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The Stonehenge Alliance

On

***Geology, Hydrogeology, Geotechnics &  
Effects of Tunnelling on Groundwater***

# Core Drilling, Core Logging & RQD: Wireline Logging

- Core Drilling & Recovery Methods
  - Wireline Recovery
  - Triple Tube core barrels
- Core Logging
- Rock Mass Classification
- TCR; SCR & RQD
  - Rock Quality Designation:
  - Rock Strength Classification Systems (CIRIA etc).
- Geophysical Logging Techniques:-
  - Caliper Logging
  - Natural Gamma
  - Optical & Acoustic Televiewers



Surface Geology



3D Models



Borehole Scans



Earthquake Timeline

## Borehole Scans

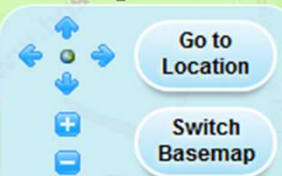
Click on a borehole to view scan.

### Borehole depth

- 0 - 10m
- 10 - 30m
- 30m+
- Unknown
- Confidential or Restricted

[More on boreholes](#)

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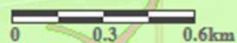
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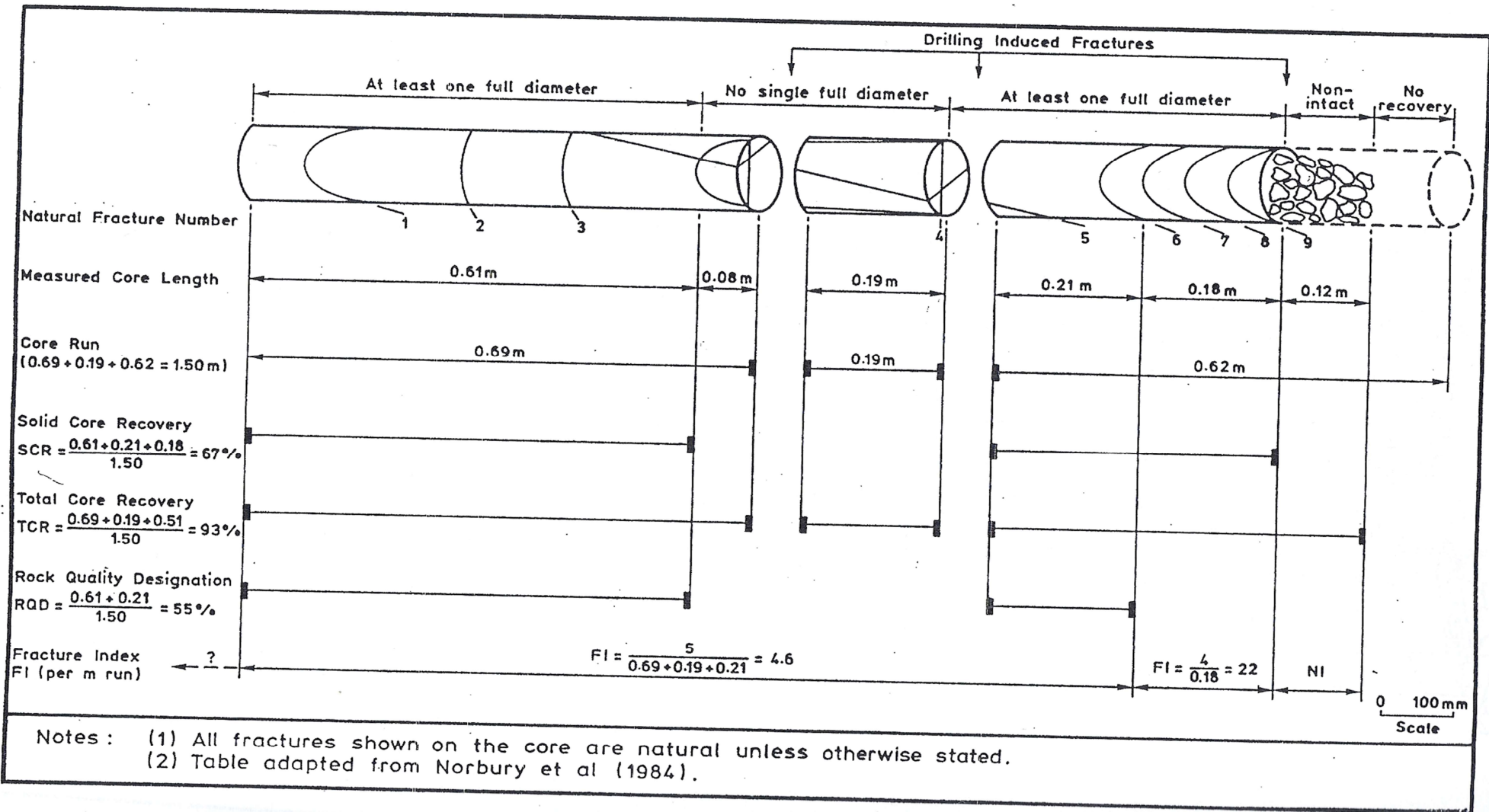
## Borehole results

