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1. Executive Summary

1.1. Background

A Quantitative Assessment was carried out on building PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 located at Harewood Nursery on 239 Gardiners Road, Harewood. This building is a single storey building that is used as offices and amenities by the nursery staff. An aerial photograph illustrating the buildings location is shown below in Figure 1. Detailed descriptions outlining the buildings age and construction type are given in Section 5 of this report.



■ Figure 1: Aerial Photograph of Building PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 Located at 239 Gardiners Road

This Quantitative report for the building structure is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 11 July 2011 and our visual inspections carried out on the 3 March 2012 and the 19 June 2012.

1.2. Key Damage Observed

No earthquake damage was observed to this structure.

1.3. Critical Structural Weaknesses

The building has limited bracing capacity along the north wall which will create a torsional response when the building is subjected to lateral loads acting in an east-west direction. However



this type of loading has been incorporated into the quantitative results below and therefore does not need to be considered as a critical structural weakness.

1.4. Indicative Building Strength

As described in the Engineering Advisory Group’s “Guidance on Detailed Engineering Evaluation of Earthquake Affected Non-residential Buildings” (from July 2011) we have assessed the percentage of new building standard seismic resistance using the quantitative method. Our assessment included consideration of geotechnical conditions, existing earthquake damage to the building and structural engineering calculations to assess both strength and ductility/resilience.

The assessment was based on the following:

- On-site investigation to assess the extent of existing earthquake damage including limited intrusive investigation.
- Qualitative assessment of critical structural weaknesses (CSWs) based on review of available structural drawings and inspection where drawings were not available.
- A geotechnical desktop study.
- Assessment of the strength of the existing structures taking into account their current condition.

Any building that is found to have a seismic capacity less than 34% of the new building standard is required to be strengthened up to a capacity of at least 67%NBS.

Based on the information available, and using the Quantitative Assessment Procedure, the building’s original capacity has been assessed to be in the order of 29%NBS. No structural damage was observed during our site investigation. Due to this, the post earthquake capacity is also in the order of 29%NBS. As noted above in section 1.3, the building’s capacity takes into account the critical structural weakness observed during our site inspections. Since the building’s seismic capacity is less than 34%NBS the building is classed as potentially earthquake prone and requires strengthening. It is worth noting that this assessment was made without structural drawings and is accordingly limited. The qualitative report found a capacity of 38%; we note that this capacity has reduced due to the capacity of connections which were not considered in the qualitative assessment.

1.5. Recommendations

Based on the findings of the assessment, we have provided recommendations for improvement of the structure since it is an earthquake prone building.

It is recommended that:

- a) We consider that barriers around the building are not necessary.
- b) The building should be strengthened.



2. Introduction

Sinclair Knight Merz was engaged by the Christchurch City Council to carry out a Quantitative Assessment of the seismic performance of PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 located at Harewood Nursery on 239 Gardiners Road, Harewood. This report should be read in conjunction with the Qualitative report dated 12 June 2012.

The scope of this quantitative analysis includes the following:

- Analysis of the seismic load carrying capacity of the building compared with current seismic loading requirements or New Buildings Standard (NBS). It should be noted that this analysis considers the building in its damaged state where appropriate.
- Identify any critical structural weaknesses which may exist in the building and include these in the assessed %NBS of the structure.
- Preparation of a summary report outlining the areas of concern in the building as well as identifying strengthening concepts to 67%NBS for any areas which have insufficient capacity if the building is found to be an earthquake prone building.

The recommendations from the Engineering Advisory Group¹ were followed to assess the likely performance of the structures in a seismic event relative to the New Building Standard (NBS). 100% NBS is equivalent to the strength of a building that fully complies with current codes. This includes a recent increase of the Christchurch seismic hazard factor from 0.22 to 0.3².

This report should be read in conjunction with the qualitative assessment dated 12 June 2012. This assessment identified that the seismic capacity of the building was likely to be less than 34% of the New Building Standard (NBS). A quantitative assessment was recommended to confirm the initial assessment findings and to determine a more accurate seismic rating of the building.

At the time of this report, limited intrusive site investigation had been carried out. These intrusive investigations enabled us to determine the sizes and spacing's of the roof members. Construction drawings were not available, and as a result our evaluation of the building is accordingly limited. The buildings descriptions outlined in Section 5 are based on our visual inspections.

¹ EAG 2011, *Guidance on Detailed Engineering Evaluation of Earthquake Affected Non-residential Buildings in Canterbury - Draft*, p 10

² <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/seismicity-info>

3. Compliance

This section contains a summary of the requirements of the various statutes and authorities that control activities in relation to buildings in Christchurch at present.

3.1. Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA)

CERA was established on 28 March 2011 to take control of the recovery of Christchurch using powers established by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act enacted on 18 April 2011. This act gives the Chief Executive Officer of CERA wide powers in relation to building safety, demolition and repair. Two relevant sections are:

Section 38 – Works

This section outlines a process in which the chief executive can give notice that a building is to be demolished and if the owner does not carry out the demolition, the chief executive can commission the demolition and recover the costs from the owner or by placing a charge on the owners' land.

Section 51 – Requiring Structural Survey

This section enables the chief executive to require a building owner, insurer or mortgagee carry out a full structural survey before the building is re-occupied.

We understand that CERA will require a detailed engineering evaluation to be carried out for all buildings (other than those exempt from the Earthquake Prone Building definition in the Building Act). It is anticipated that CERA will adopt the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011. This document sets out a methodology for both qualitative and quantitative assessments.

The qualitative assessment is a desk-top and site inspection assessment. It is based on a thorough visual inspection of the building coupled with a review of available documentation such as drawings and specifications. The quantitative assessment involves analytical calculation of the buildings strength and may require non-destructive or destructive material testing, geotechnical testing and intrusive investigation.

It is anticipated that factors determining the extent of evaluation and strengthening level required will include:

- The importance level and occupancy of the building
- The placard status and amount of damage
- The age and structural type of the building
- Consideration of any critical structural weaknesses
- The extent of any earthquake damage

3.2. Building Act

Several sections of the Building Act are relevant when considering structural requirements:

3.2.1. Section 112 – Alterations

This section requires that an existing building complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code to at least the extent that it did prior to any alteration. This effectively means that a building cannot be weakened as a result of an alteration (including partial demolition).

3.2.2. Section 115 – Change of Use

This section requires that the territorial authority in this case Christchurch City Council (CCC) be satisfied that the building with a new use complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code ‘as near as is reasonably practicable’. Regarding seismic capacity ‘as near as reasonably practicable’ has previously been interpreted by CCC as achieving a minimum of 67%NBS however where practical achieving 100%NBS is desirable. The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) recommend a minimum of 67%NBS.

3.2.3. Section 121 – Dangerous Buildings

The definition of dangerous building in the Act was extended by the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010, and it now defines a building as dangerous if:

- in the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause injury or death or damage to other property; or
- in the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or on other property is likely because of fire hazard or the occupancy of the building; or
- there is a risk that the building could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death as a result of earthquake shaking that is less than a ‘moderate earthquake’ (refer to Section 122 below); or
- there is a risk that that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death; or
- a territorial authority has not been able to undertake an inspection to determine whether the building is dangerous.

