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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Landric Homes to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential development site to be located at 6001-6005 Renaud Road in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objective of the geotechnical investigation was to:

- Determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of boreholes.
- Provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining to design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect the design.

The following report has been prepared specifically and solely for the aforementioned project which is described herein. It contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as they are understood at the time of writing this report.

Investigating the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject property was not part of the scope of work of the present investigation. Therefore, the present report does not address environmental issues.

## 2.0 Proposed Development

Based on the available drawings, it is understood that the proposed development will consist of two blocks of stacked town houses with one basement level. Associated access lanes, parking areas, walkways, and landscaped areas are also anticipated as part of the development. It is expected that the proposed buildings will be municipally serviced.

The development is expected to be municipally serviced.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the current geotechnical investigation was carried out on March 30 and 31, 2021 and consisted of advancing a total of 5 boreholes to a maximum depth of 6.7 m below existing ground surface. The test hole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site and taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The borehole locations are shown on Drawing PG5737-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were completed using a low-clearance, rubber track-mounted drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling procedure consisted of advancing each test hole to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling the overburden.

#### **Sampling and In Situ Testing**

The soil samples were collected from the boreholes using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon (SS) sampler. The samples were initially classified on site, placed in sealed plastic bags, and transported to our laboratory. The depths at which the auger, and split-spoon samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as AU, and SS respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) was conducted in conjunction with the recovery of the split-spoon samples. The SPT results are recorded as “N” values on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets. The “N” value is the number of blows required to drive the split-spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after a 150 mm initial penetration using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm.

Undrained shear strength testing was carried out at regular depth intervals in cohesive soils using a vane apparatus.

The thickness of the overburden was evaluated during the course of the investigation by a dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT) at boreholes BH 3-21 and BH 5-21. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at its tip, using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone into the soil is recorded for each 300 mm increment.

The subsurface conditions observed in the boreholes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are logged on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

### **Groundwater**

Flexible polyethylene standpipes were installed in all boreholes to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

### **Sample Storage**

All samples will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one (1) month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

## **3.2 Field Survey**

The test hole locations were selected by Paterson to provide general coverage of the proposed development, taking into consideration the existing site features and underground utilities. The test hole locations and ground surface elevation at each test hole location were surveyed by Paterson using a handheld GPS and referenced to a geodetic datum. The location of the boreholes and ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented on Drawing PG5737-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

## **3.3 Laboratory Testing**

Soil samples were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging. A total of 1 shrinkage test, 1 grain size distribution analyses, and 3 Atterberg limits tests were completed on selected soil samples. The results are presented in Subsection 4.2 and on Grain Size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing, and Atterberg Limit's Results and Shrinkage Test Results sheets presented in Appendix 1.

## **3.4 Analytical Testing**

One (1) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures, one of which was collected from BH4-21. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity, and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Subsection 6.7.

## **4.0 Observations**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

The ground surface across the subject site is relatively flat and at grade with the surrounding roadways. The subject site consists of two different lots occupied by single-family residential dwellings with associated garage, landscaped areas, fences, and driveways. The site is occupied by a significant number of mature trees.

The site is bordered by Ziegler Street to the north, residential dwellings to the east and west, and by Renaud Road to the south. The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation of 74 to 75 m.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

Generally, the soil profile at the test hole locations consists of topsoil underlain by fill at BH 1-21, BH2-21 and BH 4-21 extending to depths ranging from 1 to 1.3 m. Where encountered, the fill was generally observed to consist of brown silty clay and/or sand with organics.

A brown silty sand layer was encountered underlying the topsoil and/or fill at depths ranging from 0.1 to 1.3 m. The silty sand was underlain by a silty clay at depths ranging from 0.9 to 3.3 m. The silty clay was generally observed to consist of a very stiff to firm, brown silty clay turning into a stiff to firm grey silty clay at boreholes BH 2-21 to BH 5-21.

A glacial till deposit was encountered underlying the silty clay deposit at depths ranging from 3.5 to 4.9 m. The glacial till deposit was generally observed to consist of grey silty clay with sand, gravel, trace cobbles and boulders.

Practical refusal to the DCPT was encountered at a depth of 15.1 m at BH 3-21 and 11.2 m at BH 5-21.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for the details of the soil profile encountered at each test hole location.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in the subject area consists of Paleozoic shale of the Billings formation, with an overburden drift thickness of 25 to 50 m depth.

## Atterberg Limit and Shrinkage Tests

Atterberg limits testing, as well as associated moisture content testing, was completed on the recovered silty clay samples at selected locations throughout the subject site. The results of the Atterberg limits are presented in Table 1 and on the Atterberg Limits Results sheet in Appendix 1.

<b>Table 1 - Atterberg Limits Results</b>					
<b>Sample</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>LL (%)</b>	<b>PL (%)</b>	<b>PI (%)</b>	<b>Classification</b>
BH1-21 SS5	2.1 – 2.7	64	35	29	MH
BH2-21 SS5	2.1 – 2.7	72	34	39	CH
BH4-21 SS4	1.5 – 2.1	68	29	39	CH
Notes: LL: Liquid Limit; PL: Plastic Limit; PI: Plasticity Index; CH: Inorganic Clay of High Plasticity MH: Inorganic Silt of High Plasticity					

The results of the moisture content test are presented in Table 2 and on the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheet in Appendix 1.

The results of the shrinkage limit test indicate a shrinkage limit of 21.76 and a shrinkage ratio of 1.674.



<b>Table 2 – Moisture Content Results</b>			
<b>Borehole</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Water Content (%)</b>
BH1-21	SS4	1.5 – 2.4	20.2
BH1-21	SS8	4.5 – 5.9	10.8
BH1-21	SS9	5.3 – 6.8	12.3
BH2-21	SS4-T3	1.5 - 2.4	20.9
BH2-21	SS4-B8	1.5 – 2.4	44.8
BH2-21	SS6	3.8 – 5.0	43.0
BH3-21	SS3-T3	0.7 – 1.5	21.5
BH3-21	SS3-B12	0.7 – 1.5	46.3
BH3-21	SS4-T18	4.5 – 5.9	52.8
BH3-21	SS4-B6	4.5 – 5.9	12.9
BH3-21	SS5	5.3 – 6.7	10.8
BH3-21	SS6	6.1 – 7.6	10.0
BH4-21	SS3	0.7 – 1.5	12.0
BH4-21	SS9	6.1 – 7.6	10.8
BH5-21	SS3	0.7 – 1.5	23.0
BH5-21	SS4	1.5 – 2.4	19.9
BH5-21	SS5	2.3 – 3.3	24.1
BH5-21	SS6-T4	3.0 – 4.1	23.0
BH5-21	SS6-B5	3.0 – 4.1	45.5
BH5-21	SS7	4.5 – 5.9	14.2
BH5-21	SS8	5.3 – 6.7	14.7

### Grain Size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing

Grain size distribution (sieve and hydrometer analysis) was also completed on one (1) selected soil sample. The results of the grain size analysis are summarized in Table 3 and presented on the Grain-size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing Results sheets in Appendix 1.