SU14SW152 – A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down R501

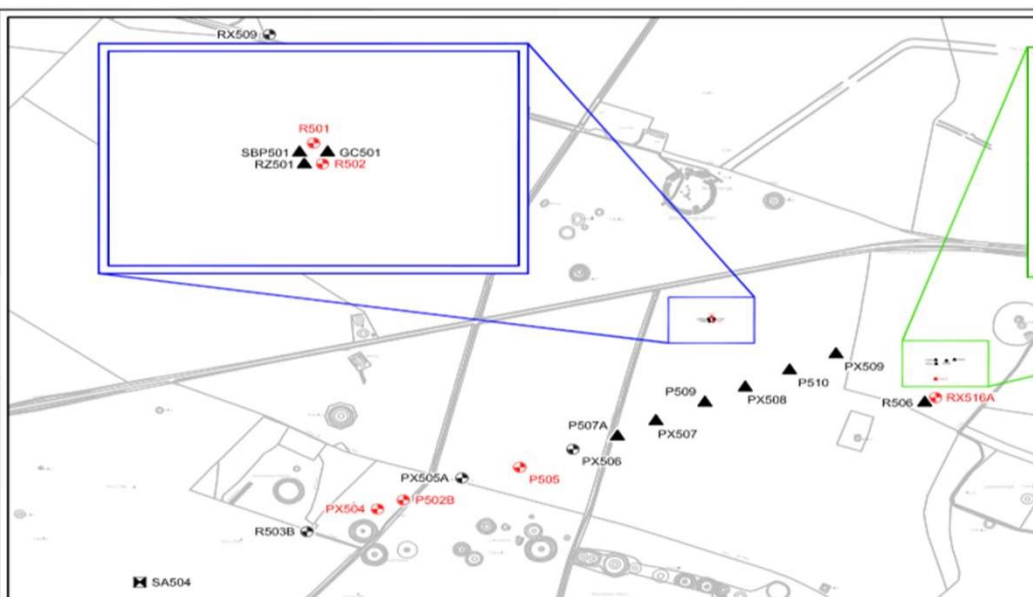
412291,141869 Depth: 36.5m.

