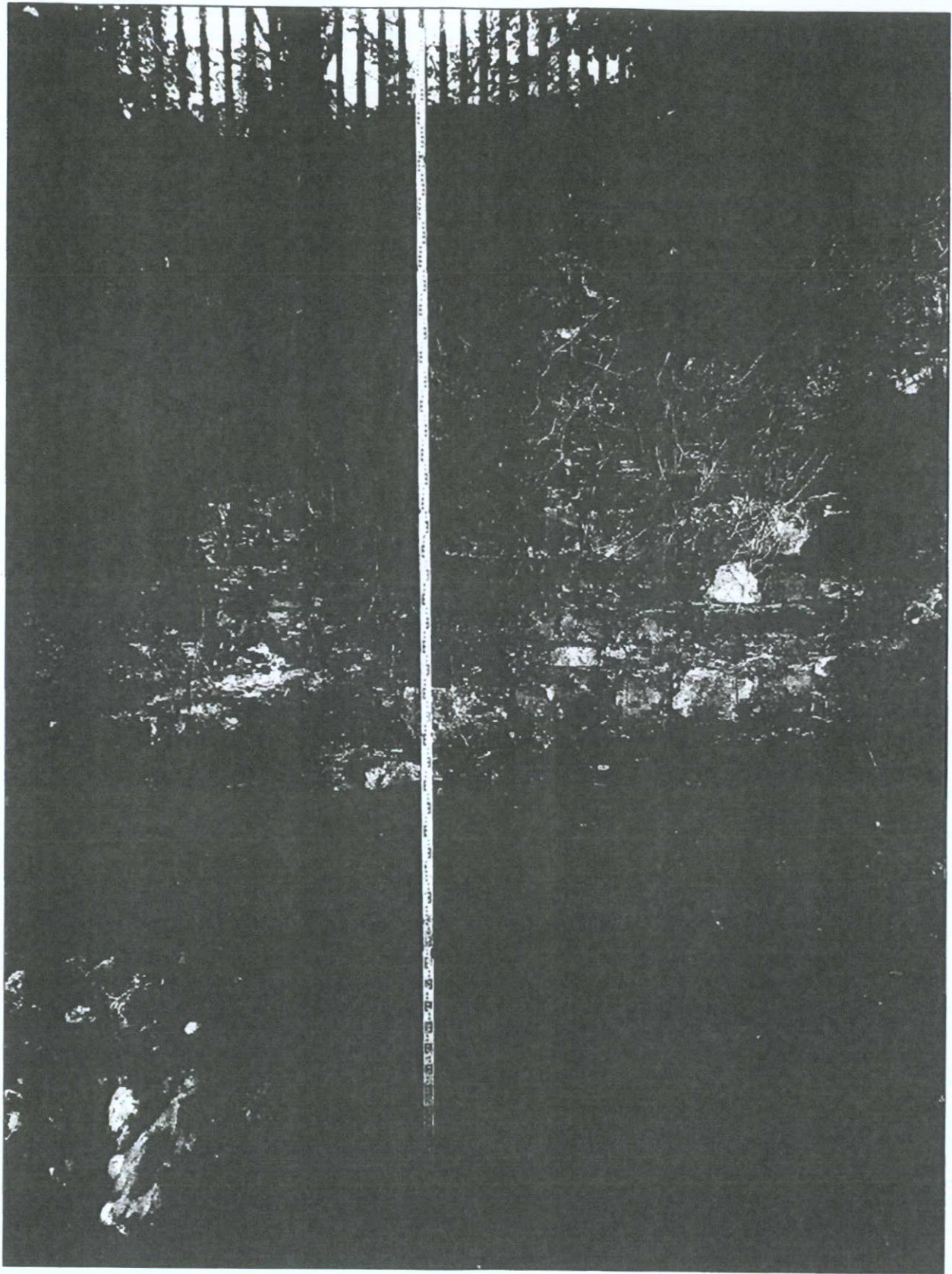


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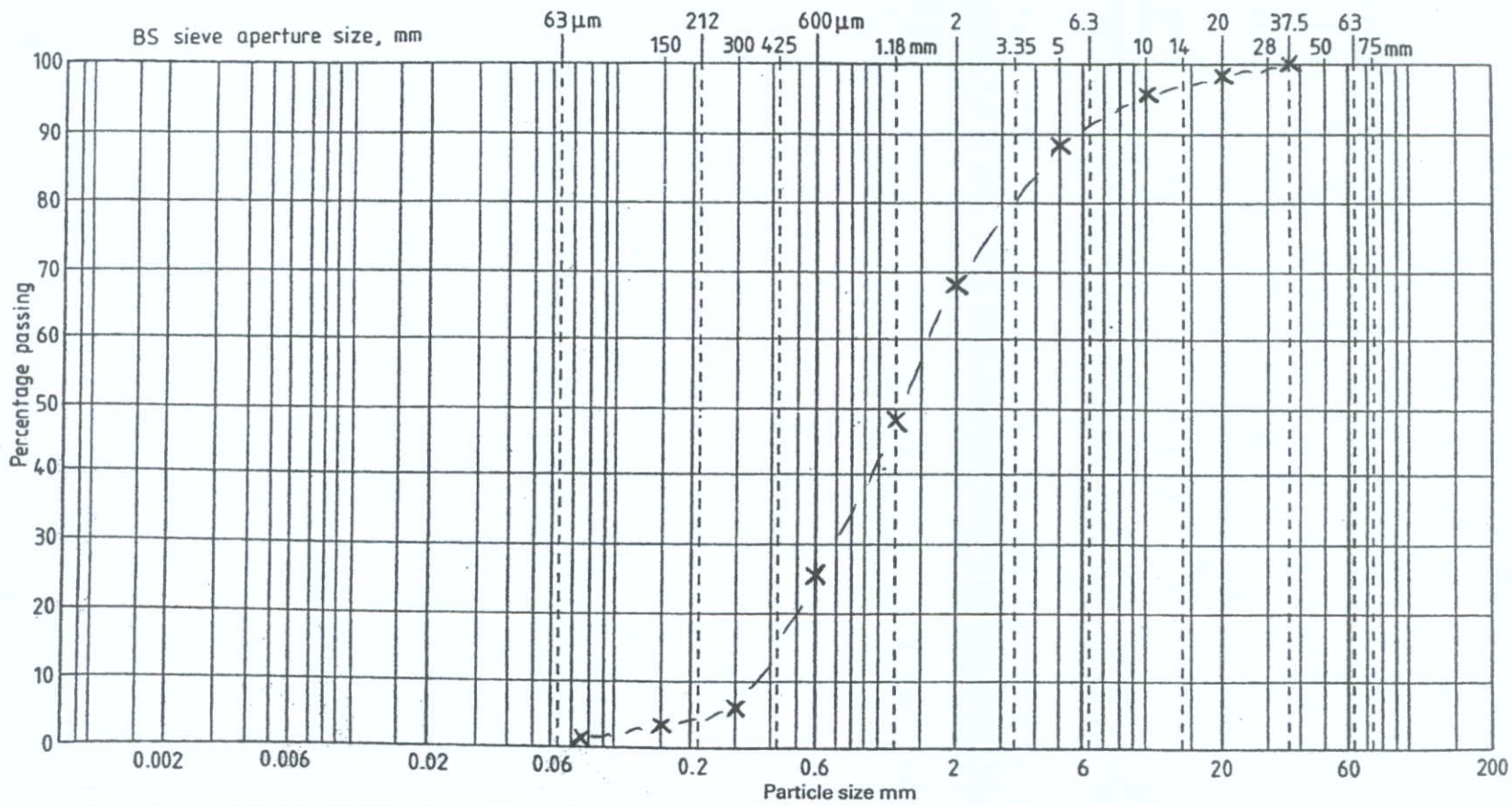
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Laboratory Testing

LABORATORY TEST RESULTS - WESTGATE

BH No	Depth mBGL	MC %	LC %	PL %	PI %	Remarks
4	8.0	9.8	25	18	7	
6	10.0	7.6	25	15	10	
13	7.0	9.3	27	16	11	
14	8.0	7.8	25	17	8	
15	9.0	9.1	25	14	11	
15	10.0	8.7	23	17	6	

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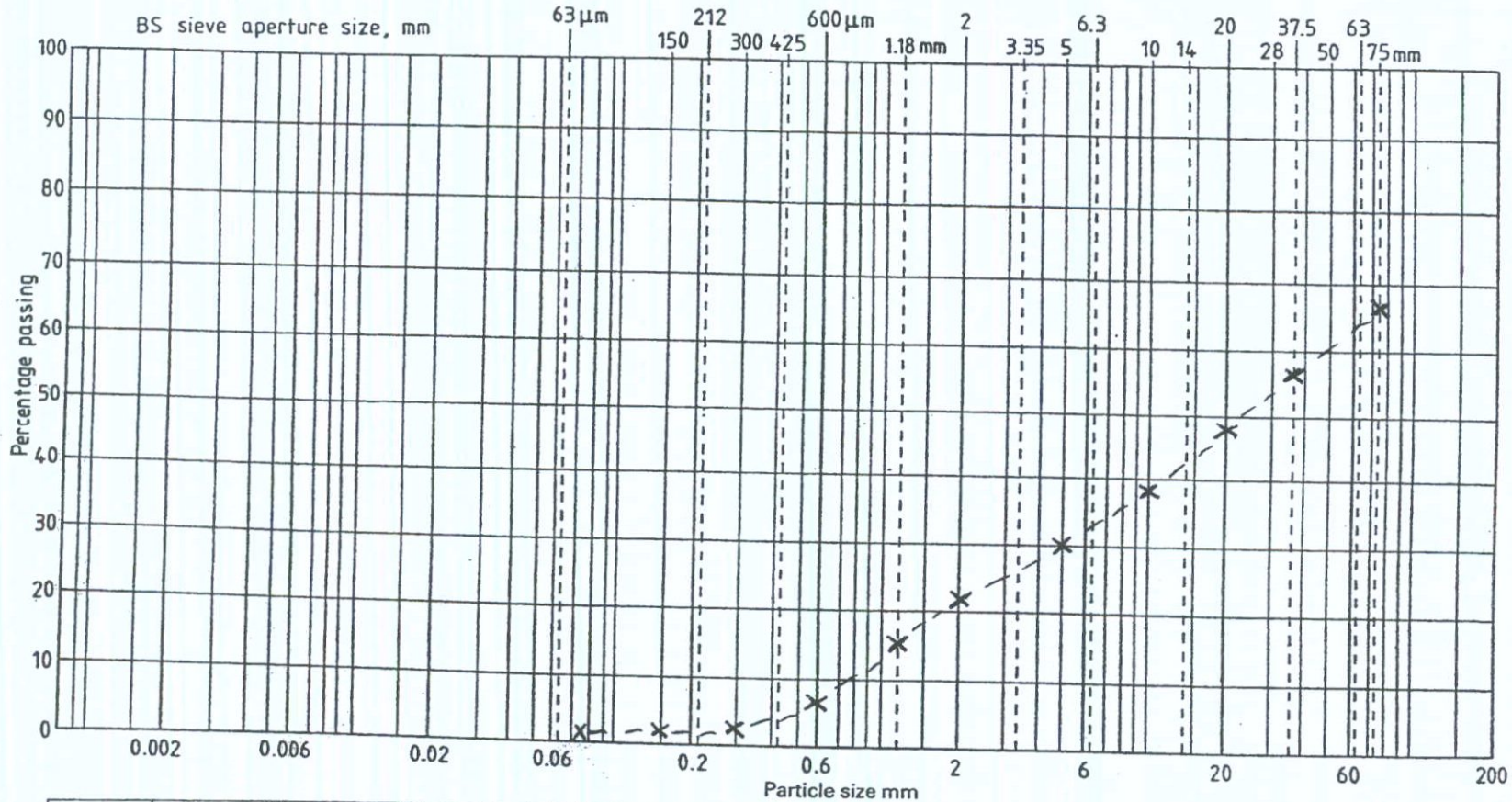


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INTERPRETATIVE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT

FOR

SITE INVESTIGATION

AT

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FOR

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Byrne Looby Partners have been requested by O'Connor Sutton Cronin to carry out a Geotechnical site investigation at the Westgate Site in Dublin 8.