<b>Table 3 - Summary of Grain Size Distribution Analysis</b>					
<b>Test Hole</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Gravel (%)</b>	<b>Sand (%)</b>	<b>Silt (%)</b>	<b>Clay (%)</b>
BH4-21	SS4	0.0	3.2	25.3	71.5

### 4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured on April 13, 2021 within the installed polytube piezometers. The measured groundwater levels are presented in Table 4 below.

<b>Table 4 – Summary of Groundwater Levels</b>				
<b>Test Hole Number</b>	<b>Ground Surface Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Measured Groundwater Level</b>		<b>Dated Recorded</b>
		<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Elevation (m)</b>	
BH 1-21	75.74	2.74	73.00	April 13, 2021
BH 2-21	75.04	2.05	72.99	
BH 3-21	74.71	1.47	73.24	
BH 4-21	75.32	2.03	73.29	
BH 5-21	75.66	2.31	73.35	
<b>Note:</b> The ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed using a handheld GPS using a geodetic datum.				

It should be noted that long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, the long-term groundwater table can be expected at approximately 2.5 to 3.5 m below ground surface. The recorded groundwater levels are noted on the applicable Soil Profile and Test Data sheet presented in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater levels could vary at the time of construction.

## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is suitable for the proposed development. It is expected that the proposed development will be founded on conventional spread footings placed on an undisturbed, firm to very stiff silty clay, loose to compact silty sand, and/or loose to dense glacial till.

Due to the presence of a silty clay deposit, a permissible grade raise restriction is required for the subject site for all footings founded on a silty clay bearing surface.

Where glacial till is excavated, it is anticipated that cobbles and boulders will be encountered frequently. All contractors should be prepared for boulder removal throughout the subject site.

The above and other considerations are discussed in the following paragraphs.

### **5.2 Site Grading and Preparation**

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under any buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures. It is anticipated that existing fill within the proposed building footprint, free of deleterious material and significant amounts of organics, and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction can be left in place below the proposed building footprints outside of lateral support zones for the footings. However, it is recommended that the existing fill layer be proof-rolled by a vibratory roller making several passes under dry and above freezing conditions and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction. Any poor performing areas noted during the proof-rolling operation should be removed and replaced with an approved fill.

If encountered, existing foundation walls and other construction debris should be entirely removed from within the building perimeters. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants such as foundation walls should be excavated to a minimum of 1 m below final grade.

## Fill Placement

Fill placed for grading beneath the building areas should consist, unless otherwise specified, of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. The imported fill material should be tested and approved prior to delivery. The fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted by suitable compaction equipment. Fill placed beneath the building should be compacted to a minimum of 99% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil could be placed as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in lifts with a maximum thickness of 300 mm and compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If excavated very stiff to stiff brown silty clay, free of organics and deleterious materials, is to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, the silty clay, under dry conditions, should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD using a sheepsfoot roller. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for placement as backfill against foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a geocomposite drainage membrane, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000, connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

## 5.3 Foundation Design

### Bearing Resistance Values (Conventional Shallow Foundation)

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 5 m wide, founded on an undisturbed, stiff brown silty clay or loose to compact silty sand can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **100 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **150 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical factor of 0.5.

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 5 m wide, founded on an undisturbed, firm grey silty clay or loose to compact silty sand can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **75 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **125 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical factor of 0.5.

Footings placed on an undisturbed, glacial till can be designed using a bearing resistance value at SLS of **200 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **300 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical factor of 0.5.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of one from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, have been removed, in the dry, prior to the placement of concrete footings.

Footings bearing on an undisturbed soil bearing surface and designed using the bearing resistance values provided herein will be subjected to potential post-construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

Silty sand or glacial till subgrade found to be in a loose state below the footings should be proof-rolled using heavy vibratory compaction equipment prior to placing the footings. Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with OPSS Granular A crushed stone.

### **Lateral Support**

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels. Adequate lateral support is provided to silty clay, silty sand or glacial till and engineered fill bearing media when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edges of the footing, at a minimum of 1.5H:1V, passes only through in situ soil or engineered fill of the same or higher capacity as that of the bearing medium.

### **Permissible Grade Raise**

A permissible grade raise restriction of **2 m** is recommended for the subject site in areas where silty clay is encountered below footing level. If greater permissible grade raises are required, preloading with or without a surcharge, lightweight fill, and/or other measures should be investigated to reduce the risks of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.

## **5.4 Design for Earthquakes**

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class D** for foundations constructed at the subject site. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

## **5.5 Basement Slab / Slab-on-Grade Construction**

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill within the footprint of the proposed building, the existing fill, silty sand, silt clay or glacial till, will be considered an acceptable subgrade upon which to commence backfilling for slab-on-grade or basement slab construction.

Where silty sand or glacial till subgrade is encountered below the basement slab, provisions should be made to proof-rolling the soil subgrade using heavy vibratory compaction equipment prior to placing any fill. Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material. OPSS Granular B Types I or II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab (outside the zones of influence of the footings). It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-floor fill consists of OPSS Granular A crushed stone.

All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed buildings (but outside the zones of influence of the footings) should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 95% of its SPMDD. Within the zones of influence of the footings, the backfill material should be compacted to a minimum of 98% of its SPMDD.

## **5.5 Basement Slab**

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill, containing organic matter, within the footprints of the proposed buildings, the native soil surface or approved engineered fill pad will be considered an acceptable subgrade on which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction.

Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material. A clear crushed stone fill is recommended for backfilling below the floor slab for limited span slab-on-grade areas, such as front porch or garage footprints. It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone below basement floor slabs.

## **5.7 Pavement Design**

Car only parking areas and heavy traffic access areas are expected at this site. The subgrade material will consist of native soil, fill and possibly bedrock. The proposed pavement structures are presented in Tables 5 and 6.

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type I or II material.

<b>Table 5 – Recommended Pavement Structure – Car Only Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
50	<b>Wear Course</b> – HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> – OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	<b>SUBBASE</b> – OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>Subgrade</b> – Either fill, in-situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in-situ soil, bedrock or concrete fill.	

<b>Table 6 – Recommended Pavement Structure – Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> – HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Wear Course</b> – HL-8 or Superpave 19 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> – OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	<b>SUBBASE</b> – OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>Subgrade</b> – Either fill, in-situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in-situ soil, bedrock or concrete fill.	

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project. The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 100% of the material's SPMDD using suitable compaction equipment.

If bedrock is encountered at the subgrade level, the total thickness of the pavement granular materials (base and subbase) could be reduced to 300 mm. The upper 300 mm of the bedrock surface should be reviewed and approved by Paterson prior to placing the base and subbase materials. Care should be exercised to ensure that the bedrock subgrade does not have depressions that will trap water.

The pavement granular (base and subbase) should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 100% of the material's SPMDD using suitable compaction equipment.

### **Pavement Structure Drainage**

Satisfactory performance of the pavement structure is largely dependent on keeping the contact zone between the subgrade material and the base stone in a dry condition. Failure to provide adequate drainage under conditions of heavy wheel loading can result in the fine subgrade soil being pumped into the voids in the stone subbase, thereby reducing its load carrying capacity.

Due to the impervious nature of the silty clay deposit, where silty clay is anticipated at subgrade level, consideration should be given to installing subdrains during the pavement construction. The subdrain inverts should be approximately 300 mm below subgrade level and run longitudinal along the curb lines. The subgrade surface should be crowned to promote water flow to the drainage lines.



