

- 6.11.7 8No. PLT were undertaken in CONG. Two of the  $I_{s(50)}$  values were recorded as 0.0MPa which may be due to the poorly cemented core or drilling/handling induced fracturing. Using an  $I_{s(50)}$  to UCS conversion factor of  $UCS = 24 \times I_{s(50)}$ , UCS values determined for the remaining tests vary between 2.4MPa and 7.2MPa. It is considered highly likely that these results underestimate the strength of the CONG due to drilling disturbance caused by the contrasting strength of the matrix and clasts.
- 6.11.8 Due to its scarce distribution and generally low thickness, there are not many in-situ or laboratory tests available for the CONG; therefore, similar properties of the surrounding MST or WSST/SST can be cautiously adopted for this material.
- 6.11.9 However, it must be considered that the CONG formed of quartzite gravel may be an issue for the piling works and may require early piling contractor involvement during the detailed design stage. The piling contractor should be consulted to ensure that adequate information is available for the correct piling method to be chosen.

## 6.12 Geotechnical Parameters Summary

- 6.12.1 A summary of the indicative geotechnical characteristic parameters derived for the geological units are summarised in Table 6.12.1 below.

**Table 6.12.1: Indicative Geotechnical Characteristic Parameters Summary**

| Geotechnical Parameter               | Made Ground (MG/Eng)                | Made Ground (MG FOB)                 | Alluvium Granular (ALL-G)           | Glacial Sands and Gravels (GSG)     | Glacial Till (GT)                   | Weathered Sandstone (WSST)          | Sandstone (SST)                     | Siltstone (SLST)                    | Mudstone (MST)                       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PI (%)                               | 14                                  | 13                                   | I/D                                 | N/A                                 | 15                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| $\gamma_{bulk}$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 20.5                                | 20.5                                 | 18                                  | 21                                  | 21                                  | 20                                  | 22                                  | 22                                  | 22                                   |
| SPT-N                                | 12                                  | 7                                    | 12                                  | 15 + 1.4z <sup>1</sup>              | 5 + 2.25z <sup>1</sup>              | 50                                  | > 100                               | > 100                               | > 50                                 |
| C <sub>u</sub> (kPa)                 | 60                                  | 40                                   | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | 25 + 11.25z <sup>1</sup>            | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| $\phi'_{cv,k}$ (°)                   | 28                                  | 26                                   | 28                                  | 35                                  | 28                                  | 36                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| $\phi'_{pk,k}$ (°)                   | -                                   | -                                    | 30                                  | 39                                  | -                                   | 43                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| c' (kPa)                             | 0                                   | 0                                    | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | 0                                   | 0                                   | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| E' (MPa)                             | 15                                  | 10                                   | 12                                  | 30 + 2.8z <sup>1</sup>              | 6.25 + 2.81z <sup>1</sup>           | 100                                 | 400                                 | 400                                 | 225                                  |
| E <sub>u</sub> (MPa)                 | -                                   | -                                    | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | 8.92 + 4.0z <sup>1</sup>            | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| UCS (MPa)                            | N/A                                 | N/A                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | 5                                   | 4                                   | 3                                    |
| m <sub>v</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /MN)  | I/D                                 | I/D                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | DD                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| c <sub>v</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /yr)  | I/D                                 | I/D                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | DD                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| k (m/sec)                            | 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 10 <sup>-7</sup> | 10 <sup>-4</sup> to 10 <sup>-7</sup> | 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 10 <sup>-6</sup> | 10 <sup>-7</sup> - 10 <sup>-6</sup> | 10 <sup>-8</sup> - 10 <sup>-9</sup> | 10 <sup>-7</sup> - 10 <sup>-5</sup> | 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 10 <sup>-5</sup> | 10 <sup>-5</sup> - 10 <sup>-7</sup> | 10 <sup>-9</sup> - 10 <sup>-10</sup> |
| OCR                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                                  | N/A                                 | 4                                   | 4                                   | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| CBR (%)                              | 3 - 5                               | 1-2                                  | 3 - 10                              | 15                                  | 3.5 - 5.5                           | 20                                  | I/D                                 | I/D                                 | I/D                                  |

Note: 1) Where *z* is depth below ground level  
*DD* – To be determined at Detailed Design Stage.  
*N/A* – Not applicable for this soil/rock type.  
*ID* – Insufficient data to provide derived parameter.

## 6.13 Concrete Aggressivity

- 6.13.1 The concrete aggressivity testing, undertaken in accordance with BRE special Digest 1:2005 Concrete in Aggressive Ground, targeted the superficial deposits underlying the Scheme. The results for each stratum have been analysed to produce derived values for pH, water soluble sulphate as SO<sub>4</sub> (mg/l) and total potential sulphate as SO<sub>4</sub>. In total 45No. samples for testing were taken.
- 6.13.2 The derived value for each stratum was then used to derive corresponding Design Sulphate (DS) and Aggressive Chemical Environment for Concrete (ACEC), according to limit set by BRE SD1.
- 6.13.3 These are shown in the Table 6.13.1 below.