Not available  
May be available through GeoRecords Plus+





Schematic Illustration of Fracture Logging Terms



**STRUCTURAL SOILS FINAL BOREHOLE LOG**

Contract: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down		Client: Highways England		Borehole: R501										
Contract Ref: 731823		Start: 22.02.17		End: 01.03.17										
Ground Level (m AOD): 93.16		National Grid Co-ordinates: E:412291.0 N:141868.9												
Depth (m)	No	Type	Results	TC (%)	CS (%)	SD (%)	MWD (mm)	MWD (%)	Moisture	Description of Strata	From	To	Depth (Thick-ness)	Material Legend
17.80	14	C		80	56	56			100	at 14.30m chalk fragments are extremely weak	14.30m	14.85m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 14.35m to 14.85m joint is 35° undulating rough open fissure comminuted chalk	14.35m	14.70m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 14.50m to 14.70m joint is 75° undulating rough open fissure with comminuted chalk	14.50m	14.70m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 14.70m phosphatic chalk becomes very weak	14.70m	14.75m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										between 14.75m and 16.00m chalk fragments weak	14.75m	16.00m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 14.85m to 15.00m heavily phosphatic	14.85m	15.00m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										undulating joint is 45° comminuted chalk	15.20m	15.35m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 15.30m phosphatic chalk becomes very weak	15.30m	15.35m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 16.00m to 16.75m joint is 45° undulating rough open fissure with coarse angular fragments	16.00m	16.75m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										between 16.20m and 18.00m	16.20m	18.00m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										from 16.00m to 16.75m joint is 75° planar rough and brown staining upper fracture surface fragmented	16.00m	16.75m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 17.80m to 18.00m joint is 75° planar rough and brown staining upper fracture surface fragmented	17.80m	18.00m		
18.00-18.71 (0.05)										at 18.00m to 18.05m joint is 75° planar rough comminuted chalk	18.00m	18.05m		

Boring Progress and Water Observations						General Remarks					
Date	Time	Depth	Borehole	Casing	Water						

All dimensions in metres. Scale: 1:14

Method Used: Inspection pit + Rotary Core | Plant Used: Comacchio Geo 602 | Drilled By: Ryan Pincher | Logged By: [Signature] | Checked By: [Signature]

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20.10	16	C		100	0	0				Extremely weak and very weak brown CHALK (comminuted) multilayered fine to coarse angular fragments of chalk up to 30mm in length. There are weaker zones probably formed by the weathering of chalk fragments at the centre of the core are very weakly (possibly weakening) disturbance of chalk from use of multistep drilling tools.	20.10m	21.00m		
20.25-21.00 (0.02)										Very weak to weak medium density brown phosphatic CHALK. Fractures are subhorizontal to subvertical extremely closely spaced (10/100/100) undulating rough open fissure especially subhorizontal closely spaced subvertical to secondary to very closely spaced PHOSPHATIC CHALK (Grade AS)	20.25m	21.00m		
21.00-22.50 (0.02)	18	C		100	0	0				at 20.85m and 20.50m non intact recovered as fine to coarse angular sized fragments of phosphatic brown chalk. Chalk is very weak medium density	20.85m	20.50m		
21.00-22.50 (0.02)										at 20.70m subvertical joint undulating rough chalk specific	20.70m	20.50m		
21.00-22.50 (0.02)										at 20.50m non intact recovered as fine to coarse angular sized fragments of chalk. Chalk is very weak to weak	20.50m	21.00m		
21.00-22.50 (0.02)										at 20.50m to 21.00m joint is 75° planar rough and brown staining upper fracture surface fragmented	20.50m	21.00m		
21.00-22.50 (0.02)										Very weak high density brown phosphatic CHALK with occasional lenticular	21.00m	21.00m		

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Sheet: 32 of 33		



R501 boxes 20 - 21, 18.70m - 21.00m depth (Compound)



R501 boxes 20 - 21, 18.70m - 21.00m depth (logging area)

STRUCTURAL SOILS BOREHOLE LOG

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**FINAL BOREHOLE LOG**

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Contract Ref: **731823** | Est: **01.03.17**