## **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

### **6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill**

#### **Foundation Drainage**

It is recommended that a perimeter foundation drainage system be provided for the proposed structures. The system should consist of a 100 to 150 mm diameter perforated, corrugated plastic pipe which is surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 19 mm clear crushed stone and is placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

#### **Foundation Backfill**

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining, non-frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a drainage geocomposite, such as Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should otherwise be used for this purpose.

### **6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action**

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 1.5 m thick soil cover (or insulation equivalent) should be provided in this regard.

Other exterior unheated footings, such as those for isolated exterior piers and retaining walls, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action. A minimum of 2.1 m thick soil cover (or equivalent) should be provided for all exterior unheated footings.

### **6.3 Excavation Side Slopes**

The side slopes of excavations in the overburden materials should be either cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. It is assumed that sufficient room will be available for the greater part of the excavation to be undertaken by open-cut methods (i.e. unsupported excavations). Where space restrictions exist, or to reduce the trench width, the excavation can be carried out within the confines of a fully braced steel trench box.

## **Unsupported Side Slopes**

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsoil at this site is considered to be mainly a Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects.

Excavated soil should not be stockpiled directly at the top of excavations and heavy equipment should be kept away from the excavation sides. Slopes in excess of 3 m in height should be periodically inspected by the geotechnical consultant in order to detect if the slopes are exhibiting signs of distress.

It is recommended that a trench box be used at all times to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. It is expected that services will be installed by “cut and cover” methods and excavations will not be left open for extended periods of time.

## **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

Bedding and backfill materials should be in accordance with the most recent Material Specifications and Standard Detail Drawings from the Department of Public Works and Services, Infrastructure Services Branch of the City of Ottawa.

At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be used for pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe, should consist of OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II with a maximum size of 25 mm.

The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to 99% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density.

It should generally be possible to re-use the upper portion of the dry to moist (not wet) silty clay and silty sand above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions. The wet silty clay should be given a sufficient drying period to decrease its moisture content to an acceptable level to make compaction possible prior to being re-used.

The backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce potential differential frost heaving. The backfill should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

Where silty clay is encountered, to reduce long-term lowering of the groundwater level at this site, clay seals should be provided in the service trenches. The seals should be at least 1.5 m long and should extend from trench wall to trench wall. Generally, the seals should extend from the frost line and fully penetrate the bedding, subbedding and cover material.

The barriers should consist of relatively dry and compactable brown silty clay placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD. The clay seals should be placed at the site boundaries and at strategic locations at no more than 60 m intervals in the service trenches.

## **6.5 Groundwater Control**

### **Groundwater Control for Building Construction**

Based on our observations, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of shallow excavations. The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all bearing surfaces and subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

### **Permit to Take Water**

A temporary Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required for this project if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water is to be pumped during the construction phase. A minimum 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the PTTW application package and issuance of the permit by the MECP.

For typical ground or surface water volumes being pumped during the construction phase, typically between 50,000 to 400,000 L/day, it is required to register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). A minimum of two to four weeks should be allotted for completion of the EASR registration and the Water Taking and Discharge Plan to be prepared by a Qualified Person as stipulated under O.Reg. 63/16. If a project qualifies for a PTTW based upon anticipated conditions, an EASR will not be allowed as a temporary dewatering measure while awaiting the MECP review of the PTTW application.

## **6.6 Winter Construction**

Precautions must be taken if winter construction is considered for this project. The subsoil conditions at this site consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures by the use of straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. In this regard, the base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until such time as heat is adequately supplied to the building and the footings are protected with sufficient soil cover to prevent freezing at founding level.

Trench excavations and pavement construction are also difficult activities to complete during freezing conditions without introducing frost in the subgrade or in the excavation walls and bottoms. Precautions should be taken if such activities are to be carried out during freezing conditions. Additional information could be provided, if required.

## 6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. This result is indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The chloride content and the pH of the sample indicate that they are not significant factors in creating a corrosive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a moderate to slightly aggressive corrosive environment.

## 6.8 Landscaping Considerations

The proposed development is located in an area of low to medium sensitive silty clay deposits for tree planting. Based on our review of the subsurface profile below the subject site, the underlying silty clay deposit is relatively dry and designated as a very stiff to firm silty clay. Therefore, the proposed development is considered to be located within an area of low sensitive silty clay deposits for tree planting.

### Tree Planting Restrictions

Based on the results of the representative soil samples, the subject site is considered as a **low/medium** sensitivity area for tree planting according to the City of Ottawa Tree Planting in Sensitive Marine Clay Soils (2017 Guidelines)

Since the modified plasticity limit (PI) generally does not exceed 40%, large trees (mature height over 14 m) can be planted at the subject site provided a tree to foundation setback equal to the full mature height of the tree can be provided (e.g. in a park or other green space).

**Based on our testing results, tree planting setback limits should be 4.5 m for small (mature tree height up to 7.5m) and medium size trees (mature tree height 7.5 m to 14 m) provided that the following conditions are met:**

- The underside of footing (USF) is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade must be satisfied for footings within 10 m from the tree, as measured from the centre of the tree trunk and verified by means of the Grading Plan as indicated procedural changes below.

- A small tree must be provided with a minimum of 25 m<sup>3</sup> of available soil volume while a medium tree must be provided with a minimum of 30 m<sup>3</sup> of available soil volume, as determined by the Landscape Architect. The developer is to ensure that the soil is generally un-compacted when backfilling in street tree planting locations.
- The The tree species must be small (mature tree height up to 7.5 m) to medium size (mature tree height 7.5 m to 14 m) as confirmed by the Landscape Architect.
- The foundation walls are to be reinforced at least nominally (minimum of two upper and two lower 15M bars in the foundation wall).
- Grading surrounding the tree must promote drainage to the tree root zone (in such a manner as not to be detrimental to the tree).

## 7.0 Recommendations

It is a requirement for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable that the following material testing and observation program be performed by the geotechnical consultant.

- Grading plan review from a geotechnical perspective, once the final grading plan is available.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued upon the completion of a satisfactory inspection program by the geotechnical consultant.

## 8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided are in accordance with the present understanding of the project. Paterson requests permission to review the recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

A soils investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, Paterson requests immediate notification to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

The recommendations provided herein should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. They are not intended for contractors bidding on or undertaking the work. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in this report and determine the suitability and completeness for their intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for their purposes.

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than Landric Homes or their agents is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the alternative use of the report.