The proposed development is understood to consist of multi-storey offices and apartment structures. A double level basement shall be located across the total site area.

The site investigation was carried out in November/December 2005 in accordance with BS 5930 "British Standard for Site Investigations".

The brief of the site investigation was to determine suitable foundation options, soil retention options and groundwater control measures for the proposed development. The following report provides geotechnical recommendations for the proposed development based on the ground conditions encountered during the site investigation.

The scope of the site investigation consisted of

- 6 No. rotary coreholes
- 11 No. boreholes
- 4 No. trial pits.
- Insitu soil and permeability testing
- Laboratory testing

The report is presented in 6 sections. Section 2.0 presents a description of the site including the proposed development and a summary of the 2 No. previous site investigations that were carried out by URS (2002) and Site Investigations Ltd (2000). Section 3.0 and 4.0 summarises the site investigation and ground conditions. Section 5.0 presents the recommendations for the proposed development. Section 6.0 provides a summary of the report.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location

The site is located approximately 2.5km to the west of Dublin City and approximately 40m south west of Heuston Station. Access to the site is via St. John's Road.

Figure 1 presents the site location.

2.2 Site Boundary

The site is bounded to the north by St. John's Road to the south and west by The Royal Hospital/Museum of Modern Art and to the east by Military Road.

The approximate area of the site is 3.5 hectares.

2.3 Site Topography

Topographical levels at the site vary between 7.1m OD and 14.2m OD. In general the site slopes moderately from north to south at approximately 1:20.

Figure 2 presents the topographical survey of the site.

2.4 Proposed Development

The proposed development is to consist of a multi-storey development consisting of residential apartments and office units. A double level basement is to underlay the super structure across the complete site area. The level of the basement is to be +0.5m OD north of GL W and +3.0m OD south of GL W.

Figure 3 presents the proposed development.

2.5 Desk Study

2 No. site investigations were carried out by Site Investigations Ltd in 2000 and by URS in 2002. A review of the 2 No. site investigations as part of the desk studies.

The 2000 site investigation consisted of 5 No. shell and auger boreholes. Boreholes were carried out to between 5.7m bgl and 18.0m bgl. 2 No. boreholes were cored (open-hole) from shallow depths so that the deeper strata may be described. In general the boreholes revealed that ground conditions consisted of stiff brown boulder clay. However in BH 3 and BH 5 ground conditions consisted of 5m to 10.5m of stiff brown boulder clay over 2.6m to 4.5m of sandy gravel over stiff brown boulder clay.

The 2000 site investigation locations are presented in Figure 4.

The 2002 site investigation consisted of 5 No. shell and auger boreholes. Boreholes were carried out to between 5.5m bgl and 15.5m bgl. The ground conditions generally consisted of 1m to 2m of fill over 3.5m to 5.0m of gravel over brown boulder clay.

In both site investigations the Shell and Auger boreholes refused at shallow depths due to most likely the density of the gravels and the presence of boulder and boulder layers.

The 2002 site investigation locations are presented in Figure 4.

The 2002 URS boreholes were instrumented with standpipes so that groundwater monitoring could be carried out. Table 1 below presents the static water levels recorded by URS.

Location	Water Level (m OD)
MW101	2.0
MW102	<1.4
MW103	8.1
MW104	6.7
MW105	1.3

Table 1 – Groundwater Level 2002 – Site Investigation

*Note in the southwest corner of the site investigation a water level of 9.1m OD was indicated.

Appendix A presents the borehole logs from 2000 and 2002 site investigations.

2.0 SITE INVESTIGATION

3.1 General

The site investigation was carried out in November/December 2005 in accordance with BS 5930 British Standard for Site Investigations. BLP supervised all site works.

The brief of the site investigation was as follows:

- a) Determine suitable foundation options.
- b) Provide retention options for basement excavation.
- c) Provide recommendations for the control of groundwater ingress into the basement excavation.

The site investigation consisted of 6 No. rotary coreholes, 11 No. shell and auger boreholes and 4 No. trial pits, Insitu Field Testing and Geotechnical Laboratory Testing.

3.2 Rotary Coreholes

6 No. Rotary coreholes were carried out by Ground Investigations Ireland (GII). Rotary coreholes were carried out to between 21.3m bgl and 33.6m bgl.

Total Core Recovery (TCR), Solid Core Recovery (SCR), Rock Quality Designation (RQD) and Fracture Index values were recorded during corings so that the consistency of the rock may be determined.

Rotary coreholes consisted of a 70mm ϕ corehole. In the rotary cores the overburden was drilled by the "Open Hole" method which does not provide any recovery of the subsoils and soil descriptions are based on flush returns and are therefore not that accurate. This approach was employed to ensure that the holes achieve the required total depth. At depths greater than 15m rotary coring was introduced so that the overburden could be investigated at depths below where the shell and auger borehole refused. It was also employed to define rock head on the site.

Standard Penetration Tests were carried out in the rotary coreholes so that a profile of the strength/consistency of the subsoils could be determined.

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Rotary coreholes were instrumented with standpipes so that groundwater levels could be monitored across the site.

Appendix B presents the rotary corehole logs.

3.3 Boreholes

11 No. boreholes were completed as part of the site investigation. Boreholes were carried out between 6.5m bgl and 20.5m bgl. In general the initial boreholes refused at shallow depths (i.e. in the upper 4m). This refusal was attributed to the high quantity of cobbles encountered in the upper gravel stratum. In order to avoid the larger boulders at shallow depths, trial pits were excavated at the borehole locations and backfilled with sand.

Bulk disturbed soil samples were removed from the boreholes at regular 1.0m intervals. Standard Penetration tests were also carried out at 1.0m intervals so that a profile of the soil strength and consistency could be determined.

All boreholes were instrumented with a standpipe so that future groundwater monitoring and rising head tests could be carried out.

Appendix C presents the borehole logs.

Appendix E presents the rising head test results.

3.4 Trial Pits

3 No. trial pits were excavated to determine the cobble and boulder size and their percentage in the upper gravel stratum.

1 No. slit trench was carried out perpendicular to the existing boundary wall so that the foundation level and dimensions of the wall foundations could be determined.

Appendix D presents the trial pit logs.

Photos A to G illustrate the trial pits and slit trench.

.5 Laboratory Testing

Appendix G contains laboratory testing carried out as part of the investigation. Laboratory testing included atterburg tests, moisture content tests, PSD grading curves and sulphate/ pH testing.

4.0 GROUND CONDITIONS

4.1 General

In general ground conditions across the site consist of made ground over gravel over stratas consisting of interlayering gravel, brown and black boulder clays over bedrock.

Table 2 below presents a summary of the ground conditions.

Stratum	Depth to Top of Stratum (m bgl)	Thickness (m)
Sand Fill / Made Ground	0	0.8 – 4.8
Gravel	2.7 – 4.8	0.3 – 9.0
Brown Boulder Clay /Black Boulder Clay/Gravel	1.7 – 5.3	-
Bedrock	26.1 – 27.6	-

Table 2 – Summary of Ground Conditions

Figure 5 and Figure 6 illustrate geological cross sections through the site indicating the proposed basement levels.

It can be seen from the cross sections that at the formation level (+0.5m OD) of the basement north of GL W ground conditions consist of dense gravels or very stiff brown/black boulder clay. In general at formation level (+3.0m OD) south of GL W ground conditions consist of brown or black boulder clay.

4.2 Fill / Made Ground

Fill/made ground was encountered in all boreholes, rotary coreholes and trial pits at ground level. In the case of the boreholes the upper 3m of material generally consisted of backfilled sand.

The original fill/made ground material extended to between 0.8m bgl and 4.8m bgl.

4.3 Gravel

Gravel was generally encountered beneath the fill/made ground stratum between 2.7m bgl and 4.8m bgl except in BH1, BH13 and BH15. The thickness of this stratum varied between 0.3m and 9.0m. Gravel was also encountered at deeper depths interlayered with the brown and black boulder clay in boreholes BH3, BH4, BH6, BH14 and BH15 and in rotary coreholes RC1, RC2,

RC3, RC4, RC5 and RC6. This lower gravel stratum was encountered between 9.5m bgl and 26.6m bgl. The thickness of this stratum varied between 1.5m and 6.9m where penetrated.

This material is generally described as dense to very dense sand gravel with cobbles and boulders. The upper gravel stratum contained a large quantity of cobble size material and occasional boulders (c. 500mm). SPT "N" VALUES for this material vary between 21 and refusal. This material has a ϕ' value of approximately 40°.

Rising head tests have been carried out in the standpipes to determine the permeability of the gravel stratum. The rising head tests reveal that the permeability of the gravel material varies from in excess of 5×10^{-4} to 4×10^{-6} m/s.

Rising head test results are presented in Appendix E.

4.4 Brown Boulder Clay

Brown boulder clay was encountered in boreholes BH1, BH3, BH13, BH14 and BH15 and in rotary coreholes RC1, RC2, RC3 and RC4. This material was encountered between 0.8m bgl and 23.6m bgl. The thickness of the stratum varied between 0.4m and 4.5m.

In general the upper layers of this material were described as stiff brown boulder clay and the deeper layers were described as very stiff to hard brown boulder clay. SPT "N" values for this material vary between 12 and refusal.

The upper brown boulder clay strata have therefore an undrained shear strength of approximately 75kPa to 125kPa. The lower brown boulder clay found underlying the hard black boulder clay layer would have an undrained shear strength of 150kPa to 200kPa.

4.5 Black Boulder Clay

Black boulder clay was encountered in boreholes BH3, BH4, BH6, BH3, BH14 and BH15 and in rotary coreholes RC1, RC2, RC3, RC4 and RC6. This material was encountered between 4.2m bgl and 16.1m bgl and varied in thickness between 1.8m and 8.2m.

In general this material is described as very stiff to hard black boulder clay. SPT "N" values for this material were refusal values. This material has an undrained shear strength of approximately 150kPa to 200kPa.

4.6 Bedrock

Bedrock was encountered in all rotary coreholes except RC5 (22.0m bgl) and RC6 (21.3m bgl). The bedrock was encountered between -13.7m OD and -19.2m OD. The bedrock was proven to be between 4.0m and 7.5m.

In general the bedrock was described as strong dark grey and black LIMESTONE, fresh to highly weathered. In RC2 5m of weak black calcareous MUDSTONE was encountered above limestone.