Depth (0.001)	No	Type	Results	Mechanical Log (C/S) (N) (10) (mm)	Water	Description of Strata	Depth (Thick (mm) (Thin) (mm))
25.02-26.00							
25.12-25.14	20	C		80		Between 23.97m and 24.97m light to 30° planar brown, mottled with brown streaks. Contains occasional phagocytic chalk with dark and distributed in matrix. Features are extremely closely to very closely spaced including large voids filled with brown gravel sized fragments. (PHOSPHATIC CHALK Grade B1)	25.16 26.00

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22.25-23.26							
23.25-24.00	19	C		80		Between 23.97m and 24.97m light to 30° planar brown, mottled with brown streaks. Contains occasional phagocytic chalk with dark and distributed in matrix. Features are extremely closely to very closely spaced including large voids filled with brown gravel sized fragments. (PHOSPHATIC CHALK Grade B1)	23.26 24.00
23.39							
23.70	18	ES		100		Medium joint (95°) planar	23.70 24.00
24.00-25.00							
24.00							

**General Remarks**

Boring Progress and Water Observations

Date	Time	Borehole Depth (mm)	Coating Depth (mm)	Water Bearing Depth (mm)
26.00	10:54	ES		
26.80	10:58	ES		

**General Remarks**

Boring Progress and Water Observations

Date	Time	Borehole Depth (mm)	Coating Depth (mm)	Water Bearing Depth (mm)
24.00	10:54	ES		

Method Used: **Hand** | Inspection by: **Robyn Pincher** | Scale: **1:14**

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R501 boxes 25 - 26, 24.00m - 26.00m depth (Rigside)



R501 boxes 25 - 27, 24.00m - 27.50m depth (Compound)



R501 boxes 25 - 27, 24.00m - 27.50m depth (Logging area)

## Groundwater Data, Modelling and Groundwater Barriers

- Drill Log Data
- Groundwater Observations & Monitoring.
- Multi-Seasonal Records
- Fracture Flow
- Chalk Hydrogeology

# Simplified Conceptual Groundwater Flow Regime

R.N. Mortimore et al./Proceedings of the Geologists' Association 128 (2017) 564-598

595 (From Mortimore et al; 2017)

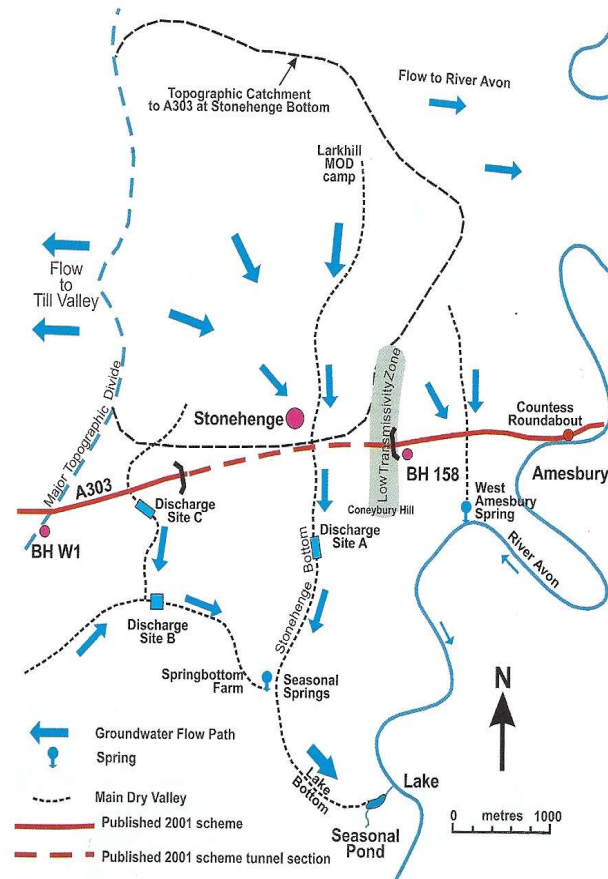


Fig. 28. A303 Stonehenge tunnel area conceptual groundwater flow regime. Stonehenge Bottom acts as a drain to the area with a spring located downstream at Springbottom Farm and a seasonal pond in Lake Bottom close to the River Avon. During the rapid rise in groundwater levels in 2002 the floor of Stonehenge bottom became flooded up to the A303 crossing and Trial Pits on the west side partly filled with water.