**Table 6.13.1: Concrete Aggressivity Class Summary**

| Geological Unit      | Design Sulfate Class | ACEC Class | Number of Tests |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Made Ground/Eng Fill | DS-2                 | AC-2       | 14              |
| Made Ground FOB      | DS-1                 | AC-1       | 5               |
| GT                   | DS-1                 | AC-1       | 10              |
| GSG                  | DS-1                 | AC-1       | 16              |

## 6.14 Soakaway Testing

- 6.14.1 Four soakaway testing trial pits were performed during the 2019 Ground Investigation as part of the attenuation ponds design. TP09, TP14 and TP18 were constructed to their specified depths of 2.50m bgl; whilst TP01 was terminated at 1.40m bgl due to local risk of ground instability. Prior to testing, groundwater was observed in all four trial pits, at depths ranging between 1.4m bgl and 2.5m bgl.
- 6.14.2 Details of the soakaway tests are included in the Ground Investigation Report (HE514465-BAM-EGT-ZZ-RP-WM-0001) and summarised in Table 6.14.1 below.

**Table 6.14.1: Summary of Soakaway Tests**

| Exploratory Hole | Stratum     | Soil Infiltration Rate (m/s) |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| TP01             | MG FOB      | 4.0 e <sup>-5</sup>          |
| TP09             | GSG over GT | 1.0 e <sup>-6</sup>          |
| TP14             | GSG over GT | 9.7 e <sup>-7</sup>          |
| TP18             | GSG over GT | 6.6 e <sup>-7</sup>          |

## 6.15 Permeability Testing

- 6.15.1 Falling Head tests were undertaken in boreholes BH15, BH16, BH22 and BH23 to determine the permeability of the targeted soil. Details of the falling head tests are included in the Ground Investigation Report (HE514465-BAM-EGT-ZZ-RP-WM-0001) and summarised in Table 6.15.1 below.

**Table 6.15.1: Summary of Falling Head Tests**

| Borehole ID | Response Zone (m bgl) |      | Target Stratum | Permeability, k (m/s) |
|-------------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|
|             | Top                   | Base |                |                       |
| BH15        | 3.5                   | 4.5  | Cohesive GT    | 9.07 e <sup>-8</sup>  |
| BH16        | 2.2                   | 3.8  | GSG            | 4.72 e <sup>-6</sup>  |
| BH22        | 1.5                   | 2.5  | GSG            | 8.10 e <sup>-6</sup>  |
| BH23        | 3.0                   | 4.0  | GSG            | 1.40 e <sup>-7</sup>  |

## 6.16 Compaction Testing

6.16.1 A total of 13No. compaction tests with a 4.5kg rammer have been undertaken on samples expected to be within cuttings. Compaction tests were completed on GSG and GSG and GT samples mixed together. A summary of the Maximum Dry Densities (MDD) and Optimum Moisture Contents (OCM) are presented in Table 6.16.1.

**Table 6.16.1: Compaction Testing Summary**

| Geological Unit | MDD Range (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | MDD Average (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | OMC Range (%) | OMC Average (%) | Number of Tests |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GSG             | 1.96 – 2.19                    | 2.09                             | 5.3 – 9.0     | 7.8             | 9               |
| GSG and GT      | 2.01 – 2.1                     | 2.07                             | 7.4 – 9.1     | 8.0             | 4               |

6.16.2 12No. Moisture Condition Value (MCV) testing was undertaken on samples of GSG. A summary of the MCV results are presented in Table 6.16.2.

**Table 6.16.2: MCV Testing Summary**

| Geological Unit | MCV Range (%) | MCV Average (%) | Number of Tests |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GSG             | 0.1 – 12.6    | 4.6             | 12              |

## 6.17 Groundwater Level

6.17.1 Groundwater was encountered in many trial pits and boreholes. Out of a total of 33 boreholes drilled during the 2019 Ground Investigation, 16 recorded groundwater strikes between 1.5m bgl and 24.3m bgl. Water levels typically rose following the initial strike. Isolated strikes at greater depth were recorded near Featherstone Junction Overbridge and near Brookfield Farm Accommodation Overbridge. The groundwater strikes and the levels after their standing period and highest recorded levels are presented in Table 6.17.1. Exploratory holes not included in Table 6.17.1 did not encounter groundwater.