Total Core Recovery (TCR) values for the limestone bedrock varied between 63% and 100%. Solid Core Recovery (SCR) values varied between 41% and 100% and Rock Quality Designation (RQD) values varied between 9% to 69%. Fracture Spacing Index values varied between NIL and 12.

TCR and SCR values for the mudstone were 0%. RQD values for the mudstone varied between 30% and 33%. Fracture Spacing Index values for the mudstone were NIL.

4.7 Groundwater

Groundwater strikes were recorded in the gravel strata during drilling of the boreholes. Table 3 below presents a summary of the groundwater strikes during drilling.

Location	Depth (m bgl)
BH3	9.5
BH6	11.7
BH7	3.7
BH8	9.7
BH14	12.2
BH15	12.5

Table 3 – Summary of Groundwater Strikes

Groundwater levels in the boreholes and rotary coreholes were monitored on 9th December 2005 to 3rd January 2006. Table 4 below presents the recorded groundwater levels.

Location	9 th December 2005		13 th December 2005		19 th December 2005		3 rd January 2006	
	Water Level (m bgl)	Water Level (m OD)	Water Level (m bgl)	Water Level (m OD)	Water Level (m OD)	Water Level (m bgl)	Water Level (m bgl)	Water Level (m OD)
BH1	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.9	4.6	4.4
BH2	-	-	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
BH3	-	-	4.1	8.3	4.1	8.3	4.9	7.5
BH4	-	-	7.8	3.5	8.2	3.1	8.7	2.6
BH5	-	-	-	-	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
BH6	-	-	7.5	2.9	7.7	2.7	8.0	2.4
BH7	1.9	7.2	1.9	7.2	1.9	7.2	1.9	7.1
BH8	7.6	1.1	7.6	1.1	7.7	1.0	7.9	0.8
BH13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH14	9.5	2.5	9.5	2.5	9.6	2.4	9.8	2.2
BH15	8.7	4.6	8.2	5.1	8.9	4.4	8.9	3.7
RC1	11.8	1.6	11.7	1.7	11.8	1.6	12.0	1.4
RC3	4.4	8.4	4.4	8.3	4.5	8.2	4.7	8.1
RC4	-	-	6.4	1.0	6.5	0.6	6.7	0.7
RC5	-	-	7.3	0.8	7.5	0.6	7.7	0.4
RC6	-	-	-	-	4.0	5.3	6.3	3.0

Table 4 Summary of Groundwater Monitoring

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 General

The following section provides geotechnical recommendations for the proposed development.

The proposed development is to consist of multi-storey retail and residential structures. A double level basement is to be constructed across the whole site area. The proposed basement level north of GL W is +0.5m OD and south of GL W is +4.0m OD.

5.2 Foundations

The recommended foundation option for the proposed development are pad foundations. Pad foundations may be founded on the very stiff to hard brown or black boulder clay or the dense to very dense gravel.

A net allowable bearing capacity of 350kPa may be assumed for the dense gravel stratum at the formation indicated. A net allowable bearing capacity of 350kPa may be assumed for the black boulder clay and hard brown boulder clay underlying this strata at the formation indicated.

In the area of BH15 and BH14 formations are likely to consist of stiff to hard brown boulder clay. In the area of BH4 and BH6 formations will consist of very stiff to hard black boulder clay. In the area of RC2, RC4, RC5, RC6, BH2 and BH8 formations will consist of dense gravel, indicating that 350 kPa is acceptable.

In all remaining areas formations may consist of dense gravels or the brown or black boulder clay strata. All formations should be thoroughly inspected to ensure that all material of stiff consistency or less has been removed.

Figure 5 and Figure 6 illustrate cross sections through boreholes and rotary coreholes indicating the material at the basement formation level.

Deep foundations such as pile foundations are also an option in areas of high column loads. For example 600mm ϕ and 900mm ϕ bored piles would typically support Safe Working Loads of 1750kN and 3000kN respectively with 6m to 8m embedment into the dense gravel or hard boulder clay strata.

3 Soil Retention / Water Cut-Off

The proposed basement formation level north of GL W is +0.5m OD. The ground levels in this area vary between 6.6m OD and 11.5m OD. This equates to a dig depth of between approximately 6.5m and 11.5m. Monitored groundwater levels in this area vary between 0.8m OD and 8.1m OD. In the area of BH1, BH3, BH6, BH7 and RC3 the groundwater level varies between 2.5m OD and 8.5m OD. The variation in monitored water levels is attributed to the fact that the groundwater in the gravel strata in this area is thought to be under artesian pressure conditions and also due to the permeability difference in the clay and gravel stratas.

The proposed basement formation level south of GL W is +3.0m OD. Ground levels in this area vary between 12.0m OD and 14.2m OD. This therefore equates to a dig depth between 9.0m and 11.2m approximately. Monitored water levels in this area vary between 1.6m OD and 9m OD. In general however water levels are below formation level except in BH 15 (6.0m OD) and the previous URS water monitoring point at location gridline W/2.

The key issue in dewatering the site is to be able to control groundwater within the discharge constraints that Dublin City Council (DCC) will allow to the public services in the proximity of the site. Typically Dublin City Council will only allow in the order of 5 to 15 l/s to be discharged.

It is therefore imperative that a cut-off wall substantially limit groundwater ingress, so that the site pumping can control groundwater ingress within the constraints of the relevant discharge licenses.

It is therefore recommended that a secant pile wall be employed in the proposed development in order to provide both groundwater cut off and permanent/temporary soil retention. It is recommended that a propped bored 900mm or 600mm ϕ hard/soft secant pile wall be provided depending on the retained height of the wall. The secant pile wall should extend to -3m OD to -5m OD to achieve a 1.5m embedment into the underlying clay layers (i.e. max pile length of 19m long piles). This will provide sufficient embedment for overall stability of the pile wall and also *most probably* sufficient water cut off so that groundwater ingress may be controlled by conventional pumping regimes.

As part of the pile wall design a dewatering analysis should be carried out to determine secant pile toe levels required to achieve reasonable ground water cut off to allow conventional site pumping control groundwater ingress. Therefore the above suggested toe levels may vary dependant on the result of this analysis.

The toe level of the wall will be dependent on two major factors, firstly the overall stability of the wall which will determine the required embedment to resist over turning of the wall and secondly the groundwater ingress beneath the wall.

The computer package STAWAL from OASYS Geo has been used to determine the required toe level for the overall stability of the wall. The required toe levels are between –4.5m OD and –6.0m OD to the north of GL W and –3.0m OD to the south of GL W. The pile reinforcement can be terminated at these levels however the pile (concrete) should be extended to achieve at depth of 1.5m into the underlying deep boulder clay layers.

The depth to boulder clay in rotary core No. 5 dips off to 18m bgl.

The driller described it as gravel with clay returns. We would recommend that for groundwater cut-off the piling contractor be requested to provide a 2m embedment into boulder clay. The proposed method of piling should ensure that the piling contractor can achieve the embedment and be able to detect the presence of the layer.

The analysis also indicates that a intermediate row of props/anchors will be required to along GL 01 as per attached sketch is reduce wall deflections and pile bending moment if pile diameter of 900mm or less is employed. Pile wall deflections should be limited to approximately 25mm along the road boundary and 15mm to 20mm along all boundaries bounded by the existing stonewall, subject to reviewing the existing boundary wall.

The following design parameters may be employed for the design of the secant pile wall.

Stratum	Condition	γ (kN/m ³)	C'	Cu (kPa)	ϕ (°)	E (kPa)
Made Ground	Drained	18	0	-	30°	45,000
Dense Gravel	Drained	19	0	-	40°	90,000
Brown Boulder Clay	Drained	19	0	-	35°	80,000
	Undrained	19	-	100	-	80,000
Black Boulder Clay	Drained	19	0	-	37°	95,000
	Undrained	19	-	175	-	95,000

Table 5 – Design Parameters for Retaining Wall Design

4 Pile Installation

3 No. Trial pits were excavated to determine the cobble and boulder size, shape and content in the upper gravel stratum by visual inspection. The cobbles/boulders were both rounded and sub angular in shape and typically varied between 100mm and 350mm with maximum size of 500mm. The Appendix includes photographs of the same. Also a significant amount of the Shell and Auger boreholes refused at shallow depths and those that achieved deeper depths recorded significant chiselling hours due to hard drilling and boulders.

Piling contractors should be made aware of the above in their appraisal of the drillable of the ground. The following should also be considered by the piling contractor

- Recommended minimum piling plant-drilling torque of 25 Tm (Particularly for CFA) should be provided. Approx. 20Tm is the minimum that should be employed however drilling rates may be slow and the possibility exists of not achieving the required depths.
- Piling contractor to provide methodology and costs of overcoming refusal in the event that it occurs with rotary bored or CFA techniques on the boulders noted.

A trial piling operation should be carried out with the preferred piling contractor, with the proposed plant to be employed prior to award of contract. This should consist of drilling 8 bores to design toe level at various locations across the site.

5.5 Uplift

The structure and podium areas should be reviewed in the permanent condition to determine if hydrostatic water pressures will result in a net uplift pressure. It is recommended that at the south end of the site that hydrostatic level of +9m OD while at the northern end a level of +2m OD be employed. The proposed levels take into consideration hydrostatic levels recorded by URS on previous site investigation works. The variation of $\pm 0.5\text{m}$ between URS and current monitored levels can be attributed to seasonal variations.

It is recommended that the following uplift pressures be designed for:

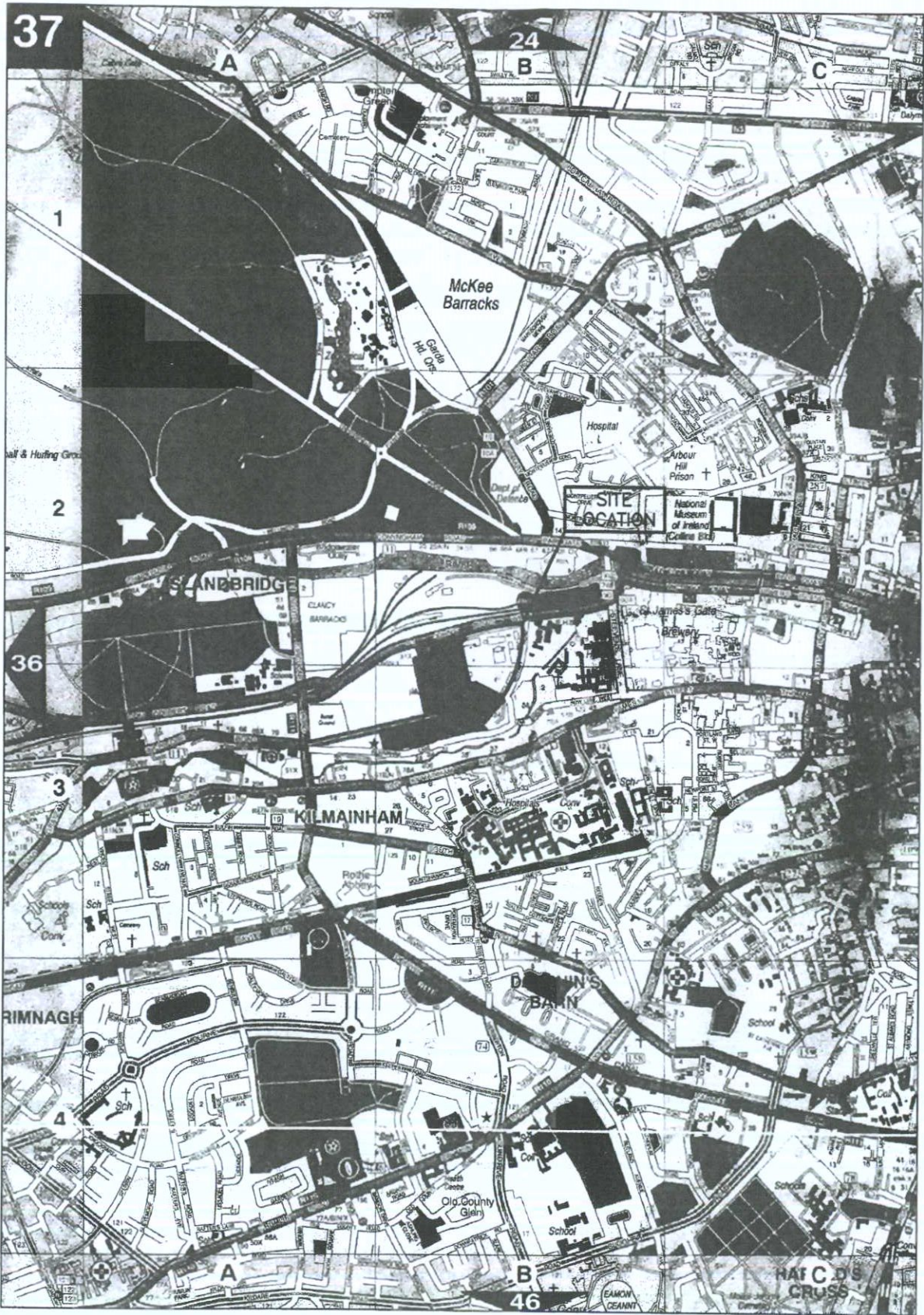
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- North of Gridline U +8.5m OD

- South of Gridline U +9m OD

The construction sequence should also be reviewed to insure that in the temporary condition that hydrostatic water pressure are allowed for i.e. provide dewatering to maintain water levels at a depressed level to insure no uplift occurs on temporary anchors. It is recommended that if permanent or temporary anchors are employed that they be passive anchors rather than pre-stressed as it will make corrosion protection and the slab water proofing detail made easy.

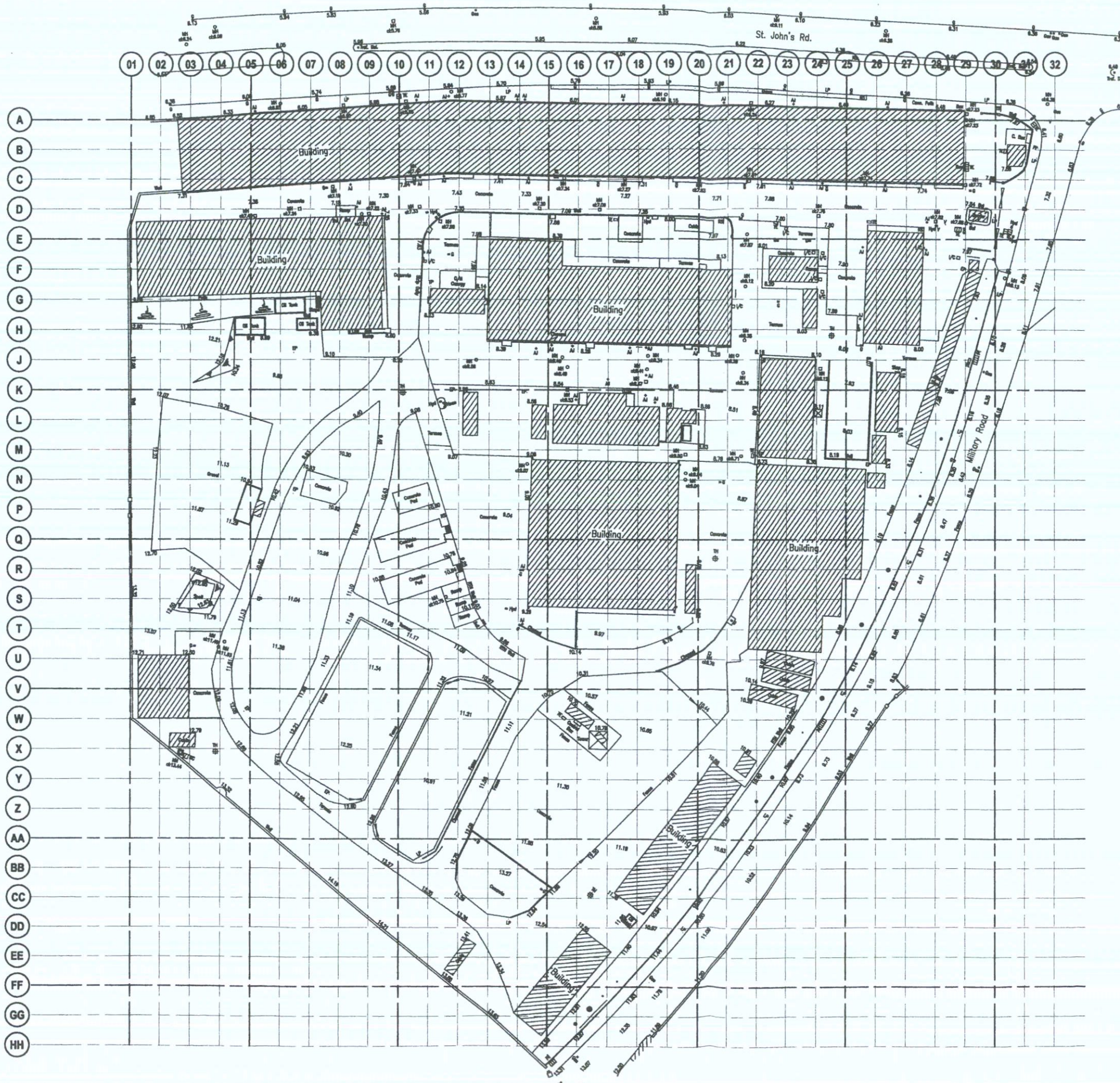
5.6 Sub-surface Concrete

pH and SO₃ testing has been specified to allow concrete mix design of sub-surface concrete be carried out. Appendix G contains the data. The testing indicated that XAI grade concrete is acceptable.



