasticity, colour; secondary constituents (Inc. Description) , minor constituents including other remarks	S Y M B O L	CONSISTENCY (cohesive soils) or RELATIVE DENSITY (sands and gravels)	M O I S T U R E
			TOPSOIL: SILTY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown, trace of gravel	CI	-	D
			SILTY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown, trace of gravel	CI	STIFF	D
	S3 @ 0.3 m	0.5				
		1.0	Grading to mottled red		VERY STIFF	
		1.5				
		2.0	Grading to grey with no gravel			
		2.5				
			BOREHOLE DISCONTINUED AT 3.0 M			
D - disturbed sample U - undisturbed tube sample B - bulk sample WT - level of water table or free water N - Standard Penetration Test (SPT) S - jar sample				Contractor: STS Equipment: Christie Hole Diameter (mm): 100		
NOTES: See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols				Angle from Vertical (°): 0 Drill Bit: Spiral		

Client: NSW Land & Housing Corporation		Project: 32265/7633D-G		BOREHOLE NO.: BH4		
Project: 26-28 Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights		Date : June 5, 2023				
Location: Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711		Logged: IS Checked By: MT		Sheet 1 of 1		
W A T E R L E V E	S A M P L E S	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION OF DRILLED PRODUCT Soil Name, grain size /plasticity, colour; secondary constituents (Inc. Description) , minor constituents including other remarks	S Y M B O L	CONSISTENCY (cohesive soils) or RELATIVE DENSITY (sands and gravels)	M O I S T U R E
			TOPSOIL: SANDY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown, with gravel	CI	–	D
			SILTY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown, with gravel	CL	STIFF	D
		0.5				
		1.0	Grading to mottled red			
		1.5				
		2.0	Grading to grey, no gravel			
		2.5				
			BOREHOLE DISCONTINUED AT 3.0M			
D - disturbed sample U - undisturbed tube sample B - bulk sample				Contractor: STS		
WT - level of water table or free water N - Standard Penetration Test (SPT)				Equipment: Christie		
S - jar sample				Hole Diameter (mm): 100		
NOTES: See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols				Angle from Vertical (°): 0		
				Drill Bit: Spiral		

Client: NSW Land & Housing Corporation		Project: 32265/7633D-G		BOREHOLE NO.: BH 5		
Project: 26-28 Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights		Date : June 5, 2023				
Location: Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711		Logged: IS Checked By: MT		Sheet 1 of 1		
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			TOPSOIL: SILTY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown, trace of gravel	CI	-	D
			SILTY CLAY: medium plasticity, brown/red, trace of gravel	CI	STIFF	D
		0.5				
		1.0	Grading to mottled red no gravel			
		1.5			VERY STIFF	
		2.0	Grading to grey with no gravel			
		2.5				
			BOREHOLE DISCONTINUED AT 3.0 M			
D - disturbed sample U - undisturbed tube sample B - bulk sample WT - level of water table or free water N - Standard Penetration Test (SPT) S - jar sample				Contractor: STS Equipment: Christie Hole Diameter (mm): 100		
NOTES: See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols				Angle from Vertical (°): 0 Drill Bit: Spiral		

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Test Report

Project: 26-28 STEVENAGE & 53 WELWYN ROADS, CANLEY HEIGHTS

Project No.: 32265/7633D-G

Client: NSW LAND & HOUSING CORPORATION

Report No.: 23/1710

Address: Level G, 12 Darcy Street. Parramatta

Report Date: 13/06/2023

Test Method: AS 1289.6.3.2

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Site No.	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	
Location	Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711	Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711	Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711	Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711	Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711	
Date Tested	5/6/2023	5/6/2023	5/6/2023	5/6/2023	5/6/2023	
Starting Level	Surface Level	Surface Level	Surface Level	Surface Level	Surface Level	
Depth (m)	Penetration Resistance (blows / 150mm)					
0.00 - 0.15	2	9	3	10	3	
0.15 - 0.30	5	13	3	15	7	
0.30 - 0.45	15	7	3	14	5	
0.45 - 0.60	13	5	2	9	4	
0.60 - 0.75	16	4	3	7	6	
0.75 - 0.90	16/D	11	3	5	4	
0.90 - 1.05	Bouncing	5/D	13	5	3	
1.05 - 1.20		Bouncing	11/D	6	3	
1.20 - 1.35			Bouncing	7	4	
1.35 - 1.50				8	5	
1.50 - 1.65				7/D	7	
1.65 - 1.80				Bouncing	12	
1.80 - 1.95					10/D	
1.95 - 2.10					Bouncing	
2.10 - 2.25						
2.25 - 2.40						
2.40 - 2.55						
2.55 - 2.70						
2.70 - 2.85						
2.85 - 3.00						
3.00 - 3.15						
3.15 - 3.30						
3.30 - 3.45						
3.45 - 3.60						
3.60 - 3.75						

