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## HYDROGEOLOGICAL IMPACT APPRAISAL OF OPEN CUT CROSSING, ALLTAMI BROOK

HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline DCO

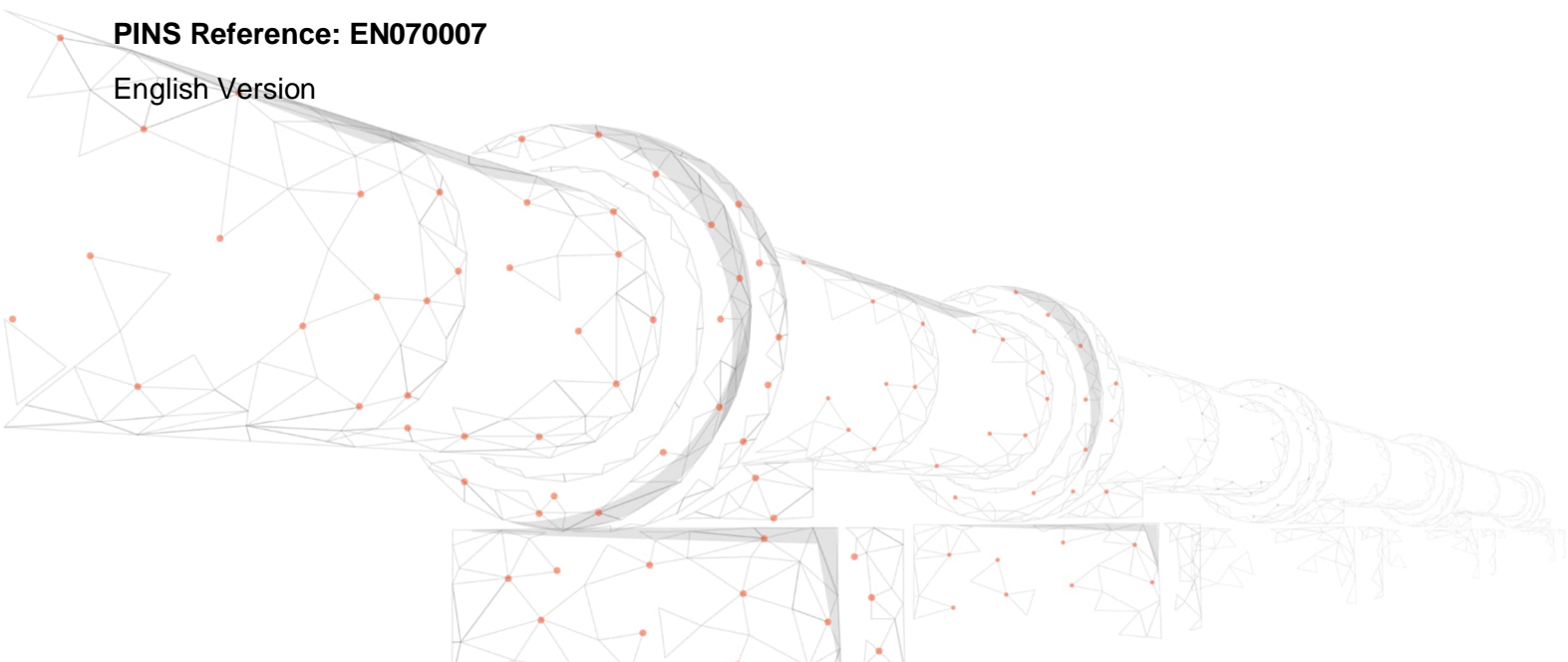
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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An open-cut crossing across the Alltami Brook is proposed as part of the HyNet North West project. The crossing is required to allow for a pipeline to be installed which will be used to transport carbon dioxide. The planning consent for the project is being applied for under a Development Consent Order (DCO) that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the PA 2008'). The Application relates to the Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipeline which constitutes the DCO Proposed Development.

During the consultation process for the DCO, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has expressed concerns regarding the potential effects that the open-cut approach may have on water resources, and subsequently the possibility of a detrimental impact to the Water Framework Directive (WFD) status of the Wepre Brook surface water body. NRW's primary concern is that the proposed open-cut crossing method could ultimately result in a loss of flow from the Alltami Brook to bedrock, (e.g., through cracks, faults, fissures, and joints), either in the short or long term. NRW also considers that any former mine workings in the vicinity of the proposed crossing point may also be a potential receptor of flow which is lost from the Alltami Brook. In turn, this loss of flow could cause a deterioration of hydromorphology, water quality and ecological elements downstream, resulting in the negative impact to WFD status.

To address NRW's concerns a Hydrogeological Impact Appraisal (HIA) has been prepared. The objectives of the HIA are to develop a conceptual understanding of the groundwater flow regime at the Alltami Brook; to consider the potential effects from construction and operation of the pipeline; and to identify key uncertainties in the understanding of site conditions under different flow scenarios. The HIA is informed by baseline information that was collected from multiple, relevant sources including geological maps, memoirs, reports, online resources, historic borehole logs, and field information (observations and photos from walkovers).

The preliminary conceptual site model indicates that, based on the current level of understanding, there is likely to be an upwards hydraulic gradient from the bedrock aquifers into the Alltami Brook. The key lines of evidence for this are as follows:

- site walkover observations indicating that the made ground (which sits above the bedrock) is discharging water into the Alltami Brook;
- recorded water levels in nearby historic boreholes in the bedrock (same or similar geology) indicating an upwards water pressure following water strikes;
- literature information states that the bedrock aquifers are primarily driven by fracture flow which is laterally discontinuous leading to a 'compartmentalised' groundwater flow regime;
- there is no evidence of flow loss along the fault line (running perpendicular and parallel) that follows the route of the Alltami Brook, where fracturing would be expected to be substantial; and
- there is a widening of the watercourse in the area of the fault, without any surface water tributary contributing to flow in the watercourse i.e., there is a groundwater baseflow contribution (site observation).

The presence of nearby historic mine workings is also discounted as a possible receptor in terms of acting as a recipient of discharge. The age and shallow depth of the workings suggest any remaining mine voids would be saturated or otherwise have returned to a state of equilibrium. Unsaturated mine voids (i.e., which could act as a recipient of flow) situated hydraulically downgradient of the preferred open cut crossing point are very unlikely based on available information. Additionally, geophysical survey undertaken offers no indication of open mine voids being present.

The conceptual site model considers the potential effects of the preliminary design of the open-cut crossing, which will be excavated into the bedrock. At this stage, there is no evidence of fracturing or fissuring in the bedrock at the preferred crossing point. Based on the conceptual site model, any groundwater flow encountered during the excavation of the trench would be upwards from the underlying bedrock, rather than vertically downwards from the watercourse.

Given NRW's concerns in relation to loss of flow in the watercourse through fractures and fissures, a geotechnical ground investigation will be implemented as part of the detailed design. Should the findings of the ground investigation demonstrate that there is evidence of fracturing etc. with potential high permeability flow zones, then the scheme design will incorporate additional mitigation to reduce the risk of 'flowing features'. Such works would normally include a form of grouting (permeation grouting or jet grouting) to effectively 'cut-off' flow in the targeted bedrock zone. The design of such works will depend on the findings of the investigation but is a commonly applied method of ground treatment.

The risk of washout of grout, also highlighted as a concern by NRW, can be reduced by using appropriate grout materials and/or accelerators during construction. The long-term performance (degradation) of the grout within a fissure is also considered unlikely as the grout will within the rock mass surrounding the structure, and fractures and fissures will be sealed. Effectively, a low permeability plug within the bedrock would be created, eliminating flow zones in the bedrock at the open-cut crossing location. A concrete slab placed over the pipeline installation and a reinstated riverbed would reduce potential scour / erosion effects. The reconstituted riverbed would be monitored in accordance with an agreed inspection plan during the lifespan of the project to confirm the integrity of the structure.

The conceptual site model identifies some uncertainties, such as the exact relationship between the Alltami Brook and the surrounding groundwater level of the bedrock aquifer in terms of its seasonal variability and any possible change in hydraulic gradient which may occur. However, due to the laterally discontinuous fracture flow conditions and the design mitigation this is considered to have limited consequences at this stage. Additionally, under normal conditions the relationship is expected to be that of a gaining watercourse in term of groundwater baseflow component. The presence (and extent) of fracturing at the preferred crossing location is also currently not confirmed, however is also considered manageable due to the design features and grouting approach.

The HIA is sufficiently developed at this stage to demonstrate that there is not considered to be a mechanism present that would allow a significant loss of flow from the Alltami Brook, either in the short or long term.

For this reason, the DCO Proposed Development is not considered by the Applicant to be a risk to impacting the WFD status of the Wepre Brook surface water body and is considered by the Applicant to be WFD compliant.

A ground investigation which is sufficiently scoped to address the uncertainties in the current conceptual understanding could be undertaken to inform the detailed design if required.

This would be informed through consultation with NRW and the design team, including specialist geotechnical contractors with an expertise in dewatering and geotechnical grouting.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1. This document has been prepared on behalf of Liverpool Bay CCS Limited ('the Applicant') and relates to an application ('the Application') for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the PA 2008'). The Application relates to the Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipeline which constitutes the DCO Proposed Development.

## 1.2. REPORT CONTEXT

- 1.2.1. During the consultation process, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has expressed concerns about the proposed open cut crossing at the Alltami Brook, the potential effects that this may have on water resources, and the possibility of that impacting Water Framework Directive (WFD) status of the Wepre Brook surface water body.
- 1.2.2. In particular, reference 2.5 of their Written Representations and Response to ExA's ExQ1 submission received for Deadline 1 **[REP1-071]**, states *'Specifically, NRW considers that there is a risk that excavating bedrock for the proposed Alltami Brook open-cut crossing could create a pathway for surface water to be lost to the ground/contaminated mine workings via disturbance, cracks, faults and joints between proposed bedrock removal and concrete backfill, even with the grouting of any fissures/fractures found and backfill of existing bed material; this could cause water courses to dry up downstream of the open-cut crossing, including Wepre Brook. This loss of flow may occur in the short- or long-term, for example if the grouting was to deteriorate over many years. Such flow losses, and any resultant contaminated mine water upwelling elsewhere, are difficult to address in the long term and could cause deterioration of hydromorphology, water quality and ecological elements downstream'*. Section 2.9 of their Written Representation **[REP1-071]** goes on to advise that *'The applicant proposes to address these concerns through assessment, monitoring, and adaptive mitigation at the detailed design phase, and argues that the mitigation measures would be technically and financially feasible. Based on the lack of available site-specific information for Alltami Brook NRW cannot currently advise whether or not this is correct'*.
- 1.2.3. With regards to the potential dewatering required during construction of the crossing, Section 7.4 of the NRW Written Representations submitted at Deadline 1 **[REP1-071]** states that *'the hydrogeological relationship between the made ground, the bedrock, and the superficial sediments in the vicinity of the Alltami Brook crossing point are therefore currently undefined'*, and that *'an understanding of local hydrogeological conditions is relevant to understanding the nature of dewatering works that may be required at this location'*.

- 1.2.4. The Applicant has acknowledged these concerns in its response to the Written Representations at Deadline 2 **[REP2-041]** and recognises that further work is required to support this aspect of the DCO Proposed Development. Consequently, and in order to promote further dialogue with NRW, this report has been prepared to present the current understanding of the hydrogeological conditions, to identify key areas of uncertainty in this understanding, and to explore the consequences of these in relation to potential impacts on surface water flow in the Alltami Brook (and other potential associated impacts as described in NRW's responses).

### **1.3. OBJECTIVES**

- 1.3.1. The objectives of the hydrogeological appraisal are to develop the conceptual understanding of the groundwater flow regime in and around the catchment of the Alltami Brook; to highlight key areas of uncertainty in this understanding; and to consider the potential effects on the watercourse from the proposed construction (and subsequent operation) of an open cut crossing in the channel bed of the Alltami Brook.
- 1.3.2. It is intended that the report is used to clearly set out the Applicant's reasoning for why the proposed open cut crossing approach does not represent a risk to WFD status of the Wepre Brook waterbody. Additionally, it will aim to identify the uncertainties in the conceptual understanding in order for them to be addressed through the commitment for site-specific ground investigation and monitoring (at the detailed design stage).

### **1.4. APPROACH**

- 1.4.1. The approach to developing the conceptual understanding of the groundwater regime has been undertaken in general accordance with established principles for developing conceptual models as published in regulatory guidance (**Ref 3**). The conceptual model considers the DCO Proposed Development during construction and operational stages, with reference to NRW's concerns relating to the current understanding of hydrogeological conditions at the site.
- 1.4.2. The conceptual model is the framework for identifying and describing the uncertainties in our understanding and will help determine the requirements for further data collection and assessment. It recognises that the information used will often be incomplete and that realistic and justifiable assumptions need to be made. In line with published guidance, the development of the conceptual model is an iterative process, which will be updated as more site-specific information becomes available through ground investigation or surveys undertaken at detailed design. The HIA review process will be progressed through commitment D-WR-035 of the OCEMP **[REP4-237]** which requires a Dewatering Management Plan. This will be secured through Requirement 5 of the dDCO **[REP4-008]**.

## 1.5. INFORMATION EXAMINED

1.5.1. The information used to inform this report includes:

- Technical Note – Wepre Brook Crossing, EniProgetti, April 2022 **[REP4-120 to REP4-129]**
- D.6.3.11.2 Environmental Statement (ES) – Appendix 11.2 Coal Mining Risk Assessment – Part 9 **[REP4-128]**
- D.6.3.11.2 Environmental Statement (ES) – Appendix 11.2 Coal Mining Risk Assessment – Part 1 **[REP4-120]**
- Geological maps (1:10,000 and 1:50,000 scale), British Geological Survey (BGS), 1990 and 1999 **(Ref 4 and Ref 5)**
- Geological memoir for the country around Flint (map sheet 108), BGS, 2004 **(Ref 8)**
- Deeside (North Wales) thematic geological mapping, technical report, BGS, 1988 **(Ref 7)**
- Hydrogeology of Wales technical report, BGS, 2015 **(Ref 1)**
- Field information from site visits undertaken on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2023
- Parrys Quarry Landfill Hydrogeological Risk Assessment. Rep. White Rock Geo-Environmental Ltd. 2020 **(Ref 2)**

## 1.6. LIMITATIONS

1.6.1. This report is based on preliminary designs and mitigation based on details available at the end of May 2023. Should the assumptions and/or understanding of the site conditions stated within the report materially change as new information or data is presented, then this report should be reviewed and updated accordingly.

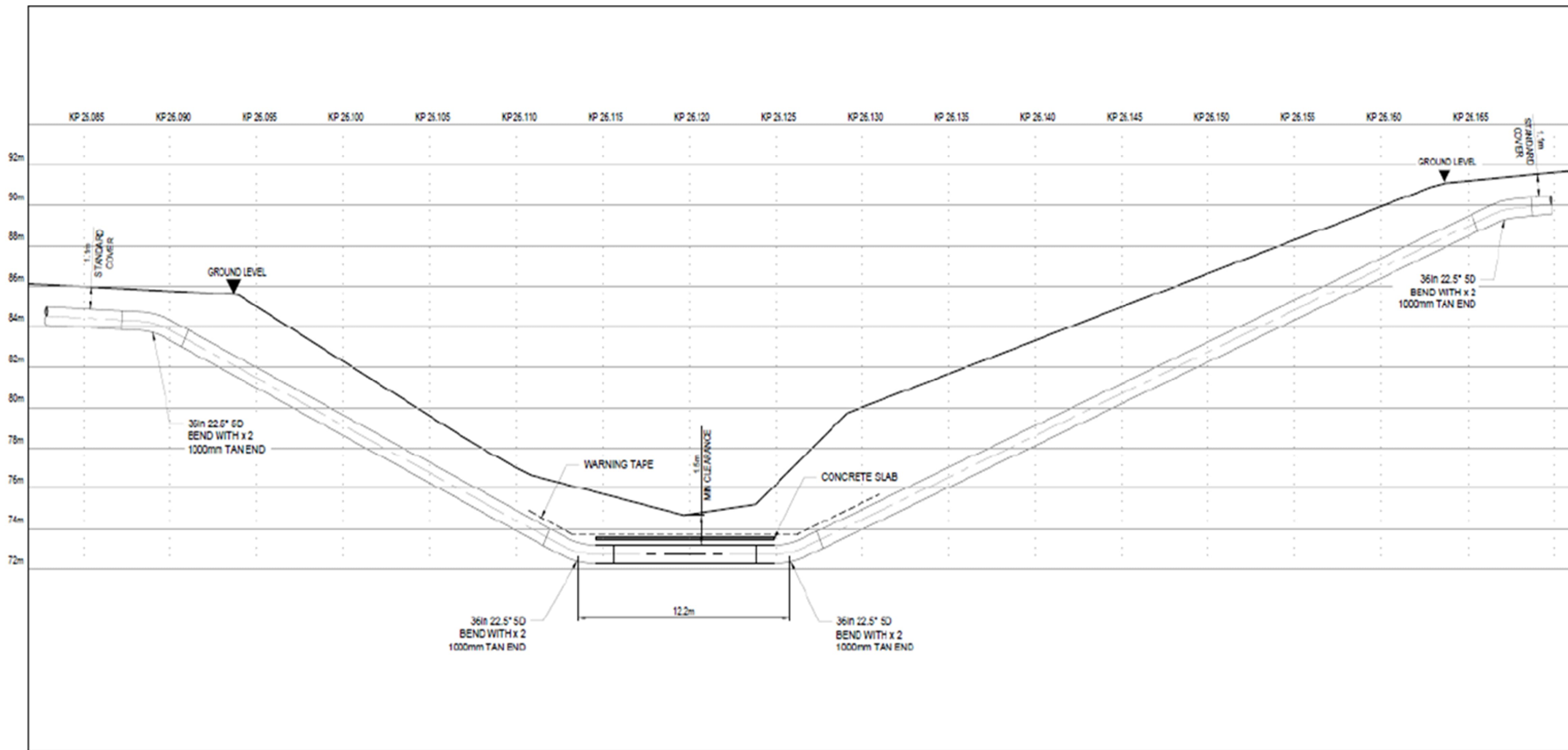
1.6.2. It should be noted that this report does not assess the potential impact of the embedded pipe bridge crossing option (PS25) as this option has been assessed separately in the 2023 Environmental Statement Addendum Change Request 2 **[CR2-017]**.

