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Keith Mullner 114-130 Lower Hythe Street Dartford DA1 1BN

24th October 2023

Our Ref: 5477 23 10 17 Ltr Rpt 01 Rev A AK KM

Dear Keith,

SITE: 114-130 Lower Hythe Street, Dartford, DA1 1BN

SERVICE: Preliminary Ground Gas Risk Assessment Addendum Letter Report

Introduction

The work covered in this report was undertaken on behalf of Keith Mullner, in accordance with Sevenoaks Environmental Consultancy Ltd's (SEC) proposal dated July 2023 (Ref: 5477 23 07 18 Ltr 02 FPA 02 REV B KW KM). This addendum provides comment on the environmental ground gas monitoring carried out as part of the previous site investigation and should be read in conjunction with the Geo-Environmental Site Investigation Report (Ref: 5477 23 09 22 Rpt 01 Rev B AK KM) previously provided.

The site formed a rectangular plot comprising 2no. single-storey former precision engineering workshops with external areas laid to hardstanding consisting of asphalt along the eastern boundary and concrete between the 2no. buildings. The 2no. buildings were cladded in potential asbestos cement sheeting (see attached Figures 1&2 – Site Location Plan and Existing Layout Plan).

The site is situated within a semi-residential semi-industrial setting with new residential apartment blocks to the east. A former gas works and gas holder was previously situated immediately adjacent the west, the Hufflers Arms public house was located immediately adjacent to the south and Howarth Timber and Building Supplies was present immediately adjacent to the north, beyond which was a metals recycling centre. The ground level across the site was generally flat.

We understand the proposed development involves the change of use from commercial (Use Class B2) to residential (Use Class B3) with associated gardens and under croft parking (see attached Figure 3 – Proposed Development Plan).

As part of the Geo-Environmental Site Investigation referred to above, SEC were instructed to carry out a preliminary ground gas risk assessment. The ground gas was conducted by monitoring the stand pipes that had been installed within 4no. of the 5no. boreholes drilled on site (see Attached Figure 4 – Exploratory Hole Location





















Plan). Details of the standpipes installed, and their response zone backfill / materials have been provided in the relevant attached Exploratory Hole Records.

Results

Based on the rounds of monitoring conducted, concentrations of methane did not exceed 0% by Vol in any of the boreholes, carbon dioxide was recorded up to 2.5% by Vol within WS03 and VOC concentrations were recorded up to 4.2ppm (WS05). Flow rates were recorded negligible at 0.0l/hr (see attached Environmental Monitoring data).

Groundwater identified beneath the site at between 1.8m bgl and 2.13m bgl and impacted with elevated concentrations of Ammonia up to 1,540 ug/l (WS01), Total cyanide up to 141ug/l (WS01) and TPH up to 165 ug/l;

Assessment

4 no. rounds of environmental ground gas monitoring were carried out between 1st September 2023 and 14th October 2023 and included 1 no. round of monitoring undertaken at a period of low/falling atmospheric pressure to help inform a preliminary ground gas risk assessment given consideration of the potential on site sources of ground gas that have been identified which include the following:

- Made Ground across the site up to 1.50m bgl comprising either, dark brown gravelly sandy Clay with varying inclusions of flint and brick fragments or gravelly Sand/sandy Gravel and identified to contain elevated concentrations of Lead (1,470mk/kg WS05 at 0.70m bgl), Arsenic (77mg/kg WS05 at 0.70m bgl), mercury (4.5mg/kg at WS05 at 0.70m bgl), Zinc (1,210mg/kg WS04 at 0.30m bgl) and Copper (449mg/kg WS01 at 0.30m bgl);
- Groundwater identified beneath the site at between 1.8m bgl and 2.13m bgl and impacted with elevated concentrations of Ammonia up to 1,540 ug/l (WS01), Total cyanide up to 141ug/l (WS01) and TPH up to 165 ug/l;
- The site's former industrial use, as a precision-engineering workshop including the storage of oil drums;

Off-site sources of potential contamination identified primarily included a Gas works immediately adjacent to the west of the site 1871-1890, former Factory / Works 9m west of the site, a metal casting factory / foundry 126m from the site, Tanks 4m and a scrap yard 49m from the site.