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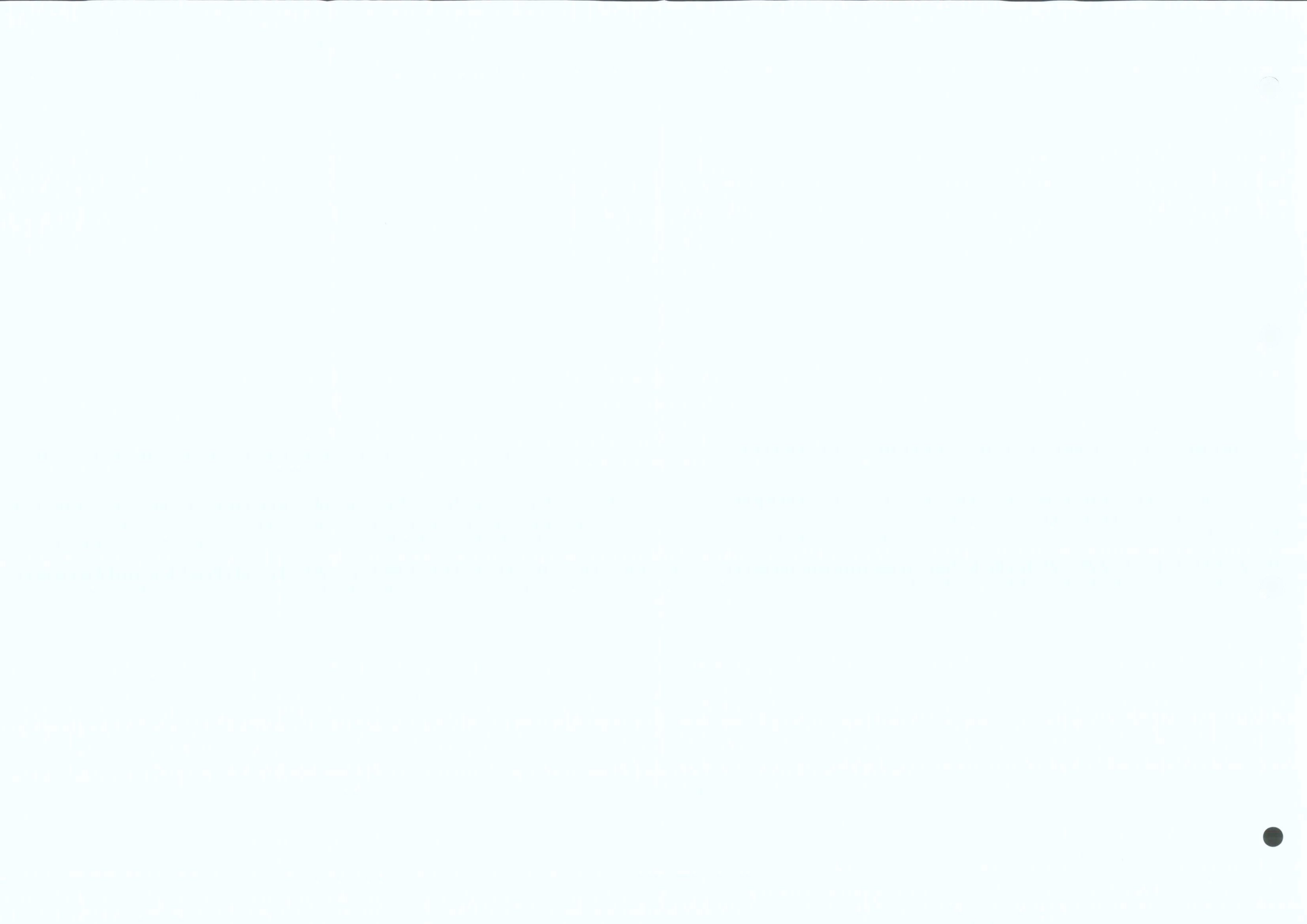
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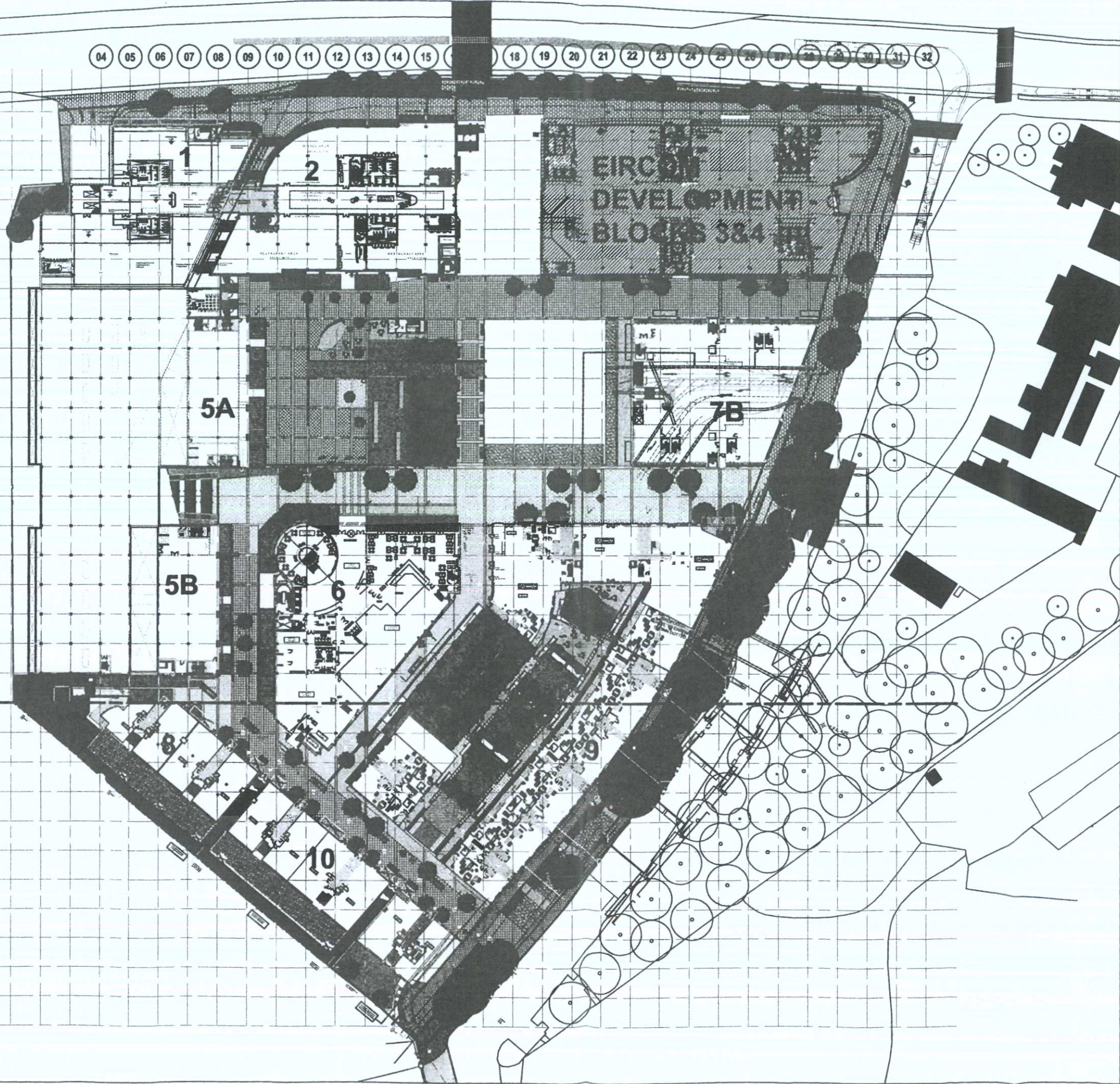
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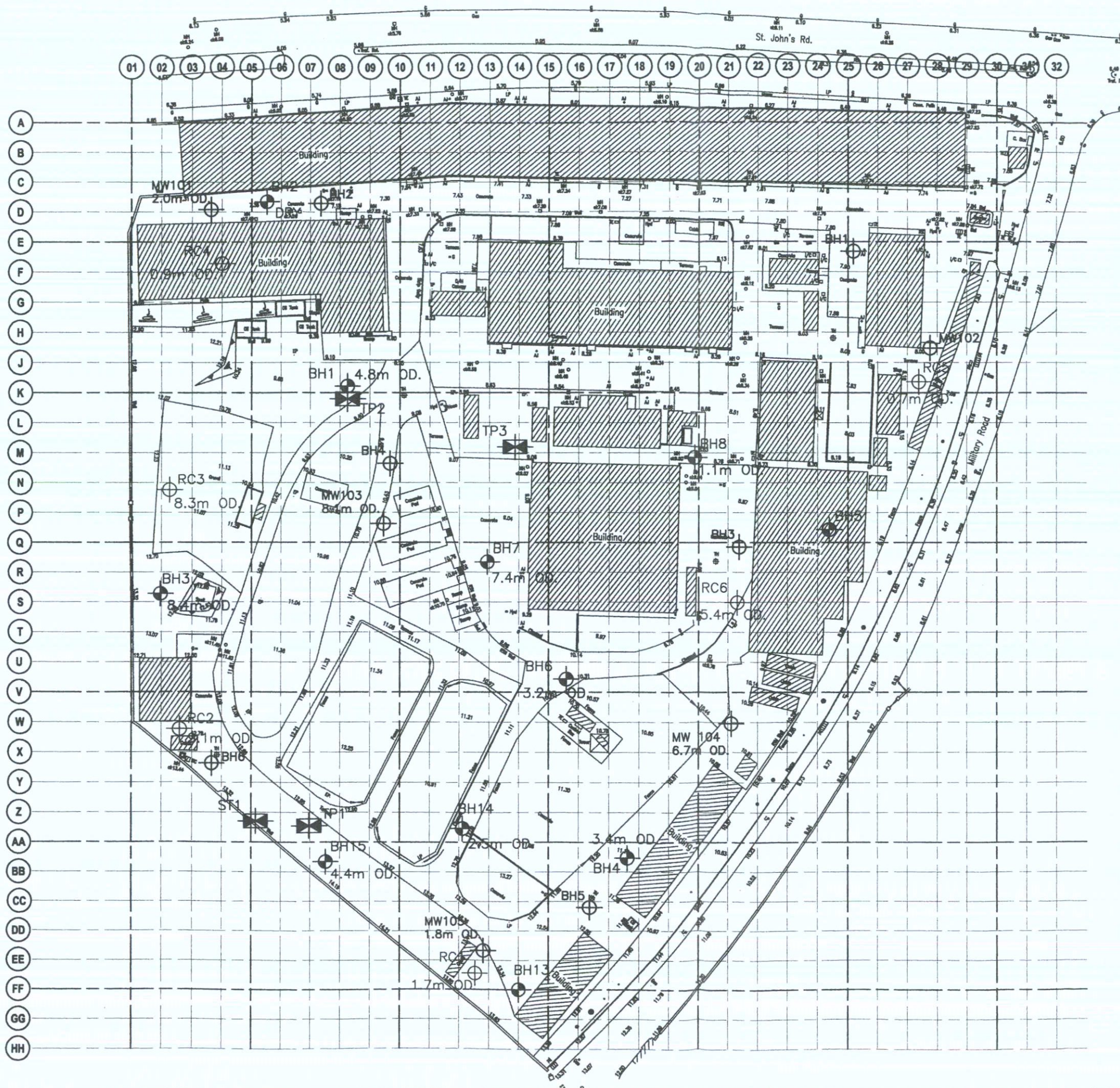
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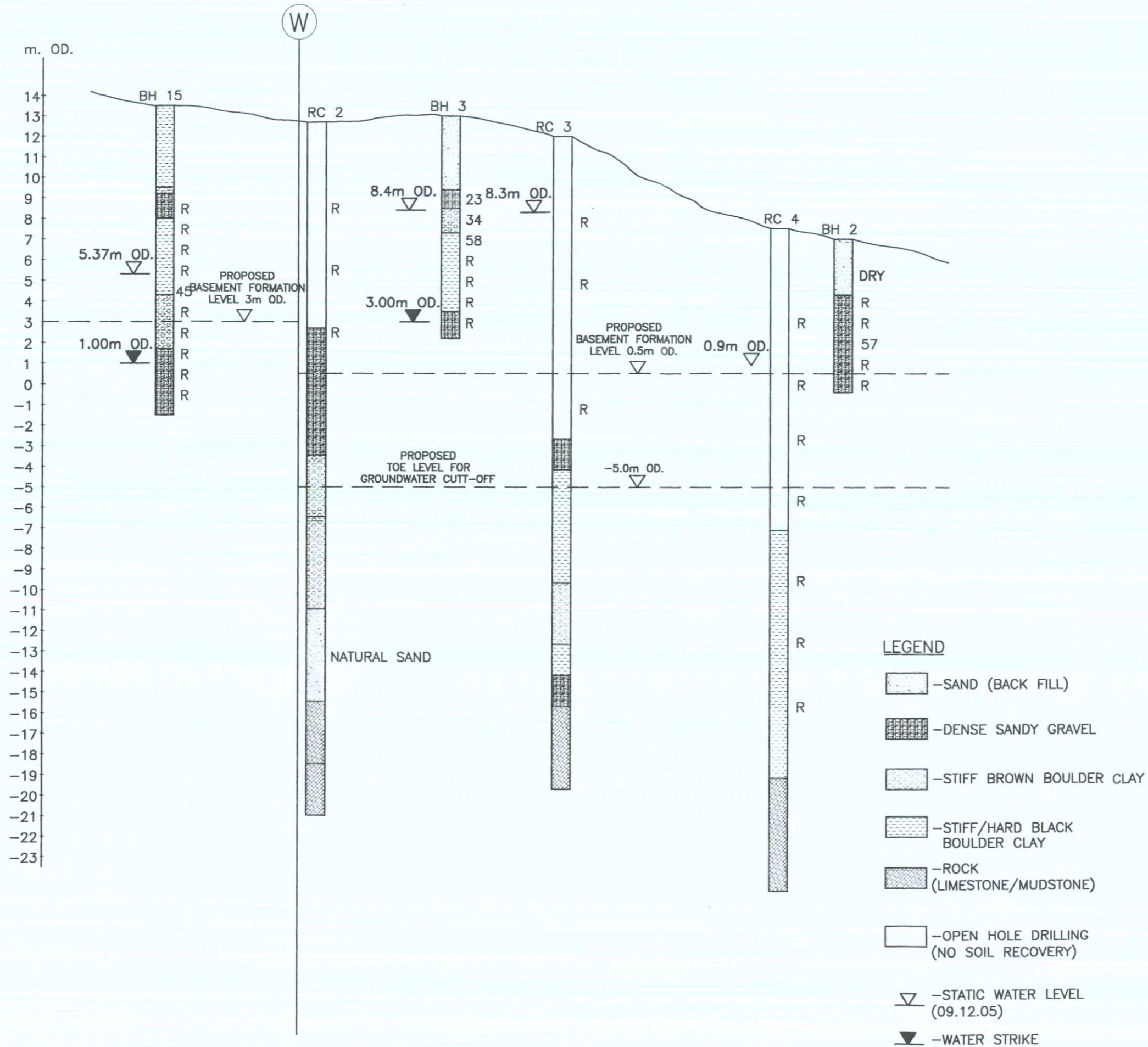
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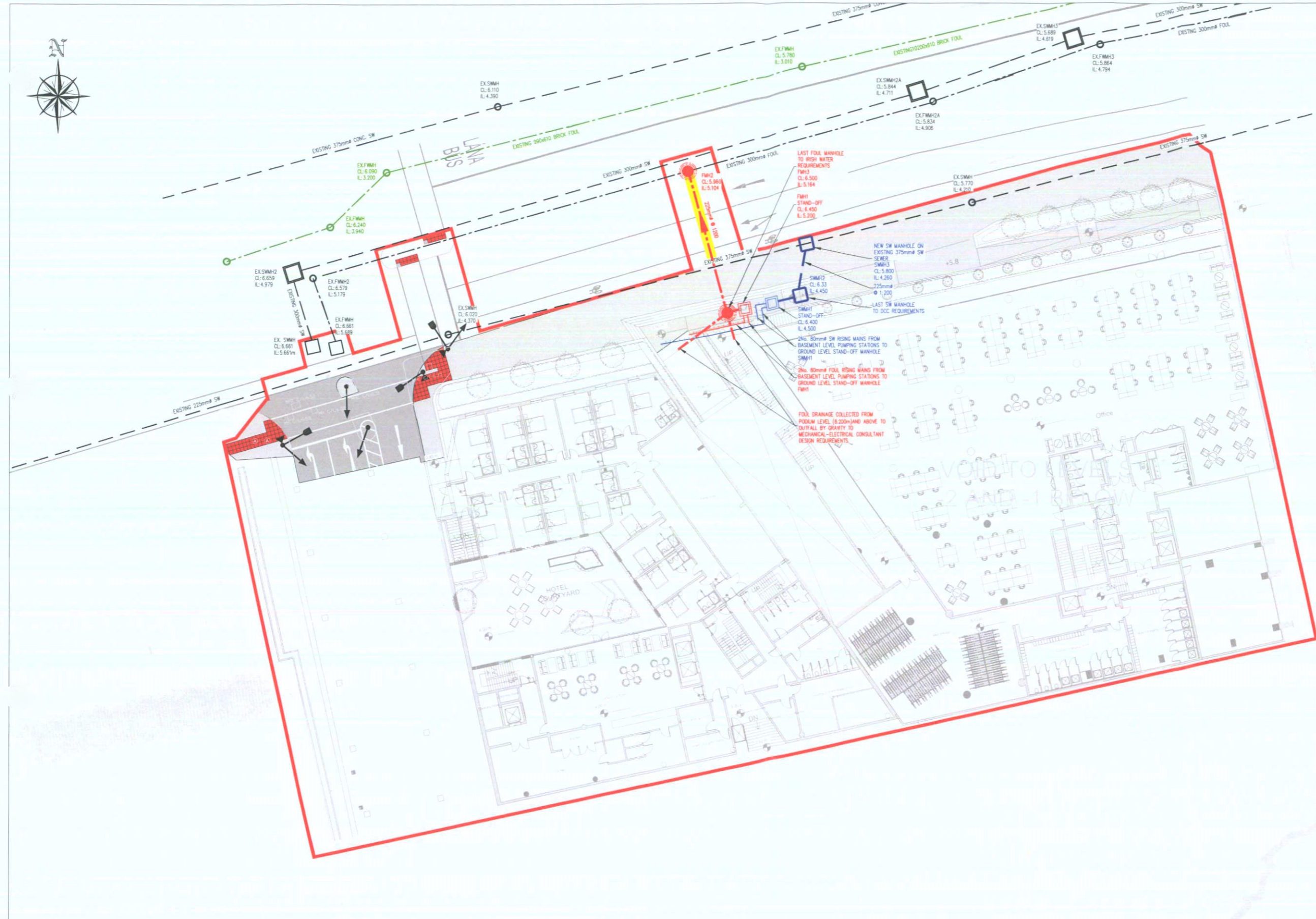
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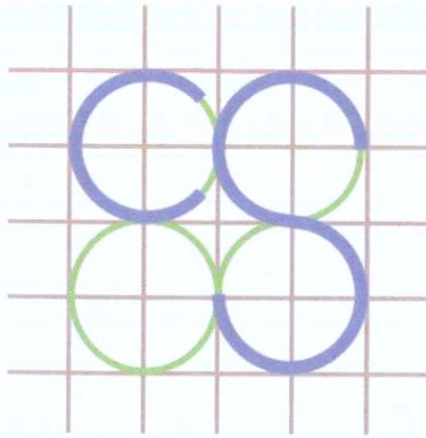
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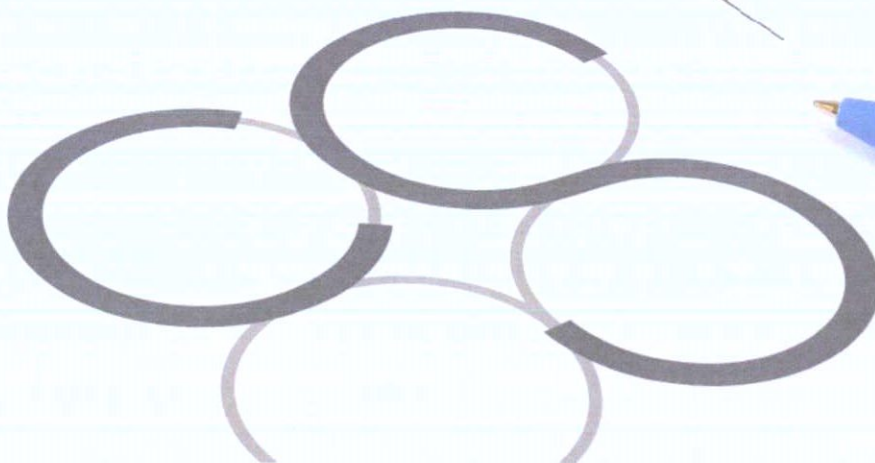
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Heuston South Quarter, St. John's
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OFFICE AND HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cronin & Sutton Consulting Engineers (CS Consulting) have been commissioned by HPREF HSQ Investments Ltd. to prepare a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (SSFRA) to accompany a planning application for a proposed office and hotel development at Heuston South Quarter, St. John's Road West, Kilmainham, Dublin 8.