## 1.7. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

1.7.1. Various methods have been considered for the construction of the pipeline crossing of Alltami Brook, including the open cut option, which is the preferred option by the Applicant. It is noted that open cut methods are usually simpler, safer, and require less complex construction tools and planning to execute than other pipeline installation methods as outlined in Technical Note – Wepre Brook Crossing, EniProgetti, April 2022 **[REP4-120 to REP4-129]**.

1.7.2. An indicative preliminary design is presented in **Figure 1.1**.

Figure 1.1: Preliminary design for open-trenched Alltami Brook crossing approach





## **CONSTRUCTION STAGE**

- 1.7.3. During the construction stage, excavations will be required along the banks and within the Alltami Brook to lay the pipeline. The likely maximum depth of the excavation beneath the watercourse is approximately 4 metres below ground level (mbgl) and the maximum width of the excavation parallel to the pipeline is expected to be 4 m.
- 1.7.4. The pipeline will be laid upon bedrock and surrounded by bedding material (i.e., sand/gravel). Any visibly identified significant fractures within the excavation would be sealed with grout to prevent any future water ingress. Potential washout of grout would be controlled by appropriate grout materials and/or accelerators to ensure rapid gel setting and strength gain. A concrete slab will be constructed in-situ above the pipeline to protect it from scour over its lifetime. The slab will then be covered with the reinstated bedrock from the watercourse to recreate the natural bed of the watercourse as closely as possible. During detailed design the Construction Contractor will consider the most appropriate specifications for concrete design and any permeation grouting in accordance with industry standards (e.g., BS EN 12715:2020).
- 1.7.5. During construction, the stream flow would be maintained by installing a temporary culvert across the open cut or diverting the stream to the side and sequencing excavations. The temporary diversion will prevent water from entering the works area, allowing excavation of the bedrock under 'dry' conditions. Any minor residual seeps entering the working area will be pumped to a settling tank from where it will be re-introduced to the stream. Appropriate consents/permits will be obtained from NRW prior to works commencing. After reinstatement, the stream would be returned to its original hydraulic conditions.

## **OPERATIONAL STAGE**

- 1.7.6. In the operational stage, the top of the pipeline is expected to lie approximately 1.5 m below the base of the watercourse with the concrete slab placed above the pipeline. It is expected that the concrete slab would be integrated with the new riverbed. The fill material surrounding the pipeline is expected to be sand/gravel backfill.



## **2. SITE SETTING AND CHARACTERISTICS**

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### **2.1. INTRODUCTION**

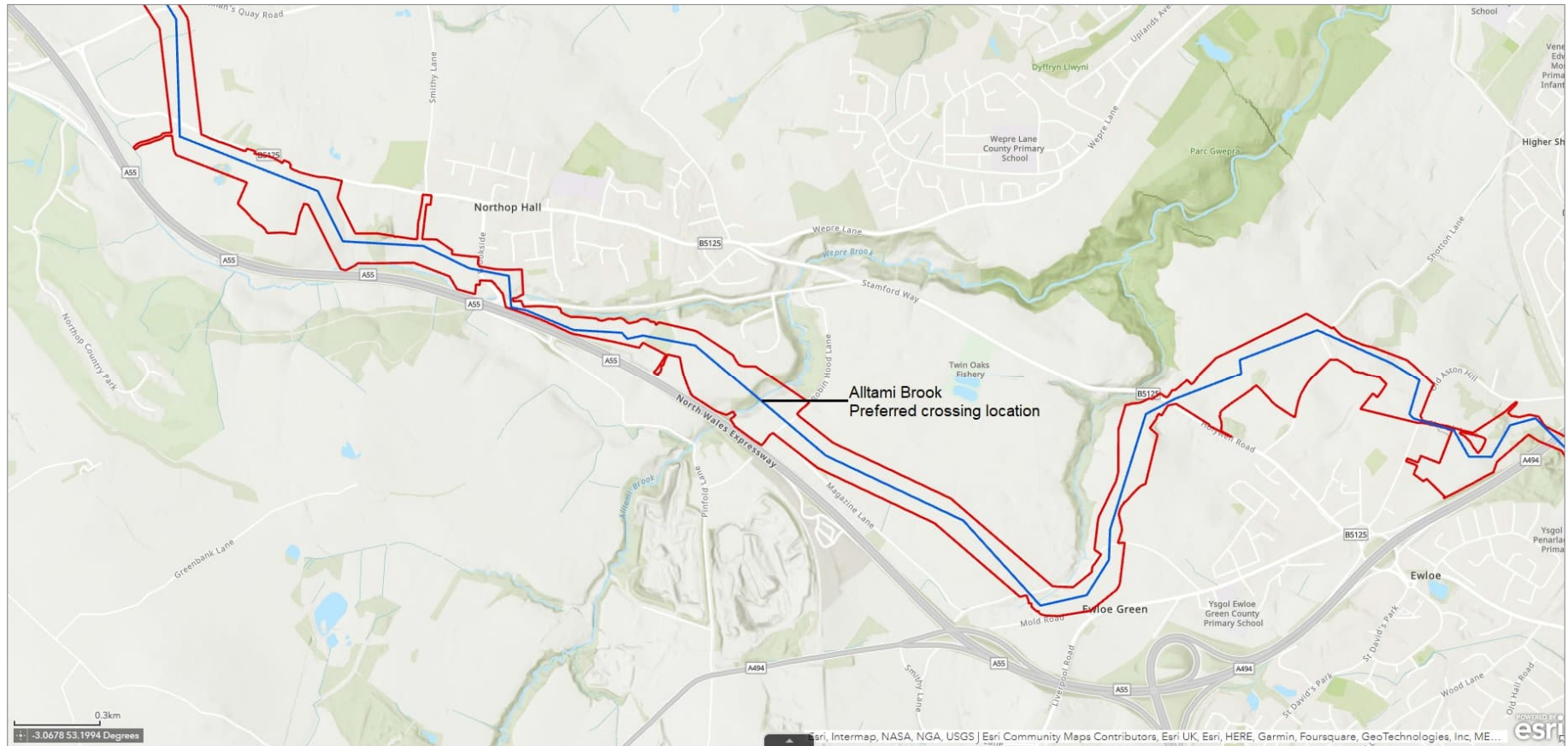
- 2.1.1. This section presents the baseline information and site setting, including the location, topography, details of site walkovers, geology, hydrogeology, and hydrology as well as relevant anthropogenic influences i.e., coal mining history.

### **2.2. SITE LOCATION**

- 2.2.1. The preferred location for crossing the Alltami Brook via open cut construction is located northwest of land at Pinfold Lane, Hawarden, Northop Hall, Flintshire, Wales, CH7 6LE.
- 2.2.2. The preferred crossing location is in a rural setting between the villages of Northop Hall and Mold and is approximately 200 m northeast of the A55. The preferred crossing location and setting are shown in Figure 2.1.
- 2.2.3. There is an approximately 200 m stretch of the Alltami Brook within which the river crossing could be built within the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary (shown in Figure 2.1). Within the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary the preferred open cut crossing location from an engineering perspective is near NGR SJ 27650 67144. This is the crossing location that is considered within this report although the crossing could be located anywhere within the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary.

### **2.3. TOPOGRAPHY**

- 2.3.1. The preferred crossing location is located at the bottom of a steep sided valley with an elevation of approximately 78 metres above Ordnance Datum (mAOD). The ground elevation rises to 92 mAOD in the northwest and 87 mAOD in the southeast towards Pinfold Lane.



**Figure 2.1. Preferred crossing location and setting around the Alltami Brook**

## **2.4. SITE OBSERVATIONS**

- 2.4.1. Two site walkovers were undertaken by the Applicant on the 14th and 27th March 2023. The photographs and details are provided in Annex A and the main outcomes of the site visits are discussed throughout this report.

## **2.5. GEOLOGY**

### **INFORMATION USED**

- 2.5.1. The geological setting has been characterised using the 1:50,000 scale geological map sheet 108 (Flint) (**Ref 5**), 1:10,000 scale geological map sheet no. SJ26NE (**Ref 4**), the geological memoir associated with map sheet 108 (**Ref 8**), and various BGS technical reports (**Ref 7 and Ref 1**).

### **MADE GROUND AND SUPERFICIAL DEPOSITS**

- 2.5.2. The BGS geological maps do not record made ground at the preferred crossing location. However, made ground was observed to be present during the site walkovers along the eastern bank (see walkover photos in Annex A) and whilst it is assumed to be material resulting from the construction of the A55, the origin of this is not confirmed.
- 2.5.3. The geological map indicates that there are no superficial deposits underlying the Alltami Brook in the reach that is situated within the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary (bedrock shown to be present at outcrop in site walkover photos – see Annex A). There are none recorded until approximately 0.7 km upstream of the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary, and none downstream, until close to the edge of the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary, where glaciofluvial deposits are recorded as present. Further up the banks to the northwest and southeast (30-40 m uphill from the preferred crossing location), glacial till (a mixture of clay, sand, gravel, and boulders) is present and as shown on the maps, is widespread in the region.
- 2.5.4. Landslide features are also present approximately 150 m southeast of the preferred crossing location according to BGS map data. These are formed by the relatively rapid movement of a mass of rock, earth or debris down a slope. The material of landslip is dependent on the nature of the upslope material and the type of slip failure (**Ref 6**).

### **BEDROCK GEOLOGY**

- 2.5.5. According to the geological map, the preferred crossing location overlies the Gwespyr Sandstone, which is further underlain by the Bowland Shale Formation (both form part of the Millstone Grit Group).
- 2.5.6. Further upstream and downstream (15-20 m) of the preferred crossing location and in the surrounding area, the Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation is situated beneath the made ground and superficial deposits.

The Middle and Lower Coal Measures Formations of the Pennine Coal Measures Group in the region were formerly targeted for coal mining (see Section 2.6).

- 2.5.7. The region is heavily faulted and the closest mapped geological fault to the preferred crossing location is located approximately 50 m upstream of the preferred crossing location (within the Order Limits, towards the A55). This fault dips towards the southwest and uplifts the older Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation. There is another fault located approximately 135 m downstream of the preferred crossing location (slightly north of the Order Limits), which dips towards the southeast and uplifts the Gwespvr Sandstone. This fault runs approximately along the corridor of the Alltami Brook for approximately 80 m.
- 2.5.8. The BGS geological maps and the Coal Authority’s (CA) coal mining report indicate that there are no faults expected to be present at the preferred open cut crossing location. However, it is recognised that there may be unmapped faults or faults beneath the surface where difficult to ascertain.
- 2.5.9. The Hollin Rock Member of the Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation and the Etruria Formation of the Warwickshire Group (formerly known as the Red Measures) both outcrop beneath the superficial deposits approximately 50 m southwest of the preferred crossing location, west of the closest fault.
- 2.5.10. The geological sequence and lithological description of the strata is summarised in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1: Geological sequence and lithological descriptions**

Group	Formation	Lithological Description	Expected Thickness*
<b>Warwickshire Group</b>	Etruria Formation – mudstone, sandstone, and conglomerate	Red, purple, brown, ochreous, green, grey and commonly mottled mudstone, with lenticular sandstones and conglomerates (generally lacking coal)	~100 m
	Etruria Formation – sandstone		
<b>Pennine Coal Measures Group</b>	Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation	Interbedded grey mudstone, siltstone, pale grey sandstone and commonly coal seams	~100 m
	Hollin Rock Member (sandstone) of the Middle Coal Measures Formation	Sandstone locally interbedded with thin mudstones. The Hollin Rock Member represents a widespread deltic sandstone body, or series of bodies, within the Flintshire Coalfield	~100 m

Group	Formation	Lithological Description	Expected Thickness*
	Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation	Interbedded grey mudstone, siltstone and pale grey sandstone, commonly with mudstones and more numerous and thicker coal seams	~100 m
<b>Millstone Grit Group</b>	Gwespyr Sandstone Formation	Fine-grained, feldspathic and micaceous sandstones, cross-stratified on a variety of scales, with conglomerate-lined scours and intercalated siltstone and mudstone beds.	~150 m
	Bowland Shale Formation	Mainly dark grey fissile and blocky mudstone, weakly calcareous, with subordinate sequences of interbedded limestone and sandstone	~120 m

\*Based on BGS Map Sheet 108 Flint

## CROSS AND LONG SECTIONS

2.5.11. Cross and long sections of the geology are included in Annex B.

## 2.6. COAL MINING HISTORY

### OVERVIEW

- 2.6.1. The preferred crossing location is located within the North Wales Coalfield, which includes the Park Hill Colliery and Magazine Lane Colliery located east of the Alltami Brook. BGS borehole records indicate that the two collieries were present in this area at different times. The collieries were located east and west of Pinfold Lane and along Magazine Lane.
- 2.6.2. Appendix 11.2: Coal Mining Risk Assessment - Part 1 of the ES **[REP4-120]** indicates that the mines were developed in the 1930s and 1940s. The mine abandonment plan for Park Hill Colliery shows the entrance adit north of the route corridor (Appendix 11.2: Coal Mining Risk Assessment – Part 9 of the ES **[REP4-128]**). The adit extends northwards and targets coal seams at several depths. The total depth of the mine below ground is not confirmed; however, a newspaper article from 1947 records that operations were undertaken at the Park Hill Colliery to a depth of 150 ft (~45 m) below ground level.
- 2.6.3. Other adits are shown on the BGS 1:10 000 geological map to the northeast of the preferred crossing location. However, these were not observed during the site walkovers. Furthermore, there was no visual evidence of mine water discharges (i.e., iron ochre) occurring as groundwater seepages

either along the landslip zone, or in the actual river valley. On this basis, it is considered that the adits shown on the map are possibly buried beneath the made ground and in the absence of any discharges could be 'dry' and/or capped off. There are no mine water treatment schemes in the area that would indicate active groundwater management in these mine workings.

- 2.6.4. The mine plans for the Magazine Lane Colliery indicate an adit access parallel to Magazine Lane and running north-eastwards. The majority of this mine extends out under Magazine Lane in the direction of the A55. Mining of this area occurred in the 1940s and with an adit predominantly targeting the Premier Coal at 7.3 mbgl (Appendix 11.2: Coal Mining Risk Assessment – Part 1 of the ES [REP4-120]).

### **GEOPHYSICAL SITE INVESTIGATION**

- 2.6.5. A geophysical ground investigation was undertaken by the Applicant in January and February 2022 to identify the presence of void spaces resulting from historical mining activity. Surveys were undertaken within the field to the northeast of the preferred crossing location, where made ground is present, and along Pinfold Lane.
- 2.6.6. BGS maps (Ref 5, 6) and the CA's Consultants Coal Mining Report (appended to Appendix 11.2: Coal Mining Risk Assessment – Part 1 of the ES [REP4-120]), however, indicate that there are no faults, shallow workings, or probable shallow workings at the preferred crossing location. Further, the results of the geophysics provide no indication of voids of shallow coal mining across the area. However, the Northop Hall Mine Workings Geophysical Ground Investigation report [REP4-128] notes that if the workings have been backfilled with the same material as the surface material, then it may be difficult to differentiate between natural and made ground areas.
- 2.6.7. An area of fenced off trees is present towards the northeast corner of the field in which geophysical surveys were undertaken (northeast of the preferred crossing location), which was the suspected location of mine adits [REP4-128] (Geophysical Ground Investigation. This correlates with the historic mine plans of an adit/shaft location, although, this area is located over 100 m northeast of the crossing location and is not expected to be of concern for the purposes of this report. Additionally, the presence of trees in this area is not conducive to the presence of open mine voids.
- 2.6.8. The geophysical survey did not find any evidence that there are shallow mining related void spaces beneath the Alltami Brook. This is considered unlikely in any case, as mines did not normally extend directly beneath rivers due to the risk of flooding and difficulties in controlling potential inflows to the mine.



