

Appendix H (a)

Gortyrahilly Wind Farm, Co. Cork

Geo-Hazards Wind Farm Overview

Legend

Site Investigation

Trial Pits - With Iron Pan

Yes

Peat Stability Risk - RR(D) Scen. B.

Very Low

Low

Moderate

High

Subsoil Stability Risk - RR(D) Scen. B.

Very Low

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Development Layout

WF

Proposed Turbine Locations

603679 GWF Redline Boundary

Site Infrastructure

Ancillary

603679 Google Rd Clip

Band 1 (Red)

255

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Receptors

Receptors - High Importance and Sensitivity

Hydrology

WFD River Waterbodies

Deep Eroded Drainage Channel

Site Drainage

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Geology

10 m GDEM Contours

Landslide Susceptibility

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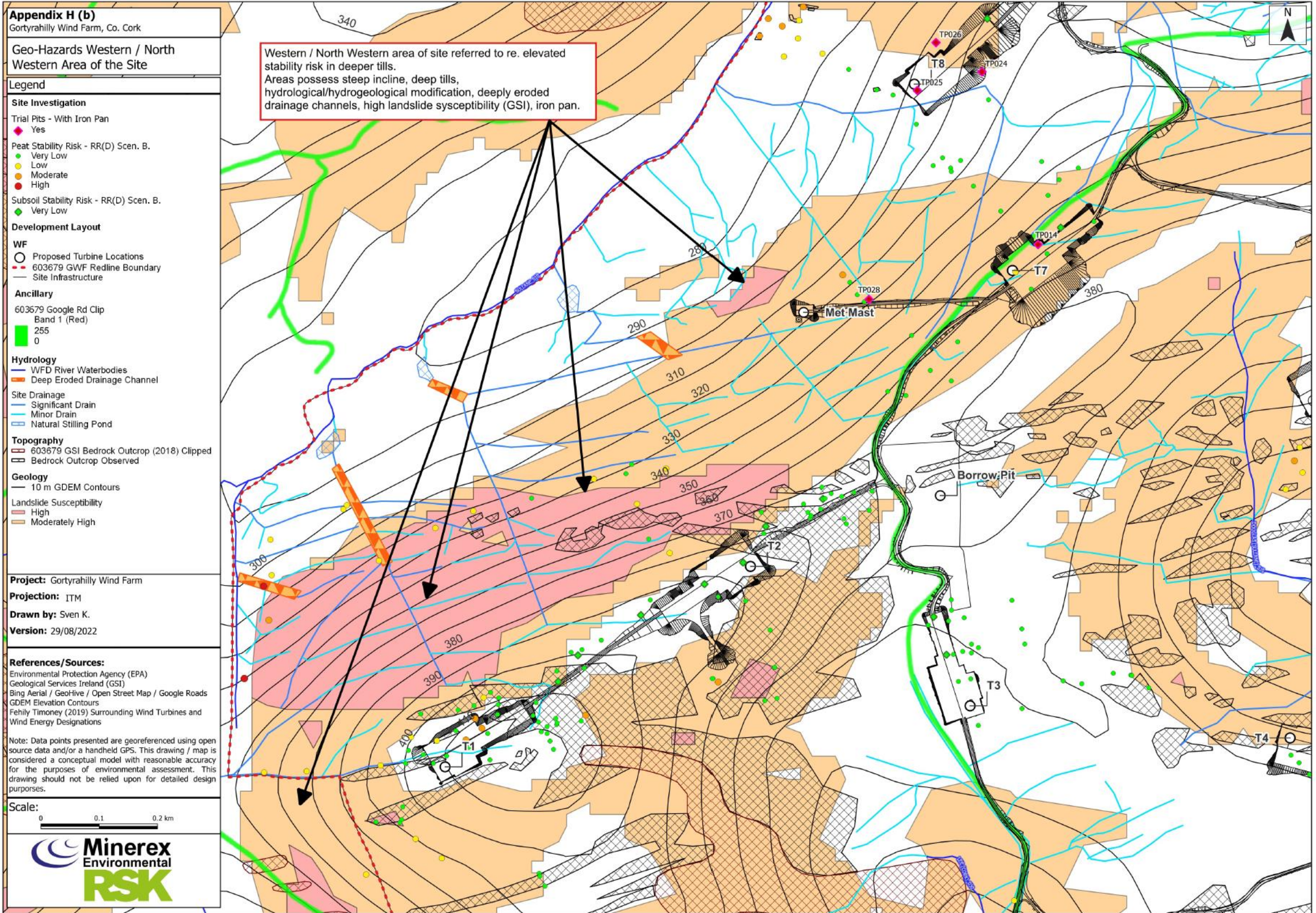
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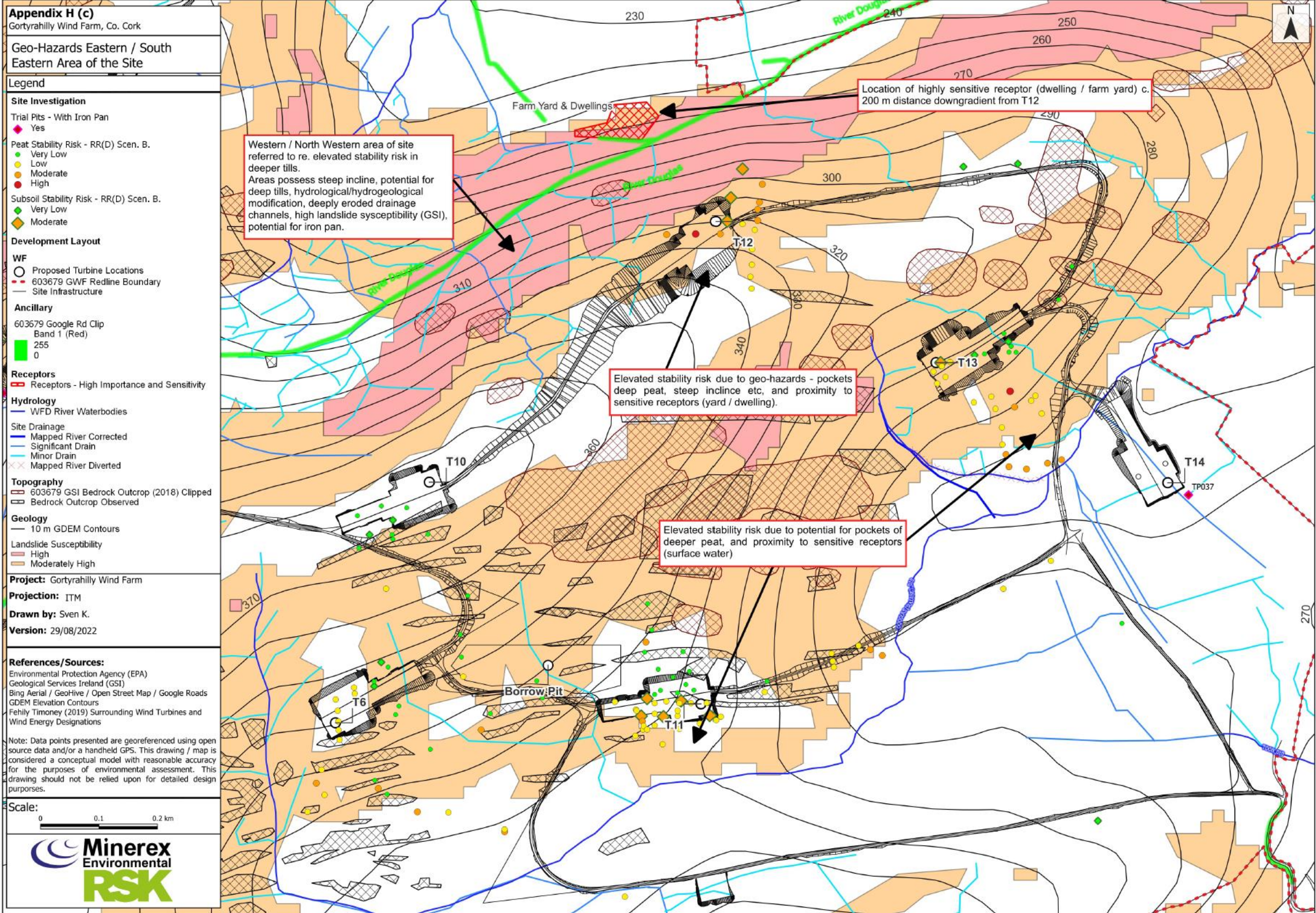
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RFI RESPONSE:  
Suitable locations for temporary stockpiles outside of the Development footprint (Black line, Site Infrastructure) are indicated by Green Fill area.  
These locations avoid geo-hazards / constraints, but hydrology and drainage connectivity and buffers will also be considered.