**Table 6.17.1: Summary of Groundwater Levels**

| Borehole | Groundwater Strike (m bgl) | Depth after Standing Period (m bgl) | Highest monitored groundwater level/ strike (m bgl) | Geological Formation |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| BH01     | 9                          | 4.1                                 | 4.1   | GT                   |
| BH02     | 4.6                        | 4.1                                 | 4.1   | MG                   |
| BH03     | -                          | -                                   | 0.6   | MG                   |
| BH04     | -                          | -                                   | 5.0   | GSG                  |
| BH06     | 4                          | 3.6                                 | 3.0   | GSG                  |
| BH07     | -                          | -                                   | 5.0   | GSG                  |
| BH08     | 9.7                        | 4.8                                 | 4.8   | CWST                 |
| BH08A    | -                          | -                                   | 2.0   | GT                   |
| BH09     | 24.3                       | 10.1                                | 8.2   | GSG                  |
| BH10     | 10.5                       | 6.9                                 | 4.9   | CWST                 |
| BH11     | 11.8                       | 4                                   | 4.0   | CWST                 |
| BH12     | 1.5                        | 1.3                                 | 0.3   | GSG                  |
| BH13     | 4.2                        | 3.1                                 | 3.1   | GSG                  |
| BH16     | -                          | -                                   | 6.8   | GSG                  |
| BH17     | 7.8                        | 4                                   | 4.0   | GSG                  |
| BH18     | 8.7                        | 4.1                                 | 1.5   | GSG                  |
| BH19     | 3                          | 0.6                                 | 0.6   | GT                   |
| BH20     | 14.5                       | 14                                  | 10.7  | GSG                  |
| BH21     | 2.5                        | 2                                   | 1.0   | ALL-G                |
| BH22     | 2                          | 1.5                                 | 1.5   | GT                   |
| BH22A    | -                          | -                                   | +0.0  | ALL-G                |
| BH24     | -                          | -                                   | 3.0   | GT                   |
| BH25     | -                          | -                                   | 7.0   | GSG                  |
| BH26     | -                          | -                                   | 4.7   | MG                   |
| BH27     | -                          | -                                   | 12.4  | GSG                  |
| TP01     | 1.4                        | 1                                   | 1.0   | MG                   |
| TP05     | 3                          | 2.9                                 | 2.9   | GSG                  |
| TP09     | 2                          | 1.8                                 | 1.8   | GT                   |
| TP10     | 2                          | -                                   | 2.0   | GSG                  |
| TP11     | 2.4                        | -                                   | 2.4   | GSG                  |
| TP12     | 4.3                        | -                                   | 4.3   | GT                   |
| TP14     | 1.3                        | -                                   | 1.3   | GSG                  |
| TP17     | 3                          | 1.7                                 | 1.7   | GSG                  |
| TP18     | 2.5                        | -                                   | 2.5   | GT                   |
| TP19     | 4.5                        | -                                   | 4.5   | GSG                  |

Note: \* The groundwater strike in BH19 originates in the GSG at 11.0m bgl and rises to 0.6m bgl, which is the approximate level of the nearby Brookfield Ponds. This is close to artesian water conditions and is considered a potential risk for construction. Further details of this are discussed in Section 7 of this report.