Remarks: * Pre drilled prior to testing



Approved Signatory.....

Technician: IS

Orlando Mendoza - Laboratory Manager

DRILLING/EXCAVATION METHOD





HA	Hand Auger	ADH	Hollow Auger	NQ	Diamond Core - 47 mm
DT	Diatube Coring	RT	Rotary Tricone bit	NMLC	Diamond Core - 52 mm
NDD	Non-destructive digging	RAB	Rotary Air Blast	HQ	Diamond Core - 63 mm
AD*	Auger Drilling	RC	Reverse Circulation	HMLC	Diamond Core - 63 mm
*V	V-Bit	PT	Push Tube	EX	Tracked Hydraulic Excavator
*T	TC-Bit, e.g. AD/T	WB	Washbore	HAND	Excavated by Hand Methods

PENETRATION RESISTANCE

L	Low Resistance	Rapid penetration/ excavation possible with little effort from equipment used.
M	Medium Resistance	Penetration/ excavation possible at an acceptable rate with moderate effort from equipment used.
H	High Resistance	Penetration/ excavation is possible but at a slow rate and requires significant effort from equipment used.
R	Refusal/Practical Refusal	No further progress possible without risk of damage or unacceptable wear to equipment used.

These assessments are subjective and are dependent on many factors, including equipment power and weight, condition of excavation or drilling tools and experience of the operator.

WATER

	 Standing Water Level	 Partial water loss
	 Water Seepage	 Complete Water Loss
GWNO	GROUNDWATER NOT OBSERVED - Observation of groundwater, whether present or not, was not possible due to drilling water, surface seepage or cave-in of the borehole/ test pit.	
GWNE	GROUNDWATER NOT ENCOUNTERED - Borehole/ test pit was dry soon after excavation. However, groundwater could be present in less permeable strata. Inflow may have been observed had the borehole/ test pit been left open for a longer period.	

SAMPLING AND TESTING

SPT	Standard Penetration Testing to AS1289.6.3.3 2004
4,7,11 N=18	4,7,11 = Blows per 150mm. N = Blows per 300mm penetration following a 150mm seating drive
30/80mm	Where practical refusal occurs, the blows and penetration for that interval are reported, N is not reported
RW	Penetration occurred under the rod weight only, N<1
HW	Penetration occurred under the hammer and rod weight only, N<1
HB	Hammer double bouncing on anvil, N is not reported
Sampling	
S1	Jar sample – number indicates sample number
D	Disturbed Sample
B	Bulk disturbed Sample
U50	Thin walled tube sample - number indicates nominal sample diameter in millimetres
Testing	
PP	Pocket Penetrometer test expressed as instrument reading in kPa
DCP	Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (AS1289.6.3.1 1997)
PSP	Perth Sand Penetrometer (AS1289.6.3.2 1997)

GEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES

————— = Observed Boundary (Position known)	- - - - - = Observed Boundary (Position approximate)	- -? - -? - -? - = Boundary (Interpreted or inferred)
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ROCK CORE RECOVERY

TCR = Total Core Recovery (%)

$$= \frac{\text{Length of core recovered}}{\text{Length of core run}} \times 100$$

RQD = Rock Quality Designation (%)

$$= \frac{\sum \text{Axial lengths of core} > 100\text{mm}}{\text{Length of core run}} \times 100$$

METHOD OF SOIL DESCRIPTION USED ON BOREHOLE AND TEST PIT LOGS



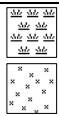
FILL



COUBLES or
BOULDERS



GRAVEL (GP or GW)



ORGANIC SOILS
(OL, OH or Pt)