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Entire Site Overview

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- 0.0 - 0.1m
- 0.1 - 0.5m
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**Ancillary**

- Proposed Turbine Locations
- Proposed Borrow Pits
- Site Entrances
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- Proposed Temporary Construction Compound
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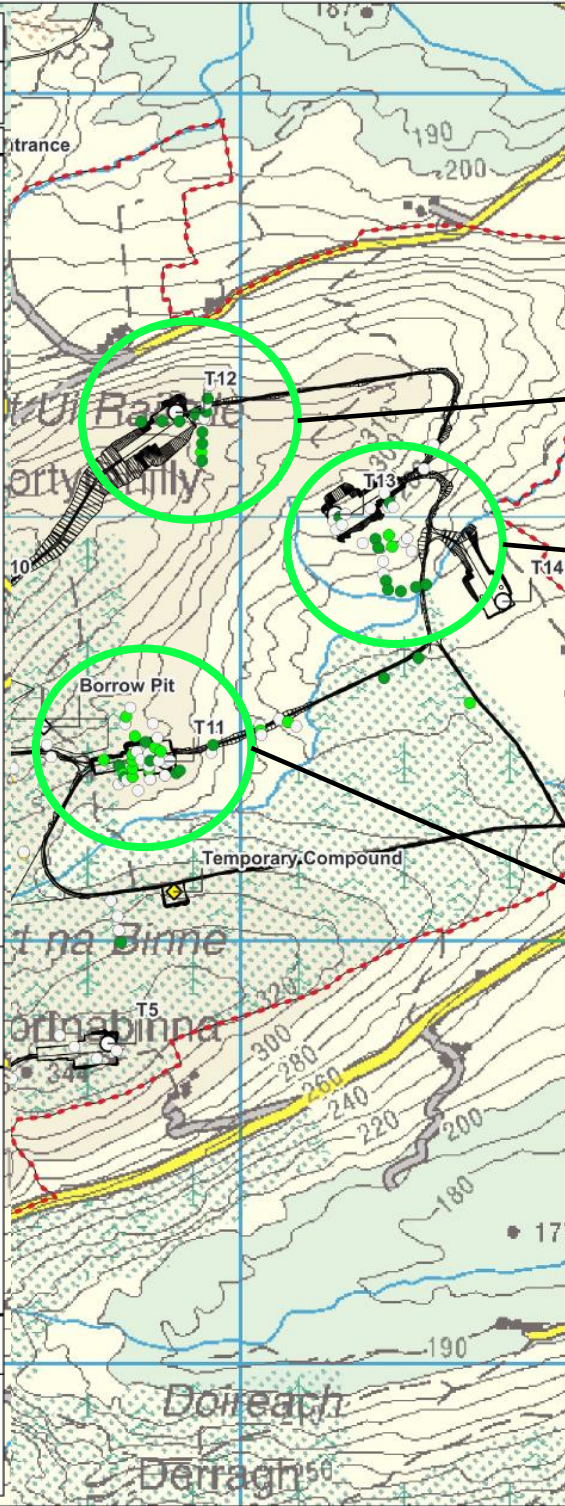
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RFI RESPONSE:  
Note general shallow peat depth. Generally ranging to 0m (rock at surface) to 0.5m depth, with some isolated pockets ranging up to 2.0m.