This report reviews the site's vulnerability to a variety of flooding mechanisms, in accordance with published guidelines, and the need for any flood risk mitigation measures. The sequential approach, as outlined by the national flood guidelines, was followed in the preparation of this report.

In preparing this report, CS Consulting has made reference to the following:

- Dublin City Development Plan 2016–2022
(including Strategic Flood Risk Assessment)
- Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Works
- Office of Public Works Flood Maps
- Department of the Environment Flooding Guidelines
- Geological Survey of Ireland Maps
- Local Authority Drainage Records

The SSFRA is to be read in conjunction with the engineering drawings and documents submitted by CS Consulting and with all relevant further documentation submitted by other members of the design team as part of this planning submission.

Note on sources:

- The Office of Public Works flood database (www.floodinfo.ie) was accessed in September 2021. All historic, fluvial, and tidal flooding



information from this source that is employed in this report is based on the data from this time.

- The GSI website (www.gsi.ie), from which geological and hydrogeology data has been sourced for use in this report, was accessed in September 2021.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Site Location

The proposed development is located on St. John's Road West at the Heuston South Quarter (HSQ) complex in Dublin 8, within the administrative jurisdiction of Dublin City Council. The planning application boundary encloses an area of approx. 0.62ha. The development site is bounded to the west by the gardens of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, to the north by St. John's Road West, to the east by an existing office building, and to the south by a further partially developed section of the wider HSQ complex that is also in the applicant's ownership.

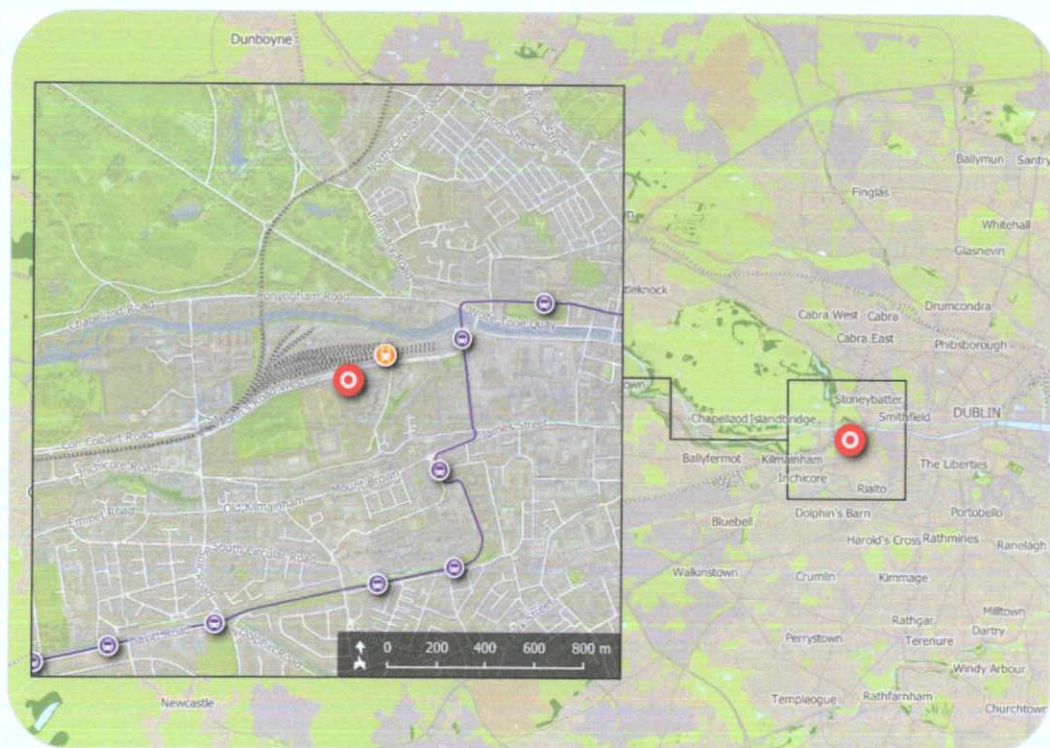


Figure 1 – Location of proposed development site
(map data & imagery: EPA, OSi, NTA, OSM Contributors, Google)

The location of the proposed development site is shown in **Figure 1**; the indicative extents of the development site, as well as relevant elements of the surrounding road network, are shown in more detail in **Figure 2**.



Figure 2 – Site extents and environs
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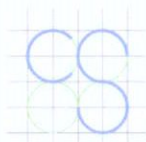
2.2 Existing Land Use

The subject site is brownfield, comprising a partially developed section of the Heuston South Quarter (HSQ) complex. Some surface level internal roads are present on the site, which benefits from the existing established HSQ vehicular accesses on St. John's Road West (R148) and Military Road. The site has been landscaped as an interim measure to improve its aesthetics pending its complete development. There is already an established road, pedestrian and cycle network in the vicinity of the site.