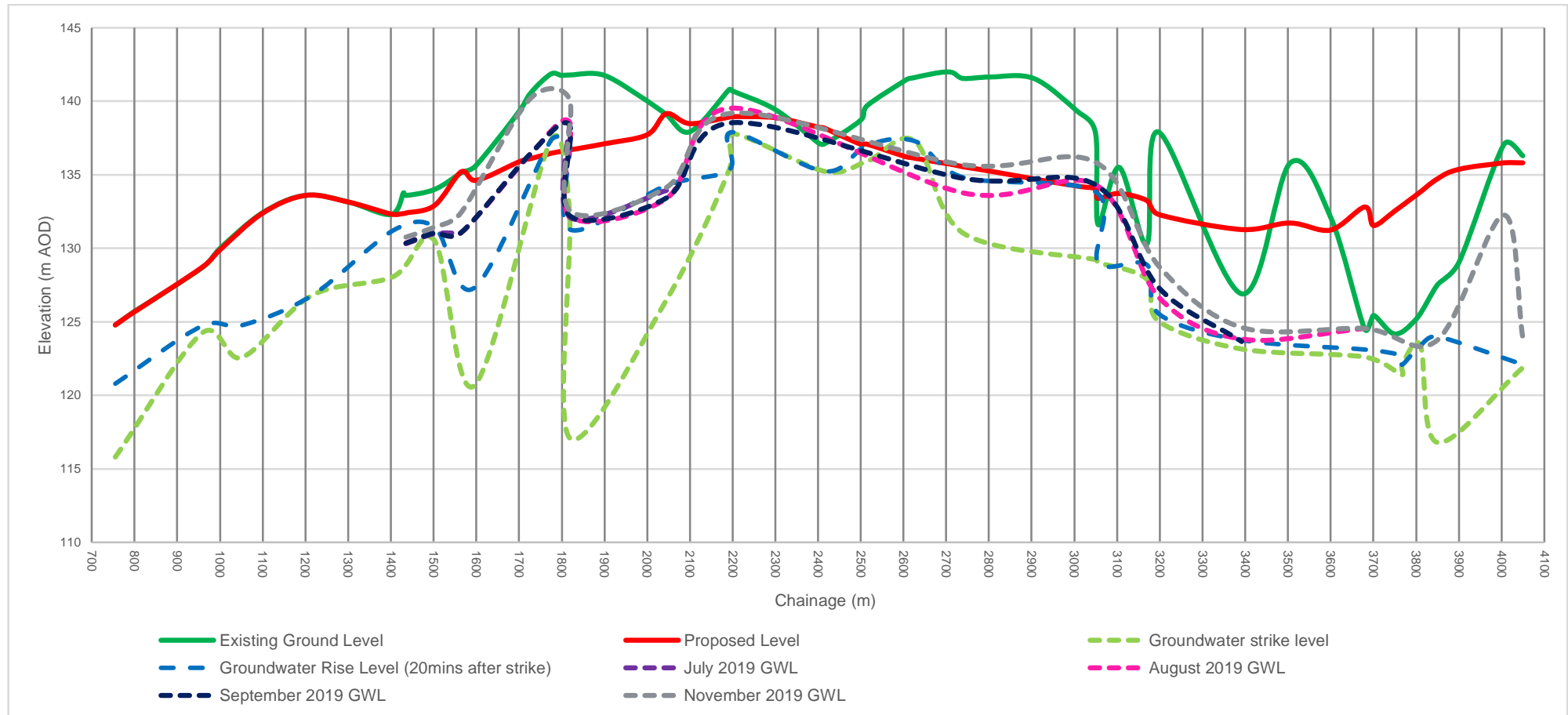
6.17.2 Up to ten rounds of groundwater monitoring were undertaken between the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as part of the 2019 Ground Investigation. The results of the groundwater monitoring are summarised in Table 6.17.2 and a plot showing the ground water levels fluctuation with time, including boreholes and trial pits the water strikes and response after 20 minutes, is shown in Figure 6.17-1.

**Table 6.17.2: Summary of Groundwater Level Monitoring**

| Hole   | Response Zone (m AOD) |        | Geological Formation | Water Level Readings (m AOD) |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                |
|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|        | Top                   | Bottom |                      | First Round                  | Second Round              | Third Round               | Fourth Round              | Fifth Round               | Sixth Round               | Seventh Round             | Eighth Round              | Ninth Round               | Tenth Round               | Eleventh Round |
|        |                       |        |                      | 11/07/2019                   | 21/07/19<br>–<br>23/07/19 | 31/07/19<br>–<br>01/08/19 | 06/08/19<br>–<br>07/08/19 | 20/08/19<br>–<br>21/08/19 | 29/08/19<br>–<br>30/08/19 | 05/09/19<br>–<br>06/09/19 | 05/11/19<br>–<br>08/11/19 | 12/11/19<br>–<br>14/11/19 | 18/11/19<br>–<br>20/11/19 | 25/11/2019     |
| BH03   | 139.78                | 136.28 | MG                   | -                            | Dry                       | 136.73                    | 136.36                    | 136.3                     | 136.38                    | 136.32                    | 136.62                    | 140.16                    | 140.12                    | -              |
| BH04   | 132.29                | 123.29 | GSG/WSST/SST/SLST    | -                            | 129.49                    | 130.31                    | 130.37                    | 130.34                    | 130.37                    | 130.31                    | 130.57                    | 130.69                    | 130.75                    | -              |
| BH05   | 128.33                | 122.44 | WSST                 | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | 130.85                    | 130.92                    | 131.06                    | -              |
| BH06   | 131.51                | 113.53 | GSG/WSST             | -                            | 130.76                    | 130.99                    | 131.04                    | 126.11                    | 131.04                    | 131.2                     | 131.29                    | 131.38                    | 131.45                    | -              |
| BH07   | 126.47                | 121.97 | WSST                 | -                            | 130.77                    | 131.02                    | 131.03                    | 131.07                    | 131.07                    | 131.01                    | 132.32                    | 132.39                    | 132.44                    | -              |
| BH08A  | 121.17                | 113.97 | SST/CONG             | 138.62                       | 138.52                    | 138.53                    | 138.52                    | 138.57                    | 138.38                    | 138.52                    | 139.07                    | 140.11                    | 139.16                    | -              |
| BH09   | 121.36                | 114.36 | WSST                 | 132.08                       | 132.11                    | 132.11                    | 132.15                    | 132.14                    | 132.19                    | 133.15                    | 132.45                    | 132.51                    | 132.53                    | -              |
| BH10   | 129.75                | 123.25 | WSST/SST             | 131.12                       | 130.95                    | 130.98                    | 131.02                    | 128.06                    | 131.08                    | 129.05                    | 131.59                    | 131.74                    | 131.86                    | -              |
| BH11   | 128.28                | 124.28 | WSST/SLST            | 133.69                       | 133.68                    | 133.95                    | 133.4                     | 133.36                    | 133.41                    | 133.38                    | 133.64                    | -                         | 133.85                    | 134.15         |
| BH12   | 137.79                | 134.79 | GSG/GT               | -                            | -                         | -                         | 138.6                     | 139.52                    | 138.53                    | 138.39                    | 139.17                    | -                         | 139.17                    | 139.19         |
| BH16   | 133.46                | 130.46 | GSG                  | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | 133.78                    | 134.76                    | 134.69                    | 135.47                    | 135.54                    | 135.69                    | -              |
| BH18   | 136.82                | 125.82 | GSG/GT/MST           | -                            | 134.34                    | 134.32                    | 134.29                    | 134.32                    | 134.32                    | 134.27                    | 135.58                    | 135.86                    | 136.27                    | -              |
| BH20   | 138.64                | 124.54 | GSG                  | -                            | 126.74                    | 127.34                    | 126.58                    | 126.67                    | 127.31                    | 127.08                    | 128.36                    | 128.42                    | 128.8                     | -              |
| BH21   | 123.65                | 120.65 | ALL-C/GSG            | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | 123.82                    | 123.66                    | 123.67                    | 124.5                     | 124.62                    | 124.3                     | 124.49         |
| *BH22A | 100.54                | 95.54  | SST/WSST/WST         | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | 124.54*                   | 124.54*                   | 124.54*                   | 124.54*                   | 124.54*                   | 124.54*                   | -              |
| BH24   | 122.17                | 117.17 | GSG                  | -                            | 121.62                    | 121.61                    | 121.54                    | 121.57                    | 121.55                    | 121.61                    | 122.39                    | 122.56                    | 122.66                    | -              |
| BH25   | 119.79                | 113.89 | GSG                  | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | 123.61                    | 123.73                    | 123.77                    | -              |
| BH26   | 134.04                | 132.04 | MG                   | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | 132.28                    | 132.21                    | 132.03                    | -              |
| BH27   | 127.3                 | 118.3  | WSST                 | -                            | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | -                         | 123.77                    | 123.82                    | 123.89         |