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Geo-Hazards Eastern / South Eastern Area of the Site

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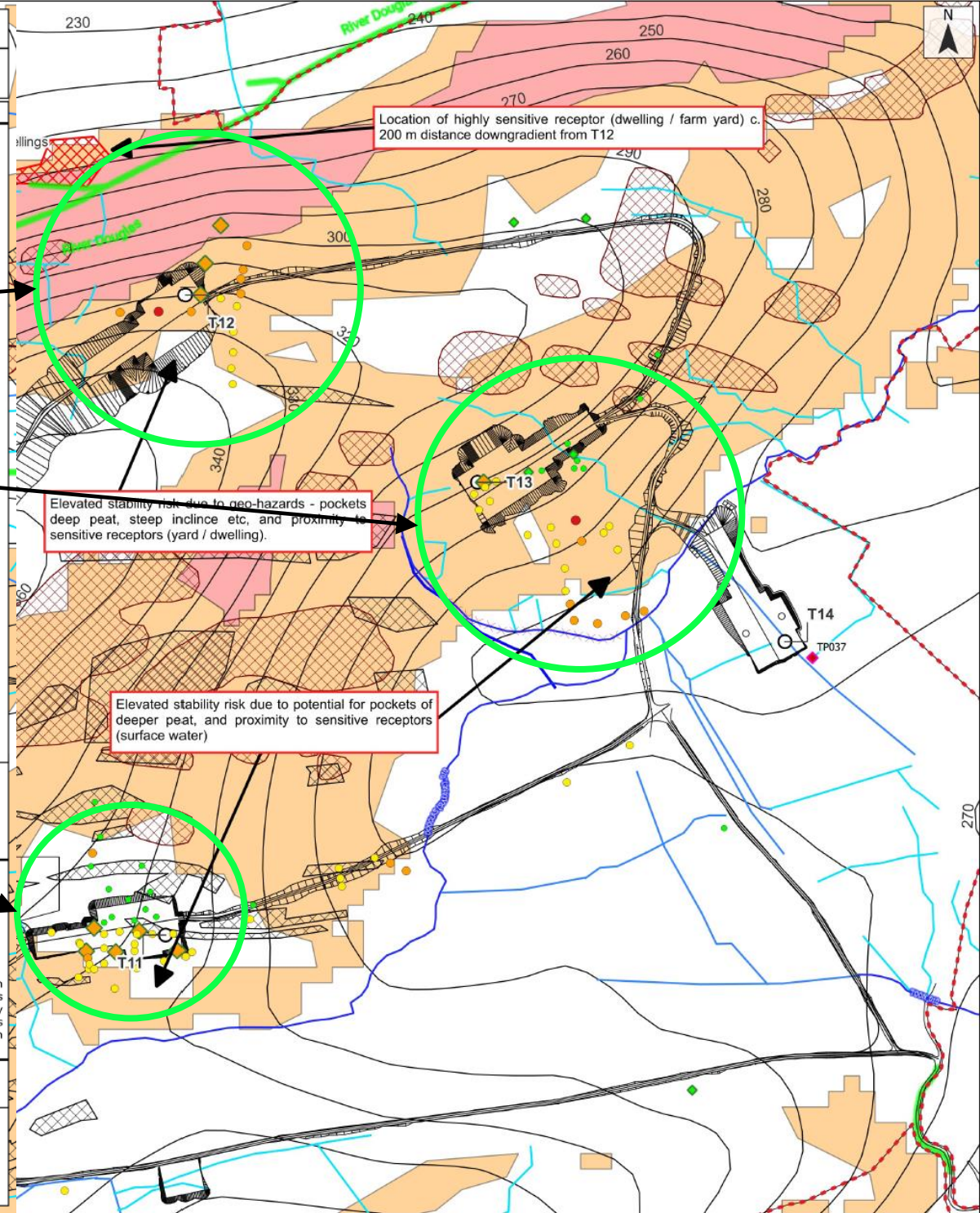
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**Location of highly sensitive receptor (dwelling / farm yard) c. 200 m distance downgradient from T12**

**Elevated stability risk due to geo-hazards - pockets deep peat, steep incline etc, and proximity to sensitive receptors (yard / dwelling).**

**Elevated stability risk due to potential for pockets of deeper peat, and proximity to sensitive receptors (surface water)**



RFI RESPONSE:  
Note corresponding Risk Ranking Results (RR(D)). Despite peat depths being generally shallow and with numerous rocky outcrops (0.0m) points recorded, the sampling points present as having Low to High risk. The elevated RR(D) is driven by a range of factors including slope incline and proximity to receptor, and therefore, the overall risk of a significant landslide event occurring is low, and residual localized risk will be mitigated through a broad suite of measures.