2.3 Description of Proposed Development

The proposed development will provide a mixed use commercial development comprising of a hotel (241 no. bedrooms) and an office block delivering a cumulative Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 32,602, inclusive of basement area. The proposed development consists of:

- Site clearance and localised demolitions to remove part of the podium and Basement Level -1 reinforced concrete slabs at the interface of the proposed hotel and office blocks, together with the incorporation of part of the existing basement level structure extending to approximately 4,228 sq.m (GFA).
- The proposed basement will be integrated within the existing basement levels serving the wider HSQ development and will be accessed from the existing vehicular ramped accesses/egresses onto/off St. John's Road West and Military Road to the north and east, respectively. The proposed basement area is split into two areas to provide a dedicated Hotel Basement area of approximately 2,132 sq.m (GFA) and an Office basement area of 2,096 sq.m (GFA).
- The construction of a 5-storey hotel (over lower ground and basement levels) to provide 238 no. bedrooms. At basement level provision is made for 24 no. car parking spaces; 2 no. motorcycle spaces together with plant and storage rooms. A waste storage area with dedicated loading bay / staging area is provided along with dedicated set-down area for deliveries. A dual-purpose service bay is also provided at basement level with modifications to existing line markings to the basement parking area to accommodate the development. At Lower Ground floor level provision is made for 14 no. Bedrooms; Conference Room; Kitchen and Staff facilities and Changing Rooms / WCs plus ancillary Gym. This floor is arranged around an internal courtyard space. Provision is made at Podium level for 19 no. Bedrooms; Dining Area and Foyer with entrance at the South-Eastern corner of the



building onto a new laneway separating the proposed hotel and office building. Provision is made at the south-western corner at podium level for an ESB sub-station / switch room and 15 no Sheffield type bicycle stands are provided for the hotel and the retail / café unit, providing storage space for 30 no. bicycles. A total of 205 no. bedrooms are provided at the upper levels (above podium level). The top floor of the hotel (4th floor) has a splayed setback to provide a west facing roof terrace. An ancillary hotel bar (118 sq.m) opens onto this roof terrace.

- The construction of a 12-storey (over lower ground and basement levels) office building to the east of the proposed hotel building to provide 19,474 sq.m of office floorspace (GFA) from lower ground floor level and above. Provision is made at basement level for 30 no. car parking spaces; 2 motorcycle spaces and 120 no. bicycle storage spaces together with plant and storage rooms. Provision is made for a further 196 no. bicycle storage spaces at Lower Ground floor level plus changing rooms (including showers). At podium level 2 no. ESB sub-stations and switch rooms are proposed. The foyer and entrance is provided at the southern end of the building at Podium level along with a Retail/Café unit of 208 sq.m at the South-Western corner of the building. The building is setback at 4th floor level to provide a west facing roof terrace. Splayed setbacks to the southern and eastern elevations at the 11th floor level forms a roof terrace that wraps around the South-Eastern corner of the building. Plant is provided at rooftop level that is enclosed by curved louvred screens and PV panels.
- Works proposed along the St John's Road West frontage include the omission of the existing left-turn filter lane to the vehicular ramped access to the HSQ development and re-configuration of the pedestrian crossings at the existing junction together with the re-configuration of the existing pedestrian crossing over the westbound lanes of St. John's Road West leading to an existing pedestrian refuge



island and re-alignment of the existing footpath along the site frontage onto St John's Road West to tie into the reconfigured junction arrangement.

- Drainage works proposed include the provision of 2 no. below basement surface water attenuation tanks with duty/stand-by arrangement pump sumps and associated valve chambers, and 2 no. below basement foul pump sumps with duty/stand-by arrangement and 24hr emergency storage and associated valve chambers. New foul drainage and stormwater drainage connections are proposed to existing foul and storm sewers in St. John's Road West with associated site works.
- Hard and soft landscaping works are proposed at lower ground level along St John's Road West and at podium level to provide for the extension and completion of the public plaza to the south of the proposed Office Block and the provision of a new pedestrian laneway connecting St John's Road West with the public plaza at podium level.

3.0 EXISTING INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

The original masterplan for the entire HSQ development was granted planning permission by Dublin City Council in 2003 (DCC Ref 2656/03). As part of this planning grant, the developer was obliged to construct infrastructure to serve the entire development at the outset. This included new foul and surface water sewers along St. John's Road West and Military Road. The new 300mm foul sewer connected to a public combined sewer at Dr. Steeven's Hospital. The new 300mm surface water sewer connected to the existing Camac Culvert, also adjacent to Dr. Steeven's Hospital. Finally, a new 450mm watermain was extended down Military Road, from an existing line at Bow Lane, as part of these initial infrastructure works (see **Appendix H**).

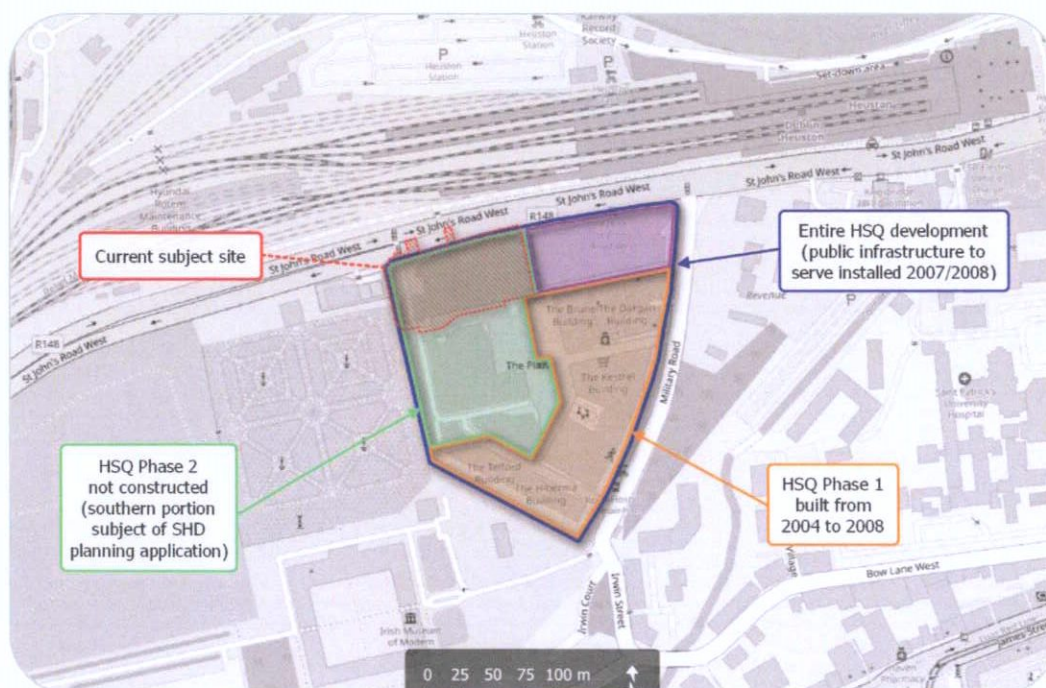


Figure 3 – Indicative location of early works
 (background map imagery: OSM Contributors)

A number of subsequent applications were approved by DCC, based on connecting into the infrastructure noted in the 2003 masterplan. The



majority of the east of the site was constructed prior to the financial crash in 2008.

During the basement construction works for the completed portions of the development, much of the foul, surface and watermain infrastructure was constructed to connect to the newly installed public infrastructure.

4.0 LEVEL OF SERVICE

There is an existing inherent risk of any flood event occurring during any given year. Typically, this likelihood of occurrence was traditionally expressed as a 1-in-100 chance of a 100-year storm event happening in any given year.

A less ambiguous expression of probability is the Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP), which may be defined as the probability of a flood event being exceeded in any given year. Therefore a 1-in-100-year event has a 1% AEP; similarly, a 100% AEP can be expressed as a 1-in-1-year event.

The Planning System and Flood Risk Management, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Flood Risk Management Guidelines), published in 2009, set out the best practice standards for flood risk assessment in Ireland. These are summarised in **Table 1** below (Table 8.1 from Flood Risk Management Guidelines document).

Table 1 – Summary of Level of Service: Flooding Source

Development Category	Flooding Source		
	Drainage	River	Tidal/Coastal
Residential	1% AEP	0.1% AEP	0.1% AEP
Commercial	1% AEP	1% AEP	0.5% AEP
Water-compatible (docks, marinas)	-	>1% AEP	>0.5% AEP

Under these guidelines, a proposed development site has first to be assessed to determine the flood zone category it falls under.

It is a requirement of Dublin City Council, the *Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study* (DCC 2005), and the Flood Risk Management Guidelines that the predicted effects of climate change be incorporated into any

proposed design. **Table 2** below indicates the predicted climate change variations.

Table 2 – Predicted climate change variations

Design Category	Predicted Impact of Climate Change
Drainage	20% Increase in rainfall
Fluvial (river flows)	20% Increase in flood flow
Tidal / Coastal	Minimum Finished Floor Level 4.0 – 4.15m AOD

The flooding guidelines define three distinct areas of combined flood risk: Zones A, B, and C. These are described below.

- **Zone A** – High Probability of Flooding. Where the average probability of flooding from rivers and sea is highest (greater than 1% AEP for fluvial flooding or 0.5% AEP for tidal flooding).
- **Zone B** – Moderate Probability of Flooding. Where the average probability of flooding from rivers and sea is moderate (between 0.1% AEP and 1% AEP for fluvial flooding, and between 0.1% AEP and 0.5% AEP for tidal flooding).
- **Zone C** – Low Probability of Flooding. Where the probability of flooding from rivers and sea is lowest (less than 0.1% AEP for both fluvial and coastal flooding).

A review of DCC flood risk mapping shows the subject site to be located in **Flood Zone C**. See **Appendix B** and **Figure 4**.

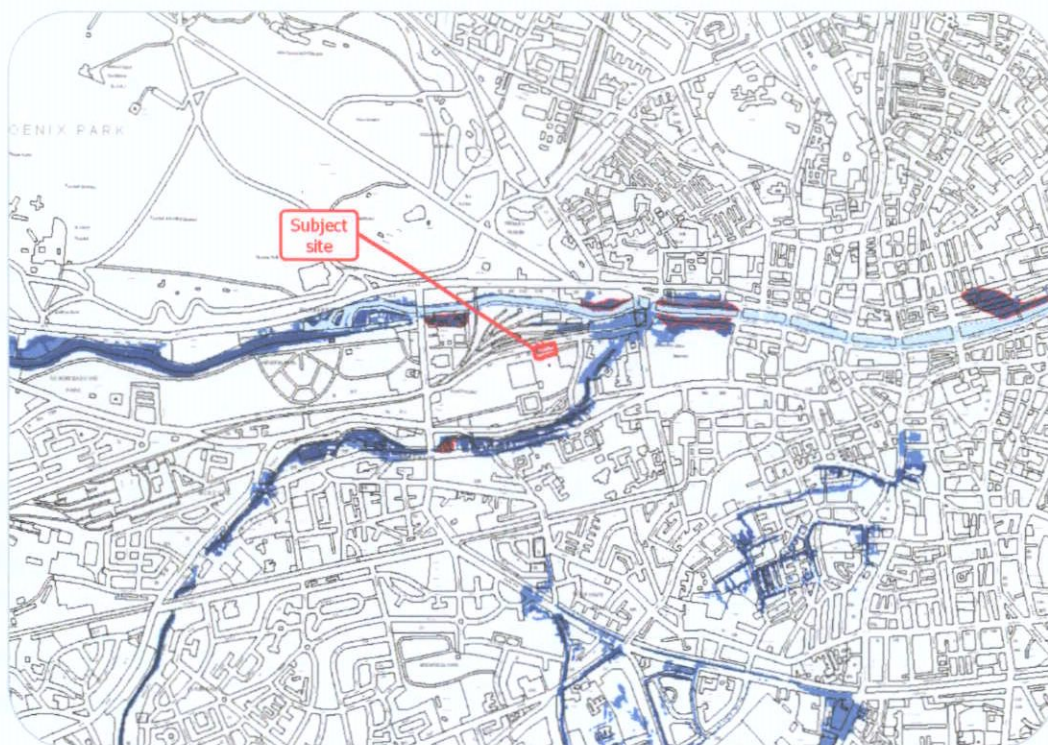


Figure 4 – Extract of DCC composite flood risk mapping
(background imagery source: Dublin City Council)