Note: \* BH22A recorded a low flow of artesian water which is considered a potential risk during construction. Details of this are discussed in Section 7 of this report.

**Figure 6.17-1: Groundwater Level Fluctuation with Time**



## 6.18 Groundwater / Chemistry

### Human Health Risk Assessment

- 6.18.1 The following sections present an evaluation of the risks to human health (e.g. future site users following the proposed future use of the site) associated with any potential contamination present within the soils and soil leachate present across the Scheme.
- 6.18.2 In accordance with Environment Agency Land Contamination: Risk Management, 2019 guidance a Tier 2 \*generic quantitative risk assessment was undertaken on the soil and leachate sample datasets that resulted from the 2019 Ground Investigation to identify whether any of the samples had recorded concentrations of the various metals, inorganic and organic determinants that were elevated in comparison with the corresponding Generic Assessment Criteria (GAC) for the proposed highway development of the site.
- 6.18.3 Generic Assessment Criteria (GAC) are defined in the Land Contamination: Risk Assessment guidance as: “screening criteria which are derived using a standard set of generic assumptions. They are designed to be broadly applicable to a wide range of site conditions and exposure scenarios. They must be appropriate and suitable for your site”.
- 6.18.4 These generic assumptions are generally conservative based upon a defined range of conditions, the appropriateness of such values to site conditions, therefore, needs to be fully understood and evaluated.
- 6.18.5 A commercial/industrial end use categorisation is considered to be the most appropriate for a highway development.
- 6.18.6 The hierarchy of soil GAC sources for a commercial/industrial end use (HH Soil. Commercial/Industrial. Sandy Loam. TOC  $\geq 0.58$  to  $< 1.45\%$ ) utilised in the analysis is as follows:
- LQM/CIEH Suitable 4 Use Levels (2015). Commercial. Inorganic;
  - LQM/CIEH Suitable 4 Use Levels (2015). Commercial. 1% SOM;
  - EIC/AGS/CL:AIRE GAC. Commercial/Industrial, Sandy Loam, 1% SOM;
  - AECOM GAC, modified EIC. Commercial/Industrial, Sandy Loam, 1% SOM;
  - Defra (2014) SP1010: Development of Category 4 Screening Levels for Assessment of Land Contamination - Policy Companion Document, December 2014. Commercial. 1% SOM;
  - Defra (2014) SP1010: Development of Category 4 Screening Levels for Assessment of Land Contamination - Policy Companion Document, December 2014. Commercial. 6% SOM; and
  - US Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Screening Levels, May 2019. Industrial (no vapours).