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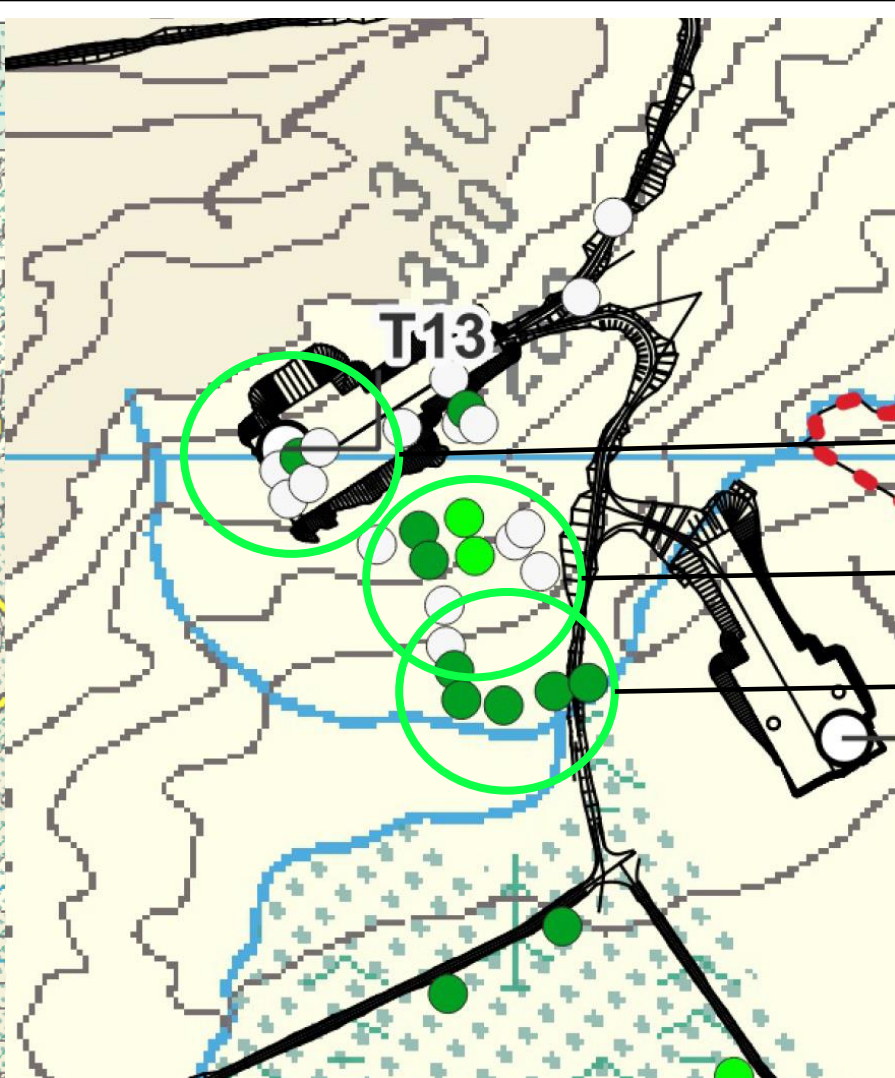
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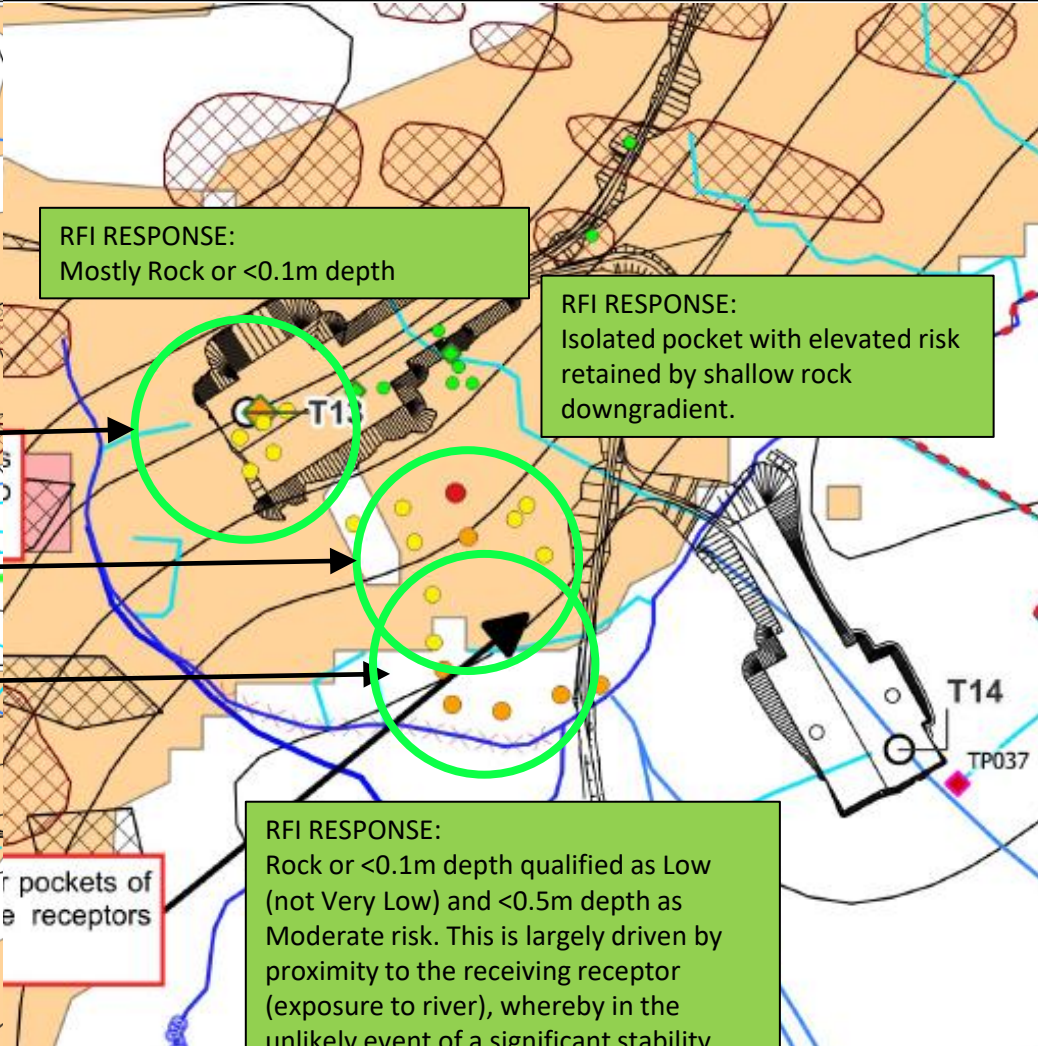
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RFI RESPONSE:  
Mostly Rock or <0.1m depth