Discussion and Recommendations

The results of the environmental ground gas monitoring indicate that a ground gas screening value of 0.025 l/hr is applicable to the site. This corresponds with Characteristic Situation 1 of the currentCIRIA C665 guidance which suggests a low risk associated with ground gases. However, whilst these initial gas monitoring results are encouraging it is noted that further monitoring would be required to comply with the current CIRIA C665 guidance and given that the site is immediately adjacent to a former Gas works, it is recommended that a precautionary approach be adopted with respect to consideration of potential ground gas risks on site in relation to proposed residential properties. Accordingly, it is recommended that it should be assumed that protective measures consistent with Characteristic Situation 2 of CIRIA C665 Guidance should be included within the design of the proposed development. Subject to the final design of the proposed development, the protective measures may only be required to part of the new buildings, if the ground floor garages / parking are freely vented to the

















atmosphere. The following provides some guidance with regards to the inclusion of gas protection measures:

Based upon the assumption that the proposed building will comprise a Type A Building as described in the BS 8485:2015 guidance i.e. private housing with small sized rooms, it is recommended that at least 2 no. different design measures be employed within the design of the proposed building in order to reach a minimum gas protection score of 3.5 points. Inclusion of a passively vented sub-floor void and low permeability hydrocarbon resistant gas protection membrane within the design would achieve the required points (however please refer to Tables 5, 6 and & of the BS 8485:2015 guidance for further details). Please note that all joints and penetrations should be appropriately sealed and that protective measures should be fitted appropriately in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and current guidance including BRE414 and BS8485.

At an early design stage prior to construction a Verification Plan detailing the gas protection materials' specifications, methodology of installation, installation design and the installers qualifications and experience should be produced by a suitably qualified independent specialist for submission to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for their approval prior to installation of the protection measures to avoid proceeding at risk. A suitably qualified independent specialist should also produce a Validation Report in accordance with C735 for the membrane installation to certify that the installation of the protective measures complies with the requirements of the Verification Plan.

In the meantime it is recommended that the existing monitoring boreholes should be retained until the ground gas risk assessment and any protective measures have been approved by the LPA.

Potential residual risks should be mitigated by the implementation of a Discovery Strategy on site during the redevelopment works which should include for the immediate reporting of any potential indicators of ground or water contamination (e.g. cement bonded asbestos sheeting fragments, ash/clinker or hydrocarbon odours) for additional separate assessment by an Environmental Consultant. Additionally groundworkers should wear appropriate PPE/RPE, work in well ventilated areas, avoid confined spaces, avoid contact with soil and groundwater, not smoke, adopt high standards of personal hygiene, and operate with due care.

It is also noted that the recommendations made in the previous Geo-Environmental Site Investigation report remain applicable and are reiterated below for reference;

- That some further investigation be conducted following the clearance of the buildings to slab level to improve access across the site in order to help delineate the extent of the metals impacted Clay Made Ground and confirm the absence of unidentified contamination between exploratory holes locations. However, based upon the available data it will be necessary to conduct remedial work in the proposed garden areas to mitigate potential risks associated with the impacted Made Ground identified. Accordingly, a certified "clean" cover system is recommended in the proposed garden areas which should comprise imported "clean" topsoil provided to a minimum thickness of 600mm laid over a hi-visibility marker layer. Prior to importation of any topsoil to site, the supplier's chemical batch data should be provided to an Environmental Consultant for approval in relation to human health. The cover system should also be certified by an Environmental Consultant including representative validation sample analysis and confirmation of cover system thickness;
- That subject to existing and proposed site levels, it may be necessary to remove existing site soils in garden areas to accommodate the required cover system thickness. All waste disposal associated with the redevelopment of the site should be managed in accordance with the Environment Agency's current WM3 quidance. WAC analysis will be required if it is proposed to disposal to dispose of arisings to landfill:
- That remedial excavation to remove impacted Made Ground in areas that are to be capped by hardstanding associated with the proposed development are not considered to require remediation based on the current data given that the hardstanding will effectively break potential exposure pathways;

















