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Please see the attached Addendum to the original Statement submitted in August 2020 as part of the Call for Sites exercise.			



## Land West of A1, Wyboston

### **Statement to Inform**

### **Call for Sites Submission - Addendum**

On behalf of L & P Chess Ltd

Our Reference: 1156

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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 L&P Chess Ltd have land interests to the west of the A1 at Wyboston which they are promoting through the Local Plan review process for a mixed use development comprising residential, employment and a new local centre. In 2020 the site was submitted in response to Bedford Borough Council's Call for Sites (ID no. 951) and included a Statement that provides a summary of the proposed mixed use development, the site's land use features and constraints and the associated environmental and technical issues to assist the Council in its consideration of its development potential.
- Since that submission, the site's potential to accommodate an Electric Vehicle Trunk Road Service Area (EV TRSA) has been identified. This site is ideally located to provide EV public charging facilities to serve the strategic trunk road network (both the A1 and A428) and the large area of housing and commercial development within 5km of the site. It is also conveniently sited close to (within 800m) National Power's electrical sub-station at Eaton Socon located just north of the site. Discussions have been held with a leading electric vehicle charging forecourt operator and there is strong interest.
- 1.3 In addition, an Acoustic Assessment and Mineral Resource Assessment have been undertaken and the concept Masterplan has been updated.
- 1.4 This Addendum provides additional information about the EV TRSA and seeks to address other comments made by the Council in its assessment of this site.
- 1.5 It remains the case that the mixed use development, including the EV TRSA is deliverable and can play a positive role in helping the Council to boost significantly the supply of housing and employment in the Borough, as well as contribute to combating climate change with the provision of EV charging infrastructure for public use in a key strategic location.

## 2 Proposed Development

#### The Proposal

- 2.1 As previously stated, the excellent position of this site adjacent to the A1, and in close proximity to the A421 and A428 and the links they offer to London, Cambridge, the A14 and north, as well as Eaton Socon and St Neots, provides significant opportunities to deliver a sustainable mixed used development, including an EV TRSA.
- 2.2 The original 2020 Call for Sites submission proposed:
  - i. 11.1 hectares (ha) of employment land (Class B1, B2 and B8);
  - ii. Up to 485 dwellings, mixed in size and tenure, including 30% affordable housing provision;
  - 1.9ha for a mixed use development comprising a new local centre, including opportunities for retail, health and community facilities;
  - iv. Up to 5.4ha of open space and 3.3ha for boundary landscaping/buffer;
  - v. Vehicular access from a new roundabout on the A1 Northbound Off-Slip to Great North Road at the A1/A428 interchange and from The Lane to the south; and
  - vi. The stopping up of all other existing access points within the site onto the A1 within the site.

#### 2.3 The proposed changes are:

- 13.58ha of employment land (business uses within Class E(g), B2 and B8);
- Up to 370 dwellings, mixed in size and tenure, including 30% affordable housing provision;
- 2.14ha for a EV TRSA, including a total of 40 public charging bays, with room for expansion as demand requires and associated commercial, business and service use that could provide, refreshments, meeting space, leisure and play area for customer use whilst vehicles charge. It would reflect similar design principles to those found at the recently opened Braintree 'Electric Highway' charging station operated by GridServe;
- Up to 4.48ha of open space and 3.86ha for boundary landscaping/buffer.

- 2.4 There would be no change to (iv) and (v) above.
- 2.5 A plan of the EV TRSA, together with the proposed access from the A1 (drawing no. E4054-703A) has been produced by Wormald Burrows, Civil Engineering Consultants. It is attached at **Appendix 1.**
- 2.6 An amended Concept Masterplan for the site is attached at **Appendix 2**.

#### **EV TRSA**

- 2.7 The location of the site of this proposed EV TRSA is ideal in a number of respects:
  - It is within 800m of the major electricity sub-station, located close to the northern site boundary. The grid supply will be used to meet the load, supplemented by PV electricity generation panels within the TRSA;
  - ii. The EV TRSA is conveniently situated at the junction of the A1 and the A428;
  - iii. There are major residential and commercial areas within 5km radius of the EV TRSA. This EV charging facility will serve those properties that cannot be easily connected to the Grid at home or work. This will significantly increase in the event that further housing development proceeds to the west and/or east of Wyboston;
  - iv. The proposal is fully compliant with UK Government Climate Change policy as regards provision of charging facilities for sustainable transport. This facility will be fully operational well in advance of the impending ban on the sale of ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) powered vehicles that comes into force within 8 years;
  - v. This EV TRSA is designed to serve future sustainable transport demands; the proposal does not include facilities for ICE powered vehicles, other than, parking, restaurant and toilet facilities.
- 2.8 Additionally, any TRSA will include Sustainable Urban Drainage for surface water and the opportunity to provide habitat for fauna and flora.

## 3 Response to BBC Site Assessment

#### 3.1 Our response to the Council's assessment of site no. 951 is below:

#### 2b. In an area where protected species are known or likely to exist?

It should also be noted that the site should be subject to a Preliminary Ecological Assessment and any necessary Protected Species Survey as part of any planning application. This is not a constraint to development.

#### 2c. Potentially able to achieve a net gain in biodiversity?

This is a major development site and biodiversity net gain will be a consideration for any planning application. It should be noted that this site has the potential to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.

#### 3a. Proposing a renewable energy scheme or extra energy efficiency standards?

The proposal now includes an EV TRSA with public charging bays for circa 40 vehicles.

#### 5a. Likely to increase future economic and employment opportunities?

It is noted that no answers have been chosen by the Council in response to this question. This proposal now includes 13.58ha of employment land and could contribute 7.5% of the 179 ha of employment land requirement, the largest figure stated in the Strategy Options and Draft Policies Consultation document 2021. The site is therefore likely to increase future economic and employment opportunities.

#### 11a. At risk of flooding?

All of the site is in Flood Zone 1, not Flood Zone 2 as stated.

#### 15e. Connect highway without constraint?

The Council has identified a "serious access constraint". The Council's subsequent highway comments are noted; however, they do not explain why the proposed A1 access is not considered suitable.

Wormald Burrows have had a long-standing involvement in this site, having advised on the previous proposals for a TRSA. To further assist the Council, they have provided information about the background to the proposed roundabout access, including its approval by the Highways Agency (now Highways England) as a departure from Highway Design Standards, the resultant highway improvements, the links to the EV TRSA, the implications of the proposed A428 highway improvements and further information about the EV TRSA itself. Their letter is attached at **Appendix 1**.

#### **Environmental Health**

- 3.2 In response to comments that "noise from A1 would affect housing all other uses would affect existing premises in Wyboston", a Noise Assessment has been prepared by Cass Allen and is attached at Appendix 3. It concluded that "the site is considered to be acceptable for residential development subject to the adoption of acoustically upgraded glazing and ventilation, strategic positioning of the dwellings to protect gardens from road traffic noise and acoustic screening to gardens where appropriate".
- 3.3 Furthermore, appropriate limits for noise from mechanical plant and commercial activities have been calculated and are considered to be achievable.

#### **Mineral Safeguarding Area**

3.4 The site lies within the Bedfordshire Mineral Safeguarding Area and a Mineral Resource Assessment has been commissioned and is attached ay **Appendix 4**. It concludes that development of this site would not sterilise a commercially viable reserve due to site, access and utility infrastructure constraints. This report has been previously submitted to the Council and is appended to this Addendum for completeness.

#### 4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The development potential of Site 951, as set out in the report submitted with the 2020 Call for Sites and this Addendum, remains. In summary:
  - It is a clearly defined site, by the A1 to the east and the plotlands to the west.
  - It would represent a negligible incursion into the open countryside. Whilst part of the site is used for agriculture, it is land locked and suffers from poor access via the A1 underpass which makes it unsuitable for modern farm machinery.
  - It has no significant constraints in terms of natural or historic assets. Lake Autos is a
    brownfield site and this will be decontaminated and cleaned up as part of the
    proposals to the benefit of the local area.
  - It is located close to the built up areas of St Neots and Eaton Socon and therefore to the employment services and facilities located there.
  - It would provide a significant proportion of the required new employment land adjacent to the strategic highway network.
  - It has the potential to provide a charging station for electric vehicles, again in an ideal location close to an electric sub-station, on the strategic road network but also accessible to local users.
  - The new roundabout access from the A1 has the potential to provide a significant number of highway improvements, including the further closure of sub-standard accesses directly on to the A1 and facilitate a bus route through the site.
- 4.2 Furthermore, independent technical reports have confirmed that safe access to the site can be achieved, that housing can be accommodated on the site without detriment to amenity from noise and that any development would not sterilise a commercially viable mineral reserve due to site, access and utility infrastructure constraints. In previous discussions, the Parish Council have indicated their support for the development of this site.

## **Appendix 1**

Highways Response from Wormald Burrows and drawing of EV TRSA

Our Ref: E4054/Wyboston EV TRSA Access 27.08.2021

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#### Wyboston EV TRSA Access

Further to our earlier telephone conversation in respect of vehicular access to the proposed EV TRSA to the west of the A1 Trunk Road, at its junction with the A428 Trunk Road, I attach a copy of the approval letter from the Highways Agency dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011, headed 'TRSA AT WYBOSTON: APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL SUBMISSIONS'.

#### Background

Approval of the roundabout access scheme was the outcome of extensive investigations and discussions with the HA (now Highways England); an analysis of the existing highway layout confirmed that there are many problem areas that do not comply with current standards and which the introduction of a roundabout rectified.

A roundabout was proposed on the A1 northbound Off/On-Slip to provide access to the development as part of the assessment for the TRSA. The access design required a Departure from Standard application as it went against paragraph 41 of the section 'Capacity enhancements and access to the network' in the Department for Transport (DfT) Circular 02/07, where it states that for connector roads, "connections to slip roads and/or connector roads will not be permitted."

As the roundabout was deemed to be safe and the benefits of it outweighed the principle of paragraph 41, the Departure from Standard application for the proposed roundabout access was accepted by the Highways Agency [Highways England] on 23 October 2012.

DfT Circular 02/07 has since been superseded by DfT Circular 02/2013 'The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development.' Paragraph 42 of Circular 02/2013 similarly states that "in line with the standards contained in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, for safety and operational.

Past discussions and correspondence with the HA have been on the basis that the roundabout would be adopted as part of the HA Trunk Road network.







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#### The Roundabout Provides Significant Highway Improvements

The new roundabout will provide a significant number of highway improvements and benefits over and above the access to the proposed site, as it will:

- i) enable the closure of the sub-standard access to and egress from the existing garage south of the proposed site onto the A1 Northbound Off-Slip.
- ii) remove the sub-standard link road arrangement and weaving length from the garage egress onto the A1 Northbound.
- iii) remove the sub-standard short link road On-slip between the A1 Northbound Offslip and the A1 Northbound.
- iv) improve the sub-standard forward Stopping Sight Distance at the A428 Connector Road right-hand bend and highway cross-sections.
- v) improve the sub-standard design of the existing carriageway drainage, currently resulting in a sheet of water crossing the A428 Connector Road at a critical point on the right-hand bend which, under heavy rainfall conditions, leads to aquaplaning, loss of control and accidents.
- vi) improve the restricted visibility relative to vehicle speeds, due to interaction between the horizontal and vertical curvatures on the A428 Connector Road.
- vii) improve the sub-standard Stopping Sight Distance on approach to the signalised junction at the entrance to Wyboston Lakes.
- viii) improve the sub-standard spacing of warning signs associated with the signalised junction.
- ix) improve the sub-standard forward Stopping Sight Distance at the A428 Connector Road left-hand bend.

#### Links to the EV TRSA

As highlighted in the original Transport Assessment prepared for the TRSA, vehicular access to the site *via* the proposed roundabout is readily available from all points of the compass:

- a) Vehicles travelling from the south along the A1 would gain access to the proposed development from the A1 Northbound Off-Slip and then the new access roundabout.
- b) A1 southbound vehicles would utilise the A1 Southbound Off-Slip, the third exit at the A428/Great North Road/A1 Southbound Off-Slip/Phoenix Park roundabout and then the new access roundabout.
- c) Vehicles approaching from east along the A428 would take the first exit at the A428/Great North Road/A1 Southbound Off-Slip/Phoenix Park roundabout and then access the site *via* the new roundabout.
- d) Vehicles approaching from Eaton Socon would take the second exit at the A428/Great North Road/A1 Southbound Off-Slip/Phoenix Park roundabout and then access the site *via* the new roundabout.

The proposed roundabout on the A1 Northbound Off-Slip and the internal road layout of the site allows access to be provided to the garage south of the proposed development. This allows the sub-standard access (and crossing of the A1 Northbound Off-Slip traffic when exiting), to be closed, greatly lessening the potential for accidents on the off-slip.

#### **Local Highway Improvements**

The A428 is a single carriageway with one lane in each direction between the A1 junction adjacent to the proposed site and the A1198 Caxton Gibbet roundabout. As suggested on Highways England's website, "it experiences major delays during peak periods, resulting in delays and reduced speeds. With few available diversions, incidents and accidents result in disruption over a wide area."

This length of the A428 has recently been subject to public consultation for a major improvement scheme that will entail the realignment of the A428 between the A1198 Caxton Gibbet roundabout and the Black Cat roundabout on the A1. The route options plan is provided in Appendix C.

Construction for this scheme was expected to proceed in 2021/2022 with the project planned for completion by 2025.

The realignment of the A428 will have a significant positive impact upon the traffic conditions of the local road network associated with the proposed development.

Currently, the major traffic movement through the local road network is between the A1 south and A428, which, according to the 2011 traffic survey, accounts for more than 60% of traffic volumes utilising the A428/B1428/Great North Road/A1 Southbound Off-Slip/Phoenix Park roundabout during the AM and PM peak hours.

Once the A428 realignment has been opened, the traffic demand on the A428/B1428/Great North Road/A1 Southbound Off-Slip/Phoenix Park roundabout as well as the Great North Road/Wyboston Lakes access signalised junction will be reduced significantly.

The strategic network traffic movements will be redistributed to the realigned A428 at the Black Cat roundabout meaning that the local road network associated with the proposed development will need to accommodate local traffic only.

#### **Sustainable Travel Options**

Whilst this letter is about the site access, equally as important is the provision of sustainable travel options. Existing Bus services will be extended into and throughout the development

Sustainable travel for pedestrians and cyclists is provided *via* the existing underpass under the A1, linking with the industrial estates to the south of Eaton Socon and further connection with existing links to St Neots.

#### **EV TRSA**

Whilst the earlier approval has been granted in respect of a TRSA and associated development, it is now proposed that more sustainable and future proof 'Electric Highway' provisions are enacted in compliance with UK Government policy to ban the sale of ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles within eight years.

A plan of the EV TRSA, *E4054 – 703A – Proposed Access Roundabout.pdf* has been prepared and is attached, showing the proposed access roundabout and the charging station layout.

A total of 40 vehicle charging points, providing for charging rates up to 350 kW, are proposed, similar to the 'Green Energy' GridServe installation at Braintree, with room for expansion as demand requires.

Additional areas of parking are provided to the east and south of the EV charge points for those travellers that require toilet and refreshment facilities, rather than use of vehicle charging.

The EV TRSA is not only ideally located to serve the A1 and A428 Trunk Roads and the large areas of housing and commercial development within 5km of the site, but it is also ideally positioned relative to the major electricity sub-station distribution site, which is located less than 800m away, on the northern boundary of the development site. Every aspect of this EV TRSA is fully in accordance with HE and Government policy.

#### **Environmental Benefits**

On the assumption that the development is allocated, this will hasten the closure of the car breaking business. The site would then be cleared and decontaminated, providing significant benefit to the local environment, fauna and flora.

A landscaped picnic area is proposed adjacent to the large 'wet' balancing pond, immediately to the south of the EV TRSA, for the use of those customers awaiting completion of charge of their vehicle; the balancing pond is proposed to be set within a naturalised landscaped surround.

I trust that the above information provides sufficient advice to confirm approval of the new access and if I can be of further assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Attached:

Highways Agency letter dated 7th September 2011

E4054 - 703A - Proposed Access Roundabout.pdf



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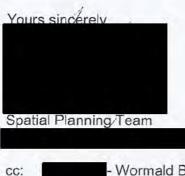
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Dear

#### TRSA AT WYBOSTON: APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL SUBMISSIONS

Regarding the above development proposal and the policy departures required from DFT Circular 02/2007 and DfT Circular 01/2008 requested in order to facilitate delivery of that development.

