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1.0 Preamble

On the instructions of Waterman Moylan Engineering Consultants, a site investigation was carried out by Ground Investigations Ireland Ltd., between January and February 2019 at the site of the proposed residential development in Newtown, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

2.0 Overview

2.1. Background

It is proposed to construct a new residential development with associated services, access roads and car parking at the proposed site. The site is currently greenfield and is situated to the south east of Drogheda Town centre, approximately 200m south of the River Boyne. The proposed construction is envisaged to consist of conventional foundations and pavement make up with some local excavations for services and plant.

2.2. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the site investigation was to investigate subsurface conditions utilising a variety of investigative methods in accordance with the project specification. The scope of the work undertaken for this project included the following:

- Visit project site to observe existing conditions
- Carry out 11 No. Trial Pits to a maximum depth of 3.6m BGL
- Factual Report

3.0 Subsurface Exploration

3.1. General

During the ground investigation a programme of intrusive investigation specified by the Consulting Engineer was undertaken to determine the sub surface conditions at the proposed site. Regular sampling and insitu testing was undertaken in the exploratory holes to facilitate the geotechnical descriptions and to enable laboratory testing to be carried out on the soil samples recovered during excavation and drilling.

The procedures used in this site investigation are in accordance with Eurocode 7 Part 2: Ground Investigation and testing (ISEN 1997 – 2:2007) and B.S. 5930:2015.

3.2. Trial Pits

The trial pits were excavated using a 13T tracked excavator at the locations shown in the exploratory hole location plan in Appendix 1. The locations were checked using a CAT scan to minimise the potential for encountering services during the excavation. The trial pits were sampled, logged and photographed by a Geotechnical Engineer/Engineering Geologist prior to backfilling with arisings. Notes were made of any services, inclusions, pit stability, groundwater encountered and the characteristics of the strata encountered and are presented on the trial pit logs which are provided in Appendix 2 of this Report.

4.0 Ground Conditions

4.1. General

The ground conditions encountered during the investigation are summarised below with reference to insitu and laboratory test results. The full details of the strata encountered during the ground investigation are provided in the exploratory hole logs included in the appendices of this report.

The sequence of strata encountered were consistent across the site and are generally comprised;

- Topsoil
- Cohesive Deposits
- Granular Deposits

TOPSOIL: Topsoil was encountered in all the exploratory holes and was present to a maximum depth of 0.4m BGL.

COHESIVE DEPOSITS: Cohesive deposits were encountered beneath the Topsoil and were described typically as *Soft to firm light brown slightly sandy slightly gravelly CLAY with rare cobbles* overlying a *Firm to stiff grey brown slightly sandy slightly gravelly CLAY with occasional cobbles and rare boulders*. The secondary sand and gravel constituents varied across the site and with depth, with granular lenses occasionally present in the glacial till matrix. These deposits had some, occasional or frequent cobble and boulder content where noted on the exploratory hole logs.

GRANULAR DEPOSITS: The granular deposits were encountered below the cohesive deposits and were typically described as *Light brown silty slightly gravelly fine to medium grained SAND*. The secondary sand/gravel and silt/clay constituents varied across the site and with depth while occasional or frequent cobble and boulder content also present where noted on the exploratory hole logs.

The recommendations provided in this report should be verified in the design of the proposed buildings, using the full details of the loading conditions and taking into consideration the allowable tolerable settlements/movements that the building can accommodate. The founding strata should be inspected and verified by a suitably qualified engineer prior to construction of the building foundations.

APPENDIX 1 - Site Location Plan



APPENDIX 2 – Trial Pit Records

GROUND	Ground Investigations Ireland Ltd www.gii.ie					Site Newtown Drogheda		Trial Pit Number TP01
Machine :	13T Excavator Trial Pit	Dimensio		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client		Job Number 8364-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 101 E 775107 N	Dates 31	/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Regend Nate of the second Legend
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Machine: 1	3T Excavator	Dimension		Ground	Level (mOD)	O) Client		Job Number 8364-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 37 E 775140 N	Dates 31	1/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend Nater
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GROUND	Grou	ınd Inv	estigations www.gii.ie	Newtown Drogheda Trial Pi Number TP0:				
Machine: 1	3T Excavator	Dimensio		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client		Job Number 8364-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 77 E 775025 N	Dates 31	1/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend Nater
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Machine: 1	3T Excavator	Dimension			Ground	Level (mOD)	Client			ob umber 64-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 14 E 774923 N		Dates 31	/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		SI	heet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Reco	ords	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Leç	Mater Mater
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							Groundwater encountered a Trial Pit sidewalls collasping Trial Pit backfilled upon com	it 3.0m BGL in Trial Pit. 3.0m BGL. ipletion.		
		•				.	Scale (approx)	Logged By CCostigan	Figure No 8364-01-1	

RELAND	Grou	ınd Inv	estigations www.gii.ie	Ireland	Site Newtown Drogheda		Trial Pit Number TP05		
Machine: 1	3T Excavator rial Pit	Dimensio		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client		Job Number 8364-01-19	-
			(Handheld GPS) 806 E 774024 N	Dates 31	/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1	
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend see	-
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GROUND IRELAND	Grou	nd Inv	estigations www.gii.ie	Site Newtown Drogheda		Trial Pit Number TP06		
Machine: 1	3T Excavator	Dimensio		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client		Job Number 8364-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 17 E 775139 N	Dates 31	/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend by S
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						Groundwater encountered a Trial Pit sidewalls collasping Trial Pit backfilled upon com	it 3.0m BGL in Trial Pit. 1.5m BGL. pletion.	
						Scale (approx)	Logged By CCostigan	Figure No. 8364-01-19.TP06

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Machine :	13T Excavator Trial Pit	Dimensio	ons	Grou	ınd l	Level (mOD)	Client			Job Numbe 8364-01-	
			(Handheld GPS) 180 E 775054 N	Date	9 s 31/	/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan			Sheet 1/1	
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Reco	rds Lev (mO	rel (D)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription		Legend	Water
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Machine :	13T Excavator Trial Pit	Dimens		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client		Job Number 8364-01-19
			n (Handheld GPS) 0207 E 774969 N	Dates 31	/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Test	s Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend Nater
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Machine: 1	3T Excavator Trial Pit	Dimension		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client		Job Number 8364-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 57 E 774919 N	Dates 31	1/01/2019	Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend Nate
2.50	В				(0.30) - (0.30) - (0.30) - (0.60) - (0.90) - (1.60) - (1.60) - (1.60) - (1.60)	Firm grey brown slightly sandy soccasional rounded to sub	andy slightly gravelly CLAY vangular cobbles.	with with with the state of the
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Machine: 13T Excavator Method: Trial Pit			Dimensions			Ground Level (mOD)		Client		Job Number 8364-01-1	9
			Location (Handheld GPS) 710314 E 774955 N			Dates 31/01/2019		Engineer Waterman Moylan		Sheet 1/1	_
Depth (m)	Samp	le / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field I	Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend \$	-
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								Groundwater encountered a Trial Pit sidewalls collapsing Trial Pit backfilled upon com	t 3.0m BGL in Trial Pit. 1.2m BGL. pletion.		
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								Scale (approx)	Logged By CCostigan	Figure No. 8364-01-19.TP10	_

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Machine: 1	3T Excavator	Dimension		Ground	Level (mOD)	Client Engineer Waterman Moylan		Job Number 8364-01-19
			(Handheld GPS) 62 E 774891 N	Dates 31	/01/2019			Sheet
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	Depth (m) (Thickness)	D	escription	Legend Nater
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APPENDIX 3 – Trial Pit Photos

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