- That further groundwater level monitoring be conducted to inform the need for a capillary break layer beneath the cover system given the potential for shallower groundwater levels over the winter months than those recorded to date. Additionally further confirmatory groundwater monitoring should be conducted to confirm the initially favourable findings which suggest that groundwater remediation is unlikely to be required;
- That in relation to ground gas risk and for due diligence purposes, it is recommended that it should be assumed that the design of the proposed development should include ground gas protection measures consistent with Characteristic Situation 2 (CS2) of CIRIA C665 guidance (given the close proximity to the site of the former gas works and given consideration of the site's former uses with the potential for organic contaminants (hydrocarbons and solvents) which could cause vapours and ground gases). Based on the BS:8485 guidance, the proposed development can be classed as a Type B building which corresponds with a private or commercial property with multiple occupancy small to medium sized rooms with passive ventilation and other internal spaces throughout ground floor. It is recommended within BS 8485, that for a Type B building with CS2, 3.5 gas protection points are required as a minimum. For example, passive sub floor ventilation (e.g. clear void of formed using gravel) at a very good performance would be worth 2.5 points, and proprietary gas resistant hydrocarbon resistant membrane would be worth 1.0 point, generating the acceptable gas protection score of 3.5 points (however please refer to Tables 5, 6 and & of the BS 8485:2015 guidance for further details). Please note that all joints and penetrations should be appropriately sealed and that protective measures should be fitted appropriately in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and current guidance including BRE414 and BS8485. At an early design stage prior to construction a Verification Plan written by a ground gas specialist which details the gas protection materials' specifications, methodology of installation, installation design and the installers qualifications and experience should be submitted to the Regulators for their approval prior to installation of the protection measures to avoid proceeding at risk. An independent specialist should also validate the membrane installation and provide a guarantee / warranty for the installation.
- That it would appear unlikely that dewatering of excavations will be required on site given the apparent depth
 of the groundwater (~1.8m bgl) however if it is required, consideration of discharge consent to release water
 to the foul sewer or removal of groundwater to a licensed disposal facility via lorry tankers would be
 necessary;
- That the existing groundwater and ground gas monitoring boreholes be protected and retained until the LPA have approved a Remedial Method Statement under planning;
- That a Discovery Strategy be implemented on site during the development of the site which should include for the immediate reporting of any potential indicators of ground or water contamination e.g. asbestos fragments, ash or hydrocarbon odours for additional separate assessment by an Environmental Consultant;
- That groundworkers / site operatives avoid contact with soil and groundwater, not smoke, adopt high standards of personal hygiene and operate with due care whilst wearing appropriate PPE;
- That the design of the proposed houses include for water supply pipework that is chemically resistant barrier water supply pipe;
- That prior to the conduct of any remedial work a Remedial Method Statement written by an Environmental Consultant should be approved by the LPA. Additionally, any remedial work undertaken should be documented within a Verification Report, also written by an Environmental Consultant.





















Please refer to the attached General Limitations and Exceptions. Kind Regards

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Site Location Plan Existing Site Layout Plan Proposed Site Layout **Exploratory Hole Location Plan** Exploratory Hole Records **Environmental Monitoring** General Limitations and Exceptions