Please consider this letter to be a formal agreement to required departures under 01/2008. Further, as the 01/2007 departure requires alongside it a departure from Highway Design standards set out elsewhere, please consider this also a formal agreement to required departures under 01/2207 subject to agreement of the technical standards departure(s) as required. Therefore, should you obtain those departures, no further approvals or confirmations will be required regarding the above mentioned circulars.



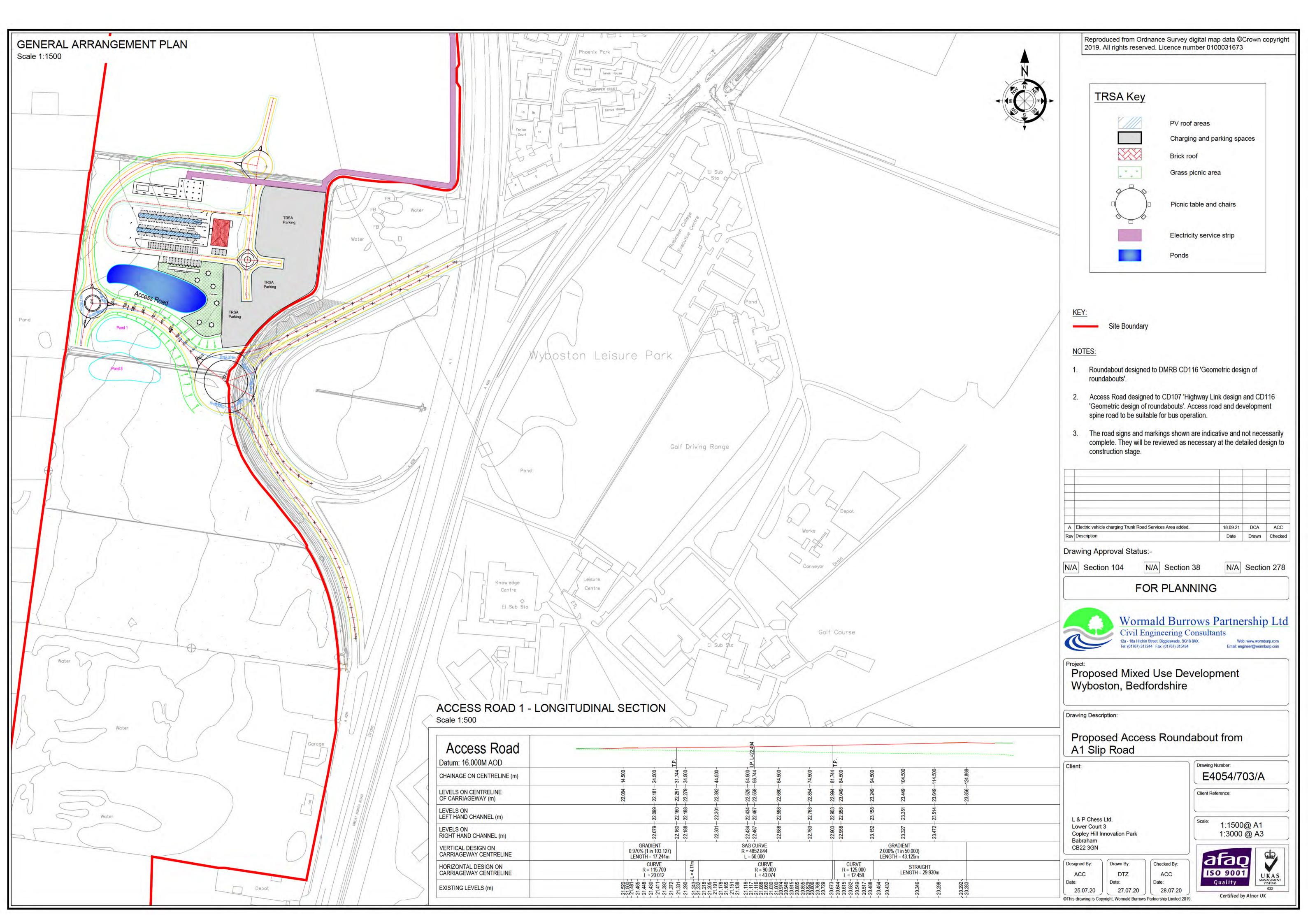
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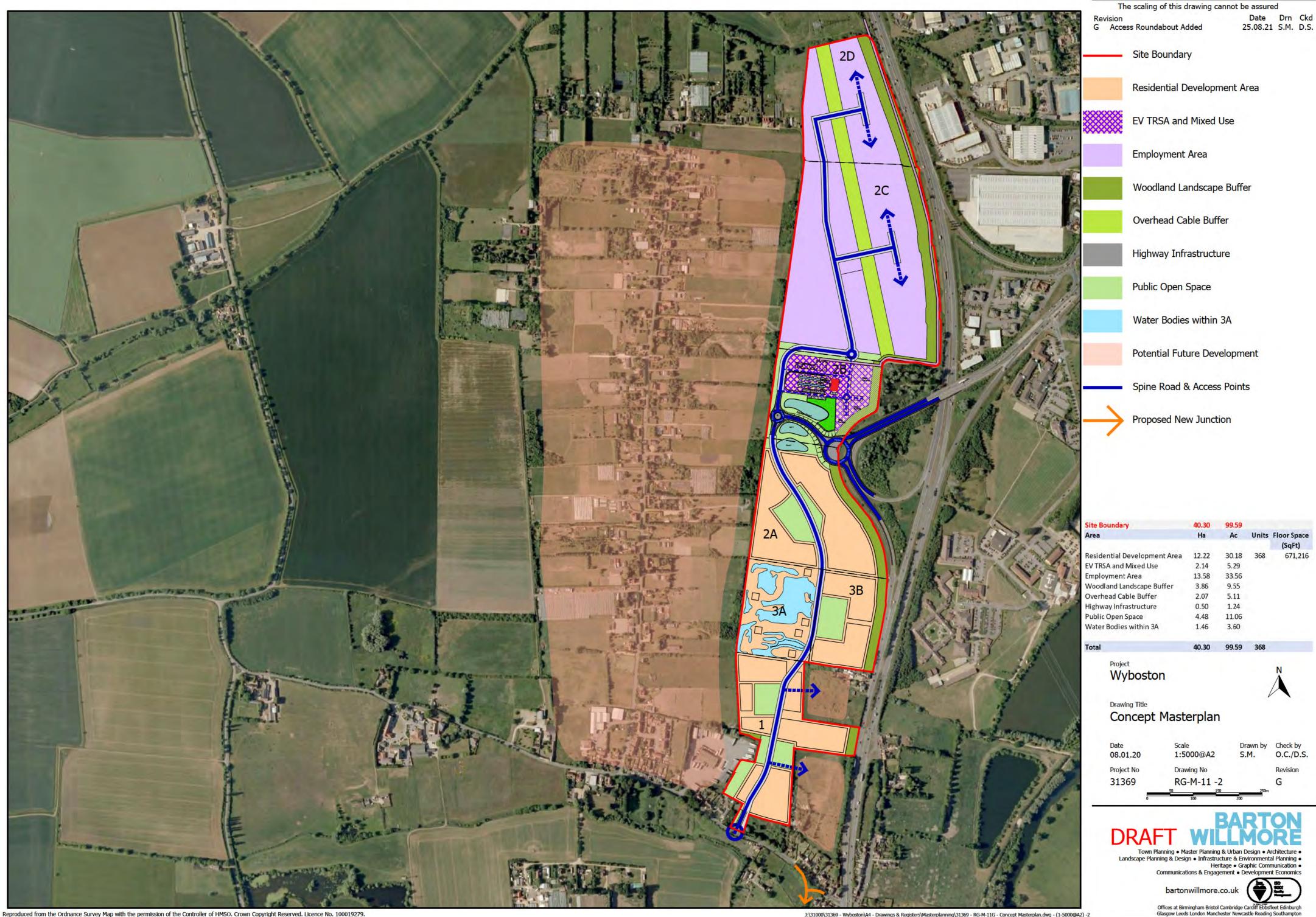






## **Appendix 2**

**Amended Concept Masterplan** 



## Appendix 3

### **Acoustic Assessment**



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## **Acoustic Assessment**

Land West of A1 Wyboston



## **Acoustic Assessment**

Project: LAND WEST OF A1 WYBOSTON

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Cass Allen has been instructed by L & P Chess Ltd to assess the noise impact of a proposed new development at Land West of A1 in Wyboston.
- 1.2 The assessment has been carried out in accordance with relevant local and national guidance.
- 1.3 The aims of the assessment were:
  - To establish the suitability of existing noise levels at the site for the proposed development;
  - Where required, identify appropriate measures to optimise the acoustic design of the development and achieve acceptable noise levels in habitable areas; and
  - To assess the potential impact of noise emissions from mechanical plant and operational
    activities associated with the development at the positions of existing sensitive receptors
    in the area.
- 1.4 This report contains technical terminology; a glossary of terms can be found at <a href="https://www.cassallen.co.uk/glossary">www.cassallen.co.uk/glossary</a>.



#### 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The site currently contains agricultural land, a small parcel of woodland with ponds, a vehicle repair shop and a single dwelling at the southern border. The site is located in a mixed-use area, bounded to the east by the A1 and Great North Road and to the south by The Lane. Commercial units and Wyboston Lakes are situated east of the development and residential bounds the site to the west and south. To the north of the site is grassland and to the south west is a delivery company, Payne H E.
- 2.2 The site location is shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Site Location and Surrounding Area

2.3 The proposal is to develop the site into residential properties with an area to the north for commercial premises. At this stage of the planning process, details of the proposed site layout are fairly general and subject to change. However, the latest drawing is shown in Appendix 1.



#### 3. PLANNING POLICY

#### **National Policy**

- 3.1 Outline guidance for the assessment of noise affecting new developments is given in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Relevant sections in this case are highlighted below:
  - 174. Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by ... preventing new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of ...noise pollution.
  - 185. Planning policies and decisions should also ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development. In doing so they should:
  - a) mitigate and reduce to a minimum potential adverse impacts resulting from noise from new development – and avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and the quality of life;
  - b) identify and protect tranquil areas which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreational and amenity value for this reason.

#### **Local Policy**

3.2 Policy 32 and 47S of the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2030 (January 2020) document is relevant to this application. With regards to noise, it states:

#### Policy 32 - The impact of development - disturbance and pollution impacts

Development proposals should ensure that they minimise and take account of the effects of pollution and disturbance. Planning applications should give particular attention to all of the following considerations:

i. Noise, vibration... which is likely to be generated by the development

Developers will be required to implement or contribute towards mitigation measures to mitigate adverse impacts

#### Policy 47S - Pollution, disturbance and contaminated land

All development proposals will be required to:

ii. ... Avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life or, where appropriate, mitigate and reduce its impact...



- v. Be appropriate for their location, having regard to the existing noise, air quality, ground stability or pollution environment, including the proximity of pollutants, hazardous substances and noise generating or disruptive uses...
- 3.3 To address the requirements of the national and local policies, the following key acoustic matters have been assessed:
  - · Noise affecting the habitable areas of the proposed development;
  - Noise emissions from mechanical plant associated with the development at the position of existing sensitive receptors in the area; and
  - Noise emissions from operational activities associated with the development at the
    positions of existing sensitive receptors in the area.

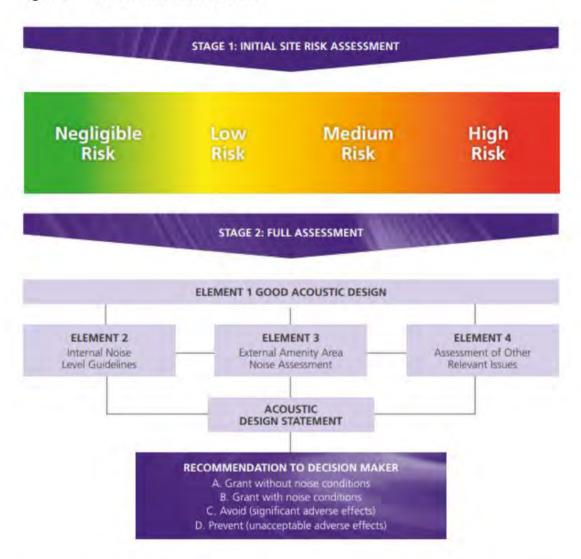


#### 4. NOISE AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1 Specific guidance on the assessment of noise affecting new residential development is given in ProPG: Planning and Noise for New Residential Development, May 2017 (ProPG). The process within the ProPG guidance for the appraisal of noise levels affecting new residential development is considered to be current 'best practice' and therefore has been followed for the assessment. The assessment process can be summarised as follows:
  - Stage 1 measure noise levels at the site and carry out an initial noise risk assessment of the proposed development site based on the measured levels.
  - Stage 2 where a higher noise risk is identified, carry out a detailed assessment including the following four considerations:
    - Element 1 the overall acoustic design and layout of the site
    - Element 2 internal noise levels in habitable areas
    - Element 3 noise levels in external amenity areas
    - Element 4 consideration of other relevant issues
  - Based on the results of the Stage assessment, provide a recommendation to the decision maker on whether planning permission can and should be granted.
- 4.2 The process is shown visually in Figure 2 below



Figure 2 ProPG Assessment Process



4.3 It should be noted that the guidance in ProPG relates primarily to noise from transportation sources, i.e. road traffic, aircraft, rail etc. Any significant noise from other sources (e.g. industrial, commercial or entertainment sources) is outside the scope of the ProPG guidance and therefore requires separate consideration.

#### Stage 1 – Noise survey and initial assessment

- 4.4 A noise survey was carried out at the site from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to assess existing noise levels in the area. The full methodology and results of the noise survey are provided in Appendix 2.
- 4.5 Average (LAeq) and maximum (LAmax) noise levels across the site were generally dictated by road traffic on the A1.



- 4.6 Background noise levels (LA90) across the site were also dictated by constant road traffic noise from the A1.
- 4.7 Noise from the commercial units to the east and Wyboston Lakes are insignificant in comparison to noise from the A1 and therefore have not been assessed further.
- 4.8 Areas of the development at the eastern edge of the site will be subject to the highest noise levels due to road traffic noise emissions from the A1. The noise survey results show that noise levels at this position are as follows:
  - Average noise levels during the daytime 72 dB LAeq,0700-2300hrs;
  - Average noise levels during the night-time 69 dB LAeq,2300-0700hrs;
  - Typical maximum noise levels during the night-time 79 dB LAmax.
- 4.9 The measured noise levels can be compared with Figure 3 below to assess the 'noise risk' of the site. Where the noise risk is high, significant acoustic design measures may be required to achieve acceptable noise levels in the development. Where the noise risk is low, acceptable noise levels may be achievable with no specific acoustic design measures.

Figure 3 Noise Risk Assessment (Adaption of Figure 1 from ProPG)



- 4.10 It can be seen from a comparison of the measured noise levels in paragraph 4.8 above with Figure 3 that the site is 'High' risk in relation to daytime noise levels night-time noise levels. ProPG therefore requires that a more detailed 'Stage 2' assessment is carried out.
- 4.11 It is also important to consider the type of noise at the site. In this case the site is also subject to noise from Payne H E, a delivery company situated to the south west of the site. Intermittent and/or tonal type noise from commercial or industrial uses is often more annoying to residents than noise from transportation sources at similar levels (e.g. road traffic, railways, aircraft etc). It is therefore necessary to assess the potential impact of this noise on the development separately.
- 4.12 In our opinion, it will be possible to mitigate noise from this source through the careful positing of dwellings so that gardens are screened from the source and the design of the facades is used to achieve suitable internal noise levels. The design of the development and facades is discussed further below.



#### Stage 2 - Element 1 - Overall acoustic design of the site

- 4.1 The design of the development is at an early stage and as such, the measured noise levels at the site have been reviewed assuming dwellings will be positioned at a minimum distance of 8m from the A1. Indeed, the concept masterplan suggests there will be a landscape buffer between the A1 and residential areas.
- 4.2 Acoustically attenuating residential facades overlooking A1 may offer potential improvements to the acoustic design of the development. The treatment of the facades is an acceptable approach and is in line with current guidance, where the efficient use of land and the need for housing is a priority. The detailed design of the facades is discussed further below.