3.2.4. Section 122 – Earthquake Prone Buildings

This section defines a building as earthquake prone if its ultimate capacity would be exceeded in a ‘moderate earthquake’ and it would be likely to collapse causing injury or death, or damage to other property. A moderate earthquake is defined by the building regulations as one that would generate ground shaking 33% of the shaking used to design an equivalent new building.



3.2.5. Section 124 – Powers of Territorial Authorities

This section gives the territorial authority the power to require strengthening work within specified timeframes or to close and prevent occupancy to any building defined as dangerous or earthquake prone.

3.2.6. Section 131 – Earthquake Prone Building Policy

This section requires the territorial authority to adopt a specific policy for earthquake prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings.

3.3. Christchurch City Council Policy

Christchurch City Council adopted their Earthquake Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy in 2006. This policy was amended immediately following the Darfield Earthquake on the 4th of September 2010.

The 2010 amendment includes the following:

- A process for identifying, categorising and prioritising Earthquake Prone Buildings, commencing on 1 July 2012;
- A strengthening target level of 67% of a new building for buildings that are Earthquake Prone. Council recognises that it may not be practicable for some repairs to meet that target. The council will work closely with building owners to achieve sensible, safe outcomes;
- A timeframe of 15-30 years for Earthquake Prone Buildings to be strengthened; and,
- Repair works for buildings damaged by earthquakes will be required to comply with the above.

The council has stated their willingness to consider retrofit proposals on a case by case basis, considering the economic impact of such a retrofit.

We anticipate that any building with a capacity of less than 34%NBS (including consideration of critical structural weaknesses) will need to be strengthened to a target of 67%NBS of new building standard as recommended by the Policy.

If strengthening works are undertaken, a building consent will be required. A requirement of the consent will require upgrade of the building to comply 'as near as is reasonably practicable' with:

- The accessibility requirements of the Building Code.
- The fire requirements of the Building Code. This is likely to require a fire report to be submitted with the building consent application.



3.4. Building Code

The building code outlines performance standards for buildings and the Building Act requires that all new buildings comply with this code. Compliance Documents published by The Department of Building and Housing can be used to demonstrate compliance with the Building Code.

After the February Earthquake, on 19 May 2011, Compliance Document B1: Structure was amended to include increased seismic design requirements for Canterbury as follows:

- a) Hazard Factor increased from 0.22 to 0.3 (36% increase in the basic seismic design load)
- b) Serviceability Return Period Factor increased from 0.25 to 0.33 (80% increase in the serviceability design loads when combined with the Hazard Factor increase)

The increase in the above factors has resulted in a reduction in the level of compliance of an existing building relative to a new building despite the capacity of the existing building not changing.



4. Earthquake Resistance Standards

For this assessment, the building’s earthquake resistance is compared with the current New Zealand Building Code requirements for a new building constructed on the site. This is expressed as a percentage of new building standard (%NBS). The new building standard load requirements have been determined in accordance with the current earthquake loading standard (NZS 1170.5:2004 Structural design actions - Earthquake actions - New Zealand).

The likely capacity of this building has been derived in accordance with the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) guidelines ‘Assessment and Improvement of the Structural Performance of Buildings in Earthquakes’ (AISPBE), 2006. These guidelines provide an Initial Evaluation Procedure that assesses a buildings capacity based on a comparison of loading codes from when the building was designed and currently. It is a quick high-level procedure that can be used when undertaking a Qualitative analysis of a building. The guidelines also provide guidance on calculating a modified Ultimate Limit State capacity of the building which is much more accurate and can be used when undertaking a Quantitative analysis.

The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering has proposed a way for classifying earthquake risk for existing buildings in terms of %NBS and this is shown in Figure 2 below.

■ **Figure 2: NZSEE Risk Classifications Extracted from table 2.2 of the NZSEE 2006 AISPBE Guidelines**

Description	Grade	Risk	%NBS	Existing Building Structural Performance	Improvement of Structural Performance	
					Legal Requirement	NZSEE Recommendation
Low Risk Building	A or B	Low	Above 67	Acceptable (improvement may be desirable)	The Building Act sets no required level of structural improvement (unless change in use) This is for each TA to decide. Improvement is not limited to 34%NBS.	100%NBS desirable. Improvement should achieve at least 67%NBS
Moderate Risk Building	B or C	Moderate	34 to 66	Acceptable legally. Improvement recommended		Not recommended. Acceptable only in exceptional circumstances
High Risk Building	D or E	High	33 or lower	Unacceptable (Improvement)	Unacceptable	Unacceptable



Table 1 below provides an indication of the risk of failure for an existing building with a given percentage NBS, relative to the risk of failure for a new building that has been designed to meet current Building Code criteria (the annual probability of exceedance specified by current earthquake design standards for a building of ‘normal’ importance is 1/500, or 0.2% in the next year, which is equivalent to 10% probability of exceedance in the next 50 years).

■ **Table 1: %NBS compared to relative risk of failure**

Percentage of New Building Standard (%NBS)	Relative Risk (Approximate)
>100	<1 time
80-100	1-2 times
67-80	2-5 times
33-67	5-10 times
20-33	10-25 times
<20	>25 times

5. Building Details

5.1. Building Description

Our evaluation was based on our site investigations conducted on the 3 March 2012 and 19 June 2012.

Building PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 is a single storey building that is used as amenities at Harewood Nursery. The building's roof is constructed from timber trusses that support timber purlins and a light weight profiled steel cladding. The underside of the roof has been lined with plywood. The walls are constructed from 100x50 timber studs and are lined with plywood except for the north wall. The cladding to south, east and west walls is brick veneer whereas the cladding to the north wall is light weight profiled steel. All the internal walls are partition walls only and as a result provide no structural strength to the building. The building is supported on concrete foundations and has a concrete floor slab. The footprint of this building is approximately 10.0m x 7.0m and 4.5m high. No structural drawings were available for this building. Due to this we are unable to confirm the buildings age. However based on the architecture and the condition of this structure we believe that this building was constructed sometime in the 1980's and as a result have taken a construction period of 1976-1992 for our assessment.

5.2. Gravity Load Resisting System

As detailed above the roof structure consists of timber trusses that support the roof structure. These trusses span across the building and are supported on the timber stud walls. The building is supported on concrete foundations and a concrete floor slab.

5.3. Seismic Load Resisting System

For the lateral analysis of this building the 'across direction' has been taken as east-west whereas the 'along direction' has been taken as north-south.

Lateral loads acting along the building will be resisted by the plywood diaphragm in the roof and walls. Lateral loads acting across the building will also be resisted by the plywood diaphragm in the roof. However due to the lack of seismic bracing on the north wall majority of the lateral loads acting across the building will be transferred to the south wall. This will create torsional loading that will need to be resisted by the east and west walls. Note that there are galvanised light weight angle present on the north wall however these are not recommended for seismic loadings and therefore have been ignored in our seismic assessment.



5.4. Building Damage

SKM undertook inspections on the 3 March 2012. A summary of the typical damage during the time of inspection is outlined below:

- 1) Hairline cracking to external cladding elements.
- 2) Damage to guttering – however this damage appears to not be earthquake related.
- 3) Localised damage to one of the bricks above the toilet window.

6. Available Information and Assumptions

6.1. Available Information

Following our inspections carried out on the 3 March 2012 and the 19 June 2012, SKM carried out a seismic review on building PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 located at Harewood Nursery. This review was undertaken using the available information which was as follows:

- SKM site measurements and inspection findings.
- No drawings were available for this building.