SILT (ML or MH)

Combinations of these basic symbols may be used to indicate mixed materials such as sandy clay



CLAY (CL, CI or CH)



SAND (SP or SW)

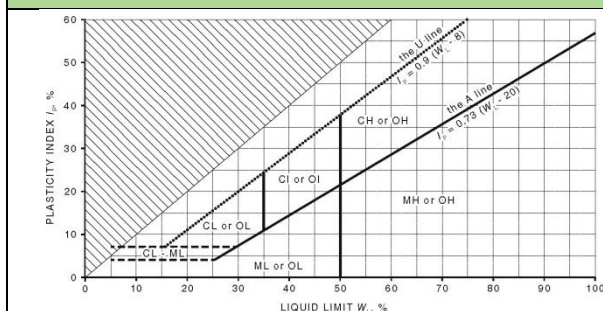
CLASSIFICATION AND INFERRED STRATIGRAPHY

Soil is broadly classified and described in Borehole and Test Pit Logs using the preferred method given in AS 1726:2017, Section 6.1 – Soil description and classification.

PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS

Fraction	Components	Sub Division	Size mm
Oversize	BOULDERS		>200
	COBBLES		63 to 200
Coarse grained soil	GRAVEL	Coarse	19 to 63
		Medium	6.7 to 19
		Fine	2.36 to 6.7
	SAND	Coarse	0.6 to 2.36
		Medium	0.21 to 0.6
		Fine	0.075 to 0.21
Fine grained soil	SILT		0.002 to 0.075
	CLAY		<0.002

PLASTICITY PROPERTIES



GROUP SYMBOLS

Major Divisions	Symbol	Description
COARSE GRAINED SOILS More than 65% of soil excluding oversize fraction is greater than 0.075mm	GRAVEL More than 50% of coarse fraction is >2.36mm	GW Well graded gravel and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines, no dry strength.
		GP Poorly graded gravel and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines, no dry strength.
		GM Silty gravel, gravel-sand-silt mixtures, zero to medium dry strength.
		GC Clayey gravel, gravel-sand-clay mixtures, medium to high dry strength.
	SAND More than 50% of coarse fraction is <2.36 mm	SW Well graded sand and gravelly sand, little or no fines, no dry strength.
		SP Poorly graded sand and gravelly sand, little or no fines, no dry strength.
		SM Silty sand, sand-silt mixtures, zero to medium dry strength.
		SC Clayey sand, sandy-clay mixtures, medium to high dry strength.
	FINE GRAINED SOILS More than 35% of soil excluding oversize fraction is less than 0.075mm	ML Inorganic silts of low plasticity, very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands, zero to medium dry strength.
		CL, CI Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, medium to high dry strength.
		OL Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity, low to medium dry strength.
		MH Inorganic silts of high plasticity, high to very high dry strength.
Highly Organic soil	CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, high to very high dry strength.
	OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, medium to high dry strength.
	PT	Peat muck and other highly organic soils.

MOISTURE CONDITION

Symbol	Term	Description
D	Dry	Non- cohesive and free running.
M	Moist	Soils feel cool, darkened in colour. Soil tends to stick together.
W	Wet	Soils feel cool, darkened in colour. Soil tends to stick together, free water forms when handling.

Moisture content of cohesive soils shall be described in relation to plastic limit (PL) or liquid limit (LL) for soils with higher moisture content as follows: Moist, dry of plastic limit ($w < PL$); Moist, near plastic limit ($w \approx PL$); Moist, wet of plastic limit ($w > PL$); Wet, near liquid limit ($w \approx LL$); Wet, wet of liquid limit ($w > LL$).

CONSISTENCY

Symbol	Term	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	SPT "N" #
VS	Very Soft	≤ 12	≤ 2
S	Soft	>12 to ≤ 25	>2 to ≤ 4
F	Firm	>25 to ≤ 50	>4 to ≤ 8
St	Stiff	>50 to ≤ 100	>8 to ≤ 15
VSt	Very Stiff	>100 to ≤ 200	>15 to ≤ 30
H	Hard	>200	>30
Fr	Friable	-	-

DENSITY

Symbol	Term	Density Index %	SPT "N" #
VL	Very Loose	≤ 15	0 to 4
L	Loose	>15 to ≤ 35	4 to 10
MD	Medium Dense	>35 to ≤ 65	10 to 30
D	Dense	>65 to ≤ 85	30 to 50
VD	Very Dense	>85	Above 50

In the absence of test results, consistency and density may be assessed from correlations with the observed behaviour of the material.