RFI RESPONSE:  
Isolated pocket with elevated risk retained by shallow rock downgradient.

RFI RESPONSE:  
Rock or <0.1m depth qualified as Low (not Very Low) and <0.5m depth as Moderate risk. This is largely driven by proximity to the receiving receptor (exposure to river), whereby in the unlikely event of a significant stability issue arising the consequences would likely be significant.

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EIAR Figure 9.8 (f)

Gortyrahilly Wind Farm, Co. Cork

Development Constraints (S)

Legend

Development Layout

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Ancillary

Proposed Turbine Locations

Proposed Borrow Pits

Proposed Temporary Construction Compound

Proposed Met Mast

Settlement Ponds

Proposed Watercourse Crossings

Proposed Culverts

Existing Culverts

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Site Infrastructure

Hydrology

WFD River Waterbodies

Site Drainage

Significant Drain

Minor Drain

Deep Eroded Drainage Channel

15 m Drainage Buffer

50m SW Buffer

Geology

Landslide\_Susceptibility

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Base Maps

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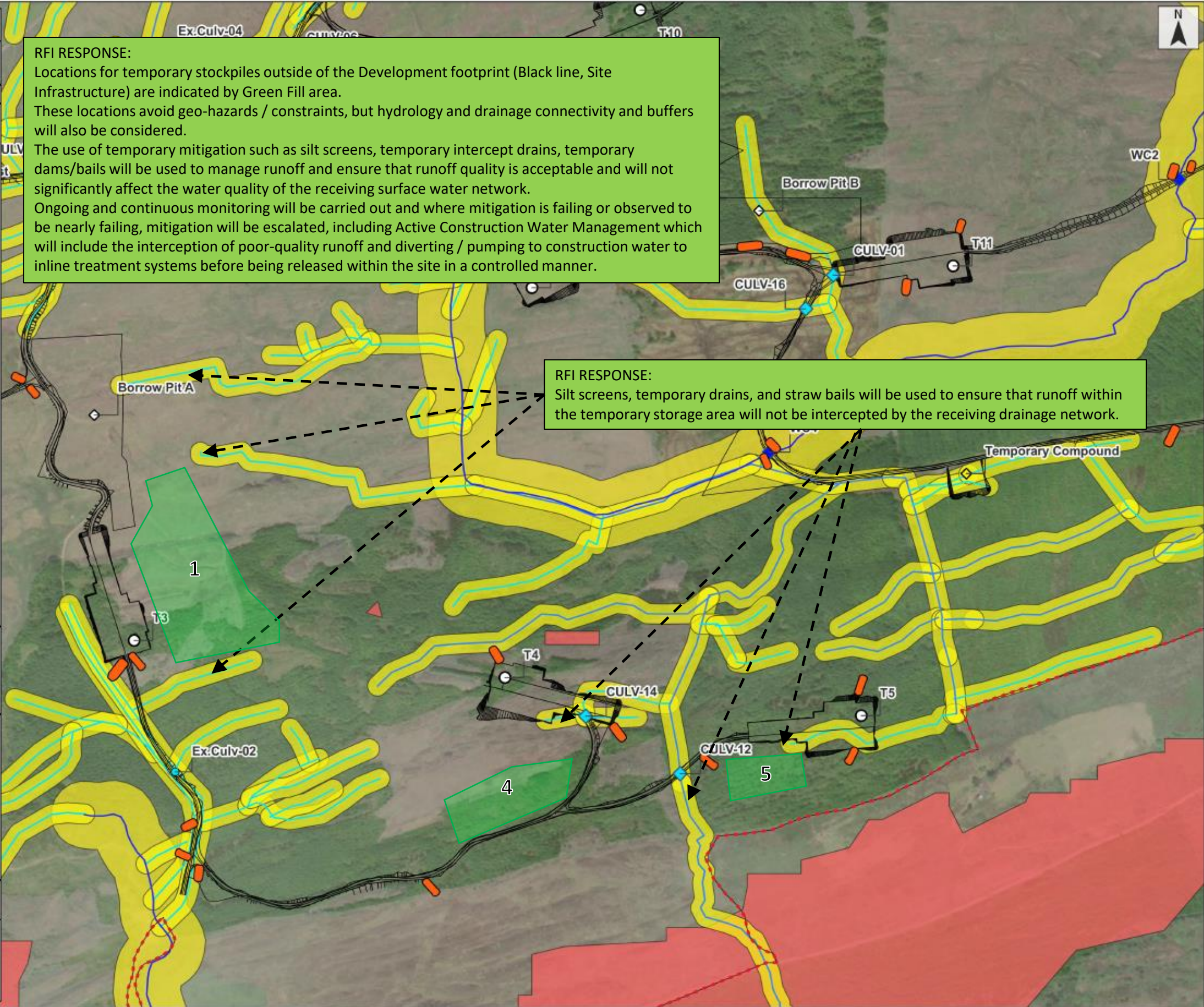
These locations avoid geo-hazards / constraints, but hydrology and drainage connectivity and buffers will also be considered.