## 2.7. HYDROGEOLOGY

### AQUIFER PROPERTIES AND GROUNDWATER FLOW

#### **Made Ground and Superficial Deposits**

- 2.7.1. The made ground present to the east of Alltami Brook at the preferred crossing location does not have an aquifer designation. Additionally, its composition and hydraulic properties are not currently known, though due to the prevalence of glacial till in the area it may have comparable composition and hydraulic properties. However, during the site walkover by the Applicant on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 (photos provided in Annex A), it was observed that the made ground was near-saturated with evidence of extensive surface water puddling. This suggests that a perched water table is present within the made ground, which is likely to be responsive to rainfall events. In areas of made ground where the material predominantly comprises low permeability clays, recharge may also runoff e.g., via the observed areas of surface water puddling. Although the composition of glacial till predominantly comprises low permeability clays, perched water is expected to be present within sand and gravel lenses.
- 2.7.2. Glacial till is designated as a Secondary (undifferentiated) aquifer, which is a classification given to aquifers that are generally unproductive. The glacial till predominately comprises low permeability clays and typically does not support local water supplies or provide significant baseflow. The glacial till can act as a layer which inhibits recharge to the Permo-Triassic Sandstone aquifer.
- 2.7.3. The glacial till is also a limiting factor for recharge to the bedrock aquifers underlying it, though some recharge is expected to occur (especially in areas of elevated permeability).

#### **Warwickshire Group – Etruria Formation**

- 2.7.4. The mudstones and sandstones of the Etruria Formation generally have low primary permeabilities. This means that water movement occurs within joints and fractures. Recharge to the sandstones occurs via infiltration of rainfall where the formation outcrops at surface or through fault blocks.

#### **Pennine Coal Measures Group – Lower and Middle Coal Measures Formations**

- 2.7.5. The Lower Coal Measures Formation and Middle Coal Measures Formation of the Pennine Coal Measures Group are also designated as Secondary A aquifers in the region (**Ref 1**). These strata are expected to behave as a multi-layered aquifer system in which lower permeability mudstones act as aquicludes between sandstone aquifer horizons. Both the mudstones and sandstones are expected to be well cemented with minimal primary porosity (**Ref 12**). Groundwater flow within these strata will therefore predominately occur within joints, fractures and fissures. Such flow may occur at depths up

to 250 mbgl with fracturing often having been enhanced by mining subsidence (**Ref 12**). Groundwater movement will be controlled by the connectivity of these features, and in some instances will be compartmentalised (due to faulting).

- 2.7.6. Recharge is via rainfall where the formation outcrops or through fault blocks and former mine workings that may by-pass natural pathways. It is considered that direct recharge is limited where there is widespread glacial till coverage. Lateral groundwater movement and recharge is also considered to be limited as the hydraulic continuity is restricted by extensive faulting, which divides the aquifer into isolated blocks (**Ref 12**). Historic coal mine workings may also act as sinks and pathways for groundwater movement to occur.
- 2.7.7. There is limited information on groundwater levels for the Coal Measures Group at the preferred crossing location. However, the Applicant is aware of groundwater monitoring information available for a site approximately 830 m southwest of the preferred crossing location, which indicates that groundwater levels are between 85 and 100 mAOD and the groundwater flow direction towards the Alltami Brook (**Ref 5**).

#### **Millstone Grit Group – Gwespvr Sandstone**

- 2.7.8. The Gwespvr Sandstone directly underlies the proposed crossing location and is designated as a Secondary A aquifer (**Ref 6**). The Gwespvr Sandstone is part of the Millstone Grit Group. The Millstone Grit Group is well cemented with very low primary porosity and intergranular permeability, and, therefore, groundwater flow is expected to occur predominantly within the joints, fissures and fractures (**Ref 12**).
- 2.7.9. Springs occur at the junctions of the jointed sandstone with underlying mudstones and shales (**Ref 12**). During the site walkover, groundwater seepage issuing from the bedrock was observed at NGR SJ 27726 67182 (see photos in Annex A). This is located at the boundary of the Lower Coal Measures Formation (mudstone) and the Gwespvr Sandstone according to the geological map. This observation suggests that the Gwespvr Sandstone in the area is likely to be saturated and may contribute baseflow to the Alltami Brook.
- 2.7.10. It was noted on a walkover in March 2023 that the Alltami Brook visually appears to widen further downstream of the preferred crossing location (visible from the bridge over the Alltami Brook on Chester Road). This approximately corresponds to where the Alltami Brook flows along the path of a fault.

#### **HISTORIC BOREHOLE LOGS (BGS)**

- 2.7.11. A search for relevant historic borehole logs was undertaken for the purpose of gathering relevant site-specific information (or as near to site as



possible). Several borehole logs were obtained, which are for boreholes all within 0.5 km of the preferred crossing location.

2.7.12. The locations of these are shown in Figure 2.2. The relevant information from these borehole logs is shown in Table 2.2 and the borehole logs are presented in Annex C.

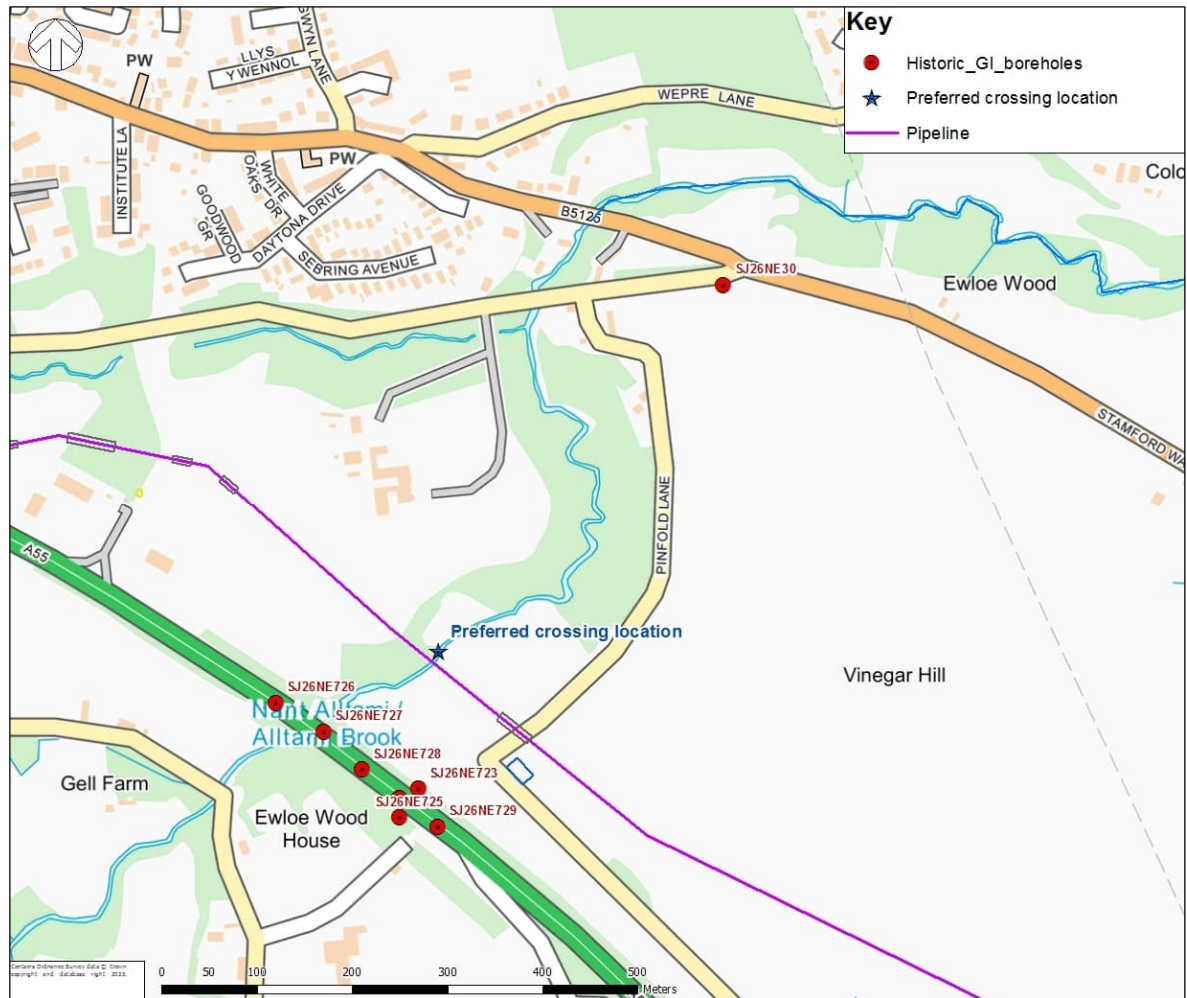


Figure 2.2. Nearby historic boreholes (source: BGS GeoIndex, 2023)

**Table 2.2. BGS historic borehole information**

Borehole / Information	SJ26NE726	SJ26NE727	SJ26NE723	SJ26NE724	SJ26NE725	SJ26NE728	SJ26NE729	SJ26NE30
<b>Well NGR:</b>	SJ 27480 67090	SJ 27530 67060	SJ 27630 67000	SJ 27610 66990	SJ 27610 66970	SJ 27570 67020	SJ 27650 66960	SJ 27950 67530
<b>Easting/Northing</b>	327480, 367090	327530, 367060	327630, 367000	327610, 366990	327610, 366970	327570, 367020	327650, 366960	327950, 367530
<b>Ground Elevation</b>	89 mAOD	79.5 mAOD	90.5 mAOD	90.5 mAOD	91.5 mAOD	88.5 mAOD	91.5 mAOD	84 m AoD
<b>Distance from preferred crossing location</b>	~180 m WSW	~150 m SW	~140 m S	~160 m S	~180 m S	~150 m SSW	~190 m S	~490 m NE
<b>Name</b>	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.15	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.16	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.5	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.6	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.7	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.17	HAWARDEN BY-PASS, (EXPLORATION ASSOCIATES). NO.18	NEAR EWLOE WOOD
<b>Completion Date</b>	April 1975	April 1975	April 1975	March 1975	April 1975	July 1975	August 1975	October 1979
<b>Completion Depth</b>	21.3 m	15.1 m	14.5 m	15.7 m	12.2 m	40 m	40 m	14.5 m
<b>Aquifer</b>	Hollin Rock (presumed). Lower Coal Measures Formation	Hollin Rock (presumed). Lower Coal Measures Formation	Hollin Rock (presumed). Lower Coal Measures Formation	Hollin Rock (presumed). Lower Coal Measures Formation	Etruria Formation (presumed) - Warwickshire Group	Hollin Rock (presumed). Lower Coal Measures Formation	Etruria Formation (presumed) - Warwickshire Group	Coal Measures
<b>Rest water level after completion</b>	0 mBGL	0.3 mAGL (above ground level)	0 mBGL	0 mBGL	0 mBGL	Not given	Dry	Well dry
<b>Comments</b>	The borehole was dry to 11.2 m. After reaching 18.5 water was struck and rose to 6.9 mBGL. When completed to total depth the water level had risen to match ground level (0 mBGL).	Water strike noted to have occurred at 14.3 mBGL (in sandstone). Possibly a productive fracture with water held under pressure was encountered. Upon completion the water level had risen to 0.3 mAGL (slightly artesian).	No details of water strikes given however groundwater level was noted to be 0 mBGL upon completion.	No details of water strikes given however groundwater level was noted to be 0 mBGL upon completion.	Water struck at 1.4 mBGL. Groundwater level was noted to be 0 mBGL upon completion.	No water strikes recorded. Water level recorded at 5 mBGL on 21/07/1975 (x3 days before completion date) when borehole at 26 mBGL total depth (may be added water from drilling). No final water level reading given.	No water strikes recorded. Water level at 6.2 mBGL on 14/08/1975 upon completion. However, a second reading on 14/08/1975 indicated nil water present.	No water encountered. Elevation of Alltami Brook at nearest point is ~ 67 mAOD.

- 2.7.13. Details of seven historic boreholes drilled for the A55 GI in 1975 (Hawarden Bypass) are included in Table 2.2.2. In terms of location these range from approximately 140 to 190 m south or southeast of the preferred crossing location. These were drilled to a range of depths from 14.5 to 40 m bgl . Each encountered broadly similar geological conditions, with various thicknesses of boulder clay, siltstones, clay, sandstones and mudstones reported in the borehole logs. The ground surface elevation of the boreholes ranges from 79.5 to 90.5 mAOD.
- 2.7.14. Borehole logs for five of the boreholes presented in Table 2.2 indicated a very shallow or slightly artesian water pressure upon completion. The elevation of the Alltami Brook nearest to these boreholes is approximately 81 mAOD, with four of the boreholes being above this elevation at ground level. These boreholes are all approximately 12-15m deep. They are (with water levels):
- SJ26NE726 (no completion water level but recorded at ground level at 1 metre before reached completion depth)
  - SJ26NE727 (+ 0.3mAOD on completion)
  - SJ26NE723 (at ground level on completion)
  - SJ26NE724 (at ground level on completion)
  - SJ26NE725 (at ground level on completion)
- 2.7.15. The log for borehole SJ26NE729 reports that this borehole was dry upon completion. Borehole SJ26NE729 was significantly deeper than the boreholes listed above at 40 m total depth. The preceding water level reading recorded on the same day of completion indicated a water level of 6.2 mBGL. It is unclear if the reading of the borehole being dry is genuine (or an error) as it is the only reading which indicates this. Regardless, it does indicate the variable, and laterally discontinuous hydrogeological conditions in the local aquifers. The borehole log for SJ26NE728, also drilled to 40 m total depth, does not include a completion water level.
- 2.7.16. An eighth borehole to the northeast of the preferred crossing location is included for comparison (SJ26NE30). This borehole was drilled into the Coal Measures. The ground level at this borehole is recorded at approx. 84 mAOD and the borehole was drilled to a depth of 14.5 m (or 69.5 mAOD). It was found to be dry throughout. The elevation for the Alltami Brook at the nearest point to this borehole is approx. 67 mAOD.

## 2.8. HYDROLOGY

- 2.8.1. The surface water catchment area for the Alltami Brook is approximately 6.25 km<sup>2</sup> and drains in a northerly direction towards the Wepre Brook, which ultimately discharges into the River Dee (**Ref 9**). The Alltami Brook is

expected to be fed by rainfall with small inputs from groundwater baseflow. Additionally, the Applicant is aware of a permitted discharge activity to the Alltami Brook from a landfill further upstream.

- 2.8.2. During the site walkover undertaken on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, a small surface water inflow was observed to be discharging into the Alltami Brook from the eastern bank upstream of the A55 at approximate NGR SJ 27793 67229 (see walkover photo in Annex A). A small waterfall discharging from the right bank was also observed to be discharging into the Alltami Brook at NGR SJ 27786 67196 (see photographs in Annex A). To cross the A55 (upstream of the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary) the Alltami Brook flows through a large culvert which discharges onto a concrete slab perched above the bed level (photos in Annex A). The bedrock channel immediately downstream of the concrete culvert was observed to have boulders and gravel deposits.