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# APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

GRAIN-SIZE DISTRIBUTION AND HYDROMETER TESTING RESULTS

ATTERBERG LIMIT TESTING RESULTS

SHRINKAGE TESTING RESULTS

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS



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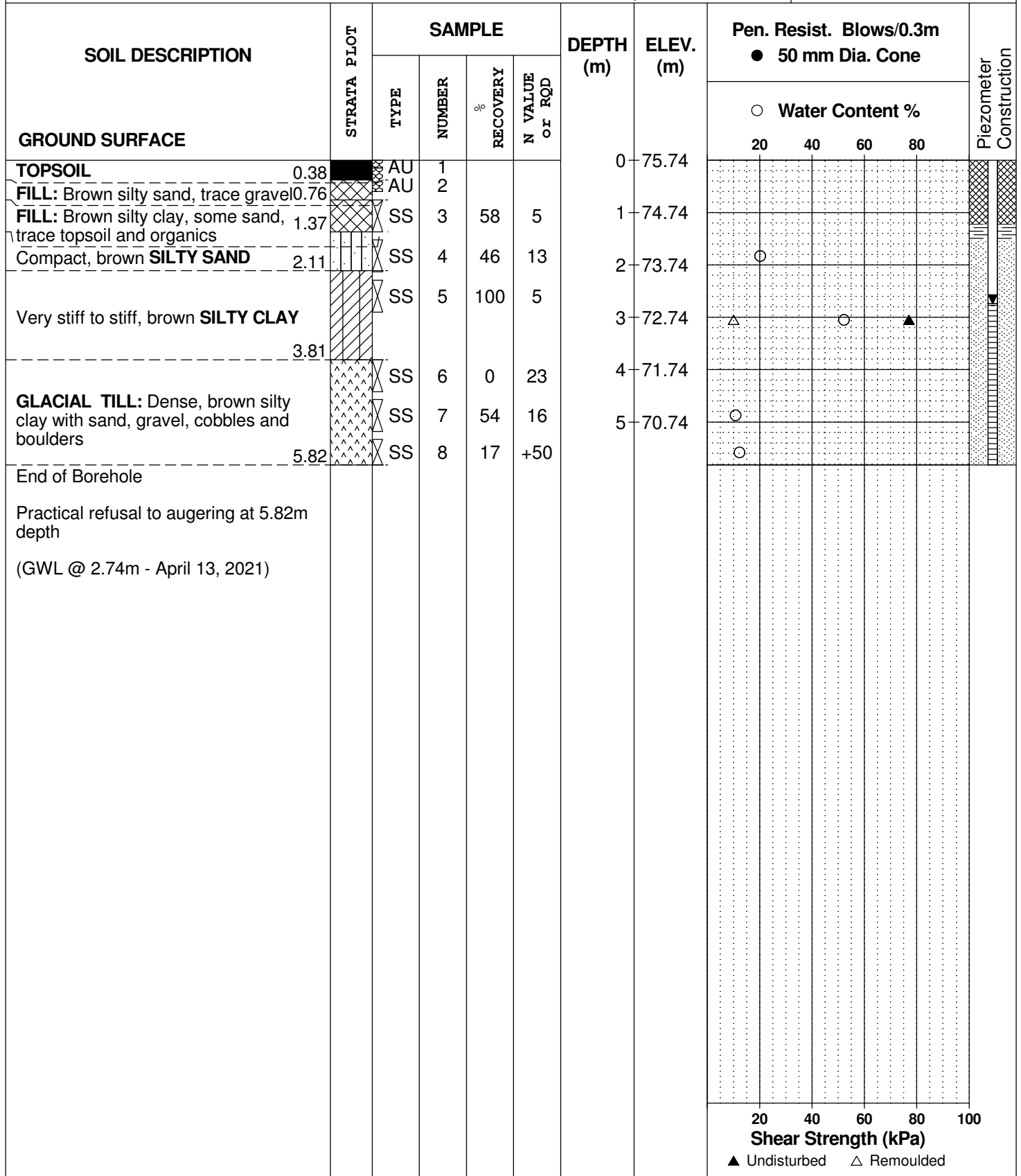