#### Stage 2 - Element 2 - Internal noise levels

- 4.3 Appropriate design criteria for acceptable noise levels in acoustically sensitive areas of new developments are given in BS8233:2014 'Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings'.
- 4.4 Relevant BS8233 design criteria are summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1 BS8233:2014 Internal Noise Criteria

Activity	Location	07:00 to 23:00	23:00 to 07:00
Resting	Living room	35 dB LAeq,16hour	-
Dining	Dining room/area	40 dB LAeq,16hour	-
Sleeping (daytime resting)	Bedroom	35 dB LAeq,16hour	30 dB LAeq,8hour

- 4.5 It is also considered appropriate in this case to assess the potential impact of noise emissions from individual noise events on the bedrooms of the development during the night-time. This is in line with guidance given in BS8233:2014 and ProPG, which both point out that regular individual noise events during the night have the potential to cause sleep disturbance.
- 4.6 Appropriate design criteria for acceptable maximum noise levels in habitable rooms of new residential developments are given in the ProPG guidance, which states that "In most circumstances in noise-sensitive rooms at night (e.g. bedrooms) good acoustic design can be used so that individual noise events do not normally exceed 45 dB LAmax,F more than 10 times a night."
- 4.7 BS8233 also states that it is desirable that noise levels in external amenity areas of residential developments do not exceed 50 dB LAeq and that 55 dB LAeq,T should be regarded as a upper guideline value. BS8233 recognises however that these guideline values will not always be achievable in city centres or urban areas adjoining main roads or other transport sources. In these cases, BS8233 states that the development should be designed to achieve the lowest practical noise levels in the amenity spaces.
- 4.8 The following acoustic design criteria have therefore been adopted for the development:



- Average noise levels in living rooms and dining rooms during the day should not exceed 35 dB LAeq,0700-2300hrs and 40 dB LAeq,0700-2300hrs respectively;
- Average noise levels in bedrooms should not exceed 35 dB LAeq,0700-2300hrs during the day and 30 dB LAeq,2300-0700hrs during the night;
- Maximum noise levels should not regularly exceed 45 dB LAmax in bedrooms during the night.
- Where possible, average noise levels in external amenity areas during the day should be lower than 50-55 dB LAeq,0700-2300hrs.
- 4.9 Full construction details for the development have not been finalised as the project is at an early design stage. It has therefore been assumed that the external walls of the development will be constructed using a standard masonry construction (e.g. 102mm brick, 100mm insulated cavity, 100mm concrete block) or a light-weight construction designed to achieve a similar level of sound insulation (this is technically achievable subject to detailed design). Consequently, internal noise levels would be dictated by external noise ingress via glazing and ventilators.
- 4.10 The ventilation scheme for the project has not yet been decided and therefore, for the purpose of the assessment, it has been assumed that units will be ventilated via Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery (MVHR) i.e. System 4 from Building Regulations Part F. Therefore, there will be no background ventilators in the external facades (e.g. trickle ventilators etc).
- 4.11 The MVHR system will be selected to ensure that noise from air supply and extract ductwork does not exceed acceptable levels within habitable rooms. Appropriate specifications for noise levels from the MVHR system (operating at typical maximum duty) would be as follows:
  - Bedrooms and living rooms 30 dB LAeq,T at 1.5m from any ventilation aperture; and,
  - Other habitable areas 35 dB LAeq,T at 1.5m from any ventilation aperture.
- 4.12 Calculations were carried out using facade modelling software in accordance with the methodology given in BS8233:2014 to calculate the sound insulation performance required of the glazing and ventilation to achieve the nominated internal noise criteria in the 'worst-case' habitable rooms of the development (i.e. the habitable rooms that will be subject to the highest external noise levels).
- 4.13 If acceptable internal noise levels can be achieved in 'worst case' habitable rooms then it follows that acceptable internal noise levels can be achieved in all other habitable rooms of the development using similar glazing and ventilator types.
- 4.14 The calculations were carried out based on the following typical dimensions/details for facade elements:
  - Glazing 1.5m<sup>2</sup> for bedrooms and 2m<sup>2</sup> for living rooms; and
  - External walls 8m<sup>2</sup> for bedrooms and 15m<sup>2</sup> for living rooms.
- 4.15 The results of the calculations are shown in Appendix 3 and are summarised in Table 2 below.



Table 2 Acoustic Requirements for 'Worst Case' Habitable Rooms

'Worst Ca	se' Rooms	Glazing Performance Requirements (inc. Frames)	Ventilator Performance Requirements (in Open Position)
	rooms with direct line of and Payne H E	36 dB Rw+Ctr	MVHR
Note The requirements given are approximate only and should be confirmed at the detailed design stage when full design details are available.			

4.16 The required sound insulation performance values in Table 2 could typically be achieved by the glazing types shown in Table 3.

Table 3 Typical Glazing Acoustic Performances

Glazing (in Good Quality Sealed Frames)	Typical Weighted Sound Reduction (Rw + Ctr)
10mm/16/8.8mm acoustically upgraded thermal double glazing	36

- 4.17 It can be seen from the above that acceptable internal noise levels will be achievable in the development subject to the specification of suitable glazing and ventilation systems at the detailed design stage (which could be secured with a suitable planning condition). It is our view therefore that the proposed development is, in principle, acceptable with regards to the noise levels that will exist within the habitable rooms.
- 4.18 It should be noted that it will be possible to use lower acoustic performance facade elements for facades that are further from or acoustically screened from the surrounding noise sources. This could be investigated further at a later stage of the design process.
- 4.19 It should be noted that the above assessment is based on windows being closed whereas the ProPG guidance suggests that internal noise levels should also be assessed with windows in the open position, which will likely be required at times to control overheating. This can be assessed further at a later design stage when full details of the construction of the development will be available and a full overheating assessment can be carried out. If the units closest to the A1 are predicted to overheat for long periods with windows closed then an enhanced mechanical ventilation system may be required.

#### Stage 2 - Element 3 - Noise levels in external amenity areas

4.20 BS8233 states that it is desirable that noise levels in external amenity areas of residential developments do not exceed 50 dB LAeq and that 55 dB LAeq,T should be regarded as a upper guideline value. BS8233 recognises however that these guideline values will not always be achievable in city centres or urban areas adjoining main roads or other transport sources. In these cases, BS8233 states that the development should be designed to achieve the lowest practical noise levels in the amenity spaces.



- 4.21 While the locations of gardens are yet to be specified, it should be possible for garden noise levels to be below 55 dB LAeq,T through careful design consideration. Some examples are to include terrace houses in the design to create a noise barrier between the A1 and garden spaces and the adoption of 1.8m high close-boarded timber fencing to reduce noise levels in external amenity areas as far as practicable, especially towards east of the site.
- 4.22 It is also likely that proposed dwellings will also provide additional screening, reducing noise levels in gardens across the site from east to west.

#### Stage 2 - Element 4 - Other relevant issues

4.23 In our view the design and acoustic approach outlined above is in line with both local and national noise policy. It is common for residential properties to be situated near to main roads and this is an acceptable scenario provided that the properties are positioned strategically and acoustically upgraded where necessary to achieve acceptable noise levels in habitable areas.

#### Recommendation to decision maker

4.24 It is our view that that acceptable noise levels can be achieved in habitable areas of the finished development subject to the adoption of acoustically upgraded glazing and ventilation, the dwellings are positioned appropriately to provide screening to the gardens and acoustic screening is placed around gardens where necessary.



#### 5. PLANT NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

#### Design criteria - Mechanical plant noise

- 5.1 BS4142:2014 Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound (BS4142) can be used to assess the impact of noise from external industrial and/or commercial noise sources on nearby sensitive receptors.
- 5.2 The BS4142 assessment methodology can be summarised as follows:
  - Measure the existing background noise levels (LA90,T dB) at the locations of nearby noise sensitive receptors during the quietest periods when the noise source(s) under investigation will operate;
  - Predict or measure the noise emissions (LAeq,T dB) from the noise source(s) under investigation at the location(s) of the nearby sensitive receptors, and add corrections for any distinguishable acoustic features (e.g. tones, whines, screeches, hisses etc);
  - Subtract the measured background noise levels (item 1 above) with the measured or predicted rating noise levels (item 2 above) at each sensitive receptor. BS4142 states that:
    - a) Typically, the greater this difference, the greater the magnitude of the impact.
    - b) A difference of around +10 dB or more is likely to be an indication of a significant adverse impact, depending on the context.
    - c) A difference of around +5 dB is likely to be an indication of an adverse impact, depending on the context.
    - d) The lower the rating level is relative to the measured background sound level, the less likely it is that the specific sound source will have an adverse impact or a significant adverse impact. Where the rating level does not exceed the background sound level, this is an indication of the specific sound source having a low impact, depending on the context.

NOTE Adverse impacts include, but are not limited to, annoyance and sleep disturbance. Not all adverse impacts will lead to complaints and not every complaint is proof of an adverse impact.

- 5.3 In the absence of specific criteria from Bedford Borough Council, the criteria of "equal to background" has been adopted for the assessment of noise emissions from the development. This criterion is subject to change, based on any Planning Conditions provided by the Local Planning Authority.
- 5.4 Background noise levels (LA90) at the site were measured as part of the site noise survey outlined in Appendix 2. The measured background noise levels have been used to develop limits for plant noise emissions from the new development at the positions of the surrounding residential



properties in accordance with the BS4142 assessment methodology. The limits are shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4 BS4142 Noise Limits - Free-field Levels

Location	Period				
	Day-time/Evening (0700- 2300hrs)	Night-time (2300-0700hrs)			
Nearest existing residential properties to proposed commercial area	46 dB LAr,Tr	38 dB LAr,Tr			

Note 1 The above limits are 'rated' noise levels. Any mechanical plant noise emissions should have appropriate corrections for the character of the noise applied and still meet these limits.

#### Proposed mechanical plant design

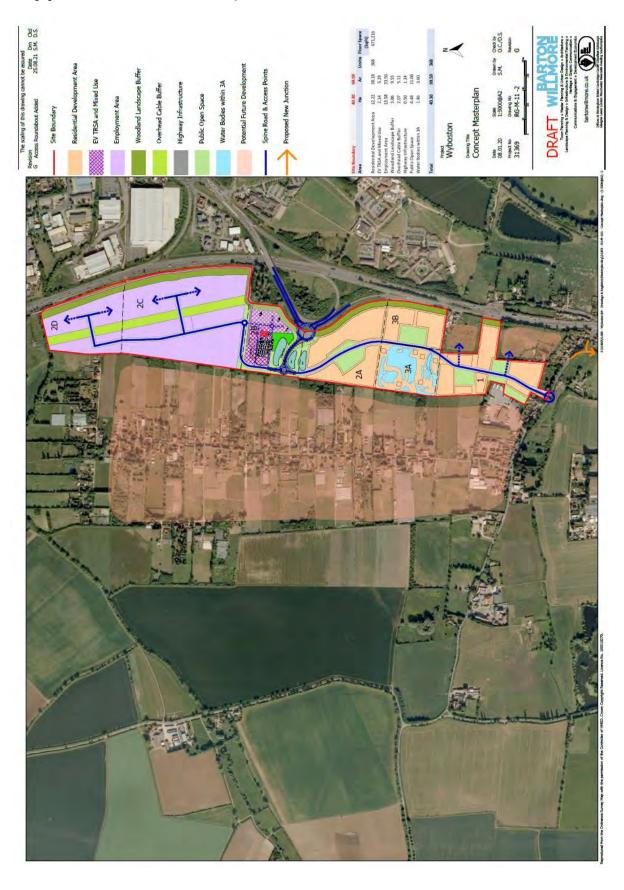
- 5.5 Detailed design information is not yet available for external mechanical plant or commercial activities associated with the development, and therefore noise emissions from external mechanical plant and commercial activities cannot be accurately predicted at the positions of nearby residential properties at this stage.
- 5.6 The selection and design of external mechanical plant will be reviewed as project information becomes available to ensure that the project BS4142:2014 noise limits given in Table 4 are achieved.
- 5.7 It is expected that it will be straightforward to achieve the BS4142 noise limits given the relatively large distances between the proposed commercial areas and the nearby existing and proposed residential properties.



#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 Cass Allen was instructed by L & P Chess Ltd to assess the suitability of the site for the proposed development with regards to noise.
- 6.2 The assessment was carried out in accordance with relevant local and national planning guidance.
- 6.3 A noise survey was carried out at the site. Noise levels at the site are dictated by road traffic noise emissions from the A1.
- Noise affecting the development has been assessed in accordance with the ProPG guidance. The site is considered to be acceptable for residential development subject to the adoption of acoustically upgraded glazing and ventilation, strategic positioning of the dwellings to protect gardens from road traffic noise and acoustic screening to gardens where appropriate. This can be investigated further as more details of the development design become available.
- 6.5 Appropriate limits for noise from mechanical plant and commercial activities have been calculated based on measured noise levels at the site and guidance given in BS4142. It is envisaged that it will be straightforward to achieve the plant noise limits. This will be investigated further as more details become available.
- 6.6 In summary of the above it is our view that the site is suitable for the development in terms of noise levels.

# Appendix 1 Site Layout



# Appendix 2 Survey Results

Survey Summary:

The survey comprised short-term operator attended noise measurements and longer-term unattended noise monitoring at the site. Noise levels at the site were generally dictated by road traffic on the A1.

Survey Period:

09/08/2021 to 13/08/2021

Survey Objectives:

- To identify noise sources that contribute to ambient noise levels at the site;
- To measure noise levels around the site over a typical day and night-time period.

#### Equipment Used:

Туре	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number
Sound level meter <sup>1</sup> (noise logger)	NTi Audio	XL2	A2A-17487-E0
Calibrator	NTi Audio	600 000 388	15011
Sound level meter <sup>1</sup> (noise logger)	Rion	NL-32	01182950, 01213688, 00623765
Sound level meter <sup>1</sup> (noise logger)	Rion	NL-32	
Sound level meter <sup>1</sup> (noise logger)	Rion	NL-32	
Calibrator	Rion	NC-74	34551703
Sound level meter <sup>1</sup>	Rion	NL-52	00965090

Note 1: All sound level meters were calibrated before and after measurement periods and no significant drift in calibration was found to have occurred. The results of the measurements are therefore considered to be representative.

Weather Conditions:

The observed weather conditions were acceptable for acoustic measurement throughout the attended survey periods (low-medium wind speeds and no rain). Weather records for the area confirmed that weather conditions were also generally acceptable for acoustic measurement during the unattended monitoring.

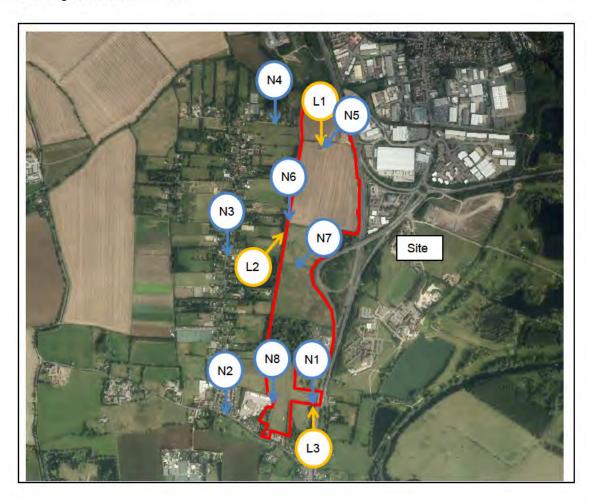
#### Measurement Positions:

Position (refer plan below)	Description
N1	Attended noise monitoring position. 1.5m above ground. Free-field. Direct line of sight to A1
N2	Attended noise monitoring position. 1.5m above ground. Free-field. Direct line of sight to The Lane.
N3	Attended noise monitoring position. 1.5m above ground. Free-field. Direct line of sight to Rookery Road.

#### Measurement Positions:

Position (refer plan below)	Description
N4	Attended noise monitoring position. 1.5m above ground. Free-field. Direct line of sight to A1
N5	a line of sight to A1
N6	
N7	
N8	Attended noise monitoring position. 1.5m above ground. Free-field. Direct line of sight to Payne H E (commercial).
L1	Unattended noise logging position. 2m above ground level. Free-field.  Direct line of sight to A1
L2	Direct line of signit to A1
L3	Unattended noise logging position. 2m above ground level. Free-field. Direct line of sight to A1, 8m from road edge.