# Bentonite Shield Tunnelling Methods, Grouting, :Poor Quality Rock and Grout Invasion.

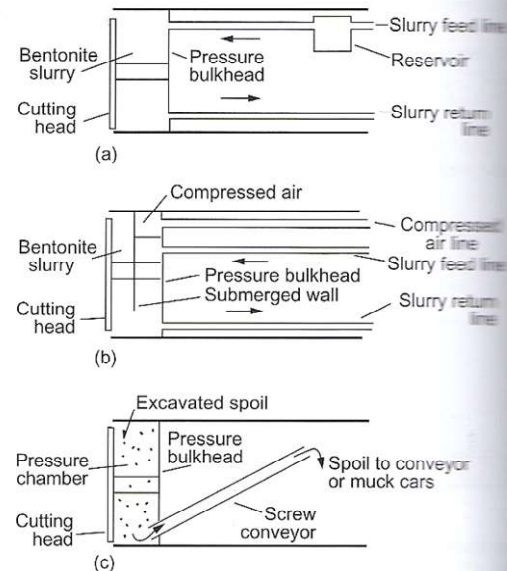
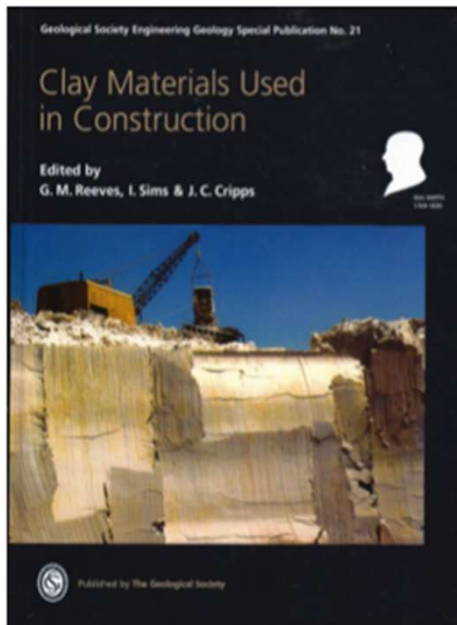
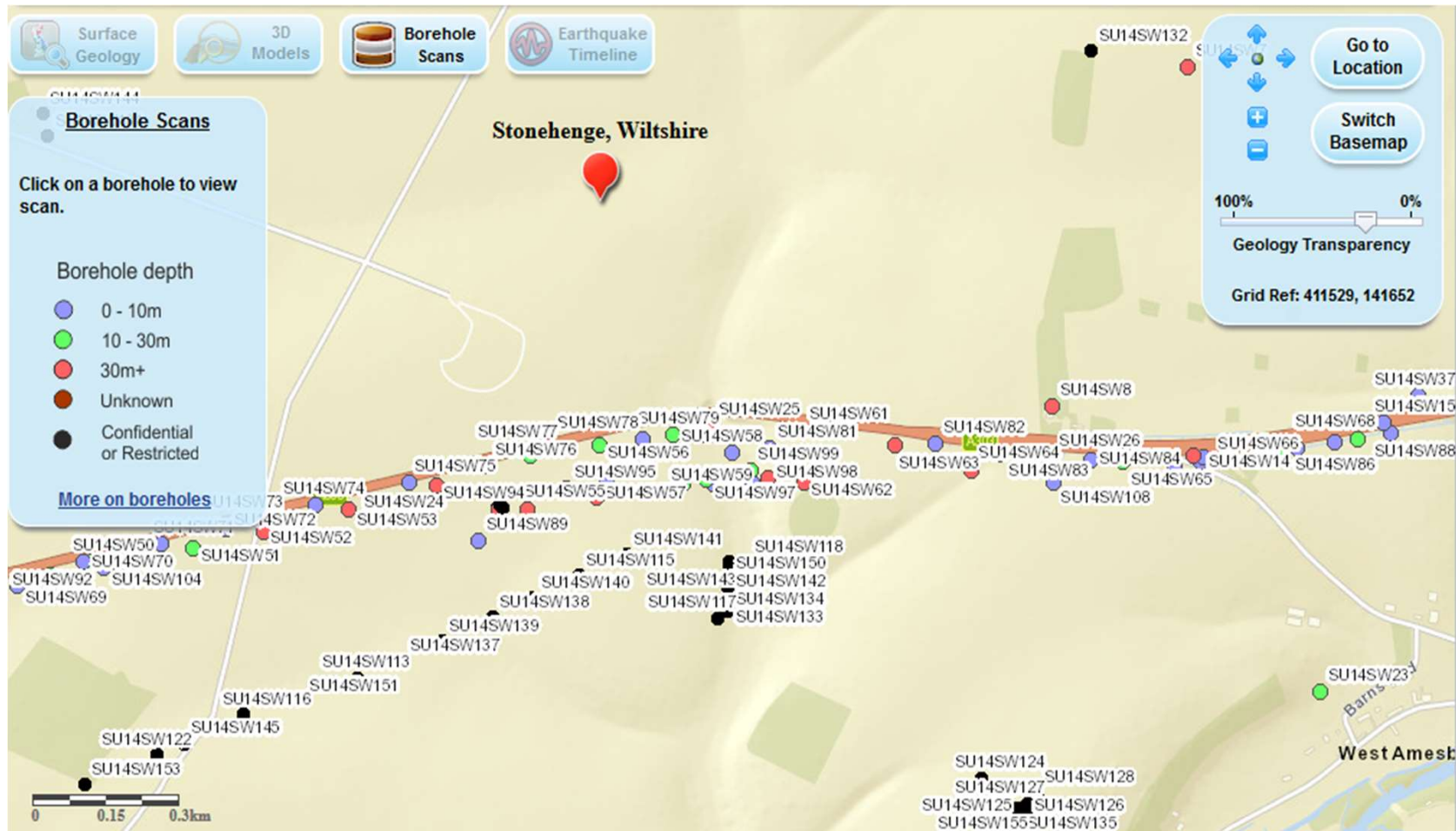


