









Appendix D

GEOTECHNICAL RISK REGISTER



Hazard	Cause	Consequence	Perceived Level of Risk Without Control	Control Adopted	Risk Ownership
Unforeseen ground conditions	Ground conditions differ from those assumed within the design	Delays on site Possible re-design of foundations, retaining structures etc. Financial implications	High	Desk based study and intrusive investigation undertaken to inform the ground model and facilitate design. Additional ground investigation proposed in order to provide sufficient testing data for design. Note: ground investigation only samples a limited amount of the ground and conditions may exist between exploratory holes that are not identified by the ground investigation and cannot be anticipated from interpretation of the available data. As such, the risk of unforeseen ground conditions cannot be entirely mitigated	Client
Instability of Wellington Road viaduct	Lowering of ground levels around the viaduct	Delays on site Financial implications Reputational damage	Moderate	Foundation inspection pits to be undertaken to investigate the construction of the viaduct foundations Careful control of any excavation works	Client & Contractor
Excessive pile settlement, possible pile failure	Variations in rock head level	Additional piles may be required Financial implications Delays on site	Moderate	Risk to be considered by piling contractor. Appropriate monitoring of piling operations to confirm rock head level and ensure that adequate length rock sockets are formed. Should rock head levels vary from those assumed the contractor shall cease work and investigate appropriately.	Piling Contractor
Bearing piles fail to provide adequate capacity	Inappropriate assessment of ground investigation data	Additional piles may be required Financial implications Delays on site	Low / moderate	Pile design to be undertaken by a competent contractor based on their own conservative assessment of the ground investigation data. Pile testing to be incorporated at an early stage.	Piling Contractor



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Piles fail to reach design depth	Obstructions Rock strength greater than anticipated Use of inappropriate rig	Additional piles may be required Financial implications Delays on site		Appropriate measures to be out in place to mitigate the risk as much as practicable prior to construction. Piling contractor to be aware of the risk of obstructions within the Glacial Sand and Gravel. Pile design to be undertaken by a competent contractor based on their own conservative assessment of the ground investigation data. Use of an appropriate piling rig	Piling Contractor & Contractor
Pile failure	Piles intersect historic tunnels below the site	Delays to programme Financial implications Re-design of foundations	High	Desk study research and preliminary investigations undertaken to assess potential presence of tunnels. Investigation to be undertaken to assess the extent and condition of tunnels and allow the design of appropriate remedial works	Client
Ground collapse	Collapse of historic tunnels below the site	Health & Safety implications Financial implications Delays on site	Moderate	Desk study research and preliminary investigations undertaken to assess potential presence of tunnels. Investigation to be undertaken to assess the extent and condition of tunnels and allow the design of appropriate remedial works	Client
Collapse of excavations Damage to adjacent structures and infrastructure	Insufficient ground support, poor design of batters/ground support	Health & Safety implications Financial implications Delays on site	High	Temporary works to be appropriately designed to take into account ground stability, groundwater level, loading and proximity and nature of site boundaries. Stability to be ensured by competent design and use of ground support, appropriate safe batters, or underpinning.	Contractor
Difficult excavation	Obstructions in Made Ground	Financial implications Delays on site	High	A detailed strategy for obstruction removal should be implemented to ensure that abnormal costs are appropriately managed	Contractor
Excessive groundwater ingress into excavations	o		Low	Allowance to be made for dewatering during excavations. Dewatering works to be assessed and designed by a competent specialist contactor.	Contractor / Designer

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Toppling of piling rig	Failure of working platform	Health and safety implications	High	Platform to be designed and maintained in accordance with current good practice	Piling Contractor & Contractor
Degradation of below ground concrete	Inappropriate concrete assessment	Remedial works required Financial implications	Moderate	Undertake sufficient number of sulphate and pH tests Appropriate assessment of groundwater activity	Designer
Damage to services	Delays Inappropriate buried services assessment Health and safety issues Financial / legal implications		High	Undertake appropriate services search and undertake diversion/disconnection where necessary. Site wide GPR survey to be undertaken	Contractor



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