6.2. Survey

There was no visible settlement of the structure, nor were there any significant ground movement issues around the building. The building is zoned as ‘urban non-residential’ under the CERA Residential Technical Categories Map. Due to these factors we do not recommend that any survey be undertaken at this stage of the assessment.

6.3. Assumptions & Design Criteria

The assumptions and design criteria made in undertaking the assessment include:

- The building was built according to the drawings and according to good practice at the time. We have reviewed the building and from our visual inspection the structure appears to be built in accordance with the drawings.
- The soil on site is class D as described in AS/NZS1170.5:2004, Clause 3.1.3, Soft Soil. This is a conservative assumption based on our findings from the Desktop study carried out in the qualitative stage of our assessment. The ultimate bearing capacity on site is 300kPa, we believe that this assumption is reasonable. Liquefaction does not need to be accounted for in the foundation design as our Desktop study established that the liquefaction risk appears low at this site. The latter two assumptions assume that the ground conditions classify as “good ground”.
- Standard design criteria for typical buildings as described in AS/NZS1170.0:2002:
 - 50 year design life, which is the default NZ Building Code design life.

Structure Importance Level 2. This level of importance is described as ‘normal’ with medium or considerable consequence for loss of human life, or considerable economic, social or environmental consequence of failure.

- The building has a short period less than 0.4 seconds.



- Site hazard factor, $Z = 0.3$, NZBC, Clause B1 Structure, Amendment 11 effective from 1 August 2011
- The following ductility criteria used in the building:
- **Table 2: Assumed Building Ductility**

Ductility of Building in Current State	Ductility of Building in Strengthened State
1.25	1.25

The above ductility is based on code requirements at the time of design

- The following material properties were used in the analyses:
- **Table 3: Material Properties**

Material	Nominal Strength	Structural Performance
Timber – (No 1 framing assumed)	$f_t = 4\text{MPa}$, $f_b = 10\text{MPa}$ & $f_c = 15\text{MPa}$	$S_p = 1.0$

The detailed engineering analysis is a post construction evaluation and therefore has the following limitations:

- It is not likely to pick up on any concealed construction errors (if they exist)
- Other possible issues that could affect the performance of the building such as corrosion and modifications to the structure will not be identified unless they are visible and have been specifically mentioned in this report.
- The detailed engineering evaluation deals only with the structural aspects of the structure. Other aspects such as building services are not covered.

6.4. The Detailed Engineering Evaluation (DEE) process

The DEE is a procedure written by the Department of Building and Housing’s Engineering Advisory Group and grades buildings according to their likely performance in a seismic event. The procedure is not yet recognised by the NZ Building Code but is widely used and recognised by the Christchurch City Council as the preferred method for preliminary seismic investigations of buildings³.

³ <http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/EarthquakeProneDangerousAndInsanitaryBuildingsPolicy2010.pdf>



The procedure of the DEE is as follows:

- 1) Qualitative assessment procedure
 - a. Determine the building's status following any rapid assessment that have been done
 - b. Review any existing documentation that is available. This will give the engineer an understanding of how the building is expected to behave. If no documentation is available, site measurements may be required
 - c. Review the foundations and any geotechnical information available. This will include determining the zoning of the land and the likely soil behaviour, a site investigation may be required
 - d. Investigate possible Critical Structural Weaknesses (CSW) or collapse hazards
 - e. Assess the original and post earthquake strength of the building (this assessment is subsequently superseded by the quantitative assessment)
- 2) Quantitative procedure
 - a. Carry out a geotechnical investigation if required by the qualitative assessment
 - b. Analyse the building according to current building codes and standards. Analysis accounts for damage to the building.

The DEE assessment ranks buildings according to how well they are likely to perform relative to a new building designed to current earthquake standards, as shown in Table 4. The building rank is indicated by the percent of the required New Building Standard (%NBS) strength that the building is considered to have. Earthquake prone buildings are defined as having less than 34 %NBS strength which correlates to an increased risk of approximately 20 times that of 100% NBS⁴. Buildings that are identified to be earthquake prone are required by law to be strengthened within 30 years of the owner being notified that the building is potentially earthquake prone⁵. This timeframe is likely to be adjusted by CERA, refer to Table 6 below. This states that buildings which are earthquake prone but undamaged shall be strengthened within two years. We understand that the building does not need to be evacuated since the building has limited damage which will impact on the seismic capacity of the building. Notwithstanding the above, the building occupier may wish to evacuate the building until it is strengthened or propped on the basis of the limiting building capacity summarised in Table 5, the building occupier should ensure that they are meeting their requirements under the health and safety in employment act.

⁴ NZSEE 2006, *Assessment and Improvement of the Structural Performance of Buildings in Earthquakes*, p 2

⁵ <http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/EarthquakeProneDangerousAndInsanitaryBuildingsPolicy2010.pdf>



■ **Table 4: DEE Risk Classifications**

Description	Grade	Risk	%NBS	Structural performance
Low risk building	A+	Low	> 100	Acceptable. Improvement may be desirable.
	A		100 to 80	
	B		80 to 67	
Moderate risk building	C	Moderate	67 to 33	Acceptable legally. Improvement recommended.
High risk building	D	High	33 to 20	Unacceptable. Improvement required.
	E		< 20	

The DEE method rates buildings based on the plans (if available) and other information known about the building and some more subjective parameters associated with how the building is detailed and so it is possible that %NBS derived from different engineers may differ.

This assessment describes only the likely seismic Ultimate Limit State (ULS) performance of the building. The ULS is the level of earthquake that can be resisted by the building without catastrophic failure. The DEE does also consider Serviceability Limit State (SLS) performance of the building and or the level of earthquake that would start to cause damage to the building but this result is secondary to the ULS performance.

The NZ Building Code describes that the relevant codes for NBS are primarily:

- AS/NZS 1170 Structural Design Actions
- NZS 3101:2006 Concrete Structures Standard
- NZS 3404:1997 Steel Structures Standard
- NZS4230:2004 Design of Reinforced Concrete Masonry Structures
- NZS 3603:1993 Timber Structures Standard
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber Framed Buildings



7. Results and Discussions

7.1. Critical Structural Weaknesses

The building has limited bracing capacity along the north wall which will create a torsional response when the building is subjected to lateral loads acting in an east-west direction. However this type of loading has been incorporated into the quantitative results below and therefore does not need to be considered as a critical structural weakness.

7.2. Analysis Results

The equivalent static force method was used to analyse the seismic capacity of the building. The results of the analysis are reported in the following table as %NBS. The results below are calculated for the building in its damaged state. The building results have been broken down into their seismic resisting elements. As the building has elements that are less than 34%NBS any item with a capacity less than 67%NBS will need to be strengthened so that the overall building capacity is greater than 67%NBS.

(%NBS = the reliable strength / new building standards)

■ Table 5: DEE Results

Seismic Resisting Element	Action	Seismic Rating %NBS
Purlin Connections to Truss (note due to a lack of detailed structural drawings these connections were assumed as 2-100x3.75mm nails)	Shear	29%
Ply Diaphragm – South Wall	Shear	33%
Ply Diaphragm – East Wall	Shear	63%
Ply Diaphragm - Roof	Shear	69%
Ply Diaphragm – West Wall	Shear	>100

7.3. Recommendations

The quantitative assessment carried out on building PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 indicates that the building has a seismic capacity less than 34% of NBS and is therefore classed as being in the category of ‘High Risk Buildings’. Strengthening of the building is required to bring it up to a minimum of 67% of NBS.