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\* In the Land Contamination: Risk Management (EA, 2019) guidance the Preliminary Risk Assessment is defined as a Tier 1 assessment.

6.18.7 These GAC constitute the Tier 2 quantitative risk assessment criteria and are based upon the series of standard default assumptions as to ground conditions, the duration and frequency of exposure of the end-use receptor group as defined in the EA/DEFRA science reports. They are based on a sandy loam soil type, with a Soil Organic Matter content of 0.58 – 1.45%.

#### Tier 2 Screening (Soil)

6.18.8 The results of the Tier 2 screening assessment for the soil samples obtained during the 2019 Ground Investigation are presented in Appendix C and the certificates of chemical analysis are presented in the Ground Investigation Report (HE514465-BAM-EGT-ZZ-RP-WM-0001).

6.18.9 The soil tests carried out include:

- Forty-seven (47) Soil Suite A tests: Arsenic, Boron Cadmium, Copper, Chromium (hexavalent), Chromium (total), Iron, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Zinc, Cyanide (total), Cyanide (free), Asbestos, pH value, Ammoniacal nitrogen, Phenols, Soil Organic Matter;
  - Five (5) Topsoil, twenty-three (23) Made Ground, nineteen (19) Natural deposits
- Thirty-nine (39) tests for asbestos screening and identification tests;
- Twenty-five (25) Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (speciated)– CWG Aliphatic/Aromatic Split (with CWG banding (C5-40) tests);
  - Three (3) Topsoil, fifteen (15) Made Ground, seven (7) Natural deposits
- Thirty-three (33) Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (USEPA 16) speciated tests;
  - Four (4) Topsoil, nineteen (19) Made Ground, ten (10) Natural deposits
- Thirteen (13) Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) tests;
  - One (1) Topsoil, nineteen (9) Made Ground, three (3) Natural deposits
- Twenty (20) Semi- Volatile Organic Chemicals (SVOCs) tests;
  - Two (2) Topsoil, thirteen (13) Made Ground, five (5) Natural deposits
- Forty-seven (47) tests for Phenols – speciated; and
  - Five (5) Topsoil, twenty-three (23) Made Ground, nineteen (19) Natural deposits

6.18.10 All identified exceedances above the GAC for soils occurred in Made Ground. The details of these exceedances are summarised in Table 6.18.1.



**Table 6.18.1: Summary of Exceedances in Made Ground**

| Determinand           | No. of Exceedances / No. Analysed | Units | GAC | Minimum Concentration | Maximum Concentration |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Asbestos              |                                   |       |     |                       |                       |
| Chrysotile            | 1 / 39                            | -     | -   | <0.001                | <0.001                |
| PAH                   |                                   |       |     |                       |                       |
| Benzo(a)pyrene        | 1 / 19                            | mg/kg | 35  | <0.00005              | 80                    |
| Dibenz(a,h)anthracene | 1 / 19                            | mg/kg | 3.5 | <0.00005              | 8.9                   |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene  | 1 / 19                            | mg/kg | 44  | <0.00005              | 86                    |

6.18.11 Table 6.18.2 outlines at which locations and depths these exceedances in Made Ground at the Site were identified.

**Table 6.18.2: Location and Depths of Identified Exceedances in Made Ground**

| Determinand   | Location | Depth (m bgl) | Ground Characteristics  |
|---|----------|---------------|---|
| PAH   |          |               |   |
| Benzo(a)pyrene<br>Dibenz(a,h)anthracene<br>Benzo(b)fluoranthene | BH29     | 3             | MADE GROUND: Soft becoming firm reddish brown gravelly slightly sandy clay with medium cobble content. Sand is fine to coarse. Gravel is angular to subangular fine to coarse of quartz, sandstone, siltstone, brick, coal, tarmac and slag. Cobbles are angular of bricks and quartz. (hydrocarbon odour). |

6.18.12 Table 6.18.2 shows one exceedance of Benzo(a)pyrene, Dibenz(a,h)anthracene and Benzo(b)fluoranthene recorded in a sample taken from a depth of 3.0m bgl (133.26m AOD) in borehole BH29. As the exceedances are marginal and in one location only this indicates a negligible risk to human health from PAH.

6.18.13 Asbestos identified as Chrysotile was detected in TP04 at a depth of 3.0m bgl (135.94m AOD). Quantification analysis was undertaken on this sample which recorded a concentration of <0.001% wt./wt. asbestos.