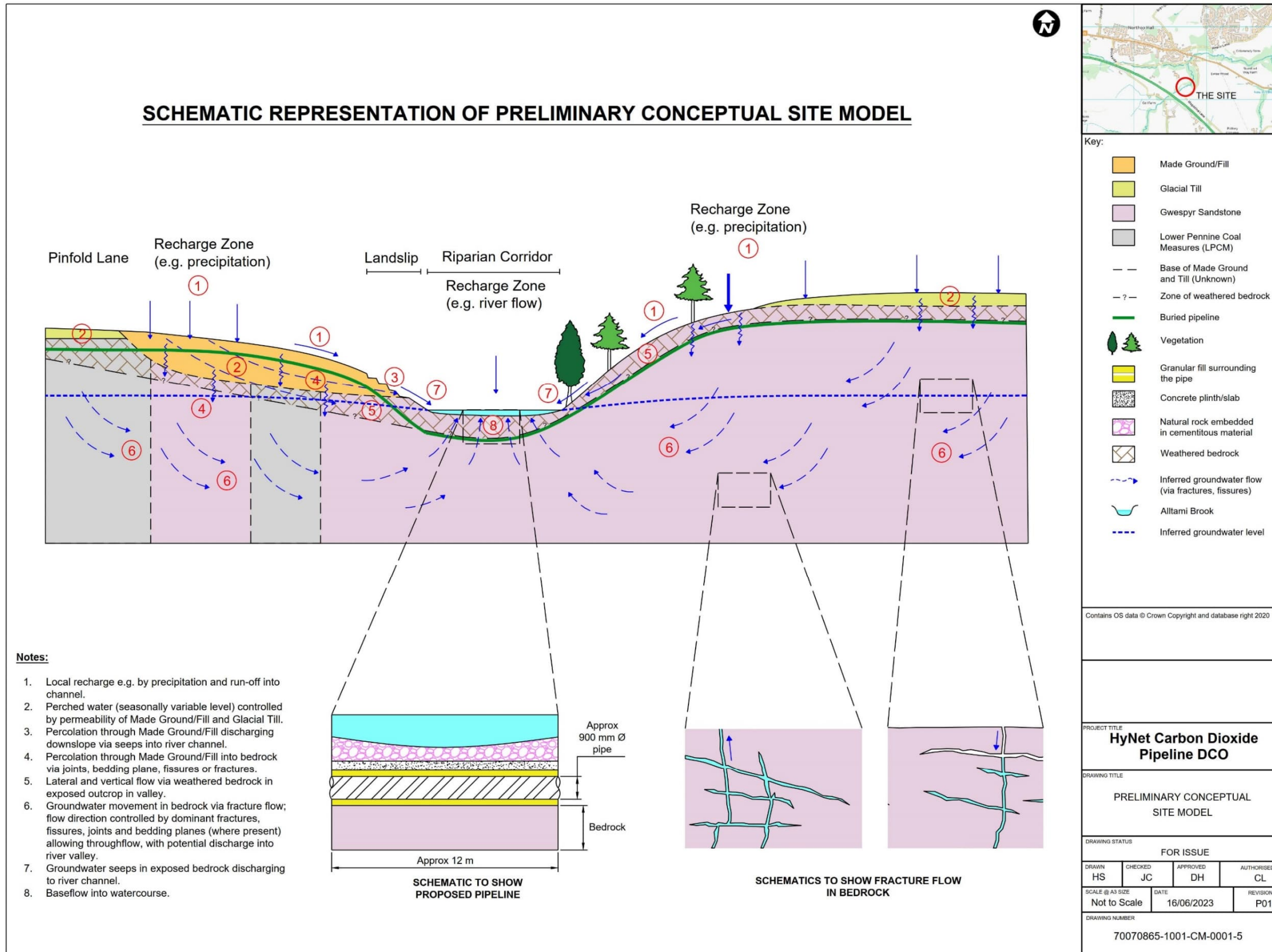
## **3. HYDROGEOLOGICAL CONCEPTUAL MODEL**

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### **3.1. INTRODUCTION**

- 3.1.1. This section presents a conceptual understanding of the groundwater regime in and around the Alltami Brook. It presents the current baseline conditions and examines the potential changes beyond baseline that may be encountered during construction and operational stages, accounting for the concerns raised by NRW.
- 3.1.2. A preliminary hydrogeological conceptual model is presented in . This is a simplified representation of a complex geological and hydrogeological setting, which is based on the data and information presented in Section 2.0 and the application of hydrogeological expertise in identifying and assessing groundwater flow conditions.
- 3.1.3. The conceptual model illustrates the key physical relationships and interactions that are assessed as primary controls for groundwater-surface water interactions in and around the Alltami Brook. Using this interpretation, the baseline conditions are described in Section 3.2.
- 3.1.4. Whilst the conceptual model is derived largely on published information and site observations, it does provide the framework for considering the how the proposed construction using the open cut method and subsequent operation of the pipeline may impact the baseline conditions. This is discussed in Section 3.3.





**Figure 3.1. Preliminary Hydrogeological Conceptual Model**

## 3.2. UNDERSTANDING OF BASELINE CONDITIONS

- 3.2.1. Considering the cross and long sections in Annex B, and following the course of the Alltami Brook from the upstream side of the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary, then the geological conditions are characterised as follows:
- the Middle Coal Measures, which here is comprised of the Hollin Rock;
  - downstream, and at the location of the preferred crossing location, is an outcrop of the Gwespyr Sandstone (part of the Millstone Grit Group);
  - downstream of this location, and in the lower portion of the stretch of the Alltami Brook within the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary are the Pennine Lower Coal Measures at outcrop.
- 3.2.2. Each of these formations have similar lithology, characterised by inter-bedded grey mudstones, siltstones, sandstones, with coal seams in the coal measures. The Hollin Rock and the Gwespyr Sandstone are more sandstone dominant.
- 3.2.3. There are two faults of note, one cutting across the Alltami Brook perpendicular to it which separates the Hollin Rock/Middle Coal Measures from the Gwespyr Sandstone. Then slightly downstream of the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary for an approximately 80 m stretch, there is a fault running parallel to the Alltami Brook that is either along or very near to the watercourse (where we would expect fracturing to be present).
- 3.2.4. At the preferred crossing location, shown on Figure 5 (Preliminary Hydrogeological Conceptual Model), the geology at outcrop is the Gwespyr Sandstone. At ground surface and for the initial several metres below weathered bedrock is anticipated, which is also expected to become increasingly competent at greater depth i.e., where the effects of weathering are not evident.
- 3.2.5. Recharge to the bedrock aquifer occurs regionally; however, this is limited through the glacial till superficial deposits. Recharge is expected to be increased in the areas immediately surrounding the Alltami Brook where bedrock is at outcrop.
- 3.2.6. The stream flow within the Alltami Brook is considered to be largely influenced by regional surface water recharge, potentially with inputs from localised land and road drainage.

There is a secondary baseflow component to the river from groundwater where there are seepages and sufficient fracturing allows it, as groundwater

movement in the bedrock is largely controlled by secondary porosity resulting from fissures, joints and cracks in bedrock (see

**Figure 3.1**). These conditions are likely to be laterally and vertically discontinuous.

- 3.2.7. There are known former collieries near to Pinfold Lane. On the abandonment plans [**Appendix 11.2: Coal Mining Risk Assessment – Part 9 of the ES, REP4-128**] these are indicated to be approximately 100 m northeast of the preferred crossing point on the Alltami Brook.
- 3.2.8. There are some mine adits shown on historic maps for these abandoned mines indicated to be buried beneath an area of made ground which forms the eastern slope of the valley of Alltami Brook. The mines were known to extend to a depth of 45 m below ground level. Due to this relatively shallow depth and considering the duration of time (75 years approximately) since abandonment, it is considered that mine water levels have likely recovered to natural equilibrium.

### **3.3. SCENARIOS FOR RIVER FLOW CHANGE**

#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

- 3.3.1. During construction the approach will be to redirect the flow in the Alltami Brook through a temporary culvert which collects all of the river flow upstream of the excavation and redirects it around the excavation whilst the works are ongoing. The culvert will be made of impermeable material, therefore not allowing any flow to be lost. The flow will not be allowed to continue back along the natural route until the works are completed and the riverbed is reinstated in, as close as is possible to, natural conditions.
- 3.3.2. There is a scenario which could result in a discharge of flow into the excavation, which is where a productive fracture is encountered that is holding water under pressure. In this scenario, dewatering of the excavation may be required. The aim would be to stop the inflow using permeation grouting of the fracture to cut-off future or existing flow, with dewatering reducing the groundwater inflow temporarily to allow the (quick-setting) grout to be injected. The excavation will be filled with permeable sand or gravel material which surrounds the pipe (to prevent it from being in direct contact with bedrock). Concrete will be added on top of the gravel material. Alternatively, it may be that the whole excavation is filled with concrete (and the concrete supports the pipe instead of the sand/gravel). The final construction approach is to be confirmed at detailed design by the Construction Contractor.

#### **OPERATIONAL PHASE**

- 3.3.3. The structure once completed is intended to not allow flow to discharge from ground into the Alltami Brook, as it will be sealed through being filled



with concrete and any fractures, fissures, joints will be grouted. The risk of washout of grout would be reduced by the use of appropriate grout materials and/or accelerators to ensure rapid gel setting and strength gain. The degradation of the grout within a fissure is an unlikely outcome as the grout will be buried beneath the structure. A specialist contractor would undertake the grouting works to the appropriate British Standards (i.e., BS EN 12715:2020), effectively creating a low permeability plug within the bedrock, eliminating the fissures. A schedule of general inspections and principal inspections of the Alltami Brook crossing will be carried out to determine condition and identify any potential maintenance requirements. Inspections will be undertaken following an intense rainfall event or heatwave to monitor any damage and implement appropriate mitigation as necessary as stated within the DMRB BD 63/17. At decommissioning the pipe at the Alltami Brook crossing will be filled with grout or concrete. Monitoring beyond the lifespan of the DCO Proposed Development is not considered a necessary requirement.

- 3.3.4. However, in the scenario where there is a failure in the structure's ability to prevent throughflow, this is not considered to result in a major loss of flow to or from the Alltami Brook. The reason is because the conceptual understanding of the area indicates that there is a groundwater baseflow component to the Alltami Brook resulting from an overall upwards hydraulic pressure/flow gradient from bedrock (where fractures allow). This means that groundwater levels are higher than the river level. In this situation, loss of flow from the river to ground is impossible as the hydraulic gradient doesn't allow it.
- 3.3.5. There is a possibility that if a productive fracture is encountered, the crossing would result in a new discharge point for groundwater to be discharged into the Alltami Brook. However, this is not expected to result in a significant change in terms of the overall water balance of the valley, as the Alltami Brook is already considered the primary recipient of groundwater flow reaching ground surface in this area. The potential change would be a local change in terms of the location at which water is discharged from the aquifer into the Brook, but the overall volume is not expected to change from the current water balance.
- 3.3.6. The laterally discontinuous fracture flow conditions, along with the overall upward hydraulic gradient of the bedrock aquifers, prevents any significant loss of flow from occurring from the Alltami Brook to ground. The Alltami Brook has been observed on walkovers to be widening downstream of the Newbuild Infrastructure Boundary, where the watercourse is following the approximate same route as a fault for an approximately 80 m stretch. Due to the presence of the fault this location significant fracturing would be expected to be present, however this seems to be resulting in a gain, rather than a loss of flow from groundwater to the Alltami Brook.

- 3.3.7. The nearby former coal mine workings are not considered to represent a realistic recipient of flow from the Alltami Brook. The primary reason is because any mine voids are expected to be saturated due to mine water levels having recovered to match surrounding groundwater in the duration since abandonment (thought to be in the late 1940s). Additionally, a direct fracture route allowing sufficient throughflow would be required from the crossing excavation to the mine workings. Due to the laterally discontinuous flow conditions and the distance from the preferred crossing location to the mine workings, such a connection is considered unlikely. It is also not guaranteed that a productive fracture would be exposed by the excavation which is relatively shallow at 4 m deep.

### **UNCERTAINTIES IN CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING**

- 3.3.8. The exact relationship between surface water in the Alltami Brook and surrounding groundwater, whilst not considered to represent a significant concern in terms of potential water loss (because of the information which is available), is not currently known in detail. Ground investigation (which includes groundwater monitoring) will be undertaken at detailed design stage at the proposed crossing location to verify the relationship between surface water and groundwater and confirm the conceptual understanding.
- 3.3.9. However seasonal variations in groundwater pressures are possible which could result in a lower groundwater level (e.g., during dryer summer months). Due to the nature of the aquifers present (limited lateral fracture flow), this would not be expected to be significant (e.g., compared to a Chalk fracture flow aquifer). The design also is intended to prevent loss of flow; therefore, this is considered a manageable risk.

## 4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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4.1.1. The findings of this report are as follows:

- The conceptual understanding of the hydrogeology, based on all the available information presented (including site observations), indicates that there is an overall upwards hydraulic gradient from the bedrock aquifers to the Alltami Brook watercourse. This is likely to be providing a groundwater baseflow component to the overall flow in the watercourse (where sufficient fracturing facilitates it).
- The laterally discontinuous nature of the bedrock aquifer reduces the likelihood of the aquifer representing a likely receptor for a significant flow of water from the Alltami Brook. This is evidenced in part by observations made on site, as the watercourse follows a fault line as it flows downstream of the preferred crossing location.
- The presence of nearby historic mines is not considered a significant risk in relation to the open cut crossing option because of the following:
  - Mine water levels have likely recovered since abandonment.
  - The geophysical surveys undertaken did not detect any presence of open mine voids in the area.
  - It is unlikely that shallow mining would have been undertaken directly beneath a river (due to the associated flood risk), and the available information on where the mine was situated, the seams worked and the historical information (e.g., the abandonment plans) indicates that mining was not undertaken near to the preferred crossing location.
  - The scenario where a productive fracture within the excavation which is directly connected to unsaturated mine voids allowing significant throughflow from the built crossing structure (which itself is designed to prevent loss of flow) is considered extremely unlikely.
- There is not considered to be a mechanism present which would allow a discernible loss of flow from the Alltami Brook to the underlying bedrock aquifer.

4.1.2. For all the above reasons the DCO Proposed Development is not considered to be a risk to impacting the WFD status of the Wepre Brook surface water body.

## 4.2. NEXT STEPS

4.2.1. A ground investigation which is sufficiently scoped to address the uncertainties in the current conceptual understanding could be undertaken to inform the detailed design. This would be informed through consultation with NRW and the design team, including specialist geotechnical contractors with an expertise in dewatering and geotechnical grouting.

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# Appendices

# Appendix A

## MARCH 2023 SITE WALKOVER PHOTOGRAPHS



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**Seepage through made ground creating small waterfall**



**Seepage from made ground discharging into Alltami Brook**





**Saturated made ground/seepage**







**Saturated made ground/seepage**









## Additional Notes and Photographs from March 2023 site walkover


Alltami Brook site photos 14 March 2023

	
<p>View looking upstream of the minor road bridge. Spate flow following heavy overnight rain on saturated ground. Deep v-shaped channel in otherwise flat landscape. A minor tributary of land drainage is discharging into the Alltami Brook on the right bank.</p>	<p>Outlet of the A55 culvert. Large pipe culvert discharging onto a concrete slab perched above bed level. Banks are lined with gabion baskets. Fast-flowing water and high step from concrete ledge to natural bed (height difficult to estimate due to elevated flows but possibly 0.3-0.3m). Bedrock channel with boulders and gravel deposits downstream of the step along with trash (tyre observed in the middle of the channel).</p>
	
<p>Immediately downstream of the A55 culvert outlet. Concrete wingwalls and gabion mattress bank reinforcement on both banks. Concrete slab at the culvert outlet and high step down to the natural channel. It is likely that this culvert structure arrangement is not passable to fish.</p>	<p>View looking upstream towards the A55 culvert outlet showing the transition from the modified reach with gabion basket bank reinforcement to natural banks. Bedrock was observed on the left bank face downstream of the culvert where the bank renaturalised.</p>



	
<p>Made ground on the right bank. Very high and steep engineered bank with a composite bank profile due to creep.</p>	<p>The made ground was saturated with extensive surface water puddling.</p>
	
<p>Made ground bank profile with surface water puddling due to saturation of the earth.</p>	<p>View looking down to the Alltami Brook from the top of the made ground on the right bank. View looking downstream. The left bank is also steep and high but possibly a more natural landscape feature. Approximate crossing location for the pipeline.</p>
	
<p>Seepage observed from bedrock on the left bank face immediately upstream of SJ 27726 67182.</p>	<p>Land drainage pipe discharging water into the brook on the right bank face. Small volume of water seeping from the pipe. SJ 27726 67182. Bedrock and boulder channel</p>

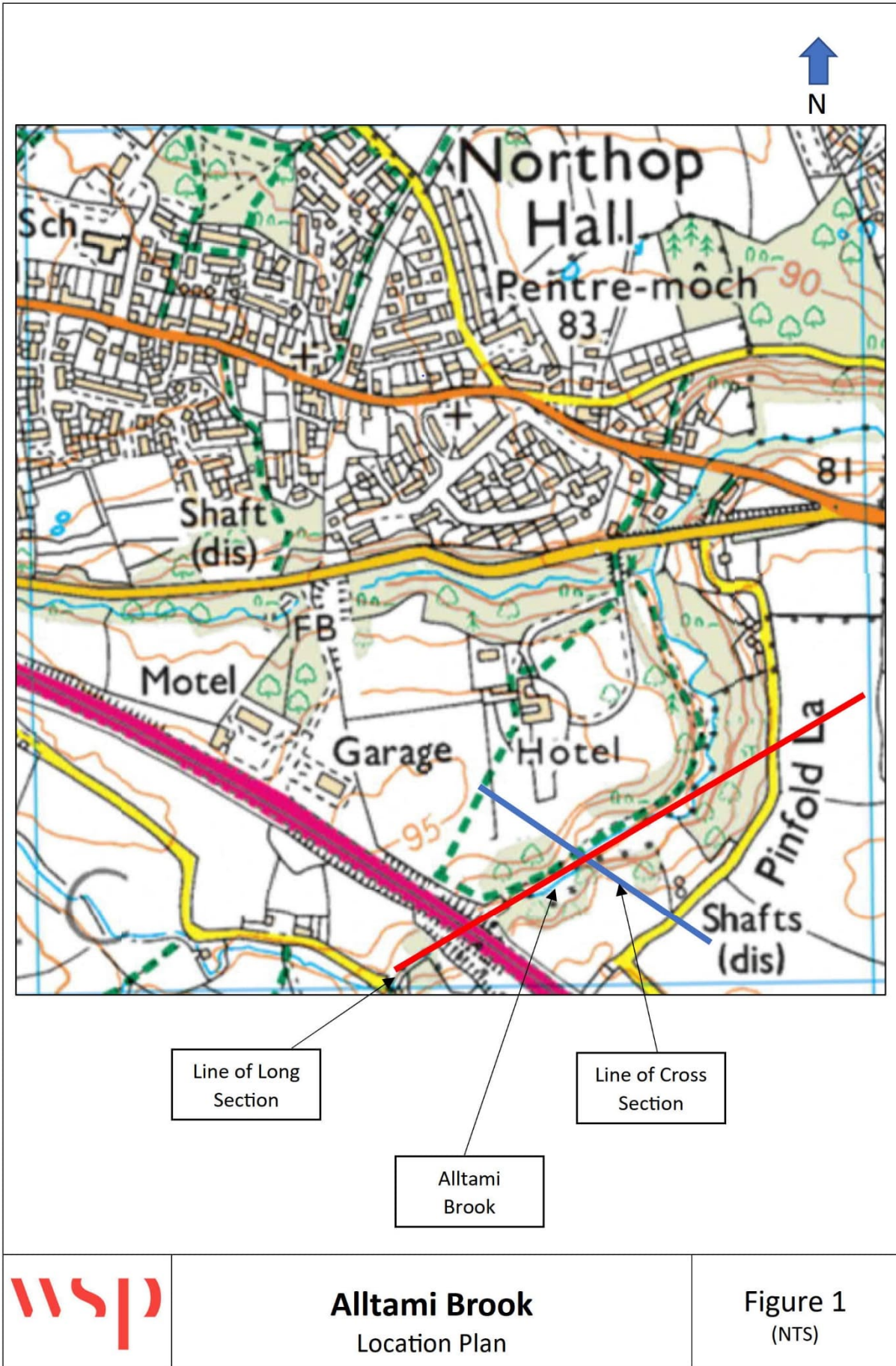


	bed. Chute and broken standing wave flow types observed.
	