We recommend that the following actions are taken:



Note that the proposed strengthening designs are conceptual designs only and full detailed design will be required prior to confirming the details and the associated costs.

If it is determined that the building should be strengthened there are a number of issues which will need to be investigated and associated documents prepared in order to submit a building consent application. These issues will need to be considered during the initial phase of strengthening works. Listed below are the likely items the council may require to be explored:

- A geotechnical investigation will be required and associated factual and interpretive geotechnical reports prepared – the geotechnical reports will be required to enable completion of the strengthening design.
- A fire report will be required and all necessary upgrades to egress routes, emergency lighting and specified systems will need to be undertaken.
- An emergency lighting design will be required to meet the provisions noted in the fire report.
- A disabled access summary will be required including provision for disabled facilities.
- The site amenities (toilets and the like) will need to be reviewed to ensure that there are sufficient facilities for the expected number of people on site.
- Landscaping will need to be considered although we do not anticipate that any modifications will be required since you will not be adjusting the footprint area of buildings on site and will likely only be required for the new build option.

8. Conclusion

SKM carried out a quantitative assessment on building PRK_0339_BLDG_001 EQ2 located at Harewood Nursery, 239 Gardiners Road, Christchurch. This assessment concluded that the building is classified as Earthquake Prone.

■ Table 6: Quantitative Assessment Summary

Grade	Risk	%NBS	Structural performance
D	High	29	Unacceptable. Improvement required.

Strengthening is required on the building to bring the seismic capacity up to at a minimum of 67% of NBS. We have provided concept strengthening sketches which can be used to determine the course of action for the building.

We make the following additional recommendations if the building is to be strengthened:

- A full geotechnical investigation will be required prior to lodging a consent for the repairs and any design changes recommended in the geotechnical investigation will need to be incorporated in the detailed strengthening design
- A detailed strengthening design should be undertaken to confirm that the concept strengthening is appropriate.
- A full strengthening and repair specification should be prepared accounting for the damage contained in the damage assessment report and strengthening as confirmed by the detailed design.

It is recommended that:

- 1) We consider that barriers around the building are not necessary.
- 2) The building should be strengthened.



9. Limitation Statement

This report has been prepared on behalf of, and for the exclusive use of, SKM's client, and is subject to, and issued in accordance with, the provisions of the contract between SKM and the Client. It is not possible to make a proper assessment of this report without a clear understanding of the terms of engagement under which it has been prepared, including the scope of the instructions and directions given to, and the assumptions made by, SKM. The report may not address issues which would need to be considered for another party if that party's particular circumstances, requirements and experience were known and, further, may make assumptions about matters of which a third party is not aware. No responsibility or liability to any third party is accepted for any loss or damage whatsoever arising out of the use of or reliance on this report by any third party.

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It is not within SKM's scope or responsibility to identify the presence of asbestos, nor the responsibility of SKM to identify possible sources of asbestos. Therefore for any property pre-dating 1989, the presence of asbestos materials should be considered when costing remedial measures or possible demolition.

Should there be any further significant earthquake event, of a magnitude 5 or greater, it will be necessary to conduct a follow-up investigation, as the observations, conclusions and recommendations of this report may no longer apply. Earthquake of a lower magnitude may also cause damage, and SKM should be advised immediately if further damage is visible or suspected.



10. Appendix 1 – Site Inspection Photos



Photo 1: East Elevation



Photo 2: North Elevation



Photo 3: South Elevation



Photo 4: Internal View



Photo 5: Internal View – Plywood Linings



Photo 6: Hairline Cracking at Hardiboard Vertical Joints



Photo 7: Close up of Photo 6



Photo 8: Hairline Cracking at Timber Fascia Joints



Photo 9: Close up of Photo 9



Photo 10: Damaged Guttering along West Wall



Photo 11: Loose Brick above Toilet Window



Photo 12: Close up of Photo 11



11. Appendix 2 – CERA Standardised Report Form

Location		Building Name: PRK 0339 BLDG 001 EQ2	Unit No: Street	Reviewer: Nick Calvert
Building Address: Harewood Nursery - Amenities Bldg		239 Gardiners Road, Harewood		CPEng No: 242062
Legal Description:				Company: SKM
				Company project number: ZB01276.033
				Company phone number: 03 940 4900
GPS south:	Degrees	Min	Sec	Date of submission: 27-Feb
GPS east:				Inspection Date: 3/03/2012
Building Unique Identifier (CCC):				Revision: A
				Is there a full report with this summary? yes

Site		Site slope: flat	Max retaining height (m):
Soil type: mixed		refer to geotech desktop study attached in SKM report	
Site Class (to NZS1170.5): D		Soil Profile (if available):	
Proximity to waterway (m, if <100m):		if Ground improvement on site, describe:	
Proximity to cliff top (m, if < 100m):		Approx site elevation (m): 20.00	
Proximity to cliff base (m,if <100m):			

Building		No. of storeys above ground: 1	single storey = 1	Ground floor elevation (Absolute) (m): 20.00
Ground floor split? yes		Storeys below ground: 0	Foundation type: strip footings	Ground floor elevation above ground (m): 0.10
Building height (m): 4.50		if Foundation type is other, describe:		height from ground to level of uppermost seismic mass (for IEP only) (m): 4.5
Floor footprint area (approx): 75		Age of Building (years): 36 (max)		Date of design: 1976-1992
Strengthening present? no		Use (ground floor): other (specify)		If so, when (year)?
Use (upper floors):		Use notes (if required): Storage & Amenities		And what load level (%g)?
Importance level (to NZS1170.5): IL2				Brief strengthening description:

Gravity Structure		Gravity System: load bearing walls	Roof: timber framed	rafter type, purlin type and cladding: timber trusses supporting light weight roof. Trusses sit directly on to timber framed walls
Floors:		Columns: load bearing walls	Walls: Timber framed walls	typical dimensions (mm x mm): 100x50 timber stud

Lateral load resisting structure		Lateral system along: other (note)	Ductility assumed, μ: 1.00	Period along: 0.10	Total deflection (ULS) (mm): 5	maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):	0.00	Note: Define along and across in detailed report!	describe system: plywood diaphragm	estimate or calculation? estimated
Lateral system across: other (note)		Ductility assumed, μ: 1.00	Period across: 0.10	Total deflection (ULS) (mm): 5	maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):	0.00		describe system: plywood diaphragm	estimate or calculation? estimated	

Separations:		north (mm):	east (mm):	south (mm):	west (mm):	leave blank if not relevant
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Non-structural elements		Stairs:	Wall cladding: brick or tile	Roof Cladding: Metal	Glazing:	Ceilings:	Services(list): none	describe (note cavity if exists): n/a	describe: brick veneer	describe: light weight profiled steel	n/a	n/a
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Available documentation		Architectural: none	Structural: none	Mechanical: none	Electrical: none	Geotech report: none	original designer name/date:
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Damage		Site performance: 1	Describe damage: none observed
Site: (refer DEE Table 4-2)		Settlement: none observed	Differential settlement: none observed
Liquefaction: none apparent		Lateral Spread: none apparent	Differential lateral spread: none apparent
Ground cracks: none apparent		Damage to area: none apparent	