### Controlled Water Risk Assessment

6.18.14 Soil leachate and groundwater monitoring datasets have been evaluated against the following hierarchy of criteria in order to assess potential risks with respect to Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):

- The Water Framework Directive (Standards and Classification) Directions (England and Wales) 2015 - AA-EQS Inland; MAC-EQS Inland and Freshwater Standards;
- The Water Environment (River Basin Management Planning etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Scottish SI 2015 No. 211. AA-EQS Inland and MAC-EQS Inland;
- SEPA - Supporting Guidance (WAT-SG-53) Environmental Quality Standards for Discharges to Surface Waters. v6. Dec 2015. Fresh EQS – AA and Fresh EQS – MAC;

- The Water Framework Directive (Classification, Priority Substances and Shellfish Waters) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. AA-EQS Inland; MAC-EQS Inland and Freshwater Standards;
- European Union Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. S.I. No. 386 of 2015. Ireland - AA-EQS Inland and MAC-EQS Inland; and
- PNEC derived for EU REACH registration dossiers – Freshwater.

6.18.15 Soil leachate and groundwater monitoring datasets have been evaluated against the following hierarchy of criteria for the drinking water abstraction or groundwater receptors in order to assess potential risks with respect to the Drinking Water Standards (DWS):

- Water, England & Wales - Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations, 2016 No. 614;
- Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality (4th Edition). World Health Organisation. 2011;
- WHO, Petroleum Products in Drinking-Water. Background document for development of WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality WHO/SDE/WSH/05.08/123, 2008;
- Drinking Water Guidelines Calculated using WHO Methodology;
- US Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Screening Levels, May 2016. Tap water; and
- Draft health protective concentration from California Environmental Protection Agency (1999) Ethanol in Gasoline.

6.18.16 An Initial Tier 2 Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment was undertaken to compare the soil leachate and groundwater monitoring datasets to the criteria detailed above depending on the identified receptor. The aim of the Tier 2 screening is to identify whether any of the samples had recorded elevated concentrations of metals, inorganic or organic determinands compared to the screening criteria.

6.18.17 It should be noted that for a risk to be present, a viable pollutant linkage should be identified between the source and receptor. The results of the Tier 2 Screen for controlled waters are presented in Appendix C to this GIR.

#### Critical Receptors

6.18.18 The small superficial deposits of alluvium located to the north of the Scheme along the M6 is designated as a Secondary 'A' aquifer. The Devensian Till which underlies the majority of the Scheme running along the M6 and a small area to the east of the Scheme along the M54 is designated as a Secondary (Undifferentiated) aquifer.

6.18.19 The majority of the bedrock (Clent and Enville Formation, Alveley Member, Etruria Formation) is designated as Secondary A. Small sections of the Chester Formation to the north and west of the Scheme are designated as a Principal Aquifer.

- 6.18.20 The main surface water critical receptor is Latherford Brook which crosses through the north area of the Scheme near the M6 J11. There are also several small fishing ponds in the Lower Pool and Brookfield Farm area.
- 6.18.21 The majority of the alignment of the Scheme does not lie within a SPZ. However, the area from the M54 Junction 2 eastwards for approximately 1.2km, heading northwards through the Featherstone area and towards Latherford are within a SPZ 3 (Total Catchment).
- 6.18.22 The Envirocheck Report (2017) indicates that there are no groundwater abstractions within the Scheme boundary whilst there are six groundwater abstractions within 1.0km of the Scheme boundary. The details of these groundwater abstractions are detailed in Table 6.18.3. A private water supply noted as AW9 on Environmental Statement Figure 13.1 [TR010054/APP/6.2]. AW9 is located at Latherford Farm to the north of the Order limits.

**Table 6.18.3: Groundwater abstractions identified within 1km of the Scheme**

| Water Abstraction Details  | Compass Direction | Estimated Distance from Site (m) | NGR              |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Operator: Allow Limited<br>Location: Hilton Park – Borehole<br>Abstraction type: Private non-industrial amenity (lake and pond throughflow)                                  | E                 | 950                              | 395790<br>304390 |
| Operator: R & M Simkin<br>Location: Essington Fruit Farm - Borehole<br>Abstraction type: General agriculture (spray irrigation – direct)                                     | SE                | 850                              | 395420<br>303820 |
| Operator: Tarmac Limited<br>Location: Windmill Quarry, off Cannock Road – Gravel pit<br>Abstraction type: Extractive – Mineral washing                                       | SE                | 599                              | 394320<br>303910 |
| Operator: Tarmac Limited<br>Location: Windmill Quarry, off Cannock Road – Gravel pit<br>Abstraction type: Extractive – Mineral washing                                       | SE                | 677                              | 394300<br>303800 |
| Operator: Tarmac Building Products Limited<br>Location: Hilton Industrial Estate - Borehole<br>Abstraction type: Other industrial/commercial/public services – process water | W                 | 404                              | 394010<br>304050 |
| Operator: Hollybush Nurseries Ltd<br>Location: Hollybush Garden Centre & Nursery - Borehole<br>Abstraction type: General agriculture (spray irrigation – direct)             | NE                | 366                              | 396450<br>306490 |