<p>SJ 27786 67196 surface water flow paths on the right bank draining into the Alltami Brook.</p>	<p>SJ 27786 67196 small waterfall on the right bank discharging into the Alltami Brook.</p>
	
<p>Surface water flow draining the right bank hillside into the Alltami Brook at SJ 27793 67229.</p>	<p>Surface water flow draining the right bank hillside into the Alltami Brook at SJ 27793 67229.</p>

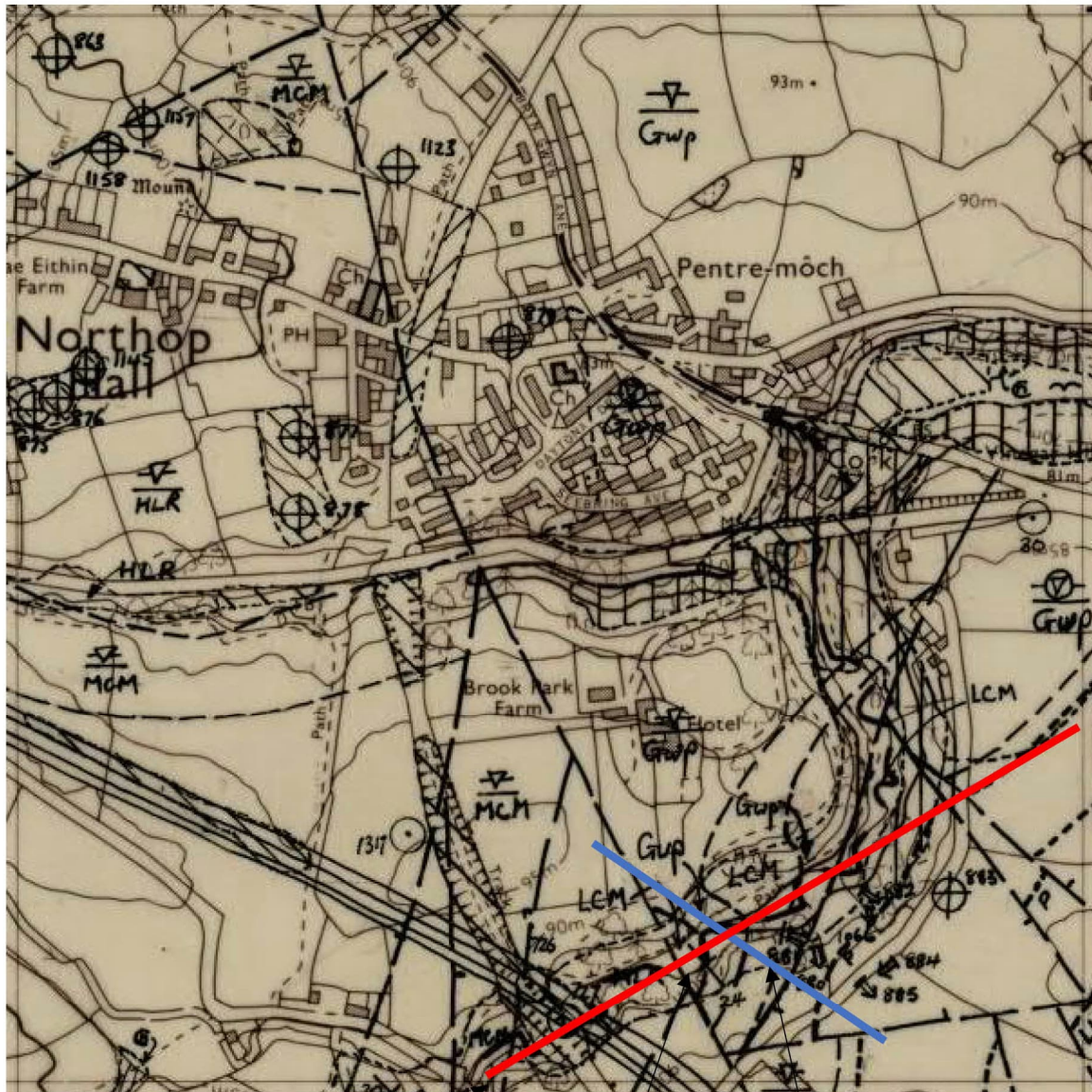
# Appendix B

## GEOLOGICAL SECTIONS









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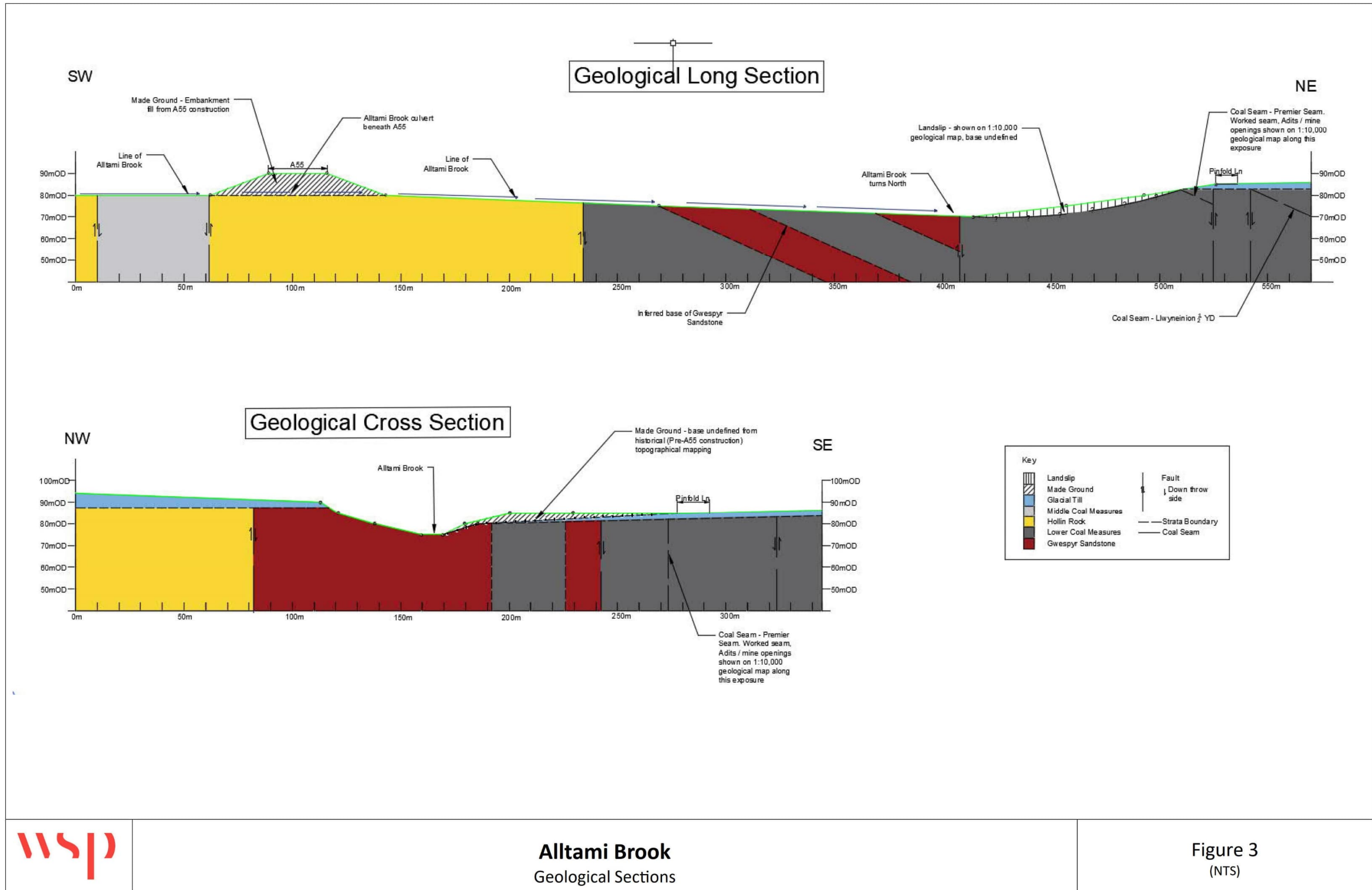
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Alltami  
Brook



**Alltami Brook**  
1:10,000 Geological Map Extract

Figure 2  
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**Alltami Brook**  
Geological Sections

**Figure 3**  
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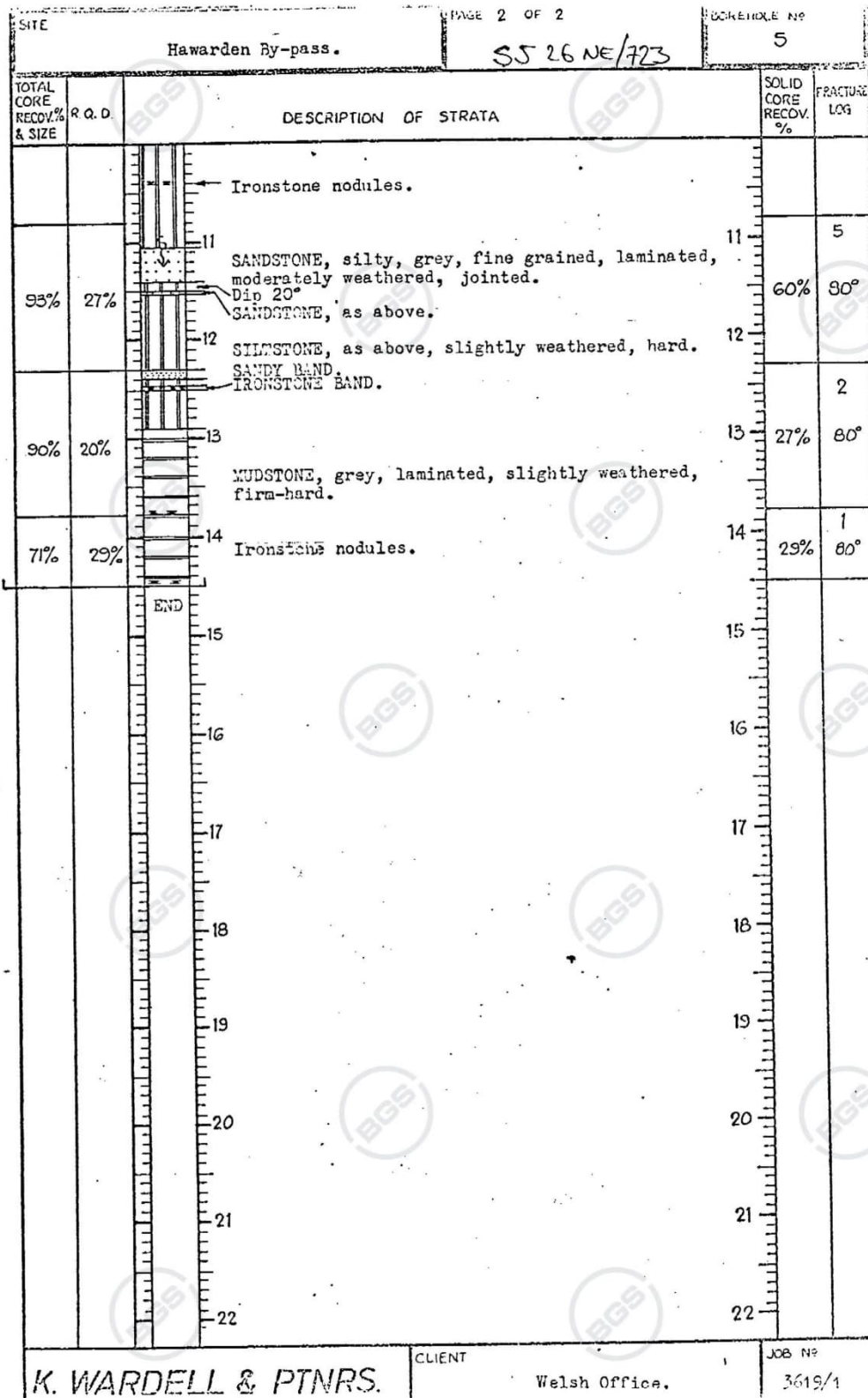
# Appendix C

## HISTORIC BOREHOLE LOGS

**SJ26NE723**



CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates.		DATE OF DRILLING 7/4/75	DRILLING METHOD Shell. Rotary core: water flush.	BOREHOLE No. 5
GROUND LEVEL 90.5m.A.O.D	ORIENTATION -90°	CO-ORDINATES E 276 340 N 670 000	SITE SJ 26NE/123 Hawarden By-pass.	
TOTAL CORE RECOVERED & SIZE		R.Q.D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOVERED %
				FRACTURE LOS
				Driller's report: Shell.
			BOULDER CLAY, grey, brown, firm, silty.	1
			BOULDER CLAY, as above, red brown, sandy, silty.	2
			BOULDER CLAY, dark brown, firm, slightly silty.	5
			SILT, firm, grey, brown, clayey.	6
			LIMESTONE, boulders with silty grey clay.	7
			GRAVEL, clayey, small and large with silty clay.	8
			MUDSTONE, grey.	9
H	100%	37%	SILTSTONE, grey, laminated, moderately widely spaced joints, slightly weathered, firm/hard.	10
KEY		REMARKS H casing to 12.0m. Full water returns. Overall core recovery 91%		
LOGGED BY K.F.		SCALE 1/50 METRES	CLIENT Hawarden By-pass.	
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description						
					Turf over TOPSOIL.	G.L.	90.5				
0.3	D		27			0.3	90.2				
0.5-1.0	U(80)	120	21		Firm grey brown becoming light grey mottled light brown silty CLAY.						
		R 60	17								
1.2	D		20			1.5	89.0				
1.5-2.0	(U100)	80	13								
			15								
2.2	D		13		Firm-stiff fissured red brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
2.5-3.0	(U130)	65	5								
			13								
3.2	D		13			3.3	87.2				
3.3	D.		13								
3.5-4.0	(U140)		13								
4.2	D		14		Firm-stiff dark grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
4.5-5.0	U(100)	45	19								
			14								
5.3	D		20			5.7	84.8				
5.5-6.0	U(93)	35	13								
			17								
5.8	D		17		Dark grey brown SILT.	5.9	84.6				
6.0-6.5	C.B		49	136							
6.7	D										
7.0-7.5	C.B			34	Very dense grey green, brown, red, well rounded and angular silty sandy GRAVEL of sandstone, mudstone, quartzite etc.						
8.0	D										
8.5-9.0	C.B			40							
9.0-9.3	S'D.D			10		8.9	81.6				
200+											
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	F.I.R.O.D.		See Over.						
9.3	100%	100%			Continued from 10.0m	10.0	80.5				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	9.3	0.15	-	NIL			4.4.75	-	-	-
								7.4.75	8.0	8.0	NIL
Rotary Core	9.3	10.0	0.07	Water				7.4.75	9.3	9.0	NIL
<b>Remarks</b> Rock chisel used from 5.9 - 7.0 (2.25 hours), and 8.9 - 9.3 (1 hour) Water added to Borehole G.L. - 8.0											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			<b>Contract</b> S1118			
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
10.8	100%	100%			Continued from 10.0m  Faintly weathered grey medium hard - hard SILTSTONE.  Occasional thin bands of moderately weathered grey fine sandstone.	10.0	80.5				
12.3	100%	100%									
13.8	100%	100%				12.9	77.6				
14.5	100%	71%				14.5	76.0				
					End of Borehole						
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10.0	14.5	0.07	Water				7.4.75	14.5	12.0	G.L.
<b>Remarks</b>											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			Contract s1118			
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No.1			<b>Borehole</b> 5 Sheet 2 of 2			