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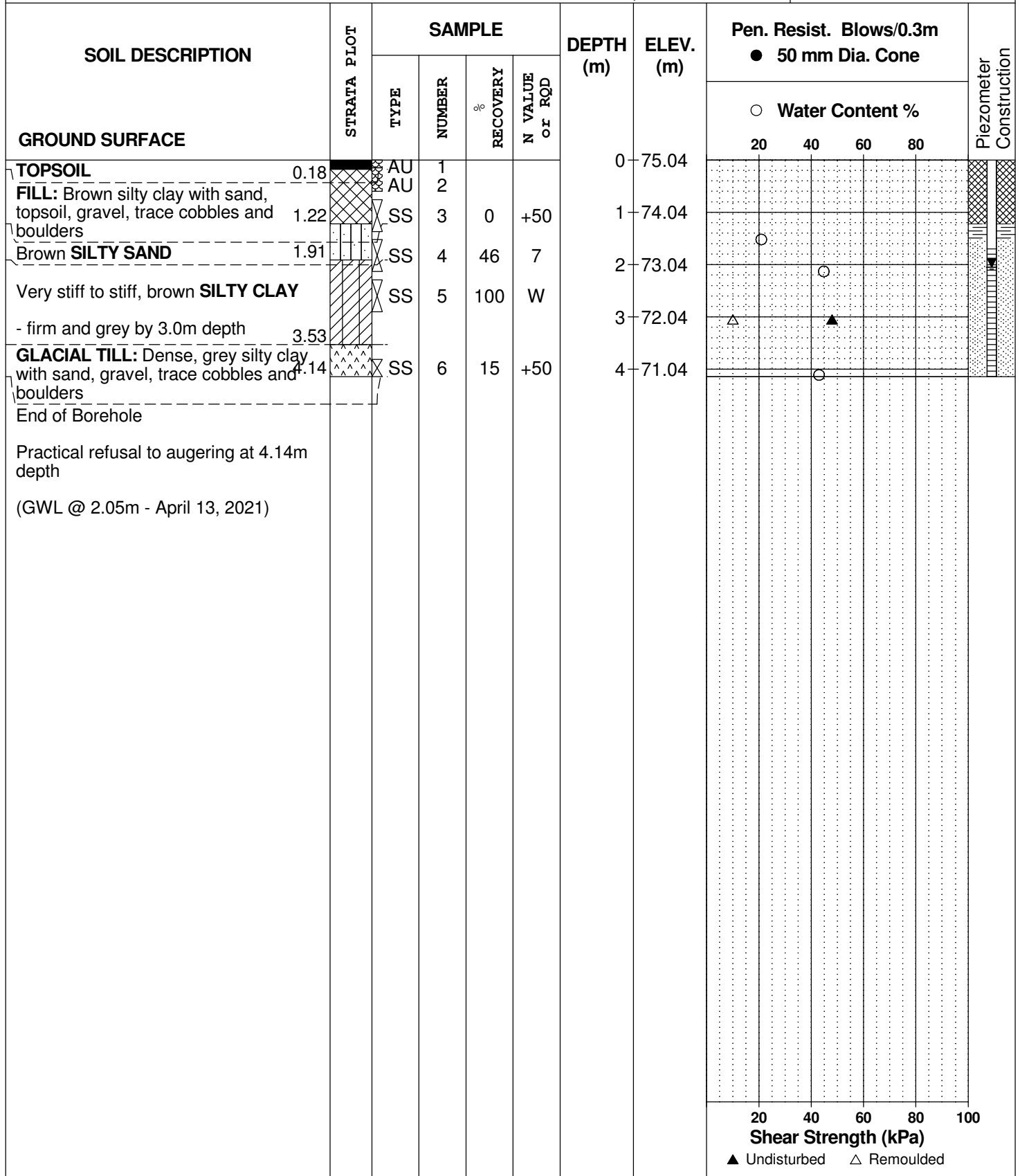
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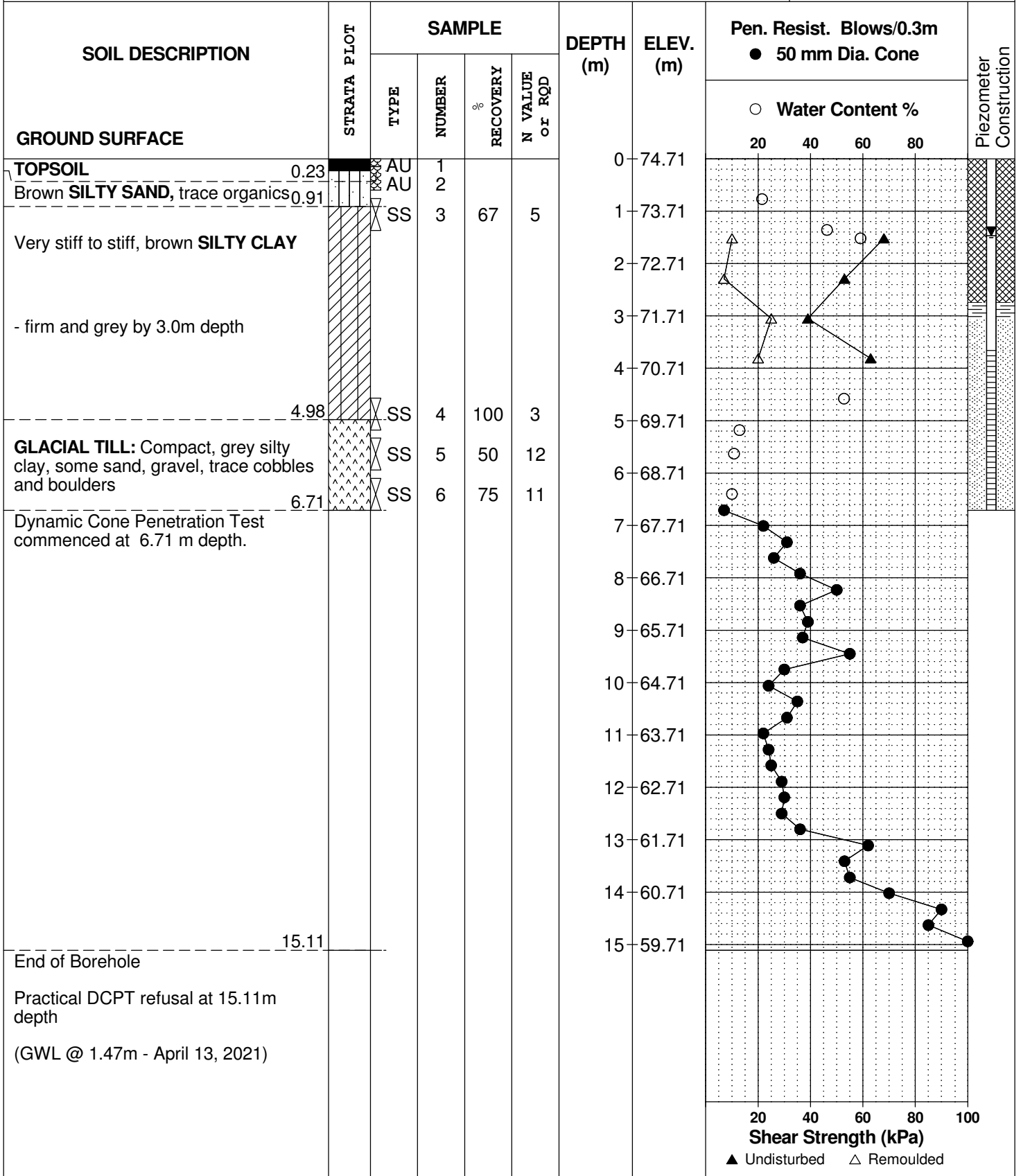
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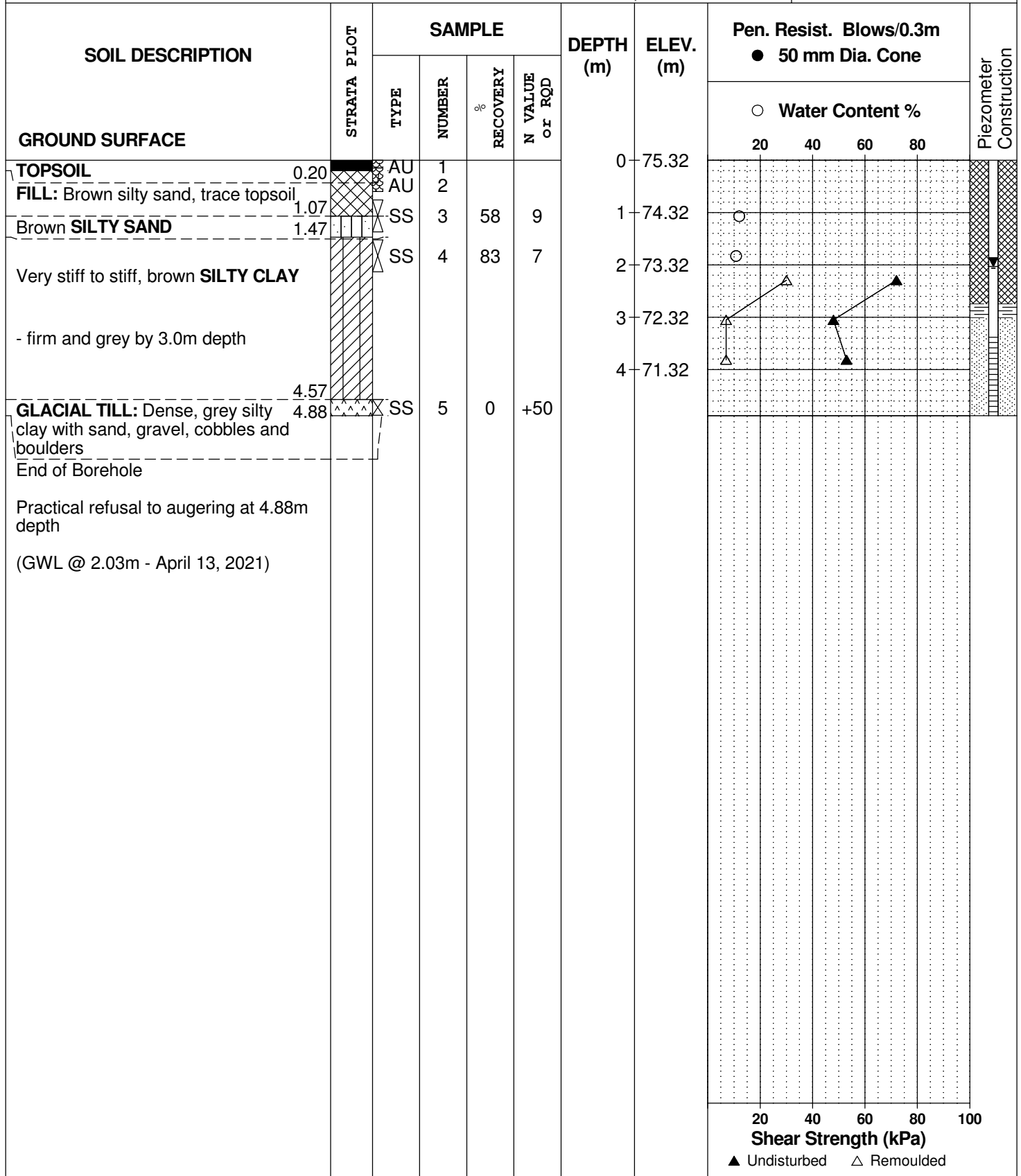
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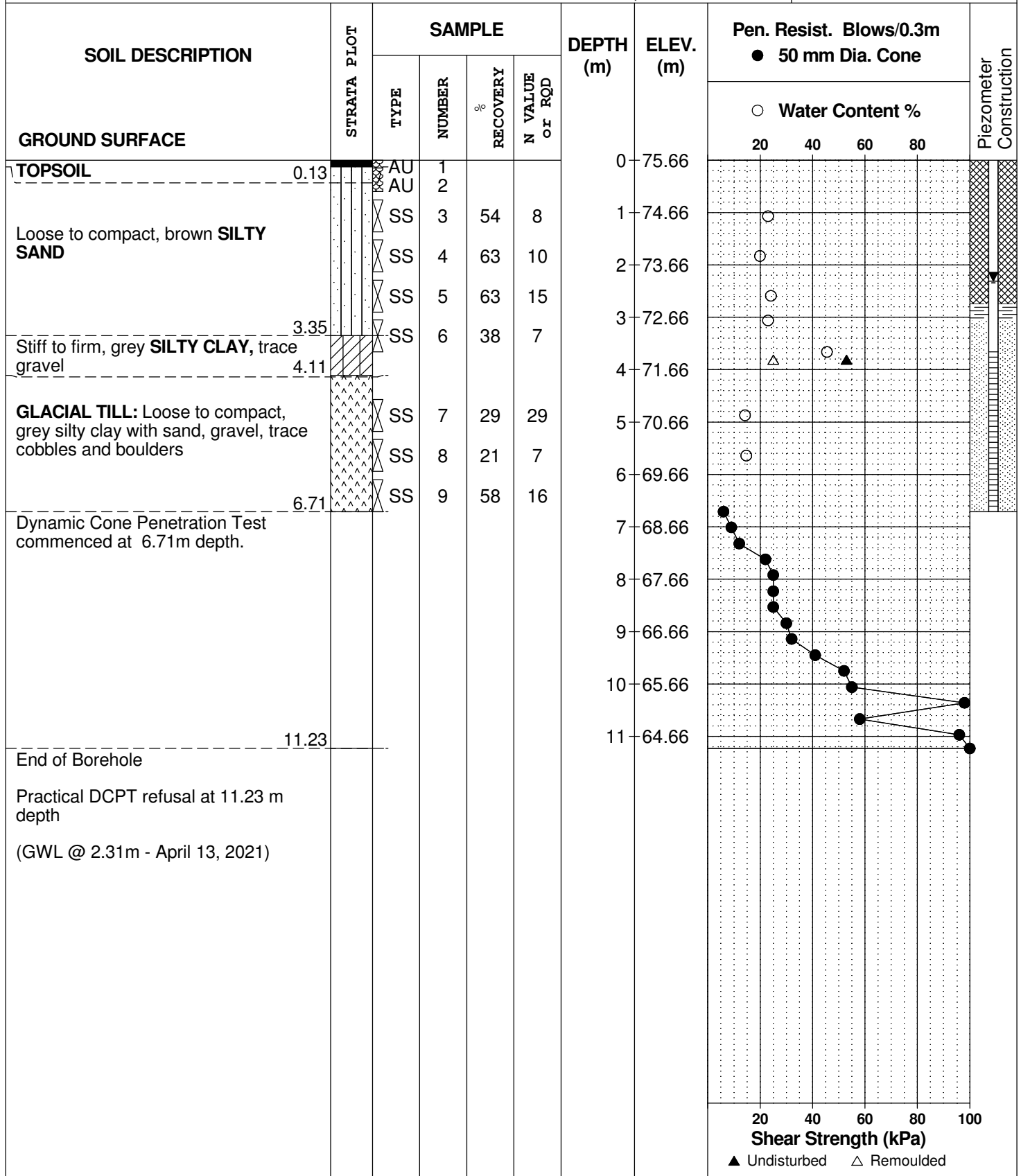
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# SYMBOLS AND TERMS