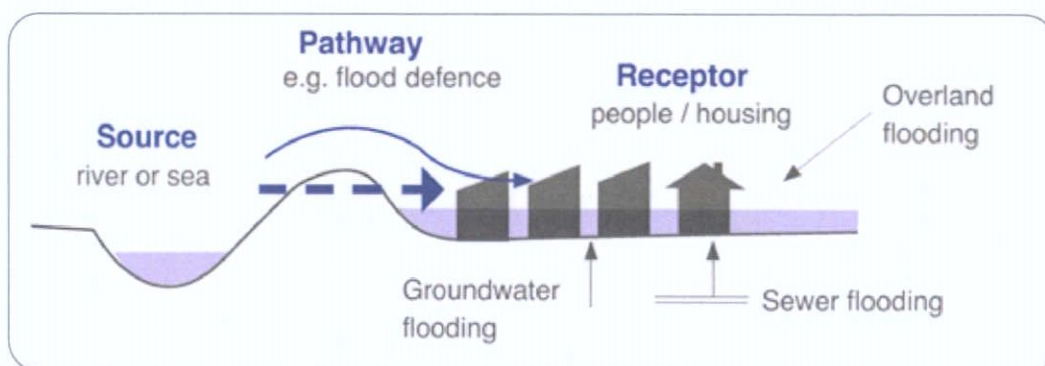


Figure 5 – Source-pathway-receptor model
(The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines)

The Flood Risk Management Guidelines include an ‘appropriateness’ matrix for various developments and their potential risk factors. This matrix, reproduced in **Table 3** below, indicates whether a proposed development requires further analysis in the form of a justification test. The Flood Risk

Management Guidelines generally classify commercial buildings as 'less vulnerable developments'.

Table 3 – Flood Zone vs. Justification Test Matrix

Development Category	Flood Zone A	Flood Zone B	Flood Zone C
Highly Vulnerable Development	Justification Test Required	Justification Test Required	Appropriate
Less Vulnerable Development	Justification Test Required	Appropriate	Appropriate
Water-compatible Development	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

As previously noted, the subject site is located within **Flood Zone C**. As such, a justification test is not required.

5.0 HISTORIC FLOODING

A review of the Office of Public works historical flooding database (www.floodmaps.ie) does not indicate any previous recorded incidents of flooding on the subject site. See **Appendix A** for a copy of the Past Flood Event Local Area Summary Report for this area. An extract of the associated mapping is shown in **Figure 6** below.

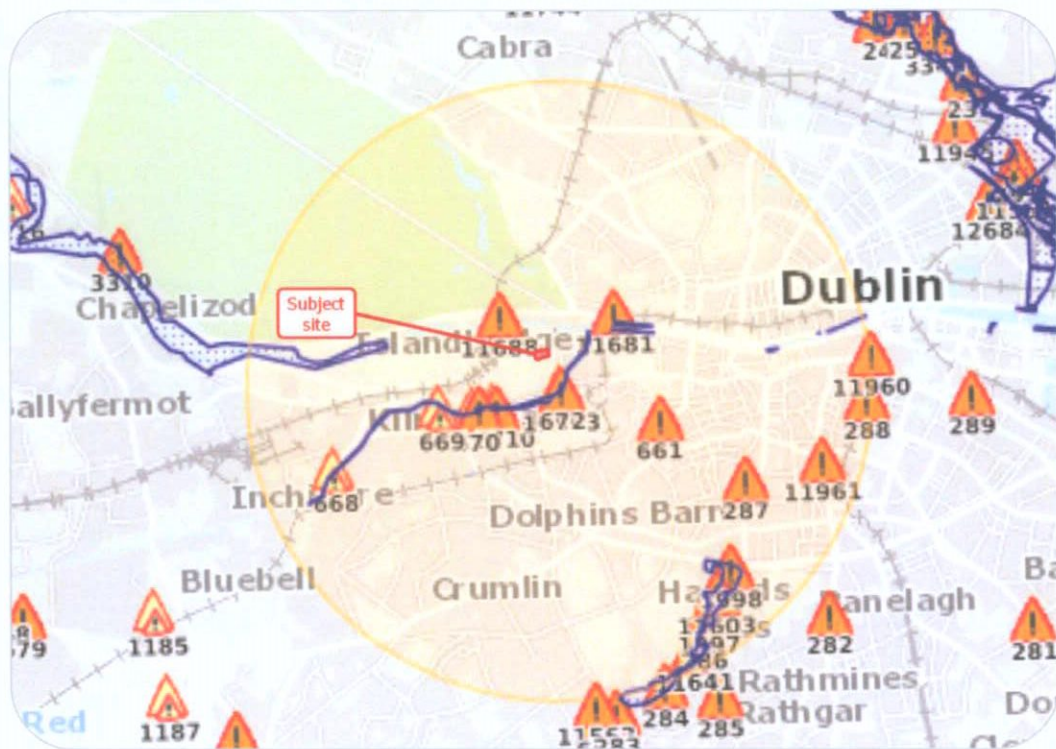


Figure 6 – Extract of Past Flood Event Local Area Summary Report map
(background imagery source: OPW)

6.0 FLUVIAL FLOODING

A review of the Office of Public Works fluvial flood risk maps developed as part of the CFRAM initiative indicates that the subject site is located outside of the zone at risk from a predicted 1-in-1000-year fluvial flood event. See **Appendix C** for the relevant CFRAM map of predicted fluvial flooding extents, an extract of which is shown in **Figure 7**.

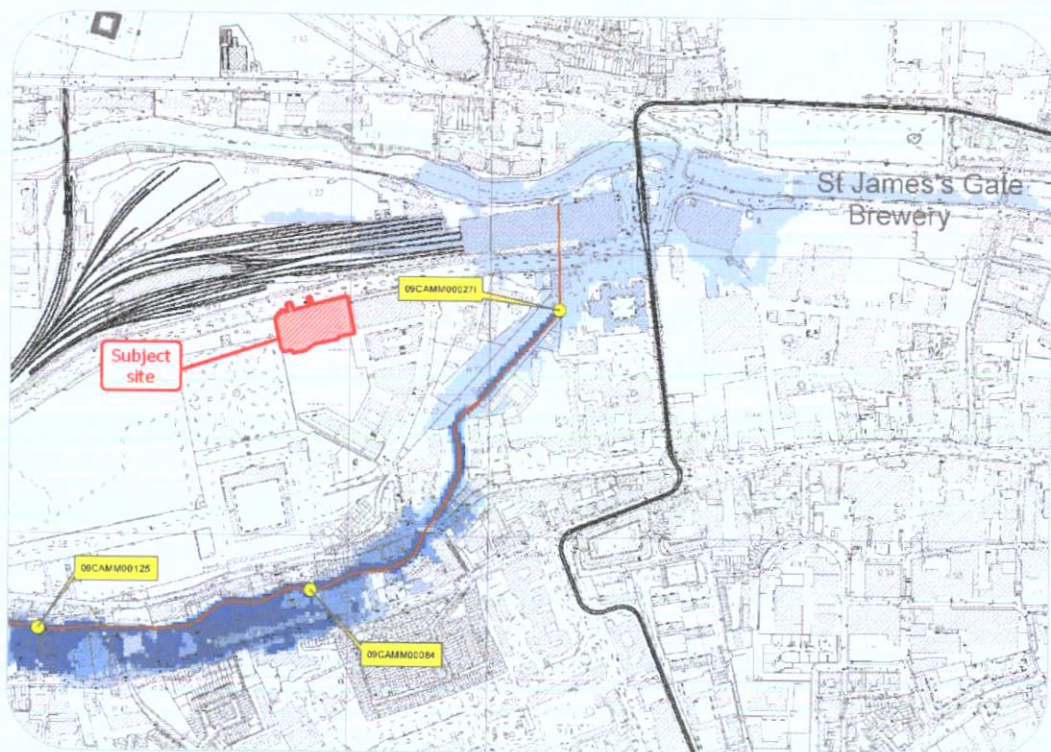


Figure 7 – Extract of CFRAM fluvial flood extents mapping
(background imagery source: OPW)

7.0 PLUVIAL FLOODING

Pluvial flooding is flooding which has originated from overland flow resulting from high intensity rain fall. A high-level pluvial flood map has been produced by both Dublin City Council & the OPW, but it is of benefit as a high-level tool rather than for a specific site. Previous flood events in the area can be reviewed on the Office of Public Works web site (www.floodmaps.ie). Refer to **Figure 6** and to **Appendix A** for the historical flood mapping in the area, and to **Appendix D** for the DCC pluvial flood map.

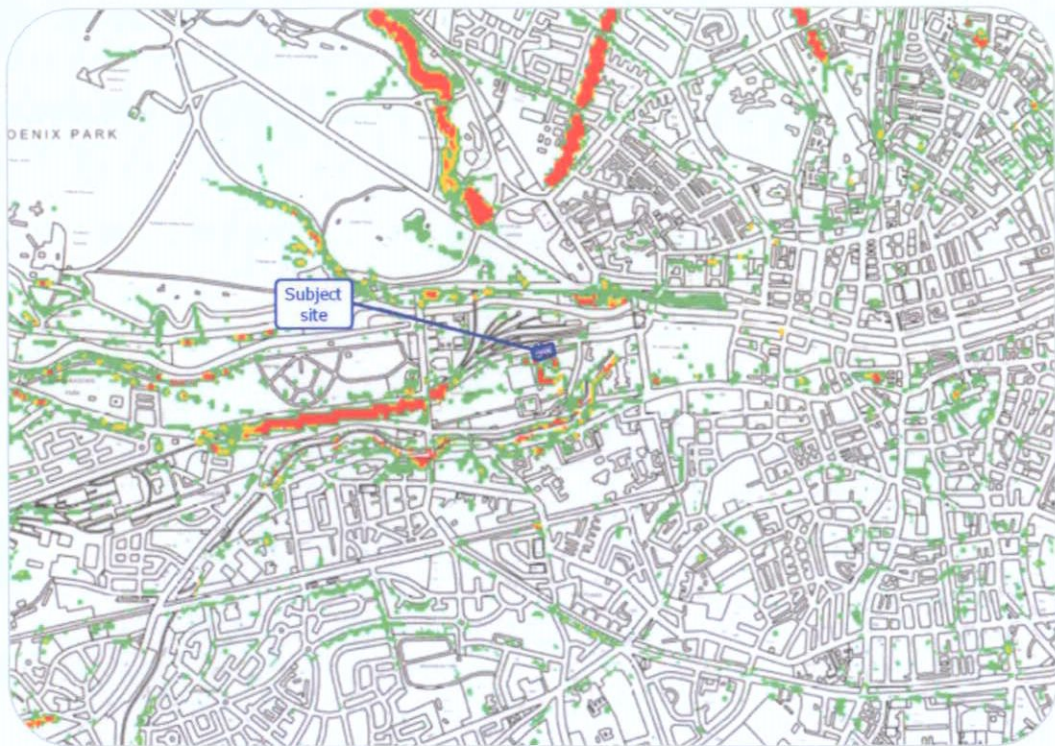


Figure 8 – Extract of DCC pluvial flood hazard mapping
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