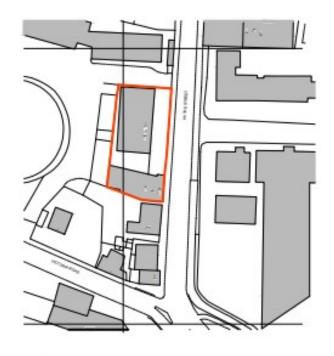










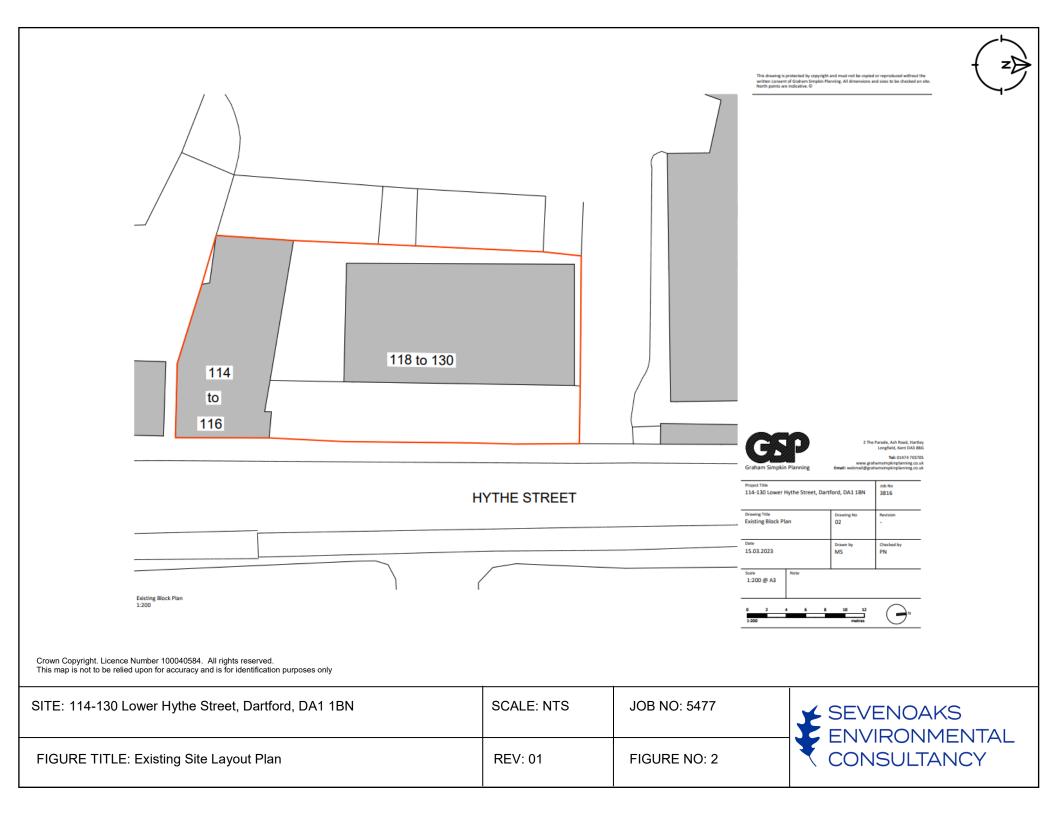


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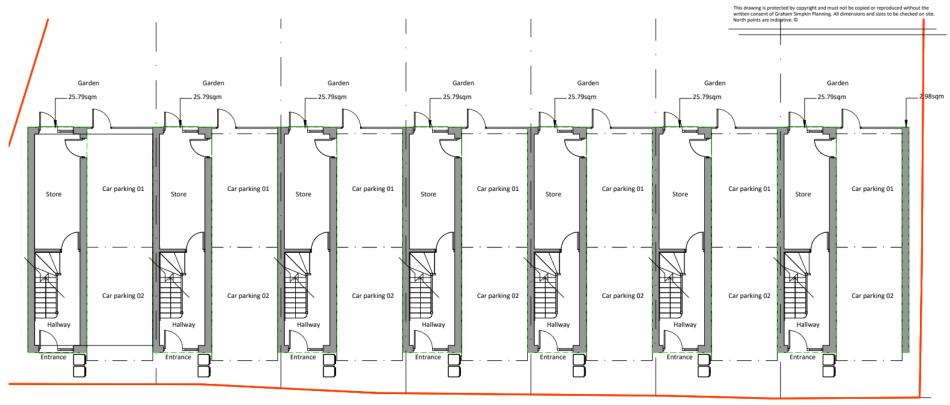
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FIGURE TITLE: Site Location Plan	REV: 01	FIGURE NO: 1









Indicative Layout Plan 1:100

Note: Total Site Area - 801 sqm Total Footprint - 183.5 sqm Total flood site area - 617.5 sqm Graham Simpkin Planning

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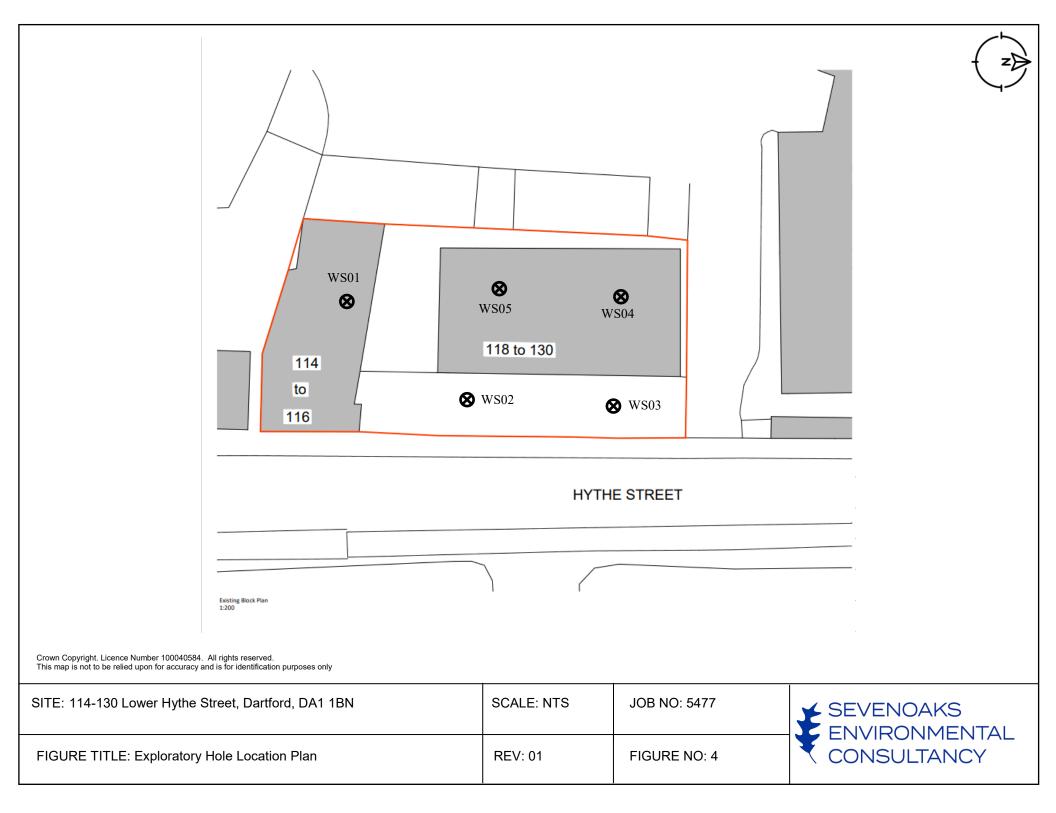
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 Date:
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 Site:
 Dartford