## Site Plan showing Measurement Positions:



## Attended Noise Monitoring Results:

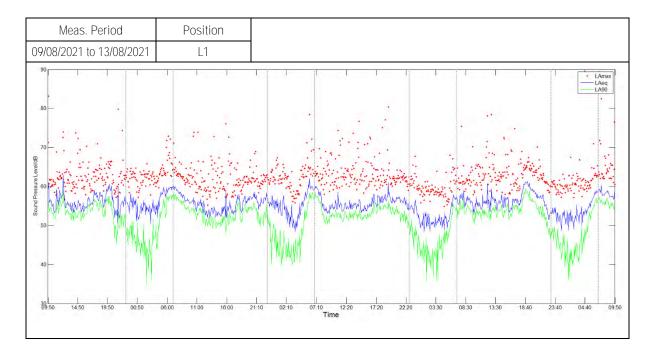
Date	Position	Time	Meas. Length	LAeq, dB	LAmax, dB	LA90, dB	Observations	
09/08/2021	N1	11:07	10 secs	68	73	65	Noise dictated by road traffic from the A1.	
			9 secs	73	76	70		
			14 secs	69	73	65		
			17 secs	70	77	64		
	N2	11:26	32 secs	43	46	43	Noise dictated by distant road traffic from the A1,	
		11:27	1 min	43	47	42	nature sounds.	
		11:28	51 secs	44	58	42		
	N3	11:47	31 secs	42	47	41	Noise dictated by distant road traffic from the A1.	
		11:55	5 mins	54	73	42	Noise dictated by distant road traffic from the A1,	
		12:00		45	60	43	nature sounds and sporadic vehicle movements on Rookery Road.	
	N4	12:30		45	55	43	Noise dictated by distant road traffic from the A nature sounds.  Noise dictated by distant road traffic from the A nature sounds, maximum noise level dictated by overhead aircraft.	
		12:35		49	61	44		
	N5	12:50		53	57	52	Noise dictated by road traffic from the A1.	
		12:55		53	60	52		
	N6	13:10		46	50	45	Noise dictated by distant road traffic from the A1,	
		13:15		47	52	45	nature sounds.	
	N7	13:30		52	63	49		
		13:35		50	60	48		
	N1	14:20		71	77	66	Noise dictated by road traffic from the A1.	
		14:25		70	77	66		
	N8	14:33	1 min	59	62	58	Noise dictated by idle HGV engine.	
		14:43		60	61	60		

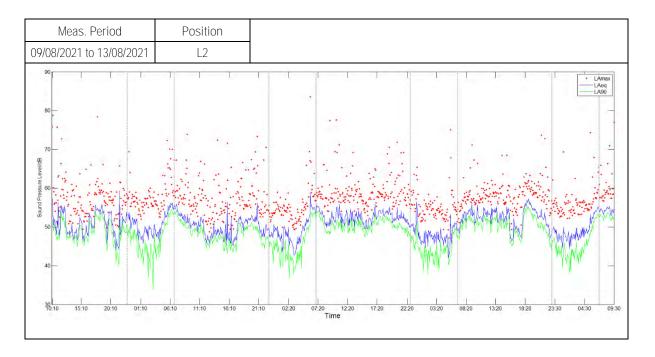
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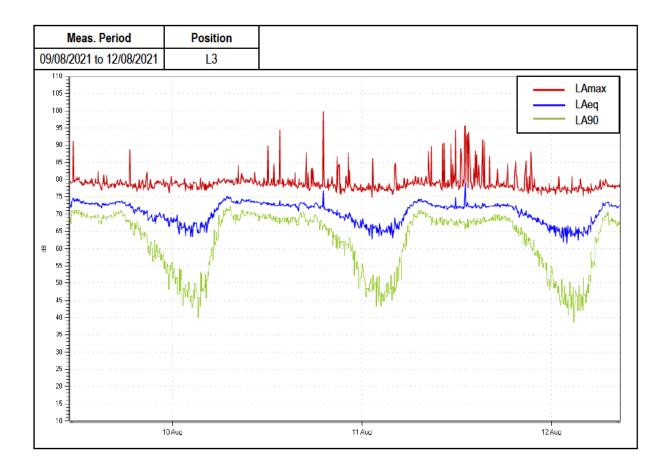
Meas. Period	Position	Daytime (0700-2300hrs)		Night-time (2300-0700hrs)		
		LAeq,16hr,	LA90,1hr dB <sup>1</sup>	LAeq,8hr,	LA90,5mins,	LAmax, dB <sup>2</sup>
		dB		dB	dB <sup>1</sup>	
09/08/2021 to 13/08/2021	L1	56	54	55	45	64-65
	L2	52	51	50	43	59-61
09/08/2021 to 12/08/2021	L3	72	68	69	48	79-79

- Note 1: Typical lowest measured during the period shown.
- Note 2: Highest typical maximum noise level during the night-time (not exceeded more than 10-15 times per night).

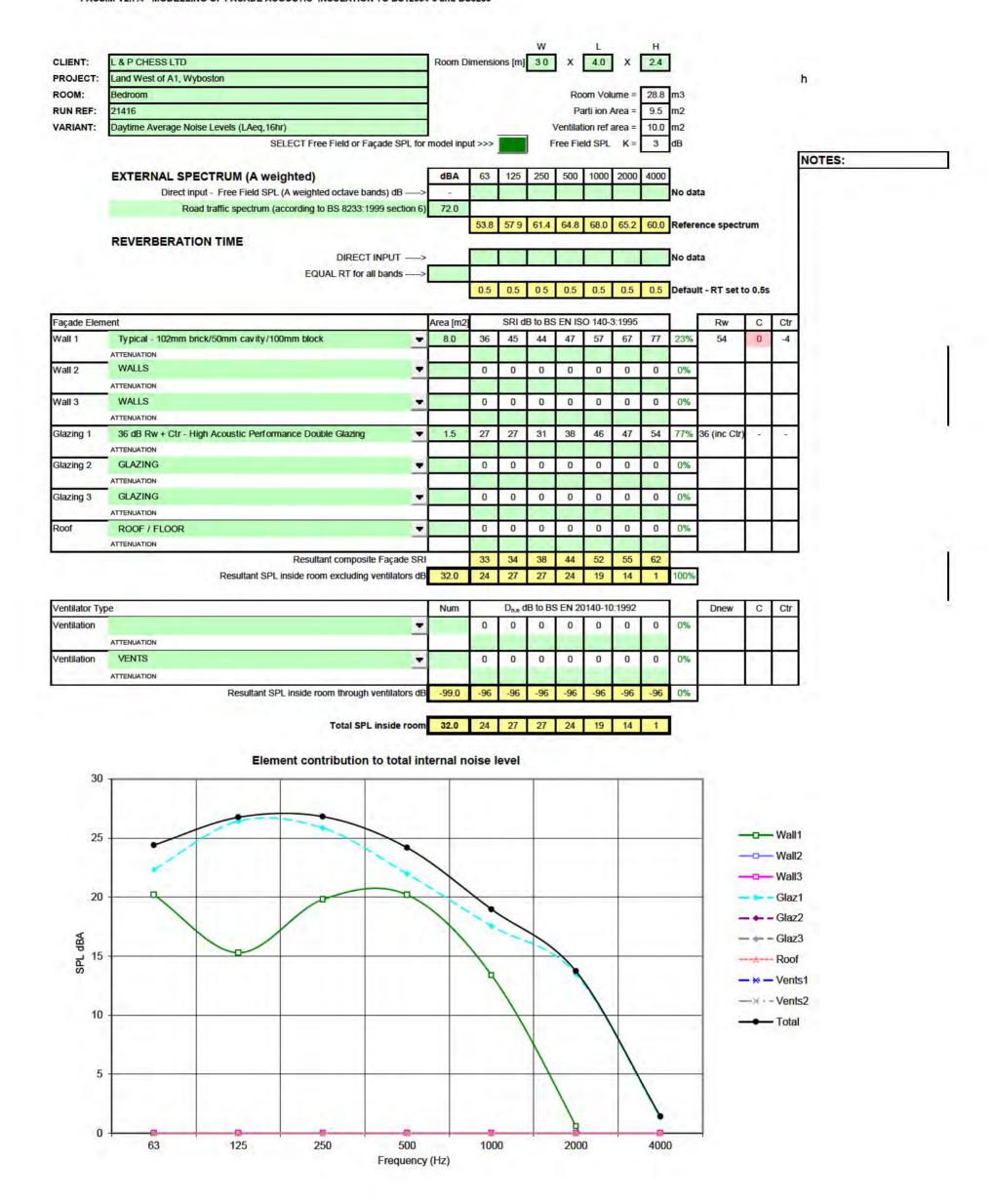
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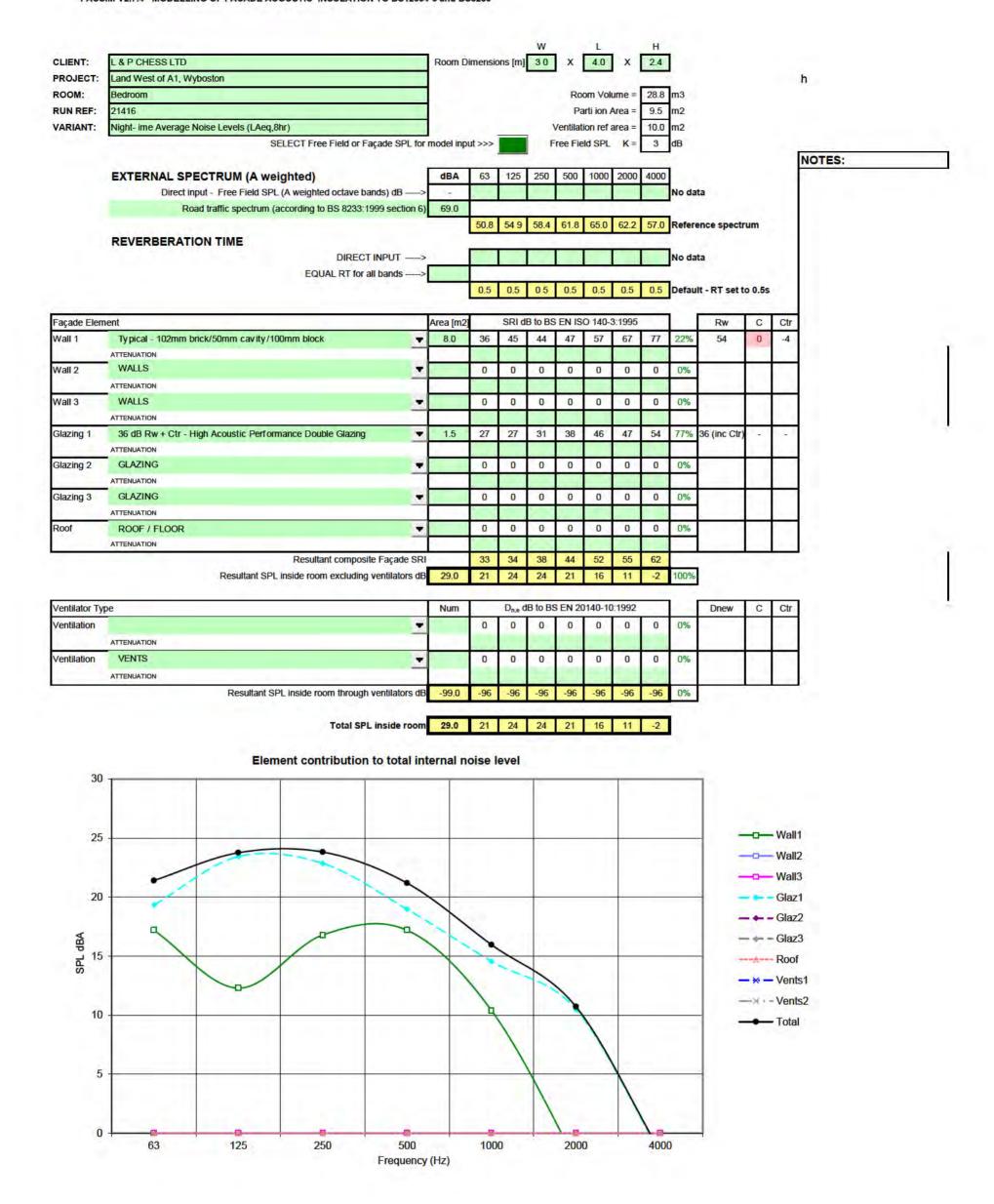