Building:		Current Placard Status: green	Describe how damage ratio arrived at: no structural damage was observed
Along	Damage ratio: 0%	Describe (summary): 1-2% minor cracking to cladding elements	
Across	Damage ratio: 0%	Describe (summary): 1-2% minor cracking to cladding elements	
Diaphragms	Damage?: no	Describe:	
CSWs:	Damage?: no	Describe:	
Pounding:	Damage?: no	Describe:	
Non-structural:	Damage?: yes	Describe: minor cracking to cladding elements	

Recommendations		Level of repair/strengthening required: minor non-structural	Building Consent required: no	Interim occupancy recommendations: full occupancy	Describe: refer to SKM Quantitative report
Along	Assessed %NBS before: 96%	Assessed %NBS after: 96%	%NBS from IEP	If IEP not used, please detail assessment methodology: SKM Detailed Calculations	
Across	Assessed %NBS before: 29%	Assessed %NBS after: 29%	%NBS from IEP		



12. Appendix 3 – Desktop Geotechnical Study

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Geotechnical Desk Study

SKM project number	ZB01276
SKM project site number	033 to 036 inclusive
Address	145a Claridges Rd
Report date	16 March 2012
Author	Ross Roberts / Ananth Balachandra
Reviewer	Leah Bateman
Approved for issue	Yes

1. Introduction

This report outlines the geotechnical information that Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) has been able to source from our database and other sources in relation to the property listed above. We understand that this information will be used as part of an initial qualitative Detailed Engineering Evaluation, and will be supplemented by more detailed information and investigations to allow detailed scoping of the repair or rebuild of the building.

2. Scope

This geotechnical desk top study incorporates information sourced from:

- Published geology
- Publically available borehole records
- Liquefaction records
- Aerial photography
- Council files
- A preliminary site walkover

3. Limitations

This report was prepared to address geotechnical issues relating to the specific site in accordance with the scope of works as defined in the contract between SKM and our Client. This report has been prepared on behalf of, and for the exclusive use of, our Client, and is subject to, and issued in accordance with, the provisions of the contract between SKM and our Client. The findings presented in this report should not be applied to another site or another development within the same site without consulting SKM.

The assessment undertaken by SKM was limited to a desktop review of the data described in this report. SKM has not undertaken any subsurface investigations, measurement or testing of materials from the site. In preparing this report, SKM has relied upon, and presumed accurate, any information (or confirmation of the absence thereof) provided by our Client, and from other sources as described in the report. Except as otherwise stated in this report, SKM has not attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of any such information.

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4. Site location



■ **Figure 1 – Site location (courtesy of LINZ <http://viewers.geospatial.govt.nz>)**

These structures are located on 145a Claridges Rd at grid reference 1566643 E, 5186853 N (NZTM).

5. Review of available information

5.1 Geological maps



- Figure 2 – Regional geological map (Forsyth et al, 2008). Site marked in red.



■ **Figure 3 – Local geological map (Brown et al, 1992). Site marked in red.**

The site is shown to be underlain by Holocene deposits comprising predominantly alluvial sand and silt overbank deposits of the Springston Formation.

5.2 Liquefaction map

No liquefaction map was available for the site.

5.3 Aerial photography



- **Figure 4 – Aerial photography from 24 Feb 2011 (<http://viewers.geospatial.govt.nz/>)**

Aerial photography shows relatively little damage to no damage after the 22 Feb 2011 event. There appears to be some ground disturbance shown in the bottom left hand corner of the aerial photograph, however this may not be related to the earthquakes, No liquefied material could be seen.

5.4 CERA classification

A review of the LINZ website (<http://viewers.geospatial.govt.nz/>) shows that the site is:

- Zone: Green
- DBH Technical Category: N/A (Urban Non-residential)



5.5 Historical land use

Reference to historical documents (eg Appendix A) shows that the site was recorded as grassland in 1856. Historical records also show a previous creek or river running through the site indicating the possibility of soft river alluvium being present underneath the site.

5.6 Existing ground investigation data



- **Figure 5 – Local boreholes from Project Orbit and SKM files (<https://canterburyrecovery.projectorbit.com/>)**

Where available logs from these investigation locations are attached to this report (Appendix B), and the results are summarised in Appendix C.

Borehole 5 identified in figure 5 was not accessible and therefore has not be included in this desk study.



5.7 Council property files

Available council property files relates to documents regarding the relocation and alteration of an existing shed on site. In addition, documents relating to the installation of septic and associated drainage works were available for review.

The drawing labelled “Proposed Nursery Building” shows the building’s floor to consist of a 100mm concrete slab with HRC 665 mesh overlying a thin moistop 737 DPC layer. A 40mm site concrete supported on granular hardfill is shown below the moistop layer. A thickened reinforced concrete foundation is shown below the walls of the building. The concrete foundation is approximately 400mm deep and 230mm wide, reinforced with 2-D12 rods. A similar foundation detail is shown for the storage shed in the drawings labelled “Proposed extension to existing store shed”.

No detailing of the ground condition underlying the site was found in the available council records.

5.8 Site walkover

The amenity building was a brick and a metal roof construction. The vehicle shed was a portal frame building with metal sheet walls and a metal roof. The pump houses were metal sheds and the garage was a timber structure with a metal sheet roof. There was no obvious structural damage on any of the buildings. There were no signs of liquefaction on site, and no land damage was observed.



▪ **Figure 6 No visible liquefied material on the driveway**



■ **Figure 7 No visible damage to the structure**

6. Conclusions and recommendations

6.1 Site geology

An interpretation of the most relevant local investigation suggests that the site is underlain by:

Depth range (mBLG)	Soil type
0 - 3	Top soil/ soft to firm Clay (Springston Formation)
3-15	Sandy Gravel and clay bound gravel, with occasional sand layers. (Springston Formation)
15-24	Gravel, very dense. (Riccarton Formation)

Ground water level was inferred to be between 2m to 3m below ground level from the available investigation data.

6.2 Seismic site subsoil class

The site has been assessed as NZS1170.5 Class D (deep or soft soil) from adjacent borehole logs.

As described in NZS1170, the preferred site classification method is from site periods based on four times the shear wave travel time through material from the surface to the underlying rock. The next

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preferred methods are from borelogs including measurement of geotechnical properties or by evaluation of site periods from Nakamura ratios or from recorded earthquake motions. Lacking this information, classification may be based on boreholes with descriptors but no geotechnical measurements. The least preferred method is from surface geology and estimates of the depth to underlying rock.

In this case the third preferred method has been used to make the assessment utilising boreholes records, which are on average 300m away from site. Boreholes indicate soft to firm clay with some peat to be present to a depth of 3 to 4m below surface. Further geotechnical investigation or site specific study could result in a revision to the subsoil class.

6.3 Building performance

The performance of the building to date suggests that the existing foundations are adequate for their current purpose.

6.4 Ground performance and properties

Liquefaction risk appears to be low at this site.

The shallow clay layer near the surface is not susceptible to liquefaction. The occasional sand layers within the sandy and clayey gravel matrix are potentially susceptible to liquefaction. However, the presence of the shallow clay layer could have prevented any ejection of liquefied material at surface. Additional site specific investigation would need to be conducted to further assess the liquefaction risk for this site.

Design parameter recommendations have not been made for this site as the historical ground investigation data does not provide sufficient data to make an informed and reasonable interpretation. The current available geotechnical investigations are on average greater than 300m away from the site.