## SOIL DESCRIPTION

Behavioural properties, such as structure and strength, take precedence over particle gradation in describing soils. Terminology describing soil structure are as follows:

Desiccated	-	having visible signs of weathering by oxidation of clay minerals, shrinkage cracks, etc.
Fissured	-	having cracks, and hence a blocky structure.
Varved	-	composed of regular alternating layers of silt and clay.
Stratified	-	composed of alternating layers of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand or silt and clay.
Well-Graded	-	Having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes (see Grain Size Distribution).
Uniformly-Graded	-	Predominantly of one grain size (see Grain Size Distribution).

The standard terminology to describe the relative strength of cohesionless soils is the compactness condition, usually inferred from the results of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. The SPT N value is the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer, falling 760 mm, required to drive a 51 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after an initial penetration of 150 mm. An SPT N value of "P" denotes that the split-spoon sampler was pushed 300 mm into the soil without the use of a falling hammer.

Compactness Condition	'N' Value	Relative Density %
Very Loose	<4	<15
Loose	4-10	15-35
Compact	10-30	35-65
Dense	30-50	65-85
Very Dense	>50	>85

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesive soils is the consistency, which is based on the undisturbed undrained shear strength as measured by the in situ or laboratory shear vane tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by the Standard Penetration Test (SPT). Note that the typical correlations of undrained shear strength to SPT N value (tabulated below) tend to underestimate the consistency for sensitive silty clays, so Paterson reviews the applicable split spoon samples in the laboratory to provide a more representative consistency value based on tactile examination.

Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	'N' Value
Very Soft	<12	<2
Soft	12-25	2-4
Firm	25-50	4-8
Stiff	50-100	8-15
Very Stiff	100-200	15-30
Hard	>200	>30

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Cohesive soils can also be classified according to their “sensitivity”. The sensitivity,  $S_t$ , is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil. The classes of sensitivity may be defined as follows:

Low Sensitivity:	$S_t < 2$
Medium Sensitivity:	$2 < S_t < 4$
Sensitive:	$4 < S_t < 8$
Extra Sensitive:	$8 < S_t < 16$
Quick Clay:	$S_t > 16$

### ROCK DESCRIPTION

The structural description of the bedrock mass is based on the Rock Quality Designation (RQD).

The RQD classification is based on a modified core recovery percentage in which all pieces of sound core over 100 mm long are counted as recovery. The smaller pieces are considered to be a result of closely-spaced discontinuities (resulting from shearing, jointing, faulting, or weathering) in the rock mass and are not counted. RQD is ideally determined from NQ or larger size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BQ, if the bulk of the fractures caused by drilling stresses (called “mechanical breaks”) are easily distinguishable from the normal in situ fractures.