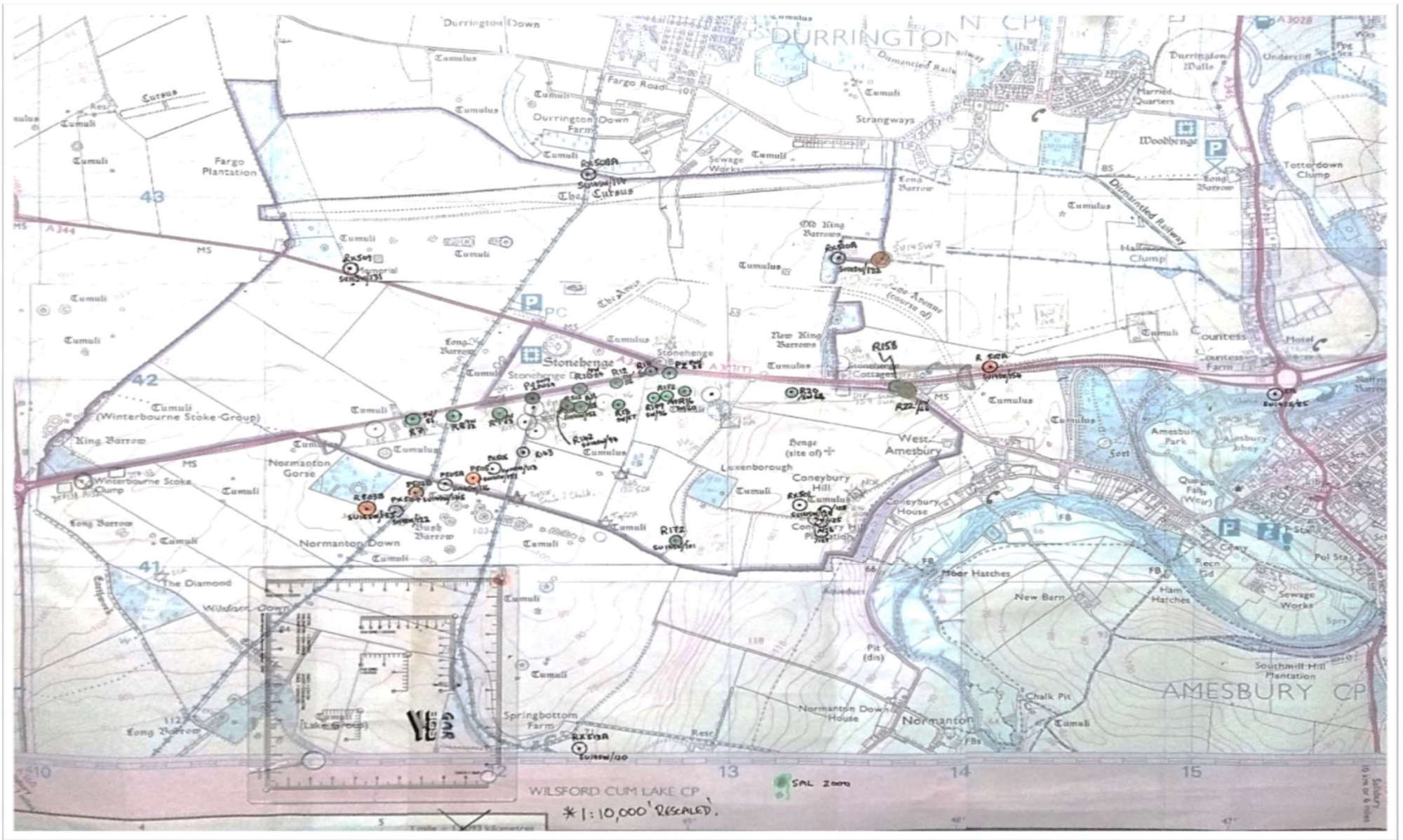
FIG. 12.7. Tunnelling shields (schematic): (a) slurry shield; (b) hydroshield; (c) earth pressure balance shield.