 Job Ref:
 5477

 Monitoring Round:
 01

 Engineer & Log No:
 JH 113

Borehole Ref:	Methane %	Carbon Dioxide %	Oxygen %	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	H2S %	VOCs (ppm)	Flow I/hr	Dip [m]	Plumb [m]	Comments
WS01	0.0	1.7	18.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	1.86	2.02	Took GW samples, Light Brown, No Odour,
WS02	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	Dry	1.77	-
WS04	0.0	2.4	17.9	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	Dry	2.00	-
WS05	0.0	0.3	20.5	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	2.05	2.45	Took GW samples, Brown, No Odour

Atmospheric pressure start:	1006mb					
Atmospheric pressure finish:	1006mb					
Weather:	Cloudy, Rainy, Sunny, All Over					



 Date:
 15/09/2023

 Site:
 Dartford

 Job Ref:
 5477

 Monitoring Round:
 02

 Engineer & Log No:
 JH 113

Borehole Ref:	Methane %	Carbon Dioxide %	Oxygen %	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	H2S %	VOCs (ppm)	Flow I/hr	Dip [m]	Plumb [m]	Comments
WS01	0.0	2.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.91	2.03	No Sample
WS02	0.0	0.0	20.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	Dry	1.77	No sample
WS04	0.0	1.0	19.7	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	Dry	2.01	No Sample
WS05	0.0	1.7	19.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.11	2.44	No Sample

Atmospheric pressure start:	1013mb
Atmospheric pressure finish:	1013mb
Weather:	Sunny, Dry



 Date:
 28/09/2023

 Site:
 Dartford

 Job Ref:
 5477

 Monitoring Round:
 03

 Engineer & Log No:
 JH 113

Borehole Ref:	Methane %	Carbon Dioxide %	Oxygen %	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	H2S %	VOCs (ppm)	Flow I/hr	Dip [m]	Plumb [m]	Comments
WS01	0.0	2.1	17.9	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.92	2.10	No Sample
WS02	0.0	0.8	19.9	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	Dry	1.85	No sample
WS04	0.0	2.5	17.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	Dry	2.11	No Sample
WS05	0.0	0.3	20.6	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	2.13	2.55	No Sample

Atmospheric pressure start:	1012mb
Atmospheric pressure finish:	1013mb
Weather:	Cloudy, Dry



 Date:
 14/10/2023

 Site:
 Dartford

 Job Ref:
 5477

 Monitoring Round:
 04

 Engineer & Log No:
 TI 114

Borehole Ref:	Methane %	Carbon Dioxide %	Oxygen %	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	H2S %	VOCs (ppm)	Flow I/hr	Dip [m]	Plumb [m]	Comments
WS01	0.0	0.7	19.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.10	No Sample
WS02	0.0	1.2	19.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.8	1.85	No sample
WS04	0.0	2.4	19.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	Dry	2.11	No Sample
WS05	0.0	0.2	20.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.08	2.55	No Sample

Atmospheric pressure start:	997mb						
Atmospheric pressure finish:	997mb						
Weather:	Cloudy, Wet, Humid, Warm						

General Limitations and Exceptions

- 1. The advice given in this report with respect to contaminated land/pollution is based on the guidelines available at the time of writing.
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