6.5 Further investigations

There is some uncertainty regarding ground conditions at this site due to the distance between existing investigations and the site location. To enable completion of a quantitative DEE a ground investigation will need to be carried out. We recommend the following:

- Two borehole on site to a minimum depth of 20m with one borehole near the river Styx River identified in the local geological map

7. References

Brown LJ, Weeber JH, 1992. Geology of the Christchurch urban area. Scale 1:25,000. Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences geological map 1.

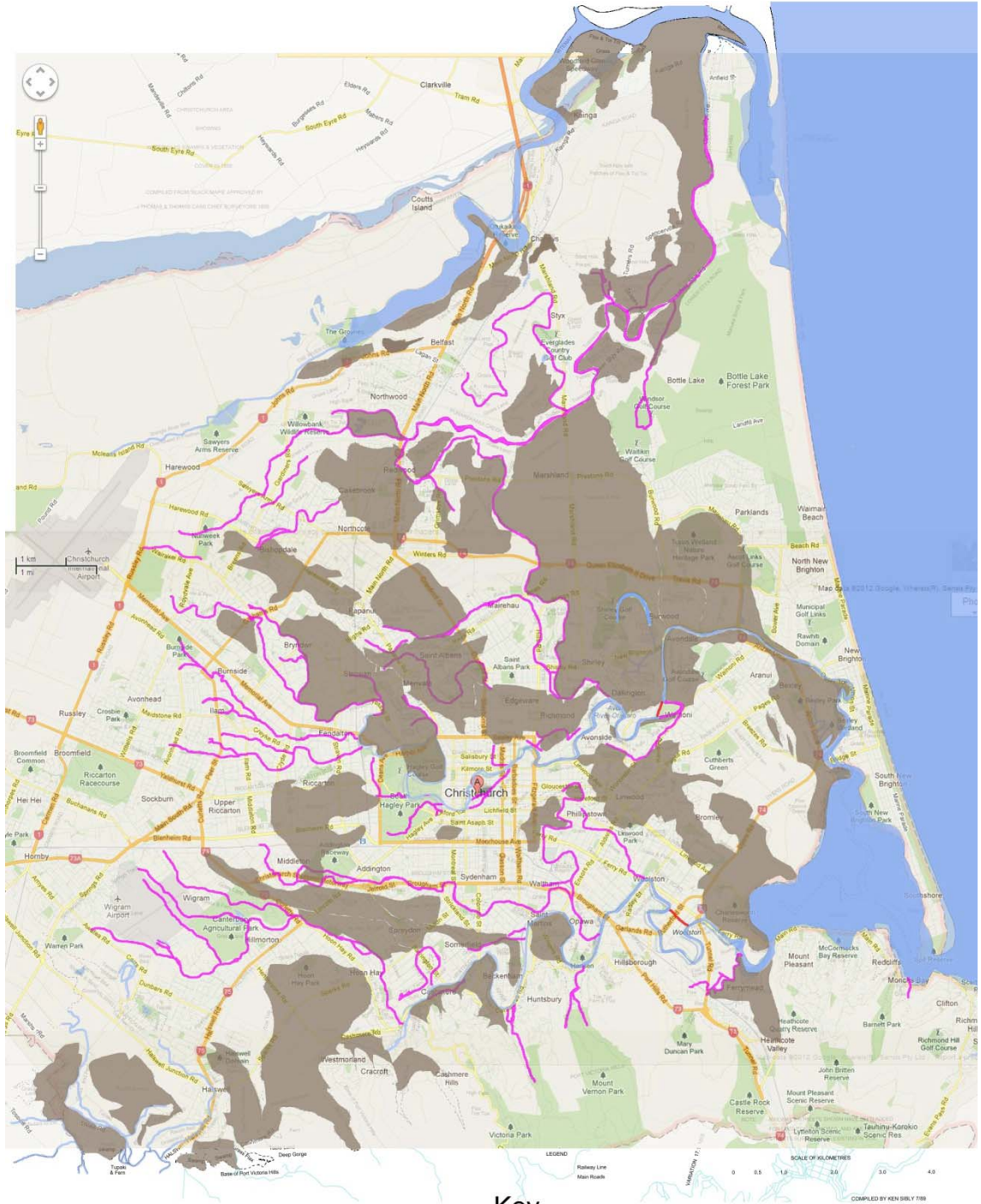
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Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) geospatial viewer (<http://viewers.geospatial.govt.nz/>)

EQC Project Orbit geotechnical viewer (<https://canterburyrecovery.projectorbit.com/>)



Appendix A – Christchurch 1856 land use



The swamps and previous creeks/riders from 1856 have been overlaid onto a map of Christchurch in 2012

- Key**
- █ Previous creeks/riders
 - █ Existing creeks/riders
 - █ New creeks/riders
 - █ Swamp/Marshland

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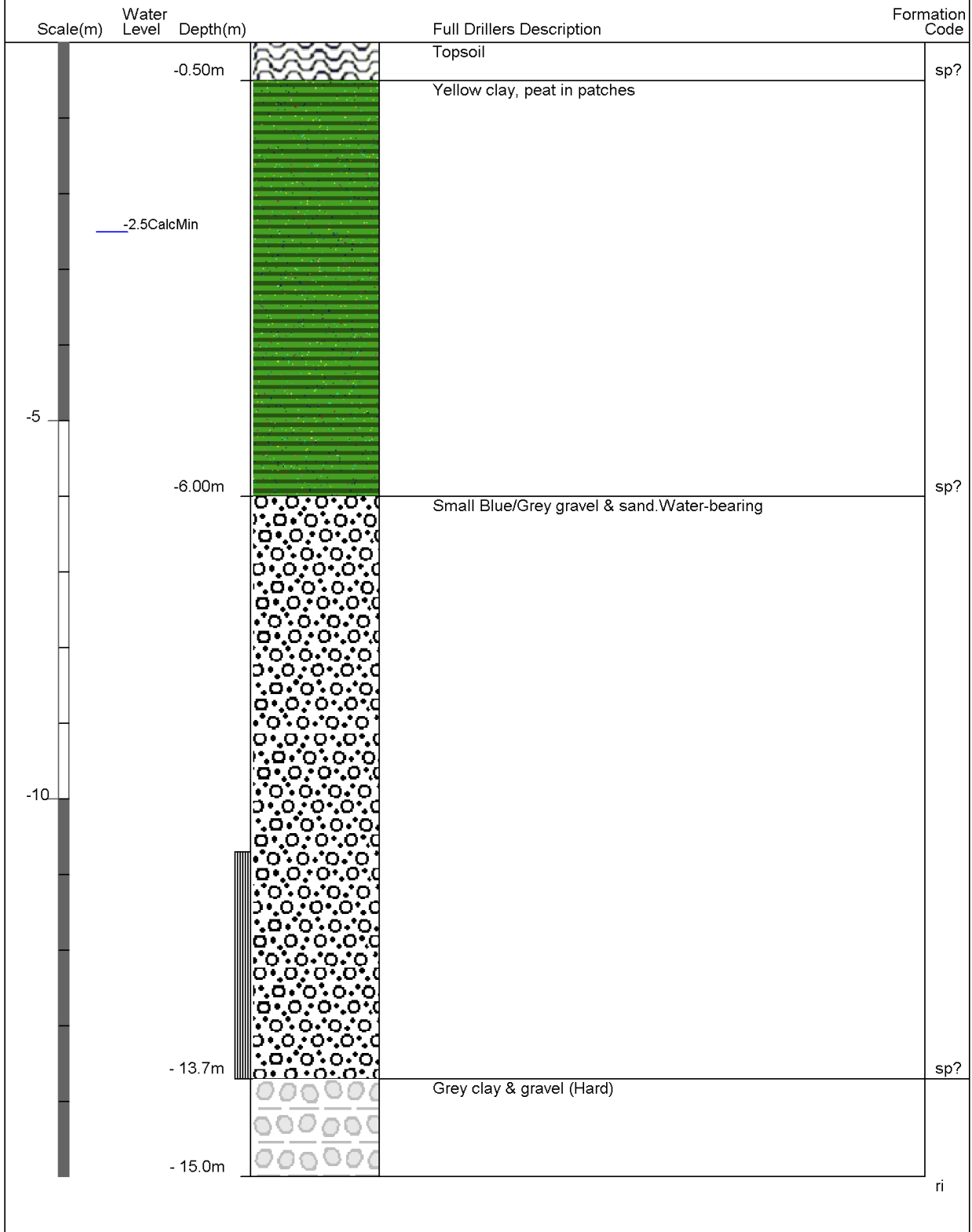
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Appendix B – Existing ground investigation logs