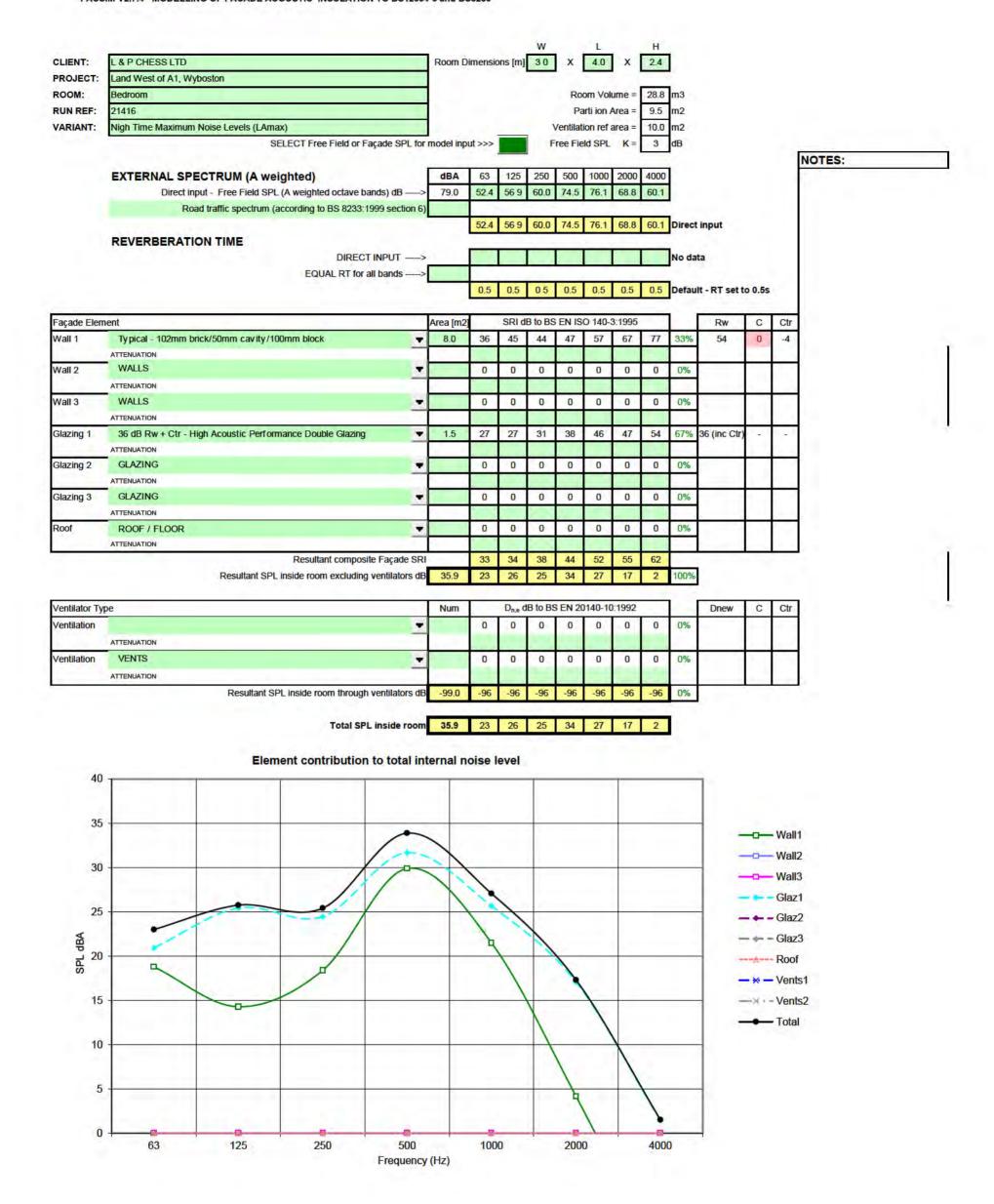


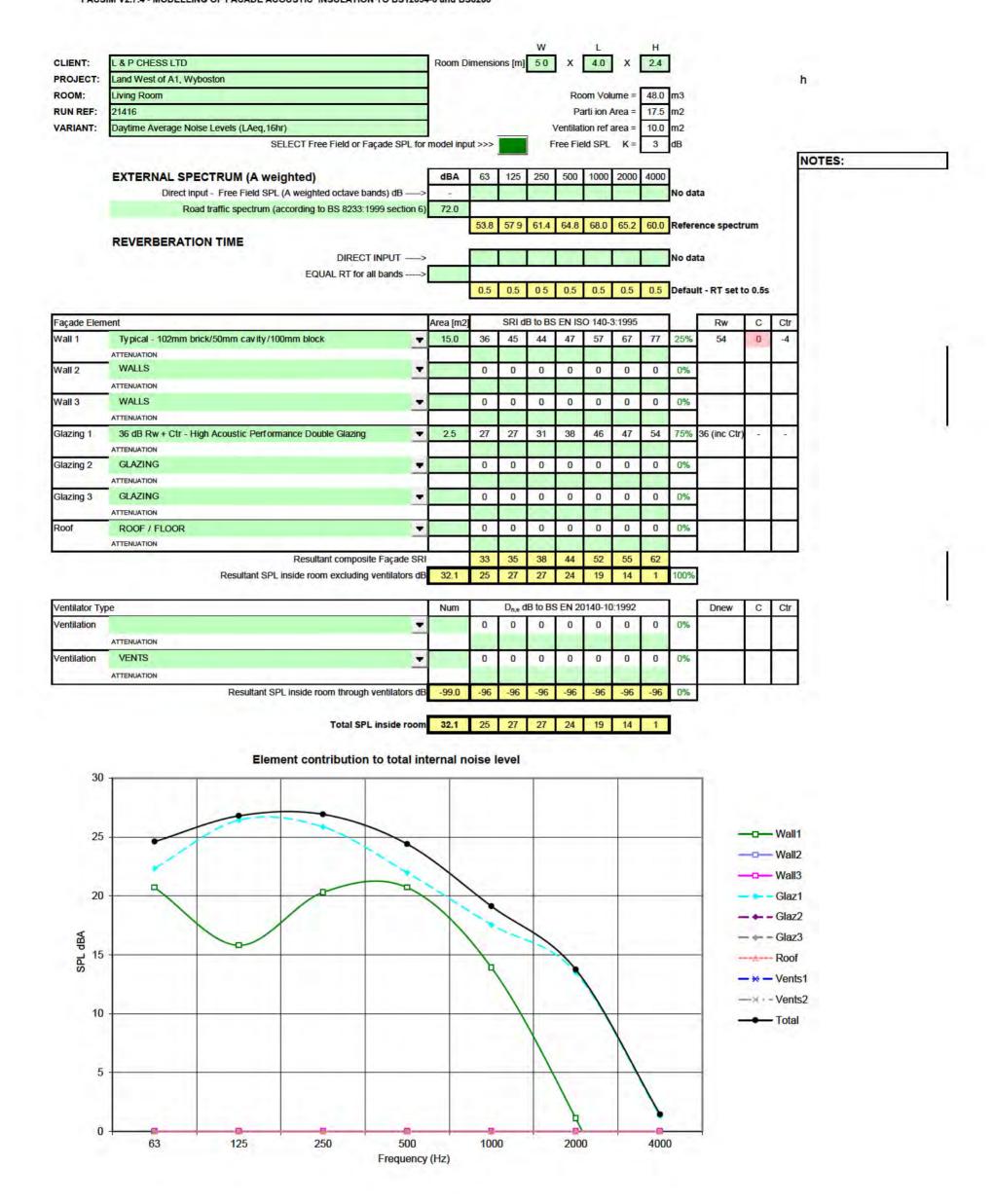


# **Appendix 3** Facade Calculations











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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- o The site falls within the Bedfordshire Mineral Safeguarding Area based on the high-level geology.
- o Part of the site has been subject to prior extraction and thus the MSA restrictions should not apply to this area in any event.
- o The borehole information suggests a variable deposit, particularly towards the northern end of the site, with only one borehole showing a depth of mineral greater than 3m.
- o The mineral is believed to disappear to the west of the site, which suggests the mineral depths within the site could be lower than those recorded in the boreholes which were taken from the eastern boundary.
- o Some of the boreholes indicate very shallow deposits of mineral and in one case barren.
- o Access for HGV traffic to the site is poor. The underpass is narrow, low, and shared with a public bridleway. This is the only viable means of access to the site and it is difficult to see how plant and machinery could be delivered, as well as safely operating HGV traffic.
- o The site is affected by a series of utility infrastructure which causes large areas to be sterilised.
- o The layout of the site is a long, narrow site with a number of areas that would be impractical to extract due to their small size and shape. The gross resource which could be available for extraction is in the region of 536,000 tonnes.
- o The on-site use of this resource could be considered by the proposed mixed-use development.
- o For the above reasons it is not believed that the proposed development will sterilise a reserve that operators would regards as commercially viable.

#### 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Fisher German LLP have been instructed by L and P Chess Ltd, acting for a consortium of landowners of the site at Wyboston, Bedfordshire, edged in red on the site boundary plan attached at Appendix 1, to prepare a Mineral Resource Assessment in support of the promotion of the site through the Bedford Borough Council local plan process.
- 1.2 The site is to the north of Wyboston, located in the Bedford Borough Council area. It is bounded to the east by the A1(M) trunk road, to the west by the Rookery Road smallholdings, to the south by residential development on The Lane and to the north by the Eaton Socon National Grid electricity substation.
- 1.3 The site is currently in agricultural use, other than the area to the rear of Lakes Garage which has a history of previous excavation and now comprises a series of shallow lakes and woodland
- 1.4 The site falls within the Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA) identified by Bedford Borough Council. As the land is being promoted for a mixed-use development a Mineral Resource Assessment has been prepared in support of the site's promotion as required under the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework and Bedford Borough Council.
- 1.5 This Mineral Resource Assessment has been prepared in accordance with the Guidance document issued by the Mineral Products Association and the Planning Officers Society, dated April 2019

#### PLANNING POLICY

- 2 Local Plan Update (Planning Policy)
- 2.1 The land in question is located to the north east of the settlement of Wyboston in Bedford Borough Council. In terms of planning policy, Bedford Borough Council adopted their New Local Plan in January 2020. This sets out the development framework until 2030.
- Given the rural nature of Wyboston a settlement boundary is not defined; the site itself is unallocated and according to Bedford Borough Council's online planning search, the site has no planning history of relevance within the last 10 years.
- 3 <u>National Planning Policy Framework (2019)</u>
- 3.1 Paragraph 203 of the NPPF (2019) states that it is essential that there is a sufficient supply of minerals to provide infrastructure, buildings, energy, and goods that the country needs. However, since minerals are a finite resource, thought needs to be given to secure their long-term conservation.

Paragraph 204 states planning policies should:

"safeguard mineral resources by defining Mineral Safeguarding Areas; and adopt appropriate policies so that known locations of specific minerals resources of local and national importance are not sterilised by non-mineral development where this should be avoided (whilst not creating a presumption that the resources defined will be worked); set out policies to encourage the prior extraction of minerals, where practical and environmentally feasible, if it is necessary for non-mineral development to take place;

set out criteria or requirements to ensure that permitted and proposed operations do not have unacceptable adverse impacts on the natural and historic environment or human health, taking into account the cumulative effects of multiple impacts from individual sites and/or a number of sites in a locality;"

Paragraph 206 states "Local planning authorities should not normally permit other development proposals in Mineral Safeguarding Areas if it might constrain potential future use for mineral working".

- 3.2 NPPF establishes the importance of Mineral Safeguarding Areas but accepts that site specific investigations and circumstances need to be researched in assessing whether individual sites should be so protected. NPPF also establishes the circumstances in which non-mineral development could be allowed within an MSA.
- 4 Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2014)
- 4.1 Similarly to the Local Planning Policy, the land in question falls under the mineral planning control of Bedford Borough Council. The current local plan is the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) that covers the whole of Bedfordshire and was adopted in 2014 by the three relevant unitary authorities (Bedford Borough Council, Luton Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council.)
- 4.2 The MWLP establishes the vision, objectives and strategy for minerals and waste for the whole of Bedfordshire. This MWLP comprises of policies that set out the minerals and waste strategy until 2024.
- 4.3 The County is a significant producer of aggregate sands and gravels, industrial (silica) sands, as well as chalk and historically, other minerals such as Cornbrash Limestone for use as building stone. The MSA plan for the MWLP area covers not just sand and gravel but also silica sand, chalk, cornbrash limestone and clay.
- 4.4 The Site at Wyboston is located within the River Valley (Glacial Sand and Gravel)
  Mineral Safeguarding Area. The screenshot below shows this in further detail (full map included at Appendix 2):



- 4.5 MSA designations cover areas of believed mineral deposits which are desired to be kept safeguarded from sterilisation by non-mineral development (as defined in Local Plan Policy and the National Planning Policy Framework 2019). These designations normally follow geological map boundaries and are taken from high-level research. They do not necessarily indicate that mineral exists as they are not based on site specific investigations.
- 4.6 Key local policies of relevance for surface development are listed below:
  - 4.6.1 <u>Policy MSP1</u> (Overall Spatial Strategy for Aggregate Sand and Gravel and Silica Sand) lists the strategic minerals sites to meet supply. These are as follows:
  - Willington Lock
  - Blunham/ Roxton
  - Black Cat
  - Willowhill Farm
  - Bridge Farm
  - Land south of Broom Village and for specialist silica sands: Land at Clipstone Brook
    - 4.6.2 <u>Policy MSP 12</u> (Surface Development within a Mineral Safeguarding Area). This states that surface development will only be permitted within a MSA where it has been demonstrated that:
    - "• The mineral concerned is proven to be of no economic value as a result of the undertaking of the Mineral Resource Assessment; or
    - The development will not inhibit extraction if required in the future; or
    - There is an overriding need for the development and prior extraction cannot reasonably be undertaken; or
    - The mineral can be extracted prior to the development taking place.

- 4.6.3 <u>Policies MSP11 and MSP12</u> will not apply to the following classes of surface development as they are unlikely to lead to the long-term sterilisation of minerals:
- Extensions of existing buildings within their curtilage;
- Infilling development except for proposals within 250 metres of an existing permission for mineral extraction/waste disposal;
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- Changes of Use (except where further built development is proposed). Where a development is applied for which is of a form not exempt under this policy and within an area of a designated Mineral Safeguarding Area, then policy MSP11 shall apply"
- 4.6.4 <u>Policy MSP11</u> (Minerals Resource Assessment) is of relevance because it seeks to ensure that all surface development proposals within MSA's (excluding the exemptions set out in MSP12) shall be accompanied by a Minerals Resource Assessment. Extracts of Policies MSP11 and MSP 12 are attached at Appendix 3.

#### **GEOLOGY**

The geology of any specific area is generally divided into two separate parts, being the solid geology and the superficial deposits. These superficial deposits comprise material at, or close to, the surface whilst deposits below that are generally referred to as solid geology or bedrock.

#### 5 Solid Geology

5.1 Attached at Appendix 4 are two reports from the British Geological Survey which summarise the geology of the site (each report can only cover a maximum area and the layout of this land required it to straddle two separate applications.) The solid geology or bedrock of the area comprises solely mudstone from the Oxford Clay Formation and Peterborough Member, neither of which has any commercial use. These deposits are not safeguarded.

#### 6 <u>Superficial Geology</u>

- 6.1 The British Geological Survey reports referred to in 5.1 above and attached at Appendix 4 indicate that the majority of the superficial deposit at the site comprises River Terrace deposit of sand and gravel. A small part of the site at the northern boundary is shown as comprising a Diamicton (glacial till) deposit of the Oadby Member.
- 6.2 Diamicton or glacial till is not a commercial deposit as it is essentially unconsolidated clay and is not safeguarded. It should be noted that the British Geological Survey information is taken from a high level and it is likely that the precise boundary between the River Terrace deposit and the glacial till will be different from that show on the attached maps. It is noted that the glacial till to the north of the stream, which forms the northern boundary of the site, is extensive whereas it is very limited in extent to the south of the stream.

#### 7 Borehole Information

7.1 Studies of the British Geological Survey borehole records show a number of boreholes were sunk as part of the Eaton Socon bypass project (A1) in 1965 and these are attached at Appendix 5. These show a modest depth of River Terrace sand and gravel with varying amounts of cover. The table below summarises the respective depths and overburden/mineral ratio:

Borehole	Overburden (m)	Mineral (m)	Ratio
1	1.83	1.52	1.204
2	1.83	1.52	1.204
3	1.98	1.22	1.623
4	0.76	2.75	0.276
5	0.9	2.45	0.367
6	0.9	2.15	0.419
7	0.91	4.88	0.186
8	0.25	2.65	0.094
9	0.3	2.75	0.109
10 (underpass)	1.68	2.13	0.789
11 (northern		Barren	-
boundary)			

- 7.2 Boreholes 1-9 all show the same grid reference point on their datasheets, being on the line of the A1 and thus on the site's eastern boundary. This is the closest location to the River Ouse, which forms the centre line of the River Terrace deposit. It is noted from the superficial deposit maps that the river terrace deposits disappear a short distance to the west of the site (roughly along Rookery Road). It could therefore be reasonably surmised that the mineral within the site reduces in depth as the distance from the River Ouse increases. As a result, the mineral depths shown and the overburden/mineral ratios along the eastern boundary of the site are probably at their most favourable.
- 7.3 Boreholes 10 and 11 do have grid references attached and borehole 10 indicates a shallowing of the reserve to the north, with increased levels of overburden. Borehole 11, which was located adjacent to the Colmworth Brook, was barren.
- 7.4 In general, an overburden/mineral ratio of greater than 1 is the threshold for commercial viability due to the cost of removing the overburden against the value of the sand and gravel. Furthermore, in any mineral extraction exercise it is impossible to extract all the mineral as the interfaces with non-mineral can be erratic and some mineral is left unextracted. As a result, extracting shallow beds of mineral can be uneconomic as c.30cm of material, on average, will remain unextracted.
- 7.5 In the light of this extraction in the vicinity of boreholes 1-3 and 11 would be unlikely to be economically viable.
- 7.6 At an average gross mineral depth at the site of 2.4m (an average of boreholes 1-10) less extraction losses of 0.3m the potential yield per hectare (at a mineral density of 1.65t/m3) would be 34,6500 tonnes.
- 1.7 In the light of the utility infrastructure which exists at the site (see section 9) the only area that could realistically be available for mineral extraction is the central area between the previously extracted lakes and the MoD oil pipeline (shown yellow on the plan at Appendix 7.) This area measures some 15.48 hectares which would give a maximum yield from the site of 536,000 tonnes. In reality the net yield would be lower than this due to the need for boundary stand-offs.

7.8 The MWLP requires a provision of 1.84 million tonnes of sand and gravel per annum across the three Council areas. As a result, the site at Wyboston would provide a maximum of 4 months mineral supply towards the MWLP.

#### CONSTRAINTS ON MINERAL EXTRACTION

#### 8 Access

- 8.1 The site has two access points comprising one towards the northern end of the site from Alpha Drive and one at the southern end of The Lane. The northern access runs through an underpass beneath the A1 which is shared with a public bridleway. The underpass is designed for agricultural vehicles and would only be capable of taking one way HGV traffic. In addition, the underpass is shared with a public bridleway and there would be significant health and safety risks to the use of this for commercial vehicles. A diversion of the public bridleway would not be feasible as there are no other crossing points over or under the A1.
- 8.2 Alternative routes for HGV access are not available given that the whole of the eastern side of the site is bounded by the A1 and there are no access points from this road. The southern and western boundaries comprise residential gardens with no road frontage.
- 8.3 The access from the South is directly from The Lane and comprises an agricultural access between two residential properties which is approximately 12 feet wide. There is no available land to enable the widening of this access to facilitate HGV traffic, with residential properties located on both sides.
- Due to the constraints presented by the boundaries of the property and the absence of a destination processing plant it would not be possible to remove the mineral by field conveyor to an off-site processing plant. Deliveries of larger plant and excavating machinery would also be impossible given the low height of the underpass under the A1.
- 8.5 I attach photographs at Appendix 6 showing the underpass under the A1 and its unsuitability for HGV traffic to use for removing mineral from site.

#### 9 Utility Infrastructure

- 9.1 The site is substantially affected by utility infrastructure, partly connected with the Eaton Socon National Grid substation immediately to the north. The northern part of the site is crossed by two high voltage overhead power lines on metal towers which run approximately north-south. In addition, a high voltage underground cable was recently installed along the eastern boundary of the site from the substation and exiting the site via the underpass previously referred to. Finally, there is a further high voltage power line which crosses these southern part of the site
- 9.2 In terms of below ground infrastructure there is a government oil pipeline which runs down the western boundary of the site before cutting diagonally across land to exit under the A1.
- 9.3 Due to the nature of the agreements on which this infrastructure is held diverting the equipment will be difficult. In addition, there is a lack of alternative routes that would enable any diversions to take place due to the presence of the A1 to one side and the proximity of the substation which fixes one end of the electricity infrastructure.