RQD %	ROCK QUALITY
90-100	Excellent, intact, very sound
75-90	Good, massive, moderately jointed or sound
50-75	Fair, blocky and seamy, fractured
25-50	Poor, shattered and very seamy or blocky, severely fractured
0-25	Very poor, crushed, very severely fractured

### SAMPLE TYPES

SS	-	Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT))
TW	-	Thin wall tube or Shelby tube, generally recovered using a piston sampler
G	-	"Grab" sample from test pit or surface materials
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size BQ, NQ, HQ, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### PLASTICITY LIMITS AND GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

WC%	-	Natural water content or water content of sample, %
LL	-	Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
PL	-	Plastic Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)
PI	-	Plasticity Index, % (difference between LL and PL)
D <sub>xx</sub>	-	Grain size at which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size
D <sub>10</sub>	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D <sub>60</sub>	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
C <sub>c</sub>	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
C <sub>u</sub>	-	Uniformity coefficient = $D_{60} / D_{10}$

C<sub>c</sub> and C<sub>u</sub> are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have:  $1 < C_c < 3$  and  $C_u > 4$

Well-graded sands have:  $1 < C_c < 3$  and  $C_u > 6$

Sands and gravels not meeting the above requirements are poorly-graded or uniformly-graded.

C<sub>c</sub> and C<sub>u</sub> are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay (more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

### CONSOLIDATION TEST

p' <sub>o</sub>	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
p' <sub>c</sub>	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
C <sub>cr</sub>	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p' <sub>c</sub> )
C <sub>c</sub>	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above p' <sub>c</sub> )
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = $p'_c / p'_o$
Void Ratio		Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids
W <sub>o</sub>	-	Initial water content (at start of consolidation test)

### PERMEABILITY TEST

k	-	Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during the test.
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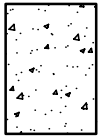


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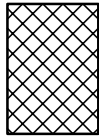
### STRATA PLOT



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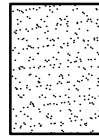
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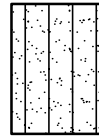
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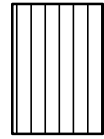
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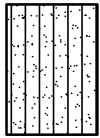
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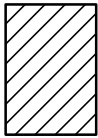
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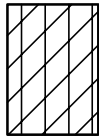
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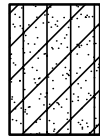
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Clay



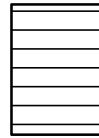
Silty Clay



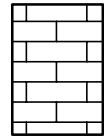
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Glacial Till



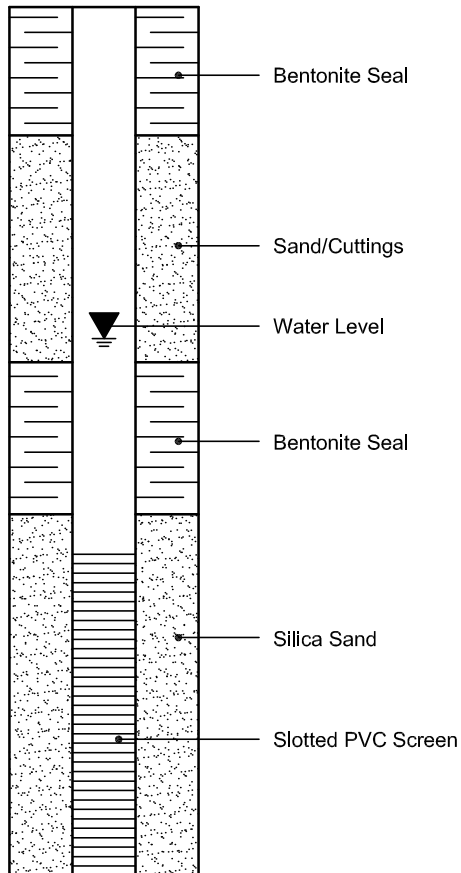
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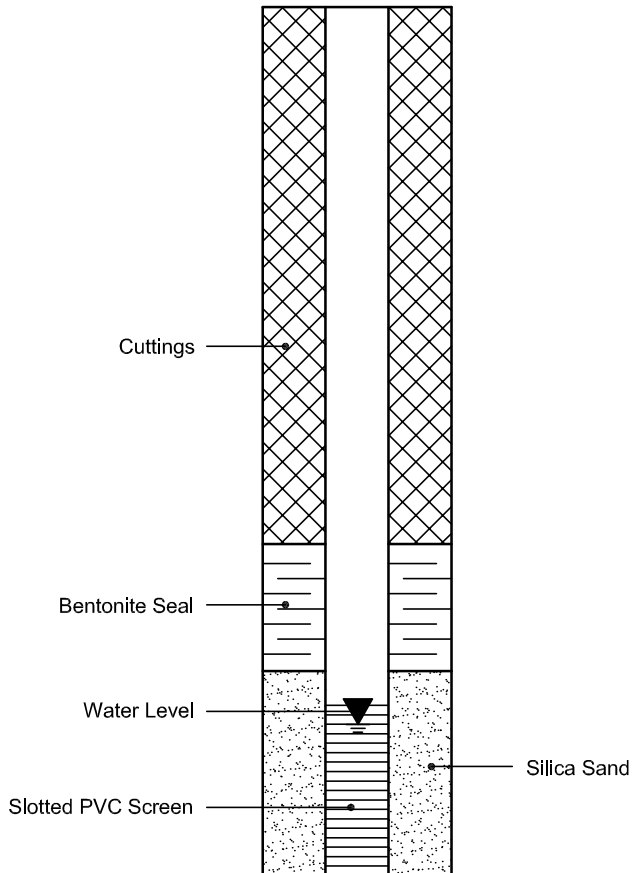
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### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

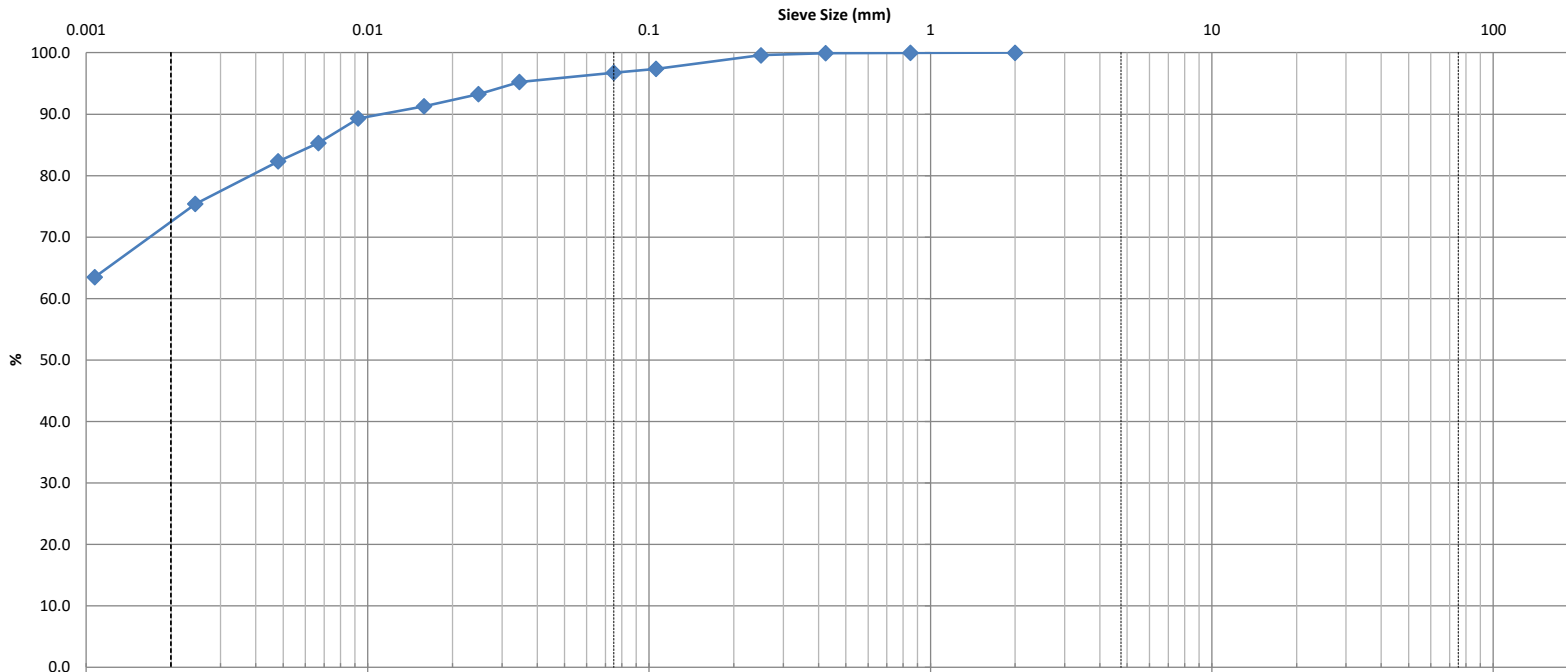
#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