SPT correlations are not stated in AS1726:2017, and may be subject to corrections for overburden pressure, moisture content of the soil, and equipment type.

MINOR COMPONENTS

Term	Assessment Guide	Proportion by Mass
Add 'Trace'	Presence just detectable by feel or eye but soil properties little or no different to general properties of primary component	Coarse grained soils: $\leq 5\%$ Fine grained soil: $\leq 15\%$
Add 'With'	Presence easily detectable by feel or eye but soil properties little or no different to general properties of primary component	Coarse grained soils: 5 - 12% Fine grained soil: 15 - 30%
Prefix soil name	Presence easily detectable by feel or eye in conjunction with the general properties of primary component	Coarse grained soils: $>12\%$ Fine grained soil: $>30\%$

CLASSIFICATION AND INFERRED STRATIGRAPHY

Rock is broadly classified and described in Borehole and Test Pit Logs using the preferred method given in AS1726 – 2017, Section 6.2 – Rock identification, description and classification.

ROCK MATERIAL STRENGTH CLASSIFICATION

Symbol	Term	Point Load Index, $Is_{(50)}$ (MPa) #	Field Guide
VL	Very Low	0.03 to 0.1	Material crumbles under firm blows with sharp end of pick; can be peeled with knife; too hard to cut a triaxial sample by hand. Pieces up to 30 mm can be broken by finger pressure.
L	Low	0.1 to 0.3	Easily scored with a knife; indentations 1 mm to 3 mm show in the specimen with firm blows of pick point; has dull sound under hammer. A piece of core 150 mm long by 50 mm diameter may be broken by hand. Sharp edges of core may be friable and break during handling.
M	Medium	0.3 to 1	Readily scored with a knife; a piece of core 150 mm long by 50 mm diameter can be broken by hand with difficulty.
H	High	1 to 3	A piece of core 150 mm long by 50 mm diameter cannot be broken by hand but can be broken with pick with a single firm blow; rock rings under hammer.
VH	Very High	3 to 10	Hand specimen breaks with pick after more than one blow; rock rings under hammer.
EH	Extremely High	>10	Specimen requires many blows with geological pick to break through intact material; rock rings under hammer.

Rock Strength Test Results



Point Load Strength Index, $Is_{(50)}$, Axial test (MPa)



Point Load Strength Index, $Is_{(50)}$, Diametral test (MPa)

Relationship between rock strength test result ($Is_{(50)}$) and unconfined compressive strength (UCS) will vary with rock type and strength, and should be determined on a site-specific basis. However UCS is typically $20 \times Is_{(50)}$.

ROCK MATERIAL WEATHERING CLASSIFICATION

Symbol	Term	Field Guide
RS	Residual Soil	Soil developed on extremely weathered rock; the mass structure and substance fabric are no longer evident; there is a large change in volume but the soil has not been significantly transported.
XW	Extremely Weathered	Rock is weathered to such an extent that it has soil properties - i.e. it either disintegrates or can be remoulded, in water.
DW	HW	Rock strength usually changed by weathering. The rock may be highly discoloured, usually by iron staining. Porosity may be increased by leaching, or may be decreased due to deposition of weathering products in pores. In some environments it is convenient to subdivide into Highly Weathered and Moderately Weathered, with the degree of alteration typically less for MW.
	MW	
SW	Slightly Weathered	Rock slightly discoloured but shows little or no change of strength relative to fresh rock.
FR	Fresh	Rock shows no sign of decomposition or staining.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR ROCK MATERIAL AND DEFECTS

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DETAILED ROCK DEFECT SPACING

Defect Spacing			Bedding Thickness (Stratification)	
Spacing/width (mm)	Descriptor	Symbol	Term	Spacing (mm)
<20	Extremely Close	EC	Thinly laminated	<6
20-60	Very Close	VC	Laminated	6 – 20
60-200	Close	C	Very thinly bedded	20 – 60
200-600	Medium	M	Thinly bedded	60 – 200
600-2000	Wide	W	Medium bedded	200 – 600
2000-6000	Very Wide	VW	Thickly bedded	600 – 2,000
			Very thickly bedded	> 2,000

ABBREVIATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR DEFECT TYPES

Defect Type	Abbr.	Description
Joint	JT	Surface of a fracture or parting, formed without displacement, across which the rock has little or no tensile strength. May be closed or filled by air, water or soil or rock substance, which acts as cement.
Bedding Parting	BP	Surface of fracture or parting, across which the rock has little or no tensile strength, parallel or sub-parallel to layering/ bedding. Bedding refers to the layering or stratification of a rock, indicating orientation during deposition, resulting in planar anisotropy in the rock material.
Contact	CO	The surface between two types or ages of rock.
Sheared Surface	SSU	A near planar, curved or undulating surface which is usually smooth, polished or slickensided.
Sheared Seam/ Zone (Fault)	SS/SZ	Seam or zone with roughly parallel almost planar boundaries of rock substance cut by closely spaced (often <50 mm) parallel and usually smooth or slickensided joints or cleavage planes.
Crushed Seam/ Zone (Fault)	CS/CZ	Seam or zone composed of disoriented usually angular fragments of the host rock substance, with roughly parallel near-planar boundaries. The brecciated fragments may be of clay, silt, sand or gravel sizes or mixtures of these.
Extremely Weathered Seam/ Zone	XWS/XWZ	Seam of soil substance, often with gradational boundaries, formed by weathering of the rock material in places.
Infilled Seam	IS	Seam of soil substance, usually clay or clayey, with very distinct roughly parallel boundaries, formed by soil migrating into joint or open cavity.
Vein	VN	Distinct sheet-like body of minerals crystallised within rock through typically open-space filling or crack-seal growth.

NOTE: Defects size of <100mm SS, CS and XWS. Defects size of >100mm SZ, CZ and XWZ.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR DEFECT SHAPE AND ROUGHNESS

Shape	Abbr.	Description	Roughness	Abbr.	Description
Planar	PR	Consistent orientation	Polished	POL	Shiny smooth surface
Curved	CU	Gradual change in orientation	Slickensided	SL	Grooved or striated surface, usually polished
Undulating	UN	Wavy surface	Smooth	SM	Smooth to touch. Few or no surface irregularities
Stepped	ST	One or more well defined steps	Rough	RO	Many small surface irregularities (amplitude generally <1mm). Feels like fine to coarse sandpaper
Irregular	IR	Many sharp changes in orientation	Very Rough	VR	Many large surface irregularities, amplitude generally >1mm. Feels like very coarse sandpaper

Orientation:

Vertical Boreholes – The dip (inclination from horizontal) of the defect.

Inclined Boreholes – The inclination is measured as the acute angle to the core axis.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR DEFECT COATING

Coating	Abbr.	Description	Aperture	Abbr.	Description
Clean	CN	No visible coating or infilling	Closed	CL	Closed.
Stain	SN	No visible coating but surfaces are discoloured by staining, often limonite (orange-brown)	Open	OP	Without any infill material.
Veneer	VNR	A visible coating of soil or mineral substance, usually too thin to measure (< 1 mm); may be patchy	Infilled	-	Soil or rock i.e. clay, silt, talc, pyrite, quartz, etc.

APPENDIX B – LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

Shrink Swell Index Report

Project: 26-28 Stevenage & 53 Welwyn Roads, Canley Heights

Client: **NSW Land & Housing Corporation**

Address: Level G, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta 2150

Test Method: AS1289.7.1.1

Project No.: 32265

Report No.: 23/1761

Report Date: 19/06/2023

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Sampling Procedure: AS 1289.1.3.1 Clause 3.1.3.2 - Thin Walled Sampler

STS / Sample No.		7633D-L/1	7633D-L/2				
Sample Location		Borehole 1 Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711	Borehole 2 Refer to Drawing No. 23/1711				
Material Description		Silty Sandy Clay, grey brown/orange, trace of gravel	Silty Sandy Clay, grey brown/orange, trace of gravel				
Depth (m)		0.6 - 0.8	0.6 - 0.8				
Sample Date		5/06/2023	5/06/2023				
Shrink	Moisture Content (%)	14.3	19.6				
	Soil Crumbling	Nil	Nil				
	Extent of Cracking	Fine Cracks	Fine Cracks				
	Strain (%)	1.8	3.8				
Swell	Moisture Content Initial (%)	13.6	14.9				
	Moisture Content Final (%)	19.9	19.0				
	Strain (%)	6.5	3.4				
Inert Inclusions (%)		<25	<25				
Shrink Swell Index (%)		2.8	3.1				

Remarks:

Approved Signatory.....