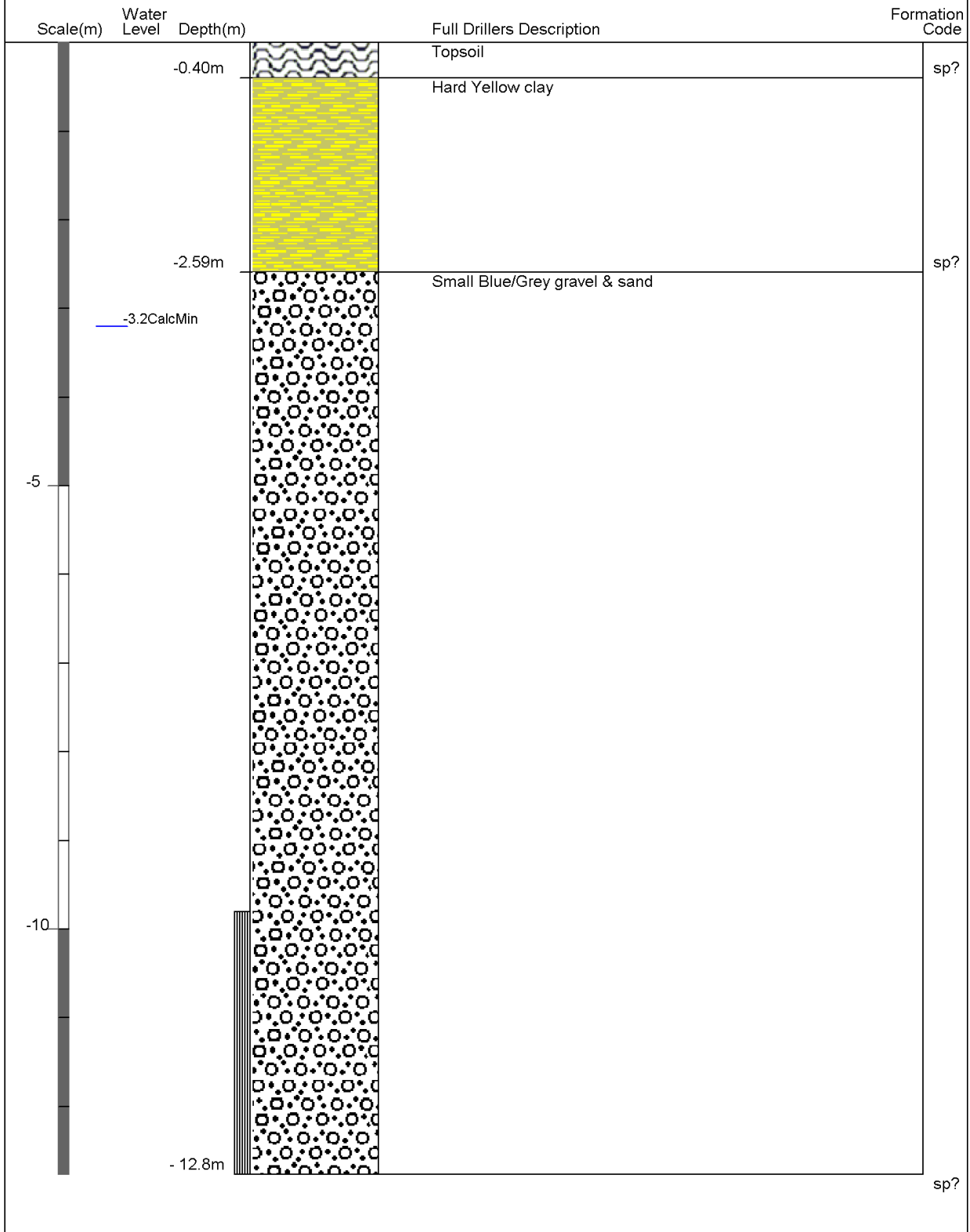
Borelog for well M35/1670

Gridref: M35:76546-48195 Accuracy : 2 (1=high, 5=low)
 Ground Level Altitude : 17.2 +MSD
 Driller : A M Bisley & Co
 Drill Method : Cable Tool
 Drill Depth : -15m Drill Date : 23/08/1978