### Leachate Analysis Results (Tier 2 Screening)

- 6.18.23 The results of the Tier 2 screening assessment for the leachate samples obtained during the ground investigation are presented in Appendix C and the certificates of chemical analysis are presented in the Ground Investigation Report (HE514465-BAM-EGT-ZZ-RP-WM-0001).
- 6.18.24 The leachate tests carried out included:
- Forty-three (43) Leachate Suite B tests: Arsenic, Boron Cadmium, Copper, Chromium (hexavalent), Chromium (total), Iron, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Zinc, Cyanide (total), Cyanide (free), Asbestos, pH value, Ammoniacal nitrogen, Phenols, Soil Organic Matter;
    - Four (4) Topsoil, twenty (20) Made Ground, nineteen (19) Natural deposits
  - Twenty (20) Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (speciated)– CWG Aliphatic/Aromatic Split (with CWG banding (C5-40) test;
    - Three (3) Topsoil, ten (10) Made Ground, seven (7) Natural deposits

- Thirty-five (35) Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (USEPA 16) speciated tests;
  - Four (4) Topsoil, eighteen (18) Made Ground, thirteen (13) Natural deposits
- Fourteen (14) Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) tests;
  - One (1) Topsoil, ten (10) Made Ground, three (3) Natural deposits
- Twenty-one (21) Semi- Volatile Organic Chemicals (SVOCs) tests;
  - Two (2) Topsoil, thirteen (13) Made Ground, six (6) Natural deposits
- Forty-four (44) tests for Phenols – speciated; and
  - Four (4) Topsoil, twenty (20) Made Ground, Nineteen (19) Natural deposits
- Four (4) tests for Pesticides/ herbicides.
  - One (1) Topsoil, three (3) Natural deposits

6.18.25 The exceedances recorded in the soil leachate samples in each strata are summarised in Table 6.18.4 to Table 6.18.6.

**Table 6.18.4: Summary of Exceedances in Soil Leachate in Topsoil**

| Determinand              | No. of Exceedances / No. Analysed | Units | DWS   | EQS   | Concentration |         | > DWS | > EQS |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|---------|-------|-------|
|                          |                                   |       |       |       | Minimum       | Maximum |       |       |
| pH                       | -                                 | -     | -     | -     | 6.7           | 8.1     | -     | -     |
| Dissolved Organic Carbon | -                                 | mg/L  | -     | -     | 4.22          | 16      | -     | -     |
| <b>VOC</b>               |                                   |       |       |       |               |         |       |       |
| Hexachlorobutadiene      | 1 / 2                             | µg/L  | 0.1   | 0.6   | <0.05         | 0.19    | Yes   | No    |
| <b>Metals</b>            |                                   |       |       |       |               |         |       |       |
| Copper                   | 4 / 4                             | µg/L  | 2,000 | 1     | 1.8           | 22      | No    | Yes   |
| Iron                     | 2 / 4                             | µg/L  | 200   | 1,000 | 13            | 7,000   | Yes   | Yes   |
| Lead                     | 2 / 4                             | µg/L  | 10    | 1.2   | <1            | 8.6     | No    | Yes   |
| Nickel                   | 1 / 4                             | µg/L  | 20    | 4     | <0.3          | 6.1     | No    | Yes   |
| Zinc                     | 1 / 4                             | µg/L  | 6,000 | 10.9  | 4.2           | 29      | No    | Yes   |

**Table 6.18.5: Summary of Exceedances in Soil Leachate in Made Ground**

| Determinand              | No. of Exceedances / No. Analysed | Units | DWS | EQS | Concentration |         | > DWS | > EQS |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|---------------|---------|-------|-------|
|                          |                                   |       |     |     | Minimum       | Maximum |       |       |
| pH                       | -                                 | -     | -   | -   | 6.7           | 11      | -     | -     |
| Dissolved Organic Carbon | -                                 | mg/L  | -   | -   | <0.1          | 25.4    | -     | -     |
| <b>TPH</b>               |                                   |       |     |     |               |         |       |       |
| >EC10-EC12 Aromatics     | 1 / 10                            | µg/L  | 90  | -   | <10           | 600     | Yes   | -     |
| >EC12-EC16 Aromatics     | 1 / 10                            | µg/L  | 90  | -   | <10           | 1,700   | Yes   | -     |
| >EC16-EC21 Aromatics     | 1 / 10                            | µg/L  | 90  | -   | <10           | 1,600   | Yes   | -     |
| >EC21-EC35 Aromatics     | 1 / 10                            | µg/L  | 90  | -   | <10           | 210     | Yes   | -     |