- 9.4 The northern part of the site is particularly badly affected and once reasonable safety stand-offs have been taken into account from all of the infrastructure only small pockets of mineral will be available for extraction in this area. Battered slopes will be required to maintain the support at surface level and these will further eat into the extractable volumes that could be obtained. It is therefore unlikely that any of the mineral in the northern area could be realistically extracted in a commercially viable operation.
- 9.5 A similar issue presents itself with the southern part of the site (i.e. south of the previously extracted ponds) where this area comprises some narrow sections of fields. Once boundary standoffs, landscaping bunds and side batters have been taken into account the actual net yield of such areas would be minimal. In addition, the overhead power line is likely to sterilise a further area of mineral in this area.
- 9.6 The photographs at Appendix 6 show some of the utility infrastructure on site and the plan at Appendix 7 indicates the location of the various utilities.

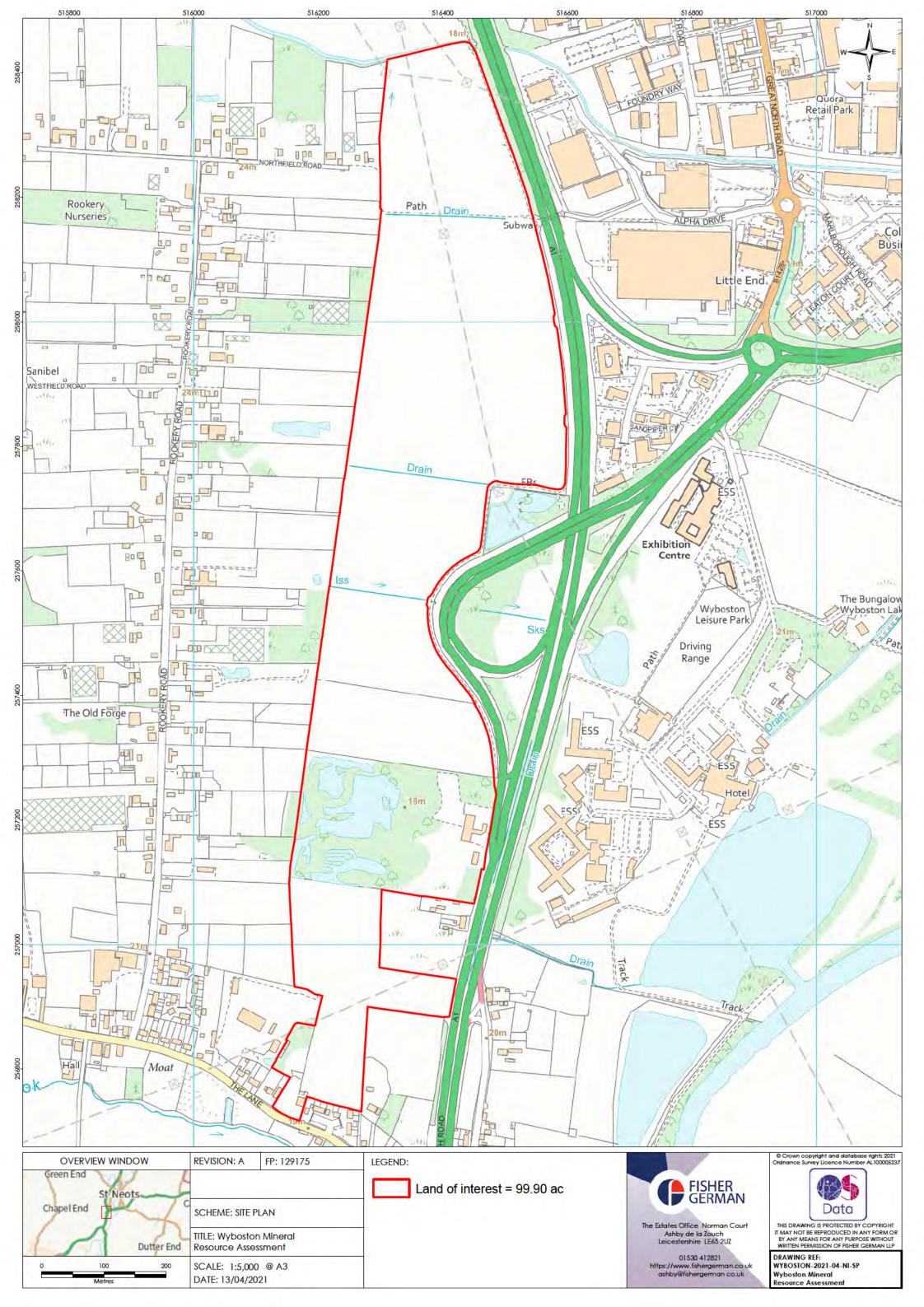
#### 10 Opportunities for Mineral Extraction

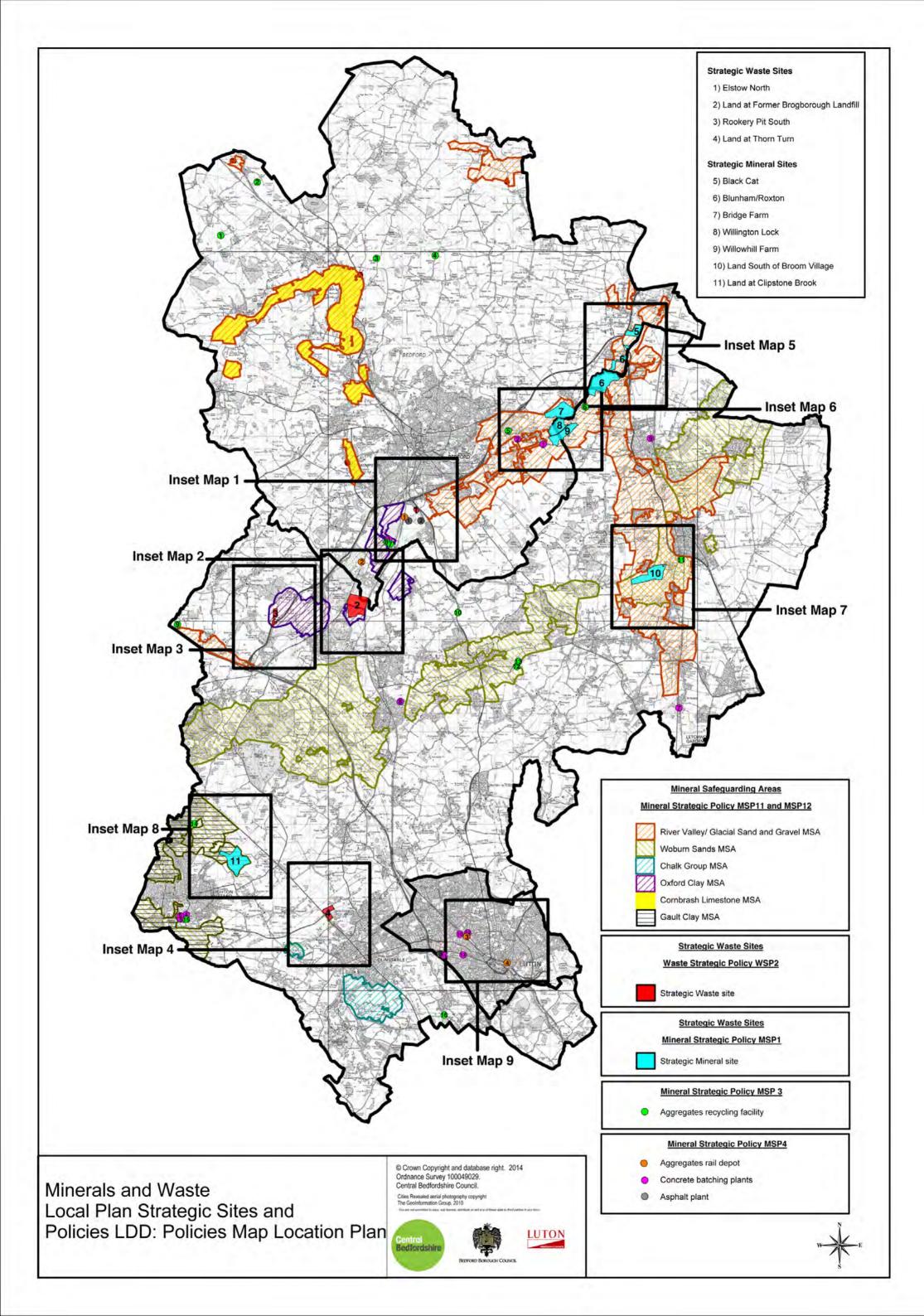
- 10.1 The site does not adjoin any existing consented mineral extraction sites, nor any that have been allocated in the MWLP. Extraction of the mineral as an extension to other operating sites in the region by conveyor will not be possible due to the neighbouring uses. The land to the south and east is in residential use and no corridors exist for a conveyor route to be created. The eastern boundary comprises the A1, with commercial development sites beyond the A1.
- 10.2 Removal of the mineral by HGV is constrained by the size of the underpass from Alpha Drive, details of which have been set out in section 8 above.
- 10.3 There may be an opportunity for the extraction of the mineral in connection with the proposed development, for use in construction, landscaping, and the manufacture of concrete. This will depend on the precise details of the scheme and should be addressed as part of a detailed planning application.
- 10.4 I am not aware that the site has ever been promoted to any MWLP, presumably due to the constraints imposed by its access and the existing on-site infrastructure.

#### 11 Prior Extraction

- 11.1 Planning policy encourages the consideration of prior extraction within mineral safeguarding areas. The area of lakes in the centre of the site has been subject to historic extraction although there is no information available as to the depth of these. However, it is understood that they are relatively shallow, and this may explain why extraction was limited to this area and did not extend either north or south at the time.
- 11.2 In any event this area should not be included within the MSA as prior extraction has already taken place.
- 11.3 As set out in section 10 above, removal of the mineral from the site is seriously constrained as would the import of any infill material to be able to restore the land to its original levels.

11.4 Prior extraction of the current agricultural area of the site would inevitably reduce the level of the land and it is noted that other extraction in the vicinity of the site has almost entirely been restored either to low lying wetland or lakes. Restoration to either of these landforms would be inappropriate for the proposed development and prior extraction is therefore not considered to be feasible in this instance. Prior extraction would also cause a delay to the delivery of the development through having to wait for the mineral extraction and restoration to take place.





- Fuller's Earth
- Cornbrash limestone
- 6.38 The Plan area includes the river valleys of the Ouse, Ivel, and Flit which contain the aggregate sand and gravel resource. An additional source of aggregates occurs within the Woburn Sands formation which is an important source of concreting, building, and asphalting sands, and locally, industrial silica sands, and fuller's earth. In addition, the Marston Vale to the south of Bedford is an area of low lying land which contains significant clay deposits. Finally, in the southern part of the Plan area the land is underlain by chalk, and rises in topography to the eastern extremity of the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 6.39 The areas to be subject to Mineral Safeguarding are shown on the Policies Map. Most development proposed within an area designated for Mineral Safeguarding will be subject to policies MSP 11 and MSP 12.

### **Mineral Strategic Policy MSP 11**

#### **Minerals Resource Assessment**

Surface development proposals within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (excluding exemptions set out under policy MSP12: Surface Development within a Mineral Safeguarding Area) shall be accompanied by a Minerals Resource Assessment. This shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified professional, which establishes through site specific geological survey data, the existence or otherwise of a mineral resource of economic importance.

6.40 The areas designated as Mineral Safeguarding Areas are shown on the plans in the Policies Map Local Development Plan Document. On receipt of a Mineral Resource Assessment the Mineral Planning Authority can decide on the most appropriate course of action. According to the results of this assessment in relation to the quality and quantity of mineral that could be recovered; the practicability of extraction; and the environmental impacts of mineral extraction, the mineral resource present may be required to be extracted before the surface development takes place, or else left in situ and allowed to be sterilised. Where prior extraction is deemed appropriate a separate planning application will be required for the extraction of the mineral.

### **Mineral Strategic Policy MSP 12**

#### Surface Development within a Mineral Safeguarding Area

Surface development will only be permitted within a Mineral Safeguarding Area where it has been demonstrated that:

- The mineral concerned is proven to be of no economic value as a result of the undertaking of the Mineral Resource Assessment; or
- The development will not inhibit extraction if required in the future; or
- There is an overriding need for the development and prior extraction cannot reasonably be undertaken; or
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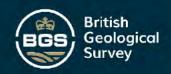
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Where a development is applied for which is of a form not exempt under this policy and within an area of a designated Mineral Safeguarding Area, then policy MSP11 shall apply.

- **6.41** Where it has been determined that it is necessary for the development to take place, and that the mineral is considered to be of sufficient quality and quantity etc, the MPA will seek prior extraction of that mineral subject to the provision of satisfactory information, including a full assessment and acceptability of:
- The size and nature of the proposed surface development
- The quality and quantity of the mineral that would be recovered.
- The practicability of extraction.
- The environmental impacts of mineral extraction
- The size and nature of the proposed development

By this means valuable mineral resources will be safeguarded from needless sterilisation.

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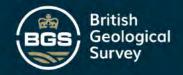
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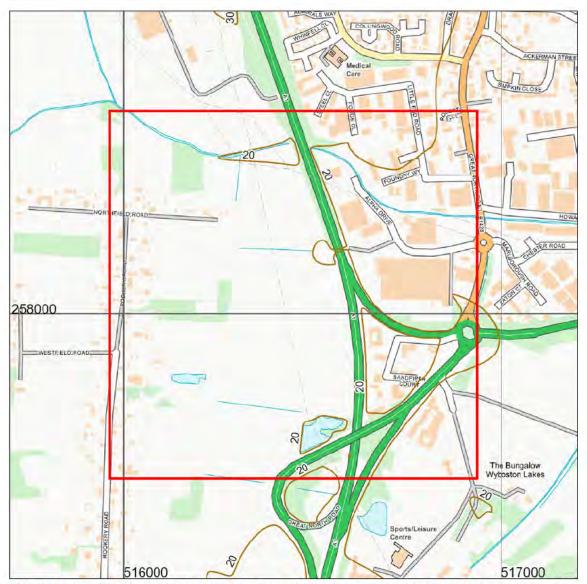
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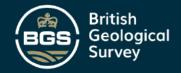


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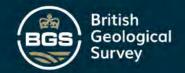


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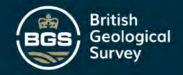


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## Key to Artificial ground:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Composition	
	WGR-VOID	WORKED GROUND (UNDIVIDED)	VOID	



## Landslide deposits

These are deposits formed by localised mass-movement of soils and rocks on slopes under the action of gravity. Landslides may occur within the bedrock, superficial deposits or artificial ground; and the landslide deposits may themselves be artificially modified.

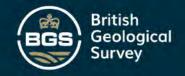


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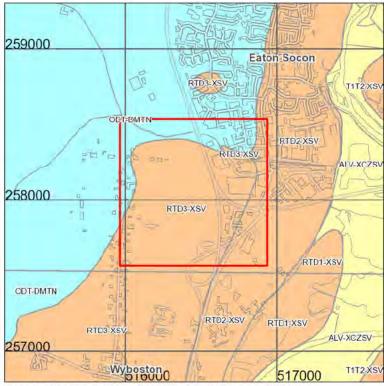
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## Superficial deposits

These are relatively young geological deposits, formerly known as 'Drift', which lie on the bedrock in many areas. They include deposits such as unconsolidated sands and gravels formed by rivers, and clayey tills formed by glacial action. They may be overlain by landslide deposits or by artificial deposits, or both.

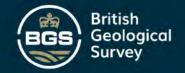


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# Key to Superficial deposits:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Composition
	ALV-XCZSV	ALLUVIUM	CLAY, SILT, SAND AND GRAVEL
	T1T2-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 1 TO 2	SAND AND GRAVEL
	ODT-DMTN	OADBY MEMBER	DIAMICTON
	RTD1-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 1	SAND AND GRAVEL
	RTD2-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 2	SAND AND GRAVEL
	RTD3-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 3	SAND AND GRAVEL



### **Bedrock**

Bedrock forms the ground underlying the whole of an area, commonly overlain by superficial deposits, landslide deposits or artificial deposits, in any combination. The bedrock formations were formerly known as the 'Solid Geology'.