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CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates.		DATE OF DRILLING 27/3/75-2/4/75		DRILLING METHOD Shell. Rotary core: Water flush.		BOREHOLE NO. 6	
GROUND LEVEL		ORIENTATION -90°		CO-ORDINATES E276 143 N669 880		SITE SJ26NE/724 Hawarden By-pass.	
TOTAL CORE RECOVERED & SIZE		R.Q.D.		DESCRIPTION OF STRATA		SOLID CORE RECOVERED %	
				<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>BOULDER CLAY, brown, grey, firm, silty.</p> <p>GRAVEL, clayey, silty, small.</p> <p>BOWLDERS, and pieces of COAL.</p> <p>COAL.</p> <p>COAL, solid, broken, bright/dull bands 50/50 mineralised on cleat? calcite.</p> <p>PREMIUM COAL.</p>		<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>Driller's report; Shell.</p> <p>Core</p>	
43%		-					
KEY				REMARKS			
LOGGED BY K.F.				SCALE 1/50 METRES			
K. WARDELL & PTRNS.				CLIENT Welsh Office.		JOB NO 3619/1	
				<p>Lost water returns at 8.8m. Full water returns from 9.1m. H casing to 14.0m. Overall core recovery 77%</p>			



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Sampling		Properties			Strata						
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description	Depth	Level	Legend			
0.3	D			24	Turf over TOPSOIL.	G.L.	90.5				
0.5-1.0	U(65)			23 25		0.3	90.2				
1.2	D			22	Soft-firm becoming firm light yellow brown becoming red brown very silty sandy CLAY.						
1.5-2.0	U(100)	R 120	15								
2.2	D			21							
2.5-3.0	U(125)			14 13							
3.2	D			14		3.0	87.5				
3.5-4.0	U(130)	85	13 12								
4.2	D			17							
4.5-5.0	U(150)	75	15 13		Firm-stiff dark grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
5.2	D			14							
5.5-6.0	U(120)	55	15 13		Sandstone boulder or rock encountered at base.						
6.5	D			12							
7.0-7.5	G.B			88		7.4	83.1				
8.0-8.5	B				Grey black and brown silty sandy GRAVEL with coal fragments.						
8.5-9.0	B				(WORKINGS?).						
8.8	C			200+							
9.0-9.1	S.D			200+		8.9	81.6				
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	F.I.	R.Q.D	COAL.						
9.1	100%	50%	-	-	Continued from 10.0	10.0	80.5				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	7.5	0.15	-	6.3	Entered borehole overnight		26.3.75	-	-	-
Rotary Core	7.5	9.0	0.07	Water				27.3.75	7.5	Nil	Nil
Shell & Auger	7.5	9.1	0.15	-				28.3.75	7.7	7.7	6.3
Rotary Core	9.1	10.0	0.07	Water							
<b>Remarks</b> Rock chisel used from 7.3-7.5 (0.5 hours) from 7.5-7.7 (0.5 hours) and from 7.7-9.1 (2 hours) Commenced coring at 7.5 on 27.3.75. Cored to 9.0 but core recovery very low, therefore reverted to Shell and Auger. Only Shell and Auger record for this distance given.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass					Contract S1118	
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No. 1 Chainage 2257					<b>Borehole</b> 6 Sheet 1 of 2	



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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
10.5	100%	50%	-	-	Continued from 10.0		10.0	80.5	[Legend symbols]		
					COAL.		10.7	79.8			
11.7	100%	63%	2	35%	Weak grey brown SEATEARTH with abundant plant remains.		11.3	79.2	[Legend symbols]		
					Hard grey SILTSTONE with sandstone laminae.		12.4	78.1			
12.9	100%	83%	3	35%					[Legend symbols]		
14.3	100%	100%	4	70%	Grey very hard fine SANDSTONE. Occasional thin bands and laminae of hard grey siltstone noted.						
		100%	100%	2	85%						
15.7					End of Borehole		15.7	74.8	[Legend symbols]		
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10.0	15.7	0.07	Water				2.4.75	11.7	9.0	6.7
								2.4.75	15.7	14.0	G.L.
<b>Remarks</b> Borehole grouted between G.L. and 9.5 Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			<b>Contract</b> S1118			
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No. 1			<b>Borehole</b> 6 Sheet 2 of 2			

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SITE		PAGE 2 OF 2		BORINGHOLE NO	
Mewarden By-pass.				6	
TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R.Q.D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LOG	
67%	25%	SEATEARTH, brownish grey, slickensided, abundant plant remains, soft, ironstone nodules.	50%	2 90° 70°	11
75%	25%	MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, abundant plant remains, hard. Occasional ironstone nodules.	58%	3 80° 90°	12
100%	71%	SILTSTONE, grey, laminated, hard with sandstone laminae. Dip 15°	100%	4 80° 90°	13
100%	86%	SILTSTONE, as above, with the same fine grained light grey sandstone laminae 50/50 occasionally. Sandstone predominates, "striped beds" ripple drift structures.	93%	2 90° 60°	14
		END			15
					16
					17
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					20
					21
					22

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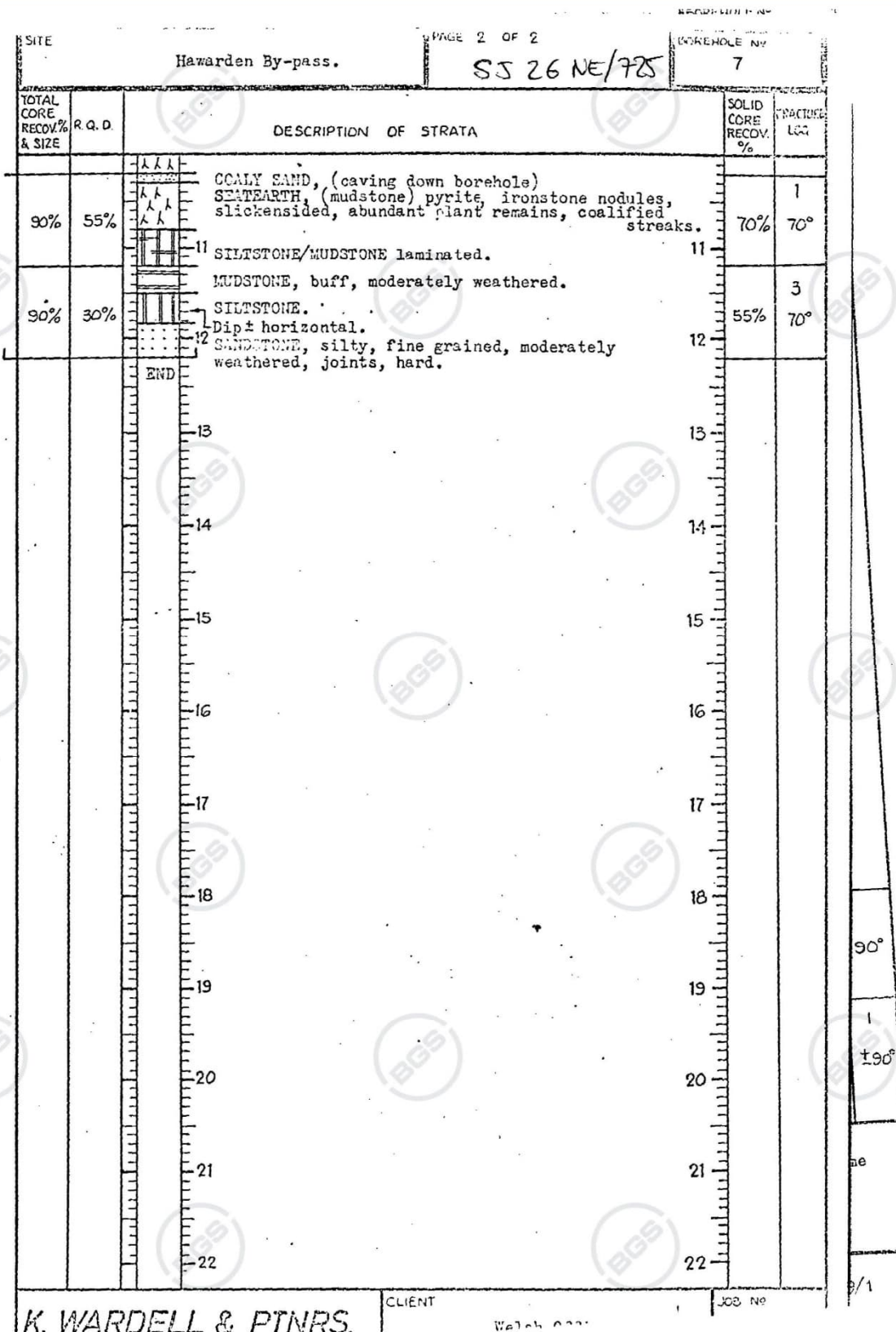
JOB NO

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CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates.		DATE OF DRILLING 3/4/75	DRILLING METHOD Shell. Rotary core: Water flush.	BOREHOLE NO. 7
GROUND LEVEL 91.5m.A.O.D.	ORIENTATION -90°	CO-ORDINATES E 276 080 N 669 660	SITE SJ26NE725 Mawarden By-pass.	PAGE 1 OF 2
TOTAL CORE RECOVERED & SIZE	R.Q.D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA		SOLID CORE RECOVERED %
				Driller's report: Shell.
H	83% 33%	8 MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, moderately widely spaced joints, moderately weathered, some clay bands, firm.		Core 33% 90°
	77% 23%	9 Ironstone nodules.		43% ±90°
KEY		REMARKS		
LOGGED BY K.F.		COAL in returns 9.9m. to 10.5m. lost some returns at this depth. H casing to 10.5m. Overall core recovery 84%		
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Sampling		Properties			Strata			Depth	Level	Legend	
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description	Depth	Level				
0.3	D		22		Turf over TOPSOIL.	G.L	91.5				
0.5-1.0	U(85)	90	25			0.3	91.2				
1.2	D		19		Firm yellow brown becoming red brown silty sandy CLAY.						
1.5-2.0	S,D		19	11		1.4	90.1				
			18		Loose light red brown very clayey silty SAND sandy CLAY.						
2.3	D		24			2.3	89.2				
2.5-3.0	U(75)		21								
3.0-3.5	S,D		15	17							
3.7	D		16								
4.0-4.5	U(97)		15		Firm-stiff dark grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
4.5-5.0	S,D		14	23							
			15								
5.5-6.0	U(100)	35	14								
			17								
6.3	D		15								
6.9	D		12								
7.0-7.5	S,D,D.		8	123		6.9	84.6				
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery		F.I.R.Q.D.							
7.5	100%	83%			Moderately weathered grey MUDSTONE, clayey in part.						
8.7	100% to 9.9	80%									
Cont. over from 10.0.						9.9	81.6				
						10.0	81.5				
Drilling					Ground Water						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	7.5	0.15	-	1.4	Slight seepage to 2.3 depth		2.4.75	-	-	-
Rotary Core	7.5	10.0	0.07	Water				3.4.75	5.0	4.5	Nil
								3.4.75	7.5	6.0	Nil
<b>Remarks</b>					Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.						
Rock chisel used from 7.3-7.5 (0.5 hours)					D Samples of flush returns obtained at 9.9 and 10.2.						
Borehole Record					Project			Contract			
exploration associates					Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			S1118			
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
10.2	60%	80%			Continued from 10.0 SEATEARTH with abundant plant remains.		10.0	81.5			
	100%	100%	1	60%			10.8	80.7			
11.2					Moderately weathered buff SANDSTONE with thin bands and laminae of siltstone and mudstone.						
	100%	100%	3	30%			12.2	79.3			
12.2					End of Borehole						
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10.0	12.2	0.07	Water				3.4.75	12.2	10.5	G.L.
<b>Remarks</b>					Borehole grouted from G.L.-10.0						
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b>					<b>Contract</b>	
exploration associates					Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass					S1118	
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CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates.		DATE OF RECEIPT 10-11/4/75	DRILLING METHOD Shell Rotary core: Water flush.	BOOK/ROLL NO. 15
GROUND LEVEL B9.0m.A.O.D.	ORIENTATION -90°	CO-ORDINATES E 274 830 N 670 870	SITE SJ26NE/726	PAGE 1 OF 2
TOTAL CORE RECOVERY & SIZE		R.Q.D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOVERY % FRACTURE LOG
			<p>FILL, ashes.</p> <p>BOULDER CLAY, firm, red, brown, sandy with ash content.</p> <p>BOULDER CLAY, red brown silty, soft to firm.</p> <p>BOULDER CLAY, grey, brown, green, silty, firm.</p> <p>TOPSOIL, silty.</p> <p>CLAY, light grey, silty, firm.</p> <p>BOULDER CLAY, brown grey, firm.</p>	<p>Driller's report: shell.</p>
KEY		REMARKS Drill H casing to 15.0m. Lost water returns at 13.5m. Cased through this- then full returns. Overall core recovery 67%		
LOGGED BY K.F.		SCALE 1/50 METRES	CLIENT Welsh Office.	JOB NO. 3619/1
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description						
0.3	D			21			G.L	89.0			
0.5-1.0	D.S.			52	Made Ground:- Loose ash, clinker etc.						
1.4	D			21		1.4	87.6				
1.5-2.0	U(75)			20	Soft-firm grey brown silty sandy CLAY with ash, coal fragments. (Made Ground)						
2.1	D			22		2.1	86.9				
2.5-3.0	U(60)			20	Soft firm light red brown becoming grey brown silty CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
3.2	D			25							
3.5-4.0	U(65)	25 38		21 19	(Made Ground).						
4.2	D			21							
4.5-5.0	U(60)			21							
5.2	D			18							
5.5-6.0	U(60)			28							
6.3	D			22							
7.0-7.5	U(85)			24							
7.4	D			25	Soft grey brown very silty CLAY.	7.3	81.7				
7.6	D			5		7.5	81.5				
8.0-8.5	U(80)	75		18 17	Soft-firm brown grey silty slightly sandy CLAY with occasional fine gravel.						
8.5	D			18		8.3	80.7				
9.0	D			15	Stiff grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel of coal, mudstone, sandstone.						
9.5-10.0	U(100)	220		14 15							
						10.0	79.0				
						Cont, over from 10.0.					
Drilling					Ground Water						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	10.0	0.15					9.4.75	-	-	-
								9.4.75	11.2	1.5	N11
<b>Remarks</b>											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass					Contract S1118	
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description						
0.3	D		21		Made Ground:- Loose ash, clinker etc.	G.L	89.0				
0.5-1.0	D.S.		52	12							
1.4	D		21		Soft-firm grey brown silty sandy CLAY with ash, coal fragments. (Made Ground)	1.4	87.6				
1.5-2.0	U(75)		20								
2.1	D		22		Soft firm light red brown becoming grey brown silty CLAY with rock fragments and gravel. (Made Ground).	2.1	86.9				
2.5-3.0	U(60)		20								
3.2	D		25								
3.5-4.0	U(65)	25 38	21 19								
4.2	D		21		Soft grey brown very silty CLAY.						
4.5-5.0	U(60)		21								
5.2	D		18								
5.5-6.0	U(60)		28								
6.3	D		22		Soft-firm brown grey silty slightly sandy CLAY with occasional fine gravel.	7.3	81.7				
7.0-7.5	U(85)		24								
7.4	D		25		Stiff grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel of coal, mudstone, sandstone.	7.5	81.5				
7.6	D		5								
8.0-8.5	U(80)	75	18 17		Cont. over from 10.0.	8.3	80.7				
8.5	D		18								
9.0	D		15								
9.5-10.0	U(100)	220	14 15								
						10.0	79.0				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	10.0	0.15					9.4.75	-	-	-
								9.4.75	11.2	1.5	Nil
<b>Remarks</b>											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b>			<b>Contract</b>			
					Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			S1118			
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No.1.			<b>Borehole</b>			
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Sampling		Properties			Strata			Depth	Level	Legend	
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description						
10.3	D		15		Continued from 10.0.			10.0	79.0		
10.5-10.9	U(140)		16		Stiff light grey shaly CLAY.			10.3	78.7		
11.0	D							11.0	78.0		
11.2	D										
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	F.I.	R.Q.D	Faintly weathered grey medium hard MUDSTONE with ironstone nodules. Clayey zones noted.						
	100%	60%	-	-							
12.7											
	100%	54%	-	40%							
	Nil										
14.0								14.0	75.0		
	100%	100%	6	20%	Faintly weathered grey medium hard becoming hard fine SILTSTONE.						
15.5					Occasional sandy zones and thin layers of grey hard - very hard silty fine sandstone.						
	100%	100%	15	30%							
17.0											
	100%	100%	5	40%				17.7	71.3		
18.5					Faintly weathered grey hard - very hard fine-medium SANDSTONE.						
	100%	100%	10	40%							
20.0					Continued from 20.0.			20.0	69.0		
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	10.0	11.2	0.15	-				10.4.75	11.2	1.5	Nil
Rotary Core	11.2	20.0	0.07	Water				11.4.75	18.5	15.0	6.9
								11.4.75	21.3	15.0	G.L.
<b>Remarks</b>					Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.						
Rock chisel used from 11.0-11.2 (0.5 hours)											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b>			<b>Contract</b>			
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	ROD	Description						
20.0					Continued from 20.0		20.0	69.0			
	100%	100%	4	75%	As above.						
21.3					End of Borehole.		21.3	67.7			
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10.0	21.3	0.07	Water							
<b>Remarks</b>											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			Contract S1118			
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CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates.		DATE OF DRILLING 11-14/4/75	DRILLING METHOD Shell. Rotary core: Water flush.	BOREHOLE NO 16	
GROUND LEVEL 79.5m.A.O.D.	ORIENTATION -90°	CO-ORDINATES E 275 260 N 670 640	SITE SJ26NE/727 Hawarden By-pass.	PAGE 1 OF 2	
TOTAL CORE RECOVERY & SIZE	R.Q.D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA		SOLID CORE RECOVERY %	FRACTURE LOG
			MUDSTONE, grey, brown.	1	Driller's report: Shell.
H 60%	-		SILTSTONE, light grey, laminated, slightly weathered, firm-hard.	2	Core 17% most broken
			MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, fresh, micaceous, firm-hard.	3	
83%	46%		COAL, "cubes" set in grey clay matrix, clear, bright, hard.	4	APPROX 5 bedding
			MUDSTONE, as above, plant remains, patches of iron enrichment.	4	
			COAL, fragments in grey clay matrix caved from above?	5	APPROX 4 bedding
90%	-		MUDSTONE, (clay) as above, soft-firm.	5	
			Black shaly carbonaceous band, friable.	5	
73%	64%		MUDSTONE, (seatearth) light-dark grey, fresh, soft (clay) firm-hard, sandy patches, iron enriched patches, sometimes pseudo-brecciated appearance some friable plant remains (rootlets) occasional silty band.	6	4 bedding
				6	
70%	60%			7	4 bedding
				7	
100%	27%		SILTSTONE, grey, laminated, fresh, hard, plant remains, (rootlets)	8	1
				8	85°
			Alternating MUDSTONE, SILTSTONE, and fine grained, silty SANDSTONE laminae, slightly weathered on joints, "striped beds" currents bedding, ripple drift lamination.	9	
				9	
				10	
KEY		REMARKS Drilled H casing to 9.0m. Lost some returns at 4.5m. Artesian Water" fast ingress at 14.3m. Overall core recovery 83%			
LOGGED BY K.F.		SCALE 1/50 METRES	CLIENT Welsh Office.		
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SITE		PAGE 2 OF 2		BOREHOLE NO	
Hawarden By-pass.		SJ 26 NE / 727		16	
TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R. Q. D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LOG	
100%	13%	SANDSTONE BAND, weathered in joint.	80%	2 @ 85° 1 @ 70°	3 beds
		11 Alternating laminae ("striped beds") as above.			
100%	70%	Dip 5°	93%	2 70°	
		12 SANDSTONE, grey, fine-medium grained, medium-thickly bedded, slightly weathered, (on open bedding plane), dark micaceous laminae, hard-very hard, some more or less silty.			
100%	100%	13	100%	2 bedding	
		14			
100%	50%	15	100%	4 bedding	
		END			
		16			
		17			
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description						
0.3	D			23	Turf over TOPSOIL.		G.L.	79.5			
0.5-1.0	U(40)	11		24 25	Soft red-brown silty slightly sandy CLAY with occasional fine gravel.		0.3	79.2			
1.3	D			7	Faintly weathered light grey medium hard SANDSTONE.		1.4	78.1			
1.4	D			11							
1.8	D			7							
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	F.I.	R.Q.D							
	100%	63%	-	-			3.0	76.5			
3.3		100%	83%	5	55%	Fresh grey medium hard MUDSTONE with zones of coal fragments.					
4.5	*					Occasional thin siltstone and sandstone bands.					
	100%	90%	4	-							
5.5		100%	83%	4	65%						
7.0		100%	80%	4	85%						
8.0		100%	100%	1	25%						
9.5		100%	100%	2	15%						
						Cont. over from 10.0.	10.0	69.5			
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	1.8	0.15					11.4.75	-	-	-
Rotary Core	1.8	10.0	0.07	Water				11.4.75	1.8	1.5	Nil
								14.4.75	4.5	3.0	2.7
<b>Remarks</b> Rock chisel used from 1.4-1.8 (0.75 hours) Rotary Borehole Record Based on interpretation • Slight loss at 4.5 by K. Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b>			<b>Contract</b>			
exploration associates					Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			S1118			
					Section No.1. Chainage 2140			<b>Borehole</b> 16 Sheet 1 of 2			