## Slurry (Bentonite Based) Tunnelling:

- **Up to 12 to 15% Bentonite**
- **Additives to aid filter cake formation**  
(eg. Long Chain Polymers such as ...
  - **Sodium carboxy methyl cellulose,**
  - **Polyanionic cellulose (PAC),**
  - **Polyacrylamides & derivatives.**
  
- **High degree of Penetration into formation in:-**
  - **Fracture Zones**
  - **Poor quality fractured rock**
  - **High Permeability rock.**
  
- **Maximum Penetration of Latents into high K zones.**

# BGS GeoIndex Database:





WILSFORD CUM LAKE CP  
 \* 1:10,000 'RESALED'

Scale  
 10 cm per 1 km

## Modern Methods of Ground Data Presentation: 3-D Ground Modelling

- 2 Dimensional :-

- Maps
- Sections
- Fence Diagrams

- 3-D Modelling:-

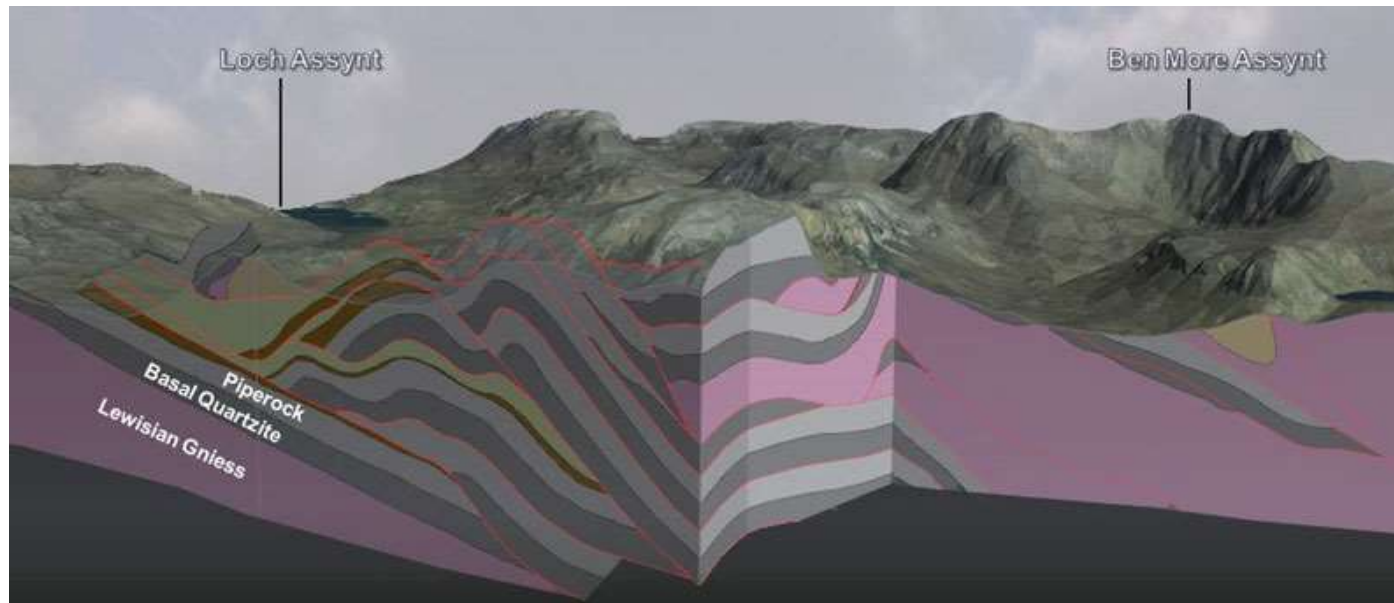
- Borehole Logs and Data
- Rock Properties- Strength/Lithology/Degree of Fracturing/Fault Zones
- Alteration Zones (e.g. Phosphatic Chalk)
- Groundwater Levels, Zones; Aquifers; Aquicludes; Recharge & Discharge
- 3-D Geophysics- Methods; Combined Interpretations; Exponential Data Gains.

# 3-D Geological Ground Modelling-5

- Lithoframe Examples (See.... <https://www.bgs.ac.uk/services/3Dgeology/lithoframe.html>)
- Assynt Culmination Geological 3D Model (©BGS)

[Assynt Culmination 3D geological model | UK geology ...](https://www.bgs.ac.uk/services/3Dgeology/lithoframe.html)  
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- <https://youtu.be/WkOWUzvAxq4>



## Conclusions:

- Potential Creation of massive, deep & penetrative (to up to 50m BGL)  
**GROUNDWATER CUT-OFF/"Groundwater Dam"- 3.3km+long.**
- Significant long-term changes in :- Groundwater Flow, G/W recharge, G/W discharges, G/W chemistry and quality, Well yields and Chalk Rock solution (especially in Phosphatic zones).
- Potential for short-term contamination from grouting (ex-TBM) and possible need for back-up surface dewatering and grouting, with associated effects
- Inadequate (inc. interpretation of existing)- Site Investigation Data (Drill & Well-logs)
  - Groundwater Data and consequent G/W Modelling
  - Data presentation (3-D Ground Modelling)
  - Rock Permeability values, changes and effects. gmr 01.06.19