Technician: DH

Orlando Mendoza - Laboratory Manager



CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Work Order	: ES2318757	Page	: 1 of 4
Client	: STS Geotechnics	Laboratory	: Environmental Division Sydney
Contact	: ENQUIRES STS	Contact	: Customer Services ES
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Project	: 30055/30060/32252/32265	Date Samples Received	: 06-Jun-2023 12:30
Order number	: 2023-205	Date Analysis Commenced	: 08-Jun-2023
C-O-C number	: ----	Issue Date	: 09-Jun-2023 18:59
Sampler	: IS, MB, MKS		
Site	: ----		
Quote number	: EN/222		
No. of samples received	: 7		
No. of samples analysed	: 7		



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- General Comments
- Analytical Results

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Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is carried out in compliance with procedures specified in 21 CFR Part 11.

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General Comments

The analytical procedures used by ALS have been developed from established internationally recognised procedures such as those published by the USEPA, APHA, AS and NEPM. In house developed procedures are fully validated and are often at the client request.

Where moisture determination has been performed, results are reported on a dry weight basis.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

When sampling time information is not provided by the client, sampling dates are shown without a time component. In these instances, the time component has been assumed by the laboratory for processing purposes.

Where a result is required to meet compliance limits the associated uncertainty must be considered. Refer to the ALS Contract for details.

Key : CAS Number = CAS registry number from database maintained by Chemical Abstracts Services. The Chemical Abstracts Service is a division of the American Chemical Society.
LOR = Limit of reporting
^ = This result is computed from individual analyte detections at or above the level of reporting
ø = ALS is not NATA accredited for these tests.
~ = Indicates an estimated value.



Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: SOIL
 (Matrix: SOIL)

Sample ID

				30055/8956	30060/1792	32252/BH4-S1	32252/BH2-S2	32265/S1
Sampling date / time				05-Jun-2023 00:00	05-Jun-2023 00:00	05-Jun-2023 00:00	05-Jun-2023 00:00	05-Jun-2023 00:00
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES2318757-001	ES2318757-002	ES2318757-003	ES2318757-004	ES2318757-005
				Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
EA002: pH 1:5 (Soils)								
pH Value	----	0.1	pH Unit	8.4	7.5	7.6	7.5	5.2
EA010: Conductivity (1:5)								
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	----	1	µS/cm	131	225	84	28	58
EA055: Moisture Content (Dried @ 105-110°C)								
Moisture Content	----	0.1	%	9.6	13.4	18.4	15.8	8.3
ED040S : Soluble Sulfate by ICPAES								
Sulfate as SO4 2-	14808-79-8	10	mg/kg	20	160	10	20	30
ED045G: Chloride by Discrete Analyser								
Chloride	16887-00-6	10	mg/kg	----	----	<10	60	40



Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: SOIL (Matrix: SOIL)				Sample ID	32265/S2	32265/S3	----	----	----
Sampling date / time					05-Jun-2023 00:00	05-Jun-2023 00:00	----	----	----
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit		ES2318757-006	ES2318757-007	-----	-----	-----
				Result	Result		----	----	----
EA002: pH 1:5 (Soils)									
pH Value	----	0.1	pH Unit		7.4	5.5	----	----	----
EA010: Conductivity (1:5)									
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	----	1	µS/cm		66	50	----	----	----
EA055: Moisture Content (Dried @ 105-110°C)									
Moisture Content	----	0.1	%		9.7	5.7	----	----	----
ED040S : Soluble Sulfate by ICPAES									
Sulfate as SO4 2-	14808-79-8	10	mg/kg		<10	40	----	----	----
ED045G: Chloride by Discrete Analyser									
Chloride	16887-00-6	10	mg/kg		20	20	----	----	----