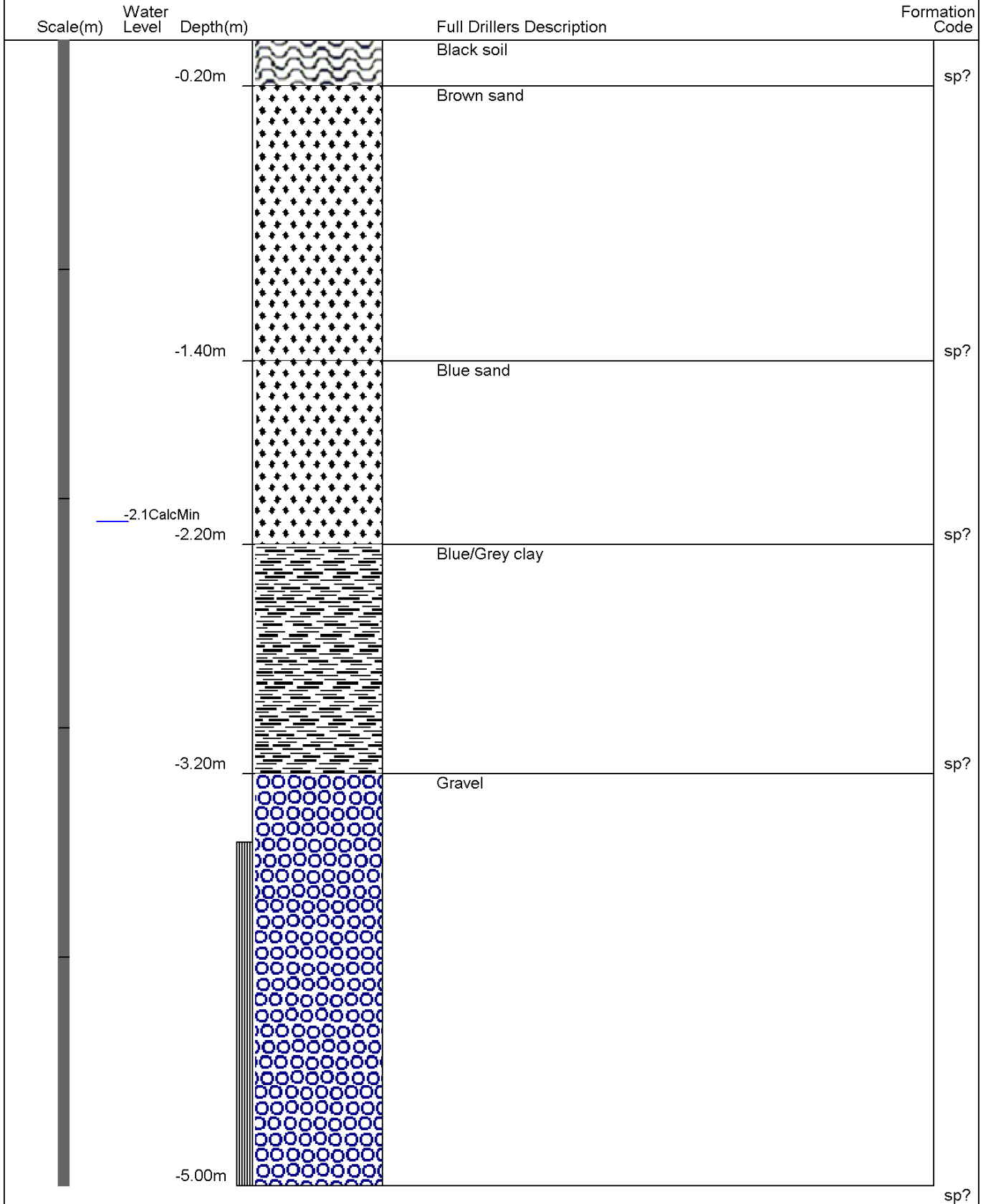
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 Driller : A M Bisley & Co
 Drill Method : Cable Tool
 Drill Depth : -12.77m Drill Date : 24/08/1978



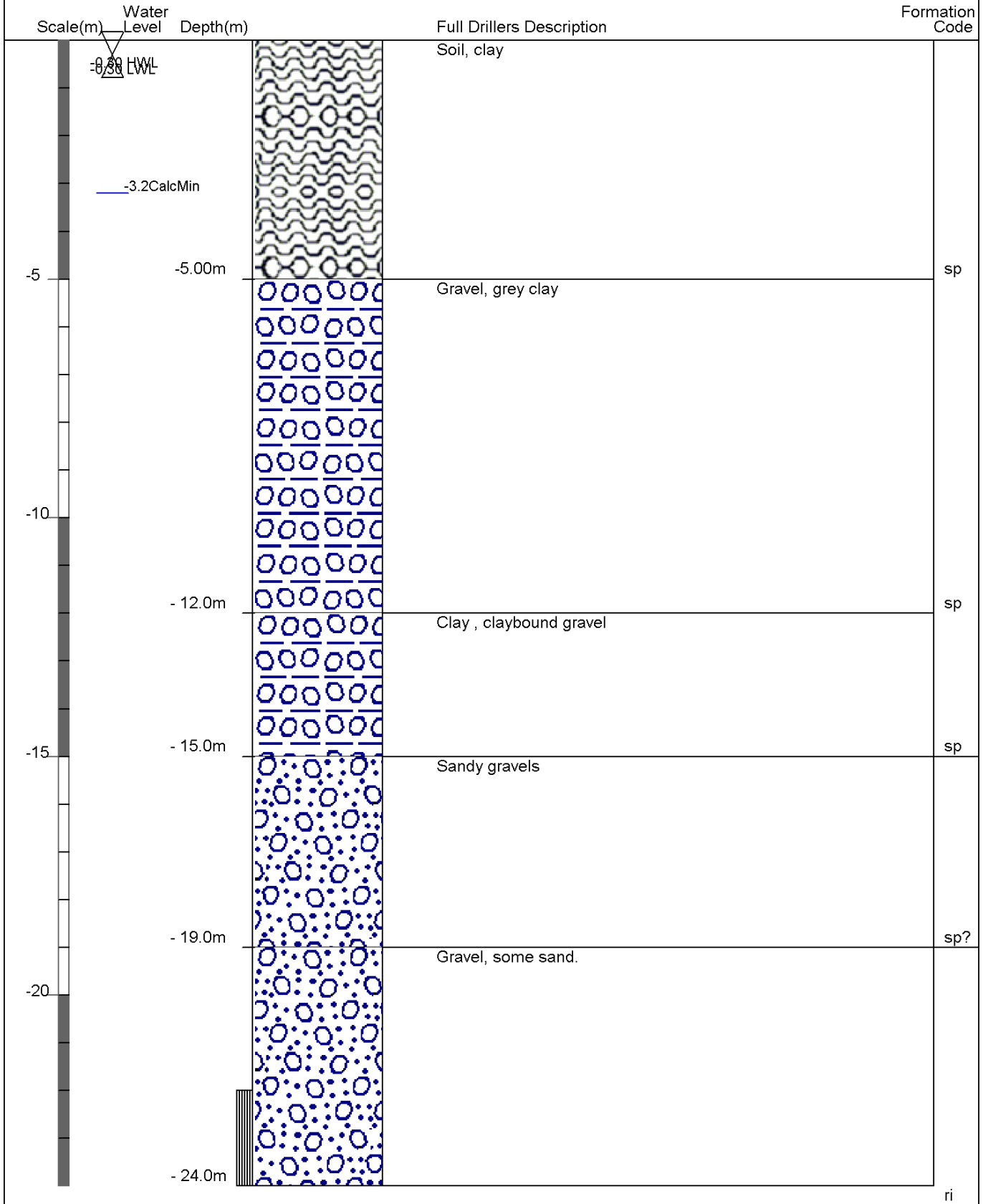
Borelog for well M35/2590

Gridref: M35:7695-4850 Accuracy : 4 (1=best, 4=worst)
 Ground Level Altitude : 15.6 +MSD
 Driller : not known
 Drill Method : Auger Rig
 Drill Depth : -5m Drill Date : 21/07/1982



Borelog for well M35/8883

Gridref: M35:7631-4851 Accuracy : 3 (1=best, 4=worst)
 Ground Level Altitude : 17.9 +MSD
 Driller : East Coast Drilling
 Drill Method : Rotary Rig
 Drill Depth : -24m Drill Date : 2/04/2000





Appendix C – Geotechnical Investigation Summary



■ **Table 1 Summary of most relevant investigation data**

ID	1	2	3	4
Type *	BH	BH	BH	BH
Ref	M35 - 8883	M35 - 1671	M35 - 1670	M35 - 2590
Depth (m)	24	12.8	15	5
Distance from site (m)	330	380	320	280
Ground water level (mBGL)	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.1
Simplified recorded geological profile (depth below ground level to top of stratum, m)	0	F		
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*BH: Borehole, HA: Hand Auger, WW: Water Well, CPT: Cone Penetration Test

Sensitive or organic clay/silt	Clay to silty clay	Clayey silt to silt	Silty sand to silt
Clayey sand	Sand	Gravelly sand or gravel	

VL = very loose, L = loose, MD = medium dense, D = dense, VD = very dense
 VS = very soft, So = soft, F = firm, St = stiff, VS = very stiff, H = hard