The use of temporary mitigation such as silt screens, temporary intercept drains, temporary dams/bails will be used to manage runoff and ensure that runoff quality is acceptable and will not significantly affect the water quality of the receiving surface water network.

Ongoing and continuous monitoring will be carried out and where mitigation is failing or observed to be nearly failing, mitigation will be escalated, including Active Construction Water Management which will include the interception of poor-quality runoff and diverting / pumping to construction water to inline treatment systems before being released within the site in a controlled manner.

RFI RESPONSE:

Silt screens, temporary drains, and straw bails will be used to ensure that runoff within the temporary storage area will not be intercepted by the receiving drainage network.









EIAR Figure 9.8 (c)

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Development Constraints (NW)

Legend

Development Layout

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Site\_Entrances

Proposed On-Site Substation

Proposed Met Mast

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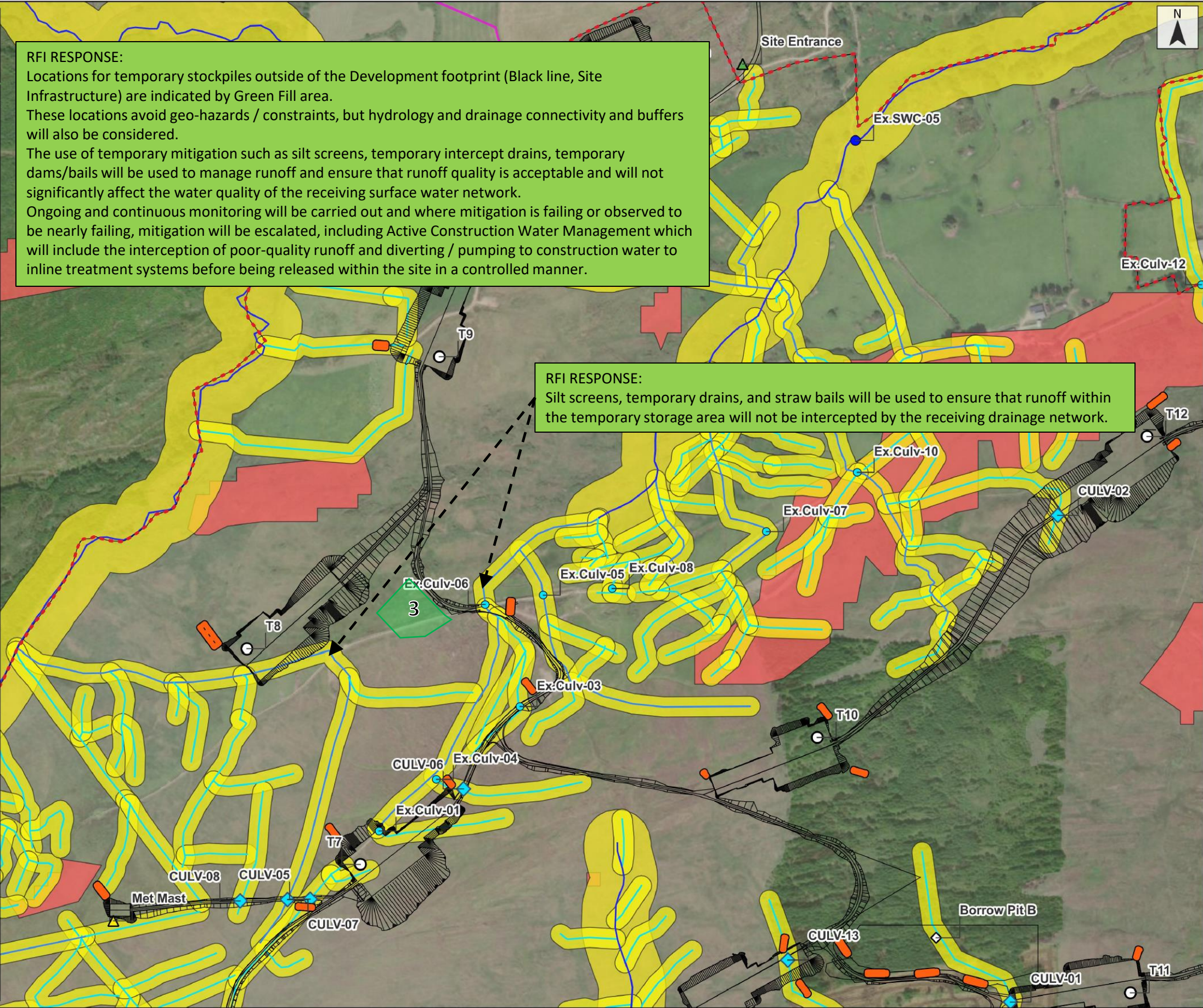
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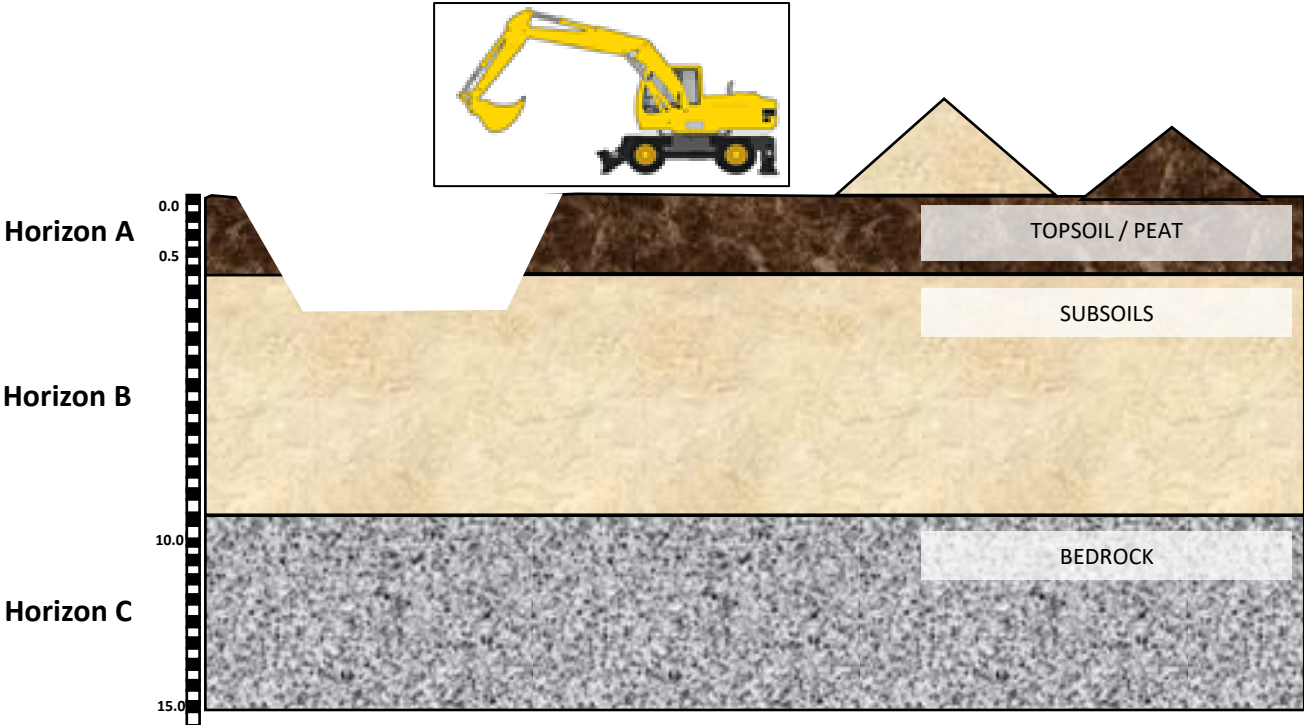
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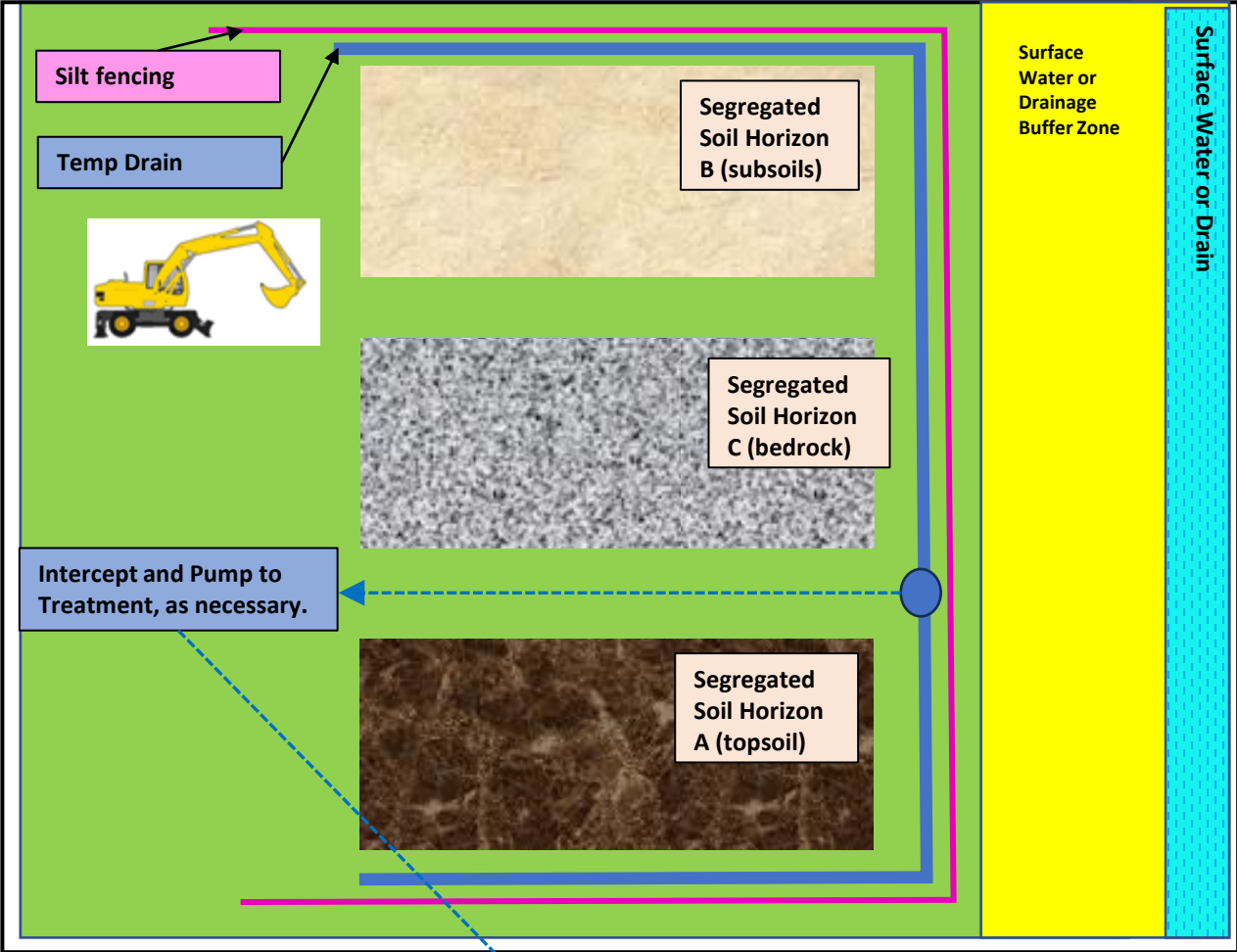