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Sampling		Properties				Strata			Depth	Level	Legend
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
					Continued from 10,0			10,0	69,5		
11,0	100%	100%	2	15%	As before.						
	100%	100%	2	70%				11,6	67,9		
12,5											
	100%	100%	2	100%	Faintly weathered grey hard-very hard fine-medium SANDSTONE.						
14,0											
	100%	100%	4	60%							
15,1					End of Borehole.			15,1	64,4		
<b>Drilling</b>						<b>Ground Water</b>					
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10,0	15,1			14,3	Rose to 0,3 above G.L.		14,4,75	15,1	9,0	+0,3
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell & Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass				Contract S1118		
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No. 1				<b>Borehole</b> 16 Sheet 2 of 2		



**SJ26NE728**



CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates. (G.E.)		DATE OF DRILLING 21/6/75- 23/7/75	DRILLING METHOD Shell. Rotary core: air flush.	BOREHOLE NO. 17	
GROUND LEVEL	ORIENTATION -90°	CO-ORDINATES E 275 740 N 670 220	SITE SJ26NE/728 Harroden By-pass.	PAGE 1 OF 4	
TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R. Q. D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA		SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LOG
		1	BOULDER CLAY, brown, grey, firm, sandy.	1	Driller's report: Shell.
		2	BOULDER CLAY, dark grey, brown, firm.	2	
		3	BOULDER. SHALE, black and mudstone clay. MUDSTONE, grey, brown.	3	
412		4	SANDSTONE, grey, fine grained, very silty, hard, slightly weathered.	4	Core
90%	10%	5	Alternating laminae of siltstone and fine grained silty sandstone, grey, fresh, hard.	5	40% min. 6 ±80° 70° Some broken
		6	MUDSTONE, silty with carbonaceous (coaly) bands and lumps ?washout feature.	6	
100%	48%	7	Alternating laminae SILTSTONE and fine grained silty SANDSTONE. MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, firm. SANDSTONE, grey, fine grained, silty, hard, fresh. MUDSTONE, as above. SANDSTONE, as above.	7	65% 5 ±80° 70° Some broken bands
90%	-	8	Last 40cm. becoming more silty, softer.	8	25% ?4 ±80° mostly broken
67%	20%	9	SILTSTONE/SILTY SANDSTONE, grey, laminated, fresh, firm/hard.	9	42% 3 ±80° 70° broken
90%	-	10	MUDSTONE (clay) grey, plastic, carbonaceous, (coaly fragments) soft. MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, hard.	10	20% - mostly broken
KEY		REMARKS This borehole was drilled by Groundworks to 22.5m. using air flush. It was continued using water flush by Craelius Ltd. to its completion.			
LOGGED BY K.F./M.A.D.		SCALE 1/50 METRES		CLIENT Welsh Office.	
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SITE		CORRELATION		REFERENCE No.
Howarden By-pass.		SJ 26 NE/728		17
TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R Q. D	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LOG
		MUDSTONE (clay) grey, plastic, soft.		
100%	-	SILTY BAND. 11	11 ?	? mostly broken
80%	40%	MUDSTONE, grey, friable. 12	12 70%	-
100%	40%	MUDSTONE (seatearth) plant fragments (rootlets) carbonaceous bands, ironstone nodules. 13	13 50%	Some broken
54%	12%	As above, soft/firm, more or less clay consistency. 14	14 28%	-
78%	22%	SANDSTONE, grey, fine grained, silty, laminated, hard, slightly weathered. 16 Alternating MUDSTONE and SILTSTONE laminae, moderately weathered. 17 Some fine grained silty sandstone laminae. Alternating SILTSTONE/MUDSTONE laminae, dark grey.	16 35%	4? 70% Some broken
95%	21%	MUDSTONE, dark grey/light grey, disturbed, (slump bedding) 18 SANDSTONE, grey, fine grained, silty. MUDSTONE, dark grey/light grey/greenish, laminated irregular.	18 53%	- Some broken
88%	44%	SANDSTONE, as above. 19 SEATEARTH, dark grey/black, plastic, slickensided, greenish speckled.	19 67%	1 in sst.
90%	-	20	20 -	all broken
43%	-	MUDSTONE (seatearth) becoming silty, harder, friable, iron enriched nodules. 21 22 Faulting?	21 -	all broken

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Hawarden By-pass.		SJ 26 NE 728		17	
TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R Q. D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LOG.	
		Water flush from 22.5m.			
100%	44%	SEATEARTH, grey, slickensided, firm, friable. 23 SANDSTONE, fine grained, sandy, silty band.	89%	2 ±80° some broken	
80%	40%	MUDSTONE, grey, friable, plant remains, fresh, some silty bands generally harder. 24 Dip ±20°	73%	1 45°	
100%	16%	IRONSTONE NODULES. Alternating SILTSTONE and fine grained SANDSTONE laminae.	58%	3 45° 80°	
86%	43%	SILTSTONE, grey, laminated, firm, friable, fresh. Ironstone nodule and pyrite.	57%	-	
100%	50%	26 MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, plant remains, soft/firm, friable, some flaky. Ironstone nodules.	88%	2 ±70°	
56%?	-	Occasional COAL fragments. 27 Large fragments of grey micaceous SILTSTONE, IRONSTONE and occasional COAL fragments set in grey clay matrix. Old workings.	NIL	-	
76%	21%	28 29 SILTSTONE, grey, laminated, fresh, hard, occasional plant fragments, iron enriched bands and some pyrite. Dip 30°	43%	7 ±80° 40° Some broken	
96%	9%	30 MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, fresh, hard, becoming darker, shaly and friable (roof shale)	35%	2 90° much broken	
100%	10%	31 Dip ±20° 32 COAL, clarain, fusain bands, well developed cleat, broken stick, iron pyrites, mostly bright, cleat angle 80°	27%	Some broken	
64%	22%	PREMIER COAL. 33 Dip 15° 34 SEATEARTH, light grey, silty, firm/hard, friable, abundant plant remains (rootlets)	44%	10 80° 70° some broken	
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TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R Q. D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LOGS
		35 SANDSTONE, light grey, fine grained, silty, fresh, very hard, alternating laminae of fine grained silty SANDSTONE and SILTSTONE.		
96%	13%	36 MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, hard, some slightly silty bands, occasional iron enriched band.	70%	6 80° 70°
89%	-	38 SILTSTONE, grey, laminated, hard, some friable, fresh, occasional mudstone bands. Dip 15°	56%	10 80° 70° Some broken
79%	17%	39 IRONSTONE BAND. MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, hard, some friable. IRONSTONE BAND.	21%	3 60° 80° Some broken
		40 END		
		41		
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description						
0.3	D			19	Turf over TOPSOIL.	0.3	88.5				
0.5-1.0	U(75)			20		0.3	88.2				
1.2	D			20	Soft firm light grey brown becoming orange brown silty very sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
1.5-2.0	U(89)	85		17		1.7	86.8				
2.2	D			16	Firm stiff brown and grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel.						
2.5-2.7	U(100)			22							
2.5-3.0	B				Hard light grey and brown shaly MUDSTONE and SILTSTONE.						
3.0-3.5	D.S			8		123	3.0		85.5		
4.0	D										
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	F.I.	R.G.D.							
	100%	100%		10%							
5.9											
	100%	95%		40%							
7.9											
	100%	100%		-							
8.9											
	100%	100%		20%							
9.5						9.5	79.0				
	100%	100%		-	As below. Cont. over from 10.0.	10.0	78.5				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Shell and Auger	G.L.	4.0	0.15					8.4.75	-	-	-
Rotary Core	4.0	10.0	0.07	Air				8.4.75	4.0	Nil	Nil
								2.6.75	5.9	4.0	Nil
<b>Remarks</b> Rock chisel used 3.5-4.0 (1 hour) Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			<b>Contract</b> S1118			
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No.1. Chainage 2200			<b>Borehole</b> 17 Sheet 1 of 4			



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Sampling		Properties			Strata						
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description	Depth	Level	Legend			
10.5	100%	100%			Cont. from 10.0.	10.0	78.5	[Legend area with vertical lines]			
	100%	100%		-	Grey friable MUDSTONE and SEATEARTH						
11.5	100%	100%		40%							
12.0	100%	95%		40%							
12.5											
	100%	65%		12%							
15.0											
	100%	100%		22%	Moderately weathered grey fine SANDSTONE and MUDSTONE interbedded.	15.7	72.8				
17.3	100%	100%		21%							
18.3	100%	100%		44%							
19.2	100%	100%		-	Hard silty friable MUDSTONE.	19.2	69.3				
					Cont. over from 20.0	20.0	68.5				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10.0	20.0	0.07	Air				24.6.75	9.5	4.0	-
								25.6.75	11.5	4.0	-
								26.6.75	18.3	4.0	5.8
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass				<b>Contract</b> S1118		
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No. 1.		Chainage 2200		<b>Borehole</b> 17 Sheet 2 of 4		



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Sampling		Properties			Strata						
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description	Depth	Level	Legend			
20.1		41%		-	Cont. from 20.0.  As above with some SILTSTONE bands and ironstone nodules.	20.0	68.5				
22.5		100%		44%							
23.4		80%		40%							
24.1		100%		16%							
25.1		90%		45%							
26.6		56%		Nil	Siltstone and ironstone fragments and occasional coal in grey clay matrix. Old workings?	26.6	61.9				
27.5		76%			Hard fresh laminated grey SILTSTONE.	27.5	61.0				
29.6					Cont. over from 30.0.	30.0	58.5				
Drilling					Ground Water						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	20.0	22.5	0.07	Air				14.7.75	22.5	-	-
Rotary Core	22.5	10.0	0.07	Water				15.7.75	25.1	-	-
								21.7.75	26.6	-	5.0
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Havarden By-Pass				<b>Contract</b> S1118		
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No. 1 Chainage 2200				<b>Borehole</b> 17 Sheet 3 of 4		



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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
30.7		96%		9%	Cont from 30.0.	30.0	58.5	[Symbol]			
					Hard fresh laminated grey MUDSTONE.	30.2	58.3				
32.2		100%		10%	COAL	30.7	57.8	[Symbol]			
33.9		64%		22%	Hard friable light grey silty SEATEARTH with abundant plant remains.	33.1	55.4	[Symbol]			
34.9		100%		-	Very hard fresh light grey fine SANDSTONE.	35.0	53.5	[Symbol]			
35.8		100%		15%	Hard grey laminated MUDSTONE.	36.0	52.5	[Symbol]			
38.8		100%		-	Hard fresh grey laminated SILTSTONE with occasional mudstone bands.	37.5	51.0	[Symbol]			
40.0		100%		17%	IRONSTONE and MUDSTONE.	39.5	49.0	[Symbol]			
					End of Borehole.	40.0	48.5				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	30.0	40.0	0.0%	Water				22.7.75	29.6	-	-
								23.7.75	34.9	-	-
								23.7.75	40.0	-	-
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell & Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			Contract S1118			
<b>exploration associates</b>					Section No. 1. Chainage 2200			<b>Borehole</b> 17 Sheet 4 of 4			



**SJ26NE729**



CONTRACTOR Exploration Associates. (Geotech.)		DATE OF DRILLING 7-11/75	DRILLING METHOD Shell. Rotary core: Water flush.	BOREHOLE NO 18	
GROUND LEVEL 91.5m.A.O.D.	ORIENTATION -90°	CO-ORDINATES E 276 480 N 669 640	SITE SJ26NE/729 Hawarden By-pass.	PAGE 1 OF 4	
TOTAL CORE RECOV. % & SIZE	R. Q. D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA		SOLID CORE RECOV. %	FRACTURE LCG
		CLAY, stiff, brown, mottled with grey sandy patches.			Driller's Report: Shell.
	1	BOULDER CLAY, brown, stiff, with some black mottle and brown sand seams.		1	
	2	BOULDER CLAY, brown, stiff with some grey mottle.		2	
	3			3	
	4			4	
	5			5	
86mm	6	BOULDERS IN SUPERFICIAL DEPOSITS.		Core	
	7			7	
44%	8	SANDSTONE, grey/light grey, fine grained, silty, hard.		-	broken
90%	9	Alternating laminae of SILTSTONE and fine grey silty SANDSTONE (sandstones predominate.)		71%	3 70°
100%	10	SANDSTONE BAND. SILTSTONE. MUDSTONE.		93%	6 80° 70°
KEY		REMARKS Cased to 30.98m. 98mm. casing to 8.33m. 84mm. casing to 30.98m. Full water returns.			
LOGGED BY K.F.		SCALE 1/50 METRES	CLIENT Welsh Office.		JOB NO 3619/1
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SITE		PAGE 2 OF 4		BOREHOLE No	
Hawarden By-pass.		SJ 26 NE/729		18	
TOTAL CORE RECOVER. % & SIZE	W. Q. D.	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	SOLID CORE RECOVER. %	FRACTURE LOG	
100%	29%	11 SANDSTONE, grey, fine grained, silty, hard, fresh with subordinate siltstone laminae.	71%	4	70°
93%	20%	12	75%	3	60°
97%	13%	13 SILTSTONE Traces of slumped bedding. SANDSTONE BAND.	71%	8	70° 80° (in sst.)
100%	25%	14 RECCILIATED MUDSTONE and SANDSTONE fragments-fault? COAL, broken stick, clarain, fusain bands, dull, bright 50/50, hard.	88%	4	70° 80° (in sst.)
71%	71%	15 SANDSTONE, light grey, fine grained, silty, hard, (N.B. well jointed) IRONSTONE NODULES.	71%	4	80°
97%	23%	16 SANDSTONE as above. COAL broken stick, hard, well developed cleat. SANDSTONE BAND as above.	77%	4	70° (in sst.)
100%	67%	17 SANDSTONE BAND. COAL BAND. SANDSTONE as above (N.B. well jointed.)	93%	8	80° (in sst.)
84%	65%	18 COAL, broken stick, hard, clarain, fusain bands, banded, dull/bright, well developed cleat. SANDSTONE BAND. 19 SANDSTONE. SANDY MUDSTONE, dark brown/grey, slickensided, firm, flakey, friable.	77%	-	-
100%	47%	20 COAL, broken stick, clarain, fusain bands, dull, bright banded, well developed cleat, pyritized on cleat. -PREMIER COAL. 21 SANDY MUDSTONE, dark brown/grey, firm, friable, flakey, abundant plant fragments.	93%	-	-
		22 MUDSTONE, grey, laminated, hard, ironstone nodules and occasional silty bands.			