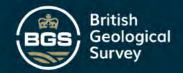
Fault
Coal, ironstone or mineral vein

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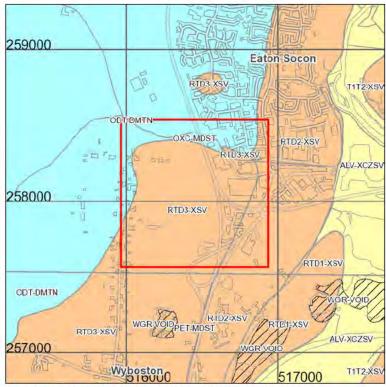
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## Combined 'Surface Geology' Map

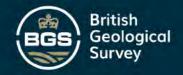
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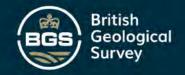
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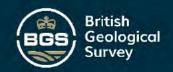
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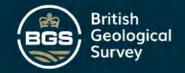
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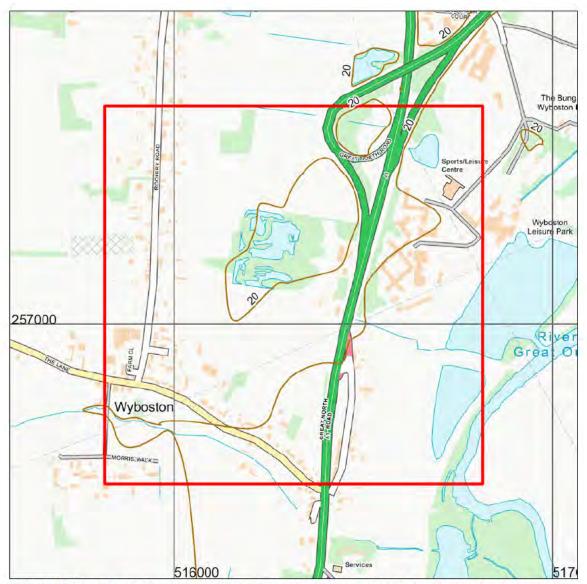
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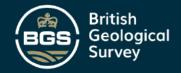


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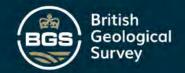


# Geological Map Extracts 1:50,000 Scale

This part of the report contains extracts of geological maps taken from the 1:50 000 scale BGS Digital Geological Map of Great Britain (BGS Geology 50k). The geological information in BGS Geology is divided into four themes: artificial ground, landslide deposits, superficial deposits and bedrock, shown here in separate maps. The fifth 'combined geology' map superimposes all four of these themes, to show the uppermost geological formations.

More information about BGS Geology 50k is available here <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/products/digitalmaps/DiGMapGB\_50.html">http://www.bgs.ac.uk/products/digitalmaps/DiGMapGB\_50.html</a> and information on the BGS geological classification schemes here <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/bgsrcs/">http://www.bgs.ac.uk/bgsrcs/</a>. The maps are labelled with two-part computer codes that indicate the name of the geological unit and its composition. Descriptions of the units listed in the map keys may be available in the BGS Lexicon of Named Rock Units (<a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/lexicon/">http://www.bgs.ac.uk/lexicon/</a>). If available, these descriptions can be found by searching against the first part of the computer code used on the maps. Please consult the legend and the codes on the map in areas of complex geology. If in doubt, please contact BGS Enquiries for clarification.

In the map legends the geological units are listed in order of their age, as defined in the BGS Lexicon, with the youngest first. However, where units are of the same defined age they are listed alphabetically and this may differ from the actual geological sequence.



## **Artificial ground**

This is ground at or near the surface that has been modified by man. It includes ground that has been deposited (Made Ground) or excavated (Worked Ground), or some combination of these: Landscaped Ground or Disturbed Ground.

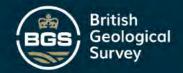


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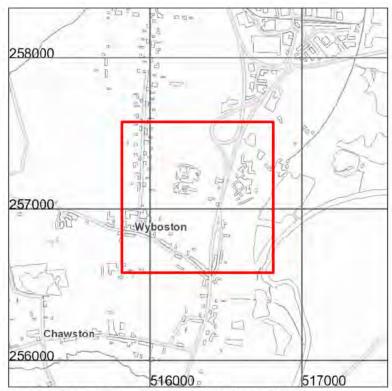
## Key to Artificial ground:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Composition
	LSGR-ARTGR	LANDSCAPED GROUND (UNDIVIDED)	ARTIFICIALLY MODIFIED GROUND
	WGR-VOID	WORKED GROUND (UNDIVIDED)	VOID



## Landslide deposits

These are deposits formed by localised mass-movement of soils and rocks on slopes under the action of gravity. Landslides may occur within the bedrock, superficial deposits or artificial ground; and the landslide deposits may themselves be artificially modified.

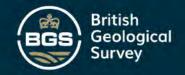


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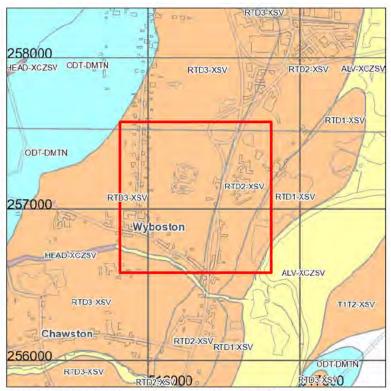
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## Superficial deposits

These are relatively young geological deposits, formerly known as 'Drift', which lie on the bedrock in many areas. They include deposits such as unconsolidated sands and gravels formed by rivers, and clayey tills formed by glacial action. They may be overlain by landslide deposits or by artificial deposits, or both.

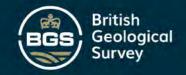


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### Key to Superficial deposits:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Composition
	ALV-XCZSV	ALLUVIUM	CLAY, SILT, SAND AND GRAVEL
	T1T2-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 1 TO 2	SAND AND GRAVEL
	ODT-DMTN	OADBY MEMBER	DIAMICTON
	HEAD-XCZSV	HEAD	CLAY, SILT, SAND AND GRAVEL
	RTD1-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 1	SAND AND GRAVEL
	RTD2-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 2	SAND AND GRAVEL
	RTD3-XSV	RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS, 3	SAND AND GRAVEL



### **Bedrock**

Bedrock forms the ground underlying the whole of an area, commonly overlain by superficial deposits, landslide deposits or artificial deposits, in any combination. The bedrock formations were formerly known as the 'Solid Geology'.



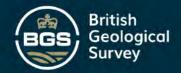
Fault
Coal, ironstone or mineral vein

Note: Faults are shown for illustration and to aid interpretation of the map. Because these maps are generalised from more detailed versions not all such features are shown and their absence on the map face does not necessarily mean that none are present. Coals, ironstone beds and mineral veins occur only in certain rock types and regions of the UK; if present here, they will be described under 'bedrock' below.

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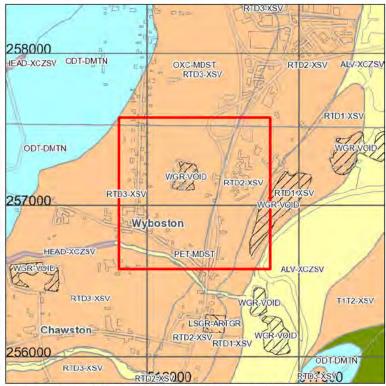
### Key to Bedrock geology:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Rock type	
	OXC-MDST	OXFORD CLAY FORMATION	MUDSTONE	
	PET-MDST	PETERBOROUGH MEMBER	MUDSTONE	



## Combined 'Surface Geology' Map

This map shows all the geological themes from the previous four maps overlaid in order of age.

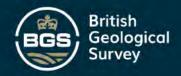


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Please see the Keys to the Artificial, Landslide, Superficial and Bedrock geology maps.



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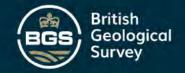
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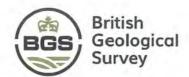
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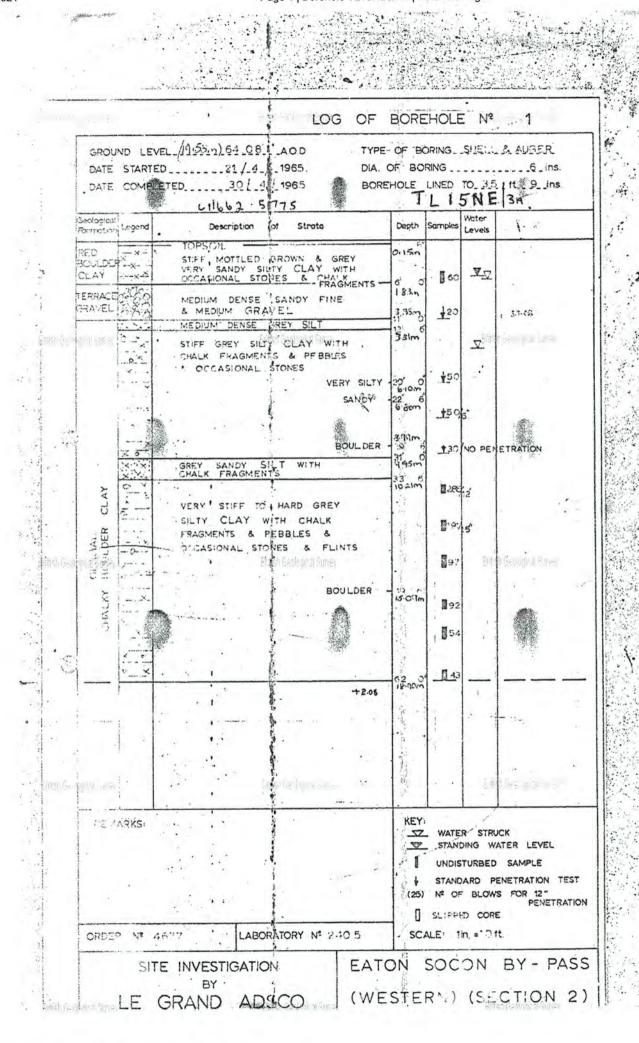


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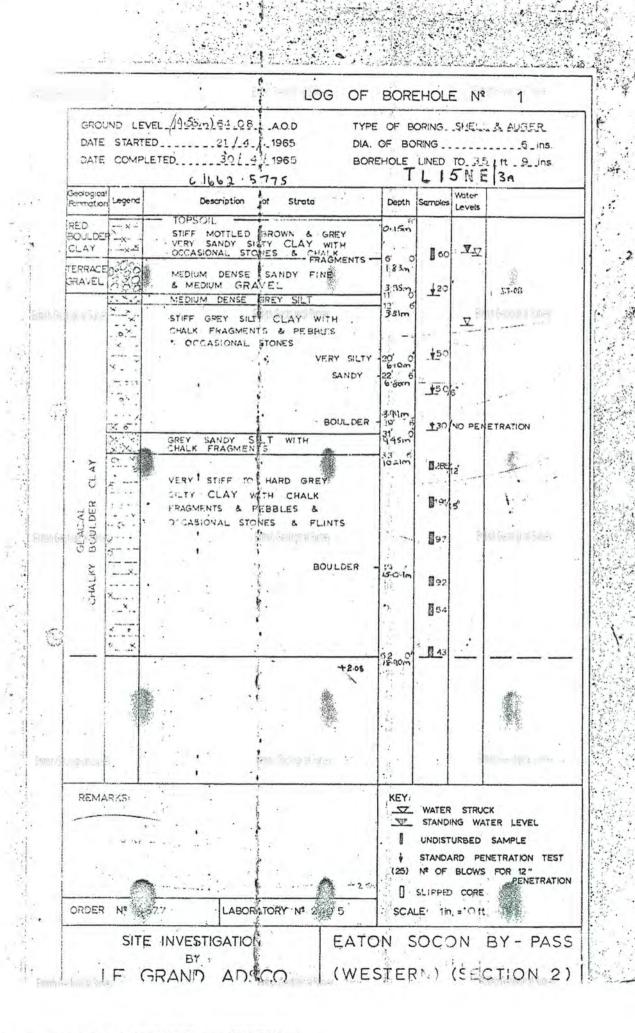




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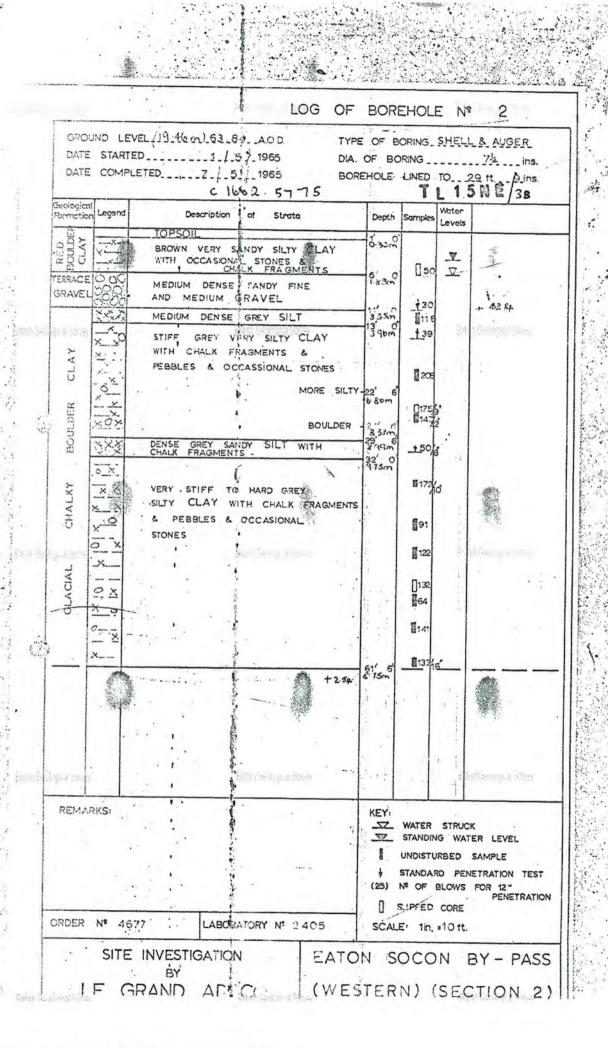
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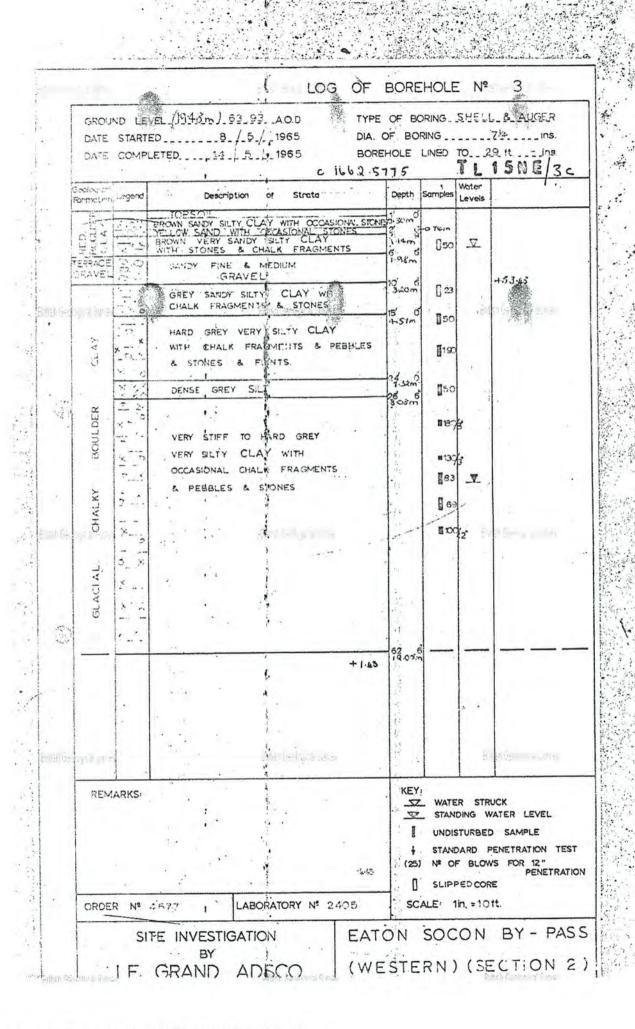