**Section View – Example of Segregating Excavation Arisings**

- The three principal materials excavated in order of depth will include topsoil at the surface, subsoils, and weathered and broken bedrock (Horizons A-C, respectively).
- On receipt of consent, a geotechnical site investigation will be undertaken, including trial pitting to obtain higher resolution data on soil stratigraphy and soil types.
- A suitably qualified geotechnical / soil scientist will supervise all excavation and the principal material types (topsoil, subsoil and bedrock) will be segregated as they arise.
- Temporary storage locations and stockpiled arisings will be managed in such a way that as to not mix individual soils types which will, in turn will facilitate reuse on Site. Some measures which will be taken include;
  - Designated areas for each type of material which will be adequately sized based on Material Balance Assessment calculations and planned storage height.
  - Incorporating the planned movement of materials for example; Topsoil will be the first material to be excavated and the last to be used in reinstatement.
  - Adequate space between stockpiles to reduce the potential of mixing when material is being deposited or removed, or if localized stability issues arise for example; stockpile collapse.
  - It is also important to mitigate against the entrainment of solids in runoff (EIAR Chapter 9 – Hydrology & hydrogeology).
- In order to reduce the amount of arisings to be managed or stored at any one time during the construction phase, a Materials Balance Assessment and Materials Management Plan will be developed with a view to identifying suitable locations for permanent reinstatement as early as possible, for example; as the construction phase progresses, opportunities to move arisings to a permanent reinstatement area in one movement will be taken as often as possible.
- Backfilling in layers will be carried out at the designated reinstatement locations, this will include; use of material as fill under infrastructure, backfill around newly installed infrastructure e.g. foundations, and potentially in improvement areas.
- Infilling with material in identified soil horizons to revert these areas to baseline levels.



**Plan View – Example of Mitigating Temp Storage Area**

- All stockpiles will be covered with high-grade polythene sheeting to prevent run-off of rainwater and leaching of potential contaminants from the stockpiled material generation and/or the generation of dust.
- Recovered material destined for reuse off site will comply with Article 27 or Article 28 of the EPA to be classified as a by-product or as end-of-life waste, or Certificate of Registration for topsoil.
- Excess soils which cannot be reused will be tested and classified as a waste and disposed of appropriately. This is not envisaged on this site i.e. all arisings will be reused.
- Temporary stockpiles will avoid areas on Site near artificial drainage channels (outside designated surface water buffer zones and will adhere to mitigation measures outline in **EIAR Chapter 9 Hydrology and Hydrogeology**, in particular in dealing with entrainment of soils in surface water runoff.



**Example of Treatment Tank.**  
See EIAR Appendix 9.5 for further detail on Construction Water Management including treatment train and considerations for controlled release.