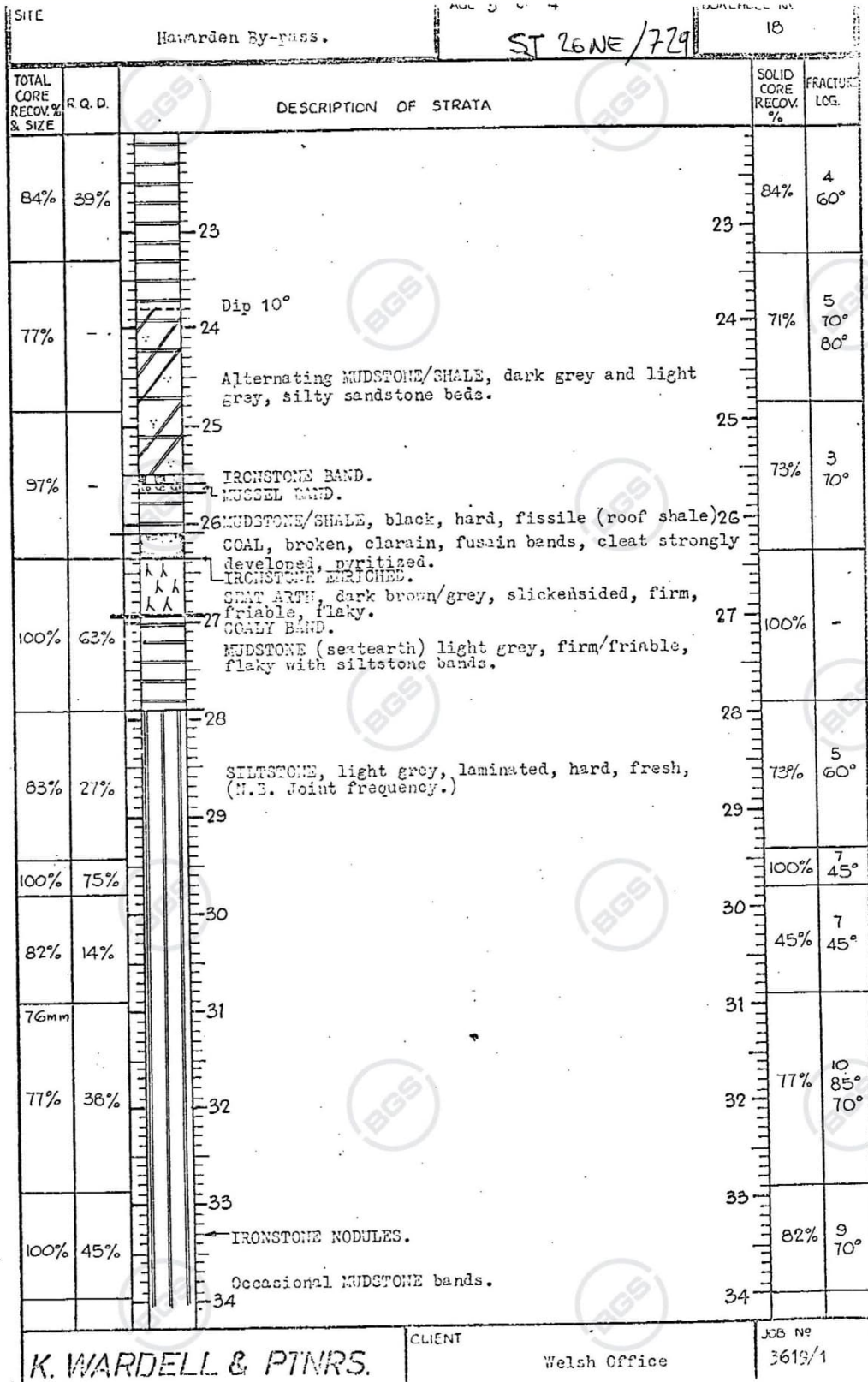
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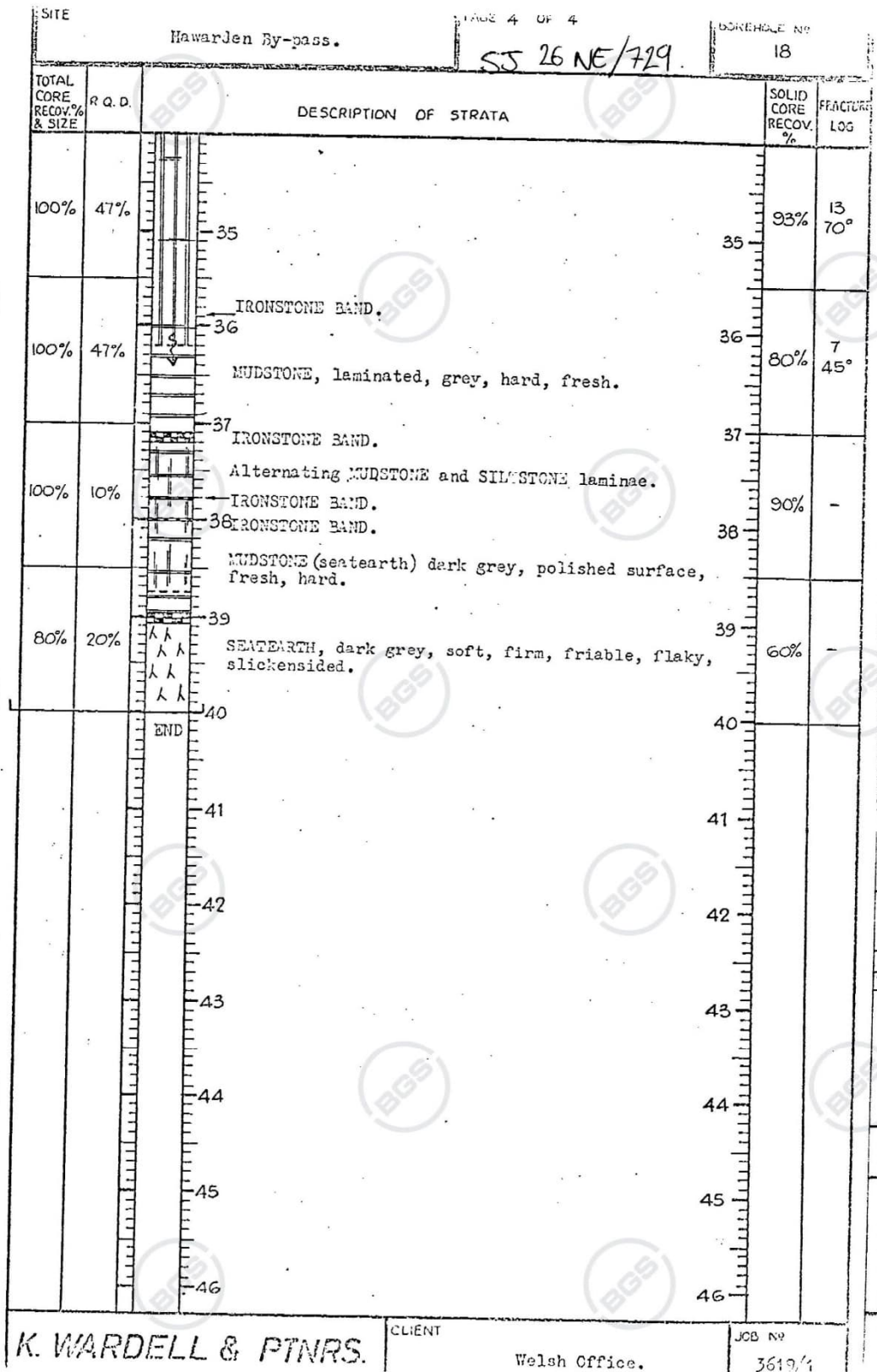
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Sampling		Properties			Strata							
Depth	Type	Strength kN/m <sup>2</sup>	w %	SPT N	Description	Depth	Level	Legend				
0.4	D		20		Turf over TOPSOIL.	0.1	71.0					
0.5-1.0	U(50)		18		Soft-firm light brown mottled yellow brown silty CLAY with occasional gravel.	0.3	90.7					
			21			0.8	90.2					
1.2	D		14		Firm-stiff red-brown silty CLAY with rock fragments and gravel. Seams or zones of brown sand present.							
1.4	D		16									
1.5-2.0	U(50)	R 50	15			1.7	89.3					
			14									
2.2	D		13									
2.5-3.0	U(50)		14									
			14									
3.2	D		13									
3.5-4.0	U(50)		21		Stiff becoming very stiff red brown becoming grey brown silty sandy CLAY with rock fragments and gravel of mudstone, sandstone coal. Zones of clayey silt present.							
			14									
4.2	D		14									
4.5-5.0	U(50)		13									
			11									
5.2	D		11									
5.2	D		11									
5.7	D		11		Very stiff grey CLAY with sandstone fragments.	5.6	85.4					
						5.8	85.2					
6.0-6.5	B.C			53	Very dense grey very silty sandy GRAVEL with cobbles and some clayey zones.							
7.0-7.5	D.S		6	80	Light grey SANDSTONE and SILTSTONE (alternating)	6.8	84.2					
7.8	D.S		10	200+								
Drill Run	Fluid Core	Return		F.I. R.Q.D.								
		Recovery										
	100%	100%		1%								
9.5												
					Cont. over from 10.0.	10.0	81.0					
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>							
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water	
Shell and Auger	G.L.	7.8	0.15	-				18.4.75	-	-	-	
Rotary Core	7.8	10.0	0.07	Water				19.4.75	4.0	1.7	Nil	
								19.4.75	7.8	1.7	Nil	
<b>Remarks</b> Rock chisel used from 7.0-7.8 (1 hour) Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell & Partners.												
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			<b>Contract</b> S1118				
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
11.0	100%	100%		40%	Cont. from 10.0.		10.0	81.0			
	11.9	100%	100%	29%							
12.7	100%	100%	20%								
14.2	100%	100%		13%	As above.		14.2	86.8			
	15.1	100%	100%	25%	Hard COAL		14.8	86.2			
15.7	100%	100%		71%	Hard light grey silty fine SANDSTONE well jointed.		15.1	84.9			
	17.2	100%	100%	23%		Hard COAL with sandstone bands.		16.1		83.8	
18.7	100%	100%		67%	Hard light grey SANDSTONE.		17.2	73.0			
	18.7	100%	85%	65%	Hard COAL.		18.0	72.3			
18.7	100%	85%		65%	Dark grey brown SEATEARTH and SANDSTONE.		18.7	70.6			
					As below.		19.5	70.6			
					Cont. over from 20.0		20.0	70.1			
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	10.0	20.0	0.07	Water				11.8.75	7.7	6.0	4.2
								12.8.75	17.2	8.3	4.1
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			Contract S1118			
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
20.3					Cont from 20.0.		20.0	70.1	[Legend symbol: white box]		
	100%	100%		47%	COAL.		21.2	68.9			
21.8					Hard grey laminated MUDSTONE and SHALE.				[Legend symbol: horizontal lines]		
	100%	100%		39%							
23.3									[Legend symbol: vertical lines]		
	100%	100%		-							
24.8									[Legend symbol: vertical lines]		
	100%	100%		-							
26.3					COAL.		26.1	64.0	[Legend symbol: white box]		
							26.4	63.7			
					Firm friable light grey brown and grey SKATEARTH.				[Legend symbol: vertical lines]		
	100%	100%		63%							
27.9					Hard fresh light grey laminated SILTSTONE.				[Legend symbol: cross-hatch]		
	100%	100%		27%				27.9		62.2	
29.4									[Legend symbol: cross-hatch]		
29.8					Cont. over from 30.0.		30.0	60.1			
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	20.0	30.0	0.07	Water				13.8.75	27.9	8.3	4.1
								14.8.75	34.0	31.0	4.1
								14.8.75	40.0	31.0	6.2
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K.Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass				Contract S1118		
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Sampling		Properties			Strata		Depth	Level	Legend		
Drill Run	Fluid Return	Core Recovery	FI	RQD	Description						
	100%	100%		14%	Cont. from 30.0.	30.0	60.1				
					As above with occasional ironstone bands.						
30.9	100%	100%		-							
31.3											
	100%	100%		38%							
32.8											
	100%	100%		45%							
34.0											
	100%	100%		47%							
35.5											
	100%	100%		47%							
37.0											
	100%	100%		10%							
38.5						38.2	51.9				
	100%	90%		20%	Hard dark grey SEATEARTH and MUDSTONE.						
					End of Borehole.	40.0	50.1				
<b>Drilling</b>					<b>Ground Water</b>						
Type	From	To	Size	Fluid	Struck	Behaviour	Sealed	Date	Hole	Cased	Water
Rotary Core	30.0	31.3	0.07	Water				14.8.75	40.0	NIL	NIL
Rotary Core	31.3	40.0	0.06	Water							
<b>Remarks</b> Rotary Borehole Record based on interpretation by K. Wardell and Partners.											
<b>Borehole Record</b>					<b>Project</b> Clwyd County Council Hawarden By-Pass			<b>Contract</b> S1118			
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**SJ 26 NE 30** 2795 6753 Near Ewloe Wood 1<sup>st</sup> No. 108

Block C

Surface level +84 m  
 Water not encountered  
 Shell and Auger, 203 mm diameter  
 October 1979

Overburden 0.5 m  
 Mineral 4.3 m  
 Waste 9.3 m  
 Bedrock 0.4 m+

**LOG**

Geological classification	Lithology	Thickness m	Depth m
	Soil, clayey, stony	0.5	0.5
Glacial Sand and Gravel	'Clayey' to 'very clayey' gravel Gravel: coarse and fine, mainly subrounded sandstone and quartzite Sand: medium	4.3	4.8
Till	Clay, grey, stony	9.3	14.1
Coal Measures	Sandstone, buff	0.4+	14.5

**GRADING**

Mean for deposit percentages			Depth below surface (m)	percentages						
Fines	Sand	Gravel		Fines		Sand		Gravel		
				- $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ -1	+1-4	+4-16	+16-64	+64 mm
18	37	45	0.5-1.5	19	12	17	4	19	26	3
			1.5-2.5	13	4	28	7	19	23	6
			2.5-3.5	12	3	26	8	17	22	12
			3.5-4.5	27	11	22	9	16	13	2
			4.5-4.8	No grading data available						
			Mean	18	8	22	7	18	21	6

**COMPOSITION**

Depth below surface (m)	percentages by weight in +8 mm fraction								
	Quartz	Quartzite	Greywacke	Sandstone	Limestone	Siltstone	Mudstone	Igneous	Chert, Flint, etc.
2.5-4.5	1	27	trace	29	8	11	2	22	trace



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Temp. No. 8

Borehole diam. 203 mm

Water struck Not struck

Remarks: NGR 2795 6753

Classification	Thick-ness (m)	Lithology
OVERBURDEN	0.3	SOIL
MINERAL	4.5	CLAYEY SANDY GRAVEL
WASTE	9.3	PEBBLY CLAY
BEDROCK	0.4	SANDSTONE

Lithostrat. Code	Description	Thick <sup>n</sup> (m)	Depth to base (m)	Sample No.
SOIL	Soil: Medium brown clayey, slightly sandy soil, with some pebbles of qtz, gtyite and sandstone, large proportion of qtz	0.3	0.3	
	Clayey Sandy Gravel: Red brown, pebbles of SR sandstones, SR greywacke gtyites, trace volcanics and qtz. Sand: red brown medium/fine. Gravel: medium to fine.	4.5	4.8	W/A 0.5 B 1.5 M0213 W/A 1.5 B 2.5 M0214 W/A 2.5 B 3.5 M0215 W/A 3.5 B 4.5 M0216
	Pebbly clay: grey, stiff with SR/SA fragments of shale, carbonaceous material and siltstones, clay is calcareous	2.2	7.0	

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Lithostrat. Code	Description	Thick <sup>n</sup> (m)	Depth to base (m)	Sample No.
			7.0	
	<i>Reliable clay:- similar to above but brown coloured. very calcareous, with CR/SA pebbles of siltstones, siltites, list and volcanics, buff siltites sandstones. Very varied lithologies.</i>	7.1	14.1	
	<i>Sandstone: (bedrock) Buff sandstone carboniferous.</i>	0.4	14.5	

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