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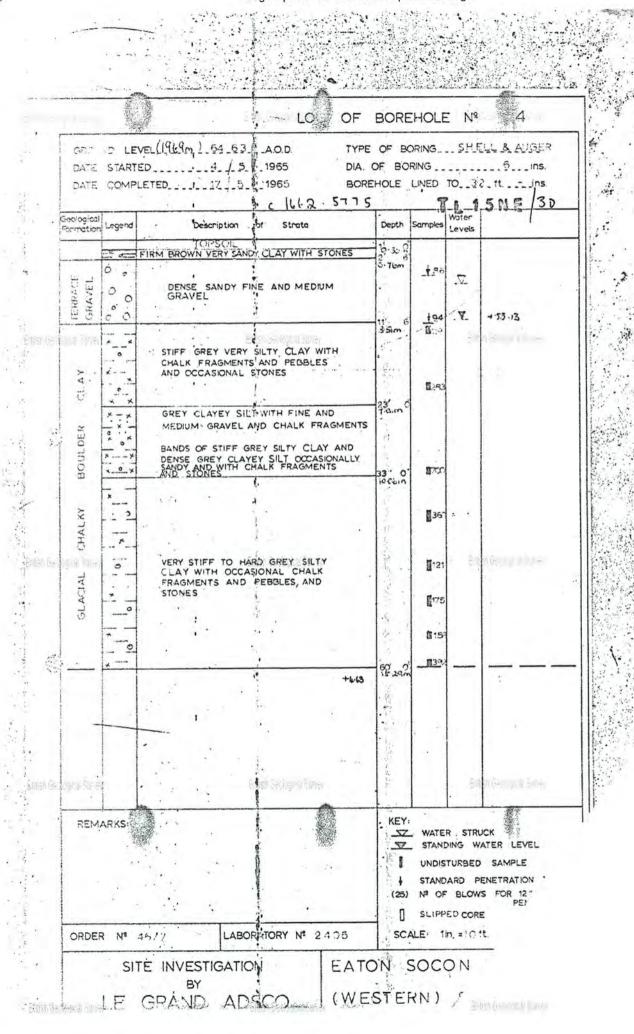
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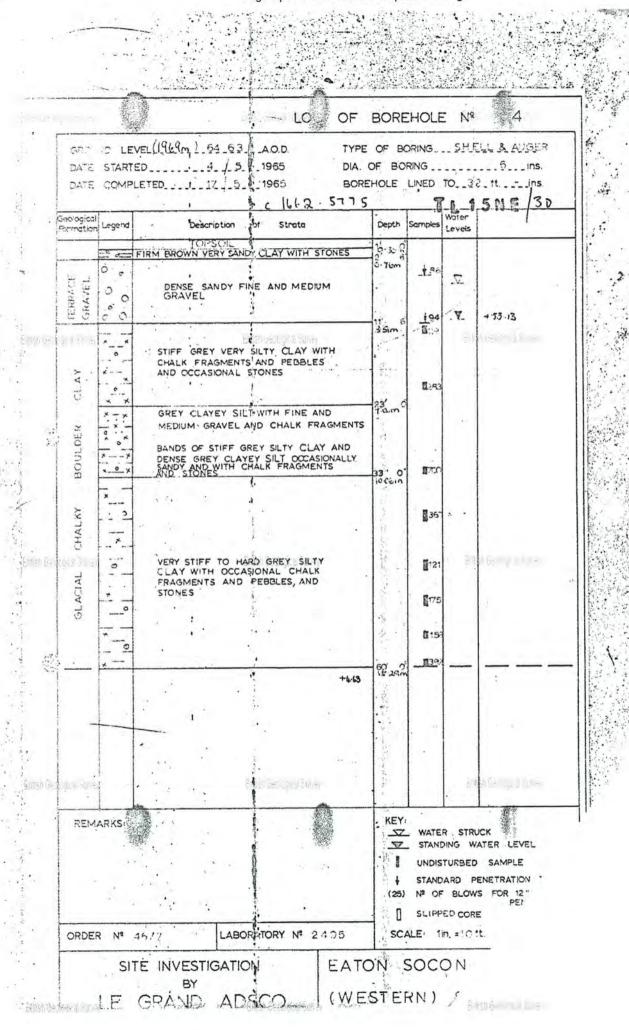


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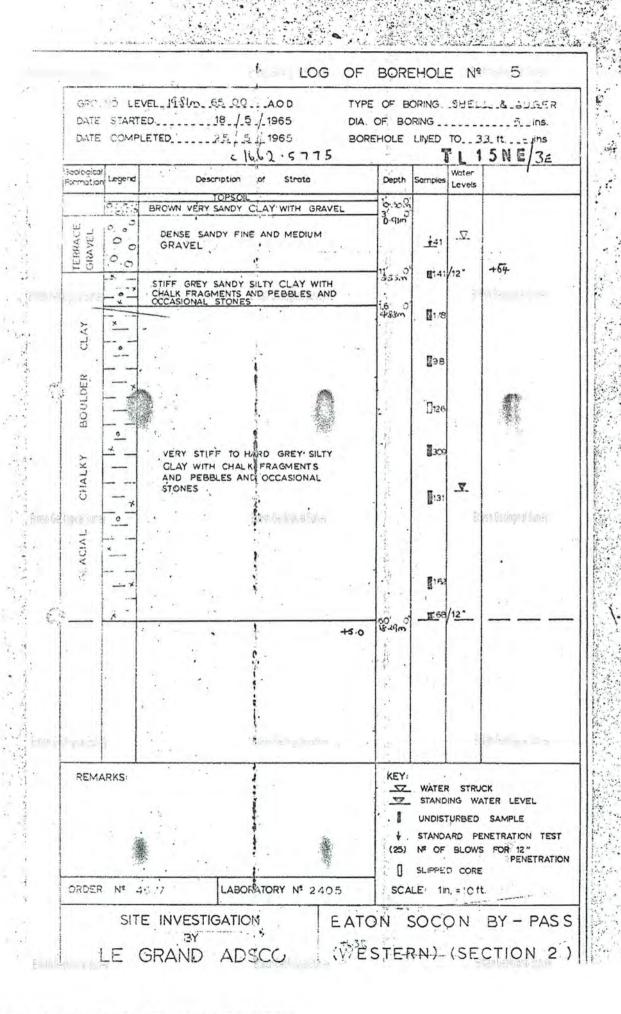


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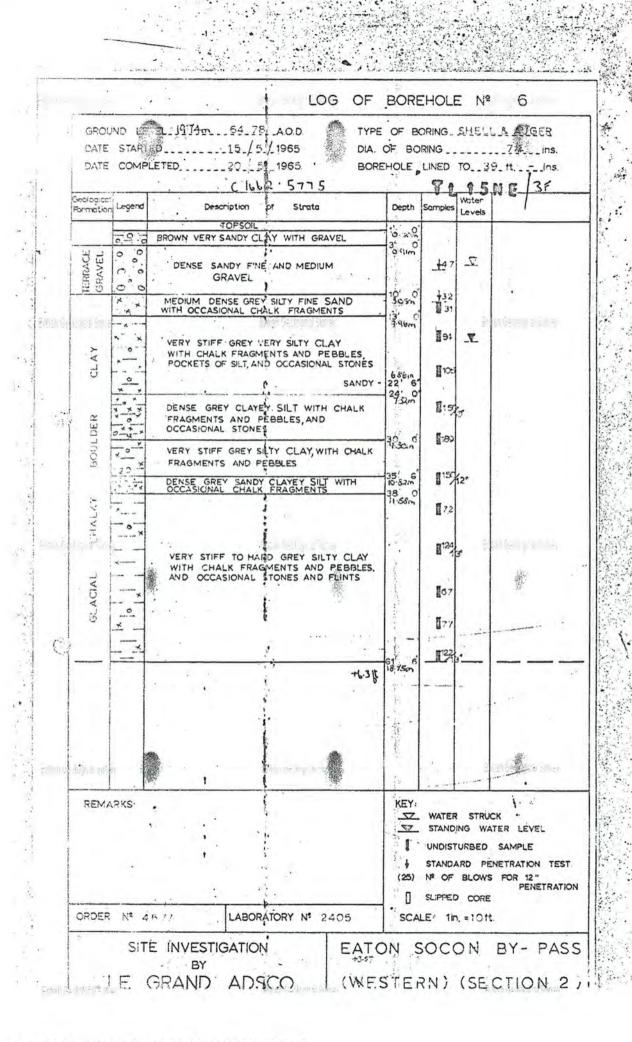
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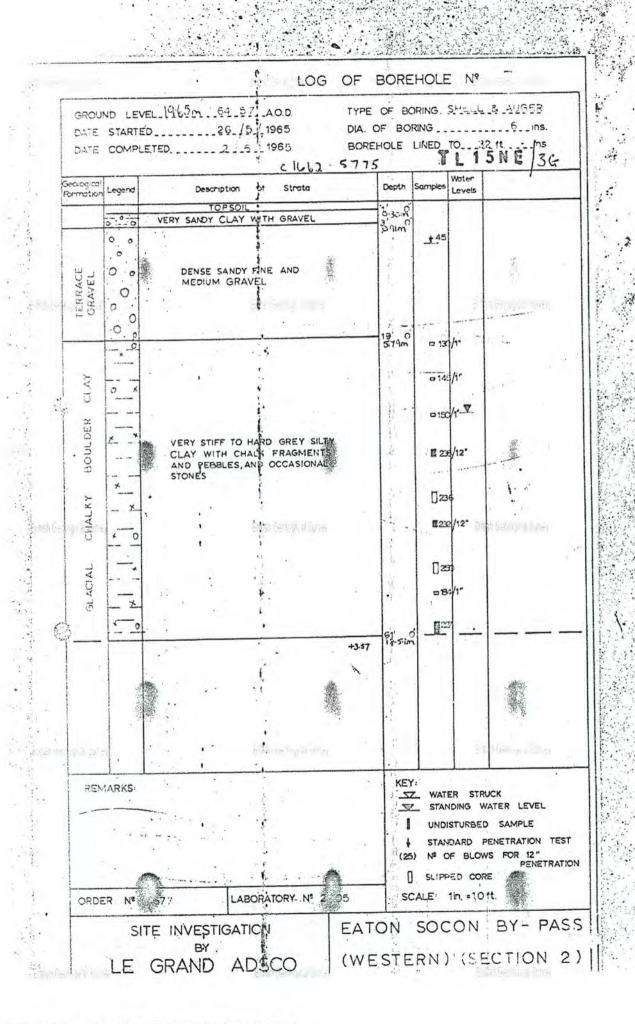




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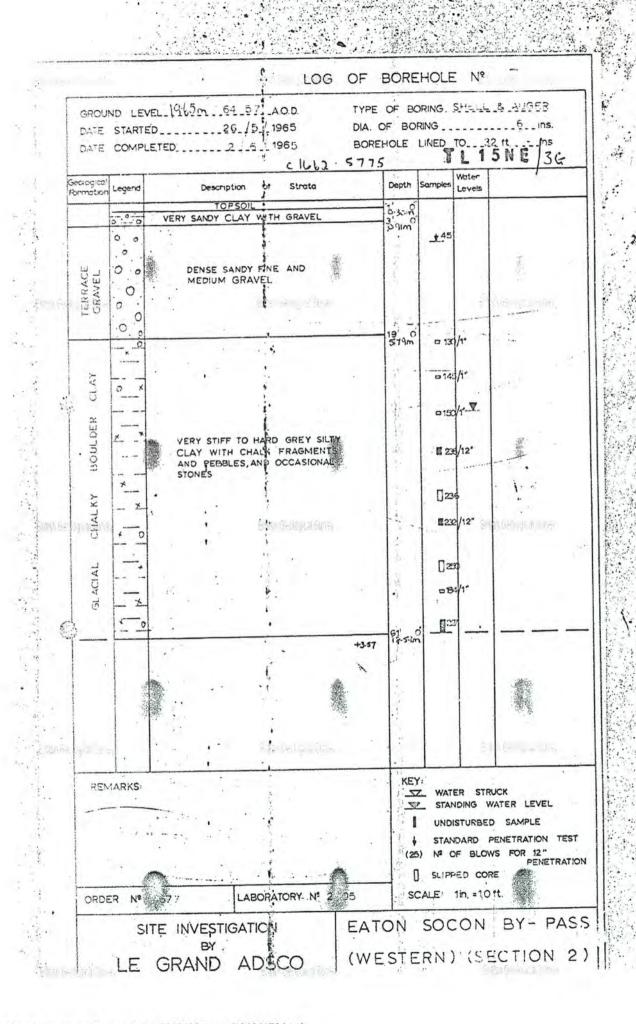
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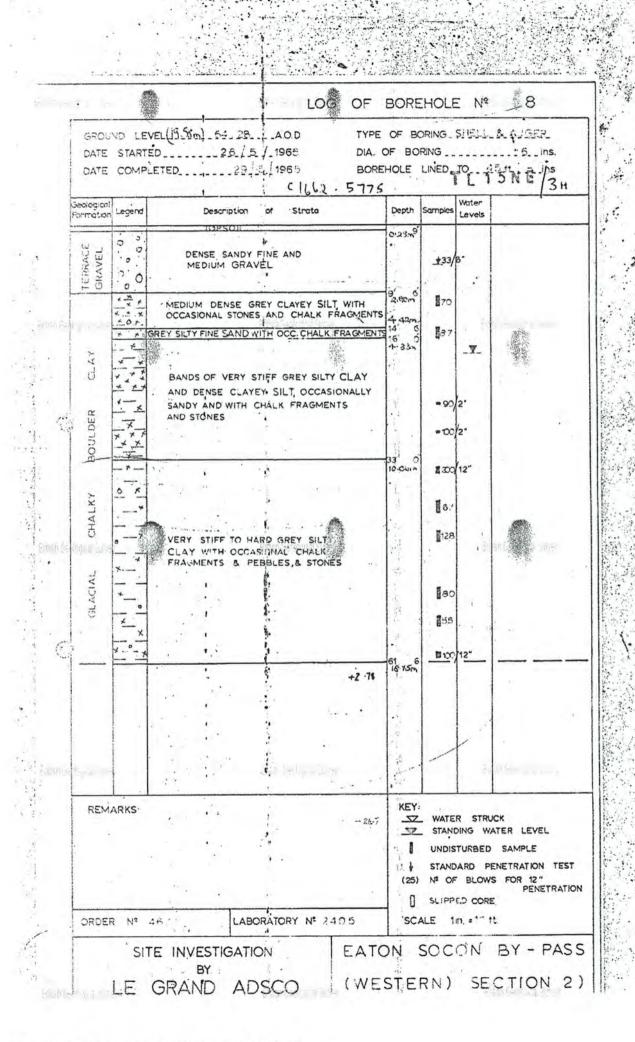
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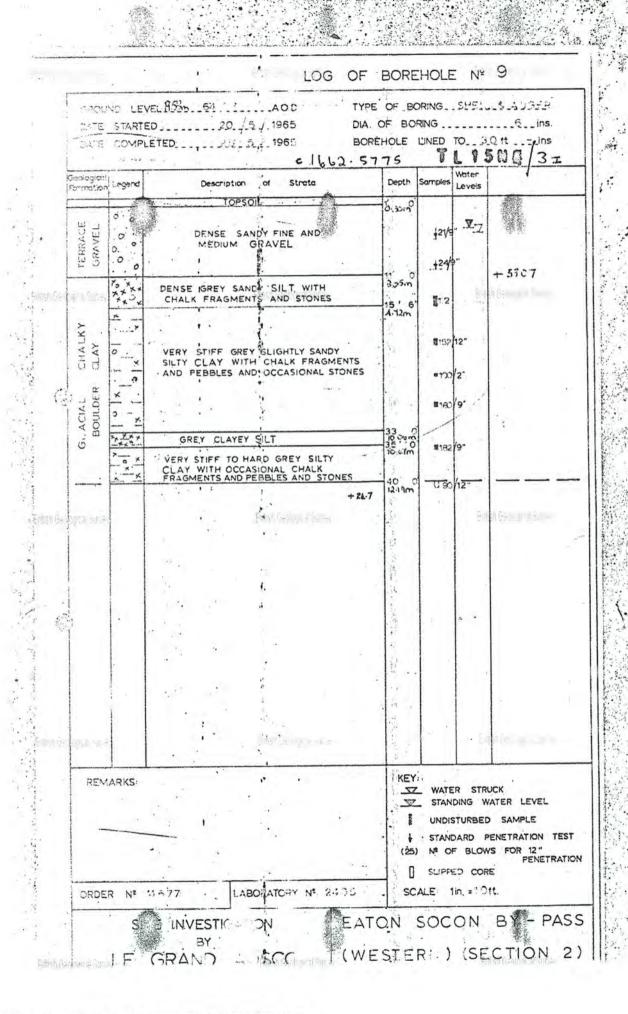
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