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SAMPLED BY:	Geo.			TESTED BY:	D.B



Clay	Silt			Sand			Gravel		Cobble
				Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	

Identification	Soil Classification					MC(%)	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
	D100	D60	D30	D10	Gravel (%)	44.1					
					0.0	3.2		25.3		71.5	

Comments:

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**SAMPLE INFORMATION**

SAMPLE MASS		SPECIFIC GRAVITY		
110.5		2.700		
INITIAL WEIGHT	50.00	<b>HYGROSCOPIC MOISTURE</b>		
WEIGHT CORRECTED	44.60	TARE WEIGHT	50.00	ACTUAL WEIGHT
WT. AFTER WASH BACK SIEVE	1.71	AIR DRY	150.00	100.00
SOLUTION CONCENTRATION	40 g/L	OVEN DRY	139.20	89.20
		CORRECTED	0.892	

**GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS**

SIEVE DIAMETER (mm)	WEIGHT RETAINED (g)	PERCENT RETAINED	PERCENT PASSING
26.5			
19			
13.2			
9.5			
4.75			
2.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
Pan	<b>110.5</b>		
0.850	<b>0.01</b>	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
0.425	<b>0.04</b>	0.1	<b>99.9</b>
0.250	<b>0.20</b>	0.4	<b>99.6</b>
0.106	<b>1.30</b>	2.6	<b>97.4</b>
0.075	<b>1.62</b>	3.2	<b>96.8</b>
Pan	<b>1.71</b>		
SIEVE CHECK	0.0	MAX = 0.3%	

**HYDROMETER DATA**

ELAPSED	TIME (24 hours)	Hs	Hc	Temp. (°C)	DIAMETER	(P)	TOTAL PERCENT PASSING
1	7:54	54.0	6.0	23.0	0.0346	95.2	<b>95.2</b>
2	7:55	53.0	6.0	23.0	0.0248	93.3	<b>93.3</b>
5	7:58	52.0	6.0	23.0	0.0159	91.3	<b>91.3</b>
15	8:08	51.0	6.0	23.0	0.0093	89.3	<b>89.3</b>
30	8:23	49.0	6.0	23.0	0.0067	85.3	<b>85.3</b>
60	8:53	47.5	6.0	23.0	0.0048	82.3	<b>82.3</b>
250	12:03	44.0	6.0	23.0	0.0024	75.4	<b>75.4</b>
1440	7:53	38.0	6.0	23.0	0.0011	63.5	<b>63.5</b>

**COMMENTS:**

Moisture Content = 44.07

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CLIENT:	Landric Homes	DEPTH	2.13 to 2.7m	FILE NO.:	PG5737
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SAMPLED BY:	AC	DATE REPORTED:		DATE TESTED	06-Apr



**LABORATORY INFORMATION & TEST RESULTS**

Moisture	No. of Blows( 8 )	Calibration (Two Trials)	Tin NO.( x33 )
Tare	4.73	Tin	4.49      4.5
Soil Pat Wet + Tare	63.2	Tin + Grease	4.73      4.72
Soil Pat Wet	58.47	Glass	48.97      48.97
Soil Pat Dry + Tare	38.85	Tin + Glass + Water	91.00      91.01
Soil Pat Dry	34.12	Volume	37.30      37.32
<b>Moisture</b>	<b>71.37</b>	<b>Average Volume</b>	<b>37.31</b>

Soil Pat + String	34.31
Soil Pat + Wax + String in Air	35.40
Soil Pat + Wax + String in Water	13.79
Volume Of Pat (Vdx)	21.61

**RESULTS:**

Shrinkage Limit	<b>21.76</b>
Shrinkage Ratio	<b>1.674</b>
Volumetric Shrinkage	<b>83.024</b>
Linear Shrinkage	<b>18.247</b>

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Certificate of Analysis

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<b>Sample ID:</b>	2114512-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	70.4	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	6.64	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	45.1	-	-	-

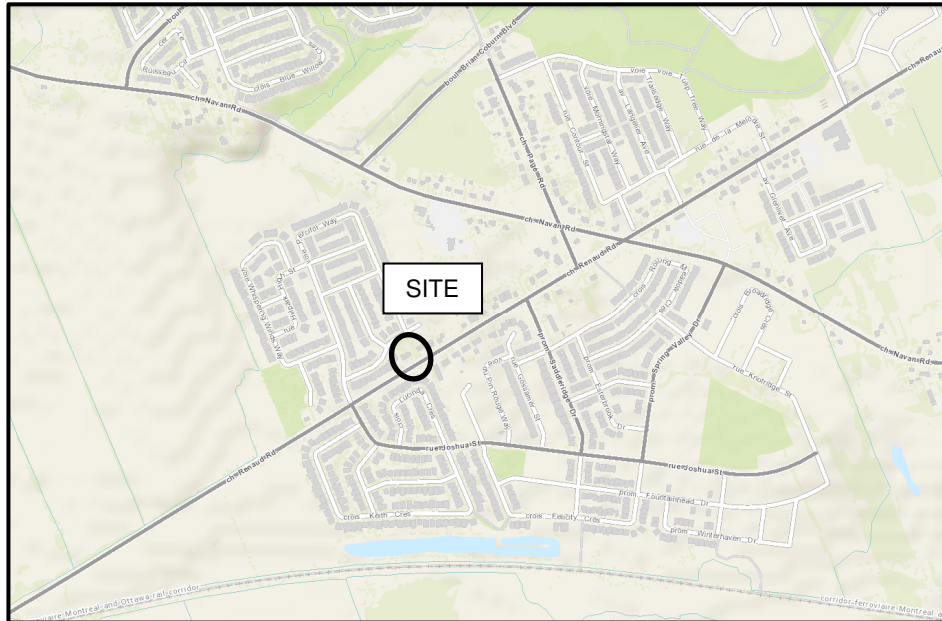
**Anions**

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	8	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	164	-	-	-

# APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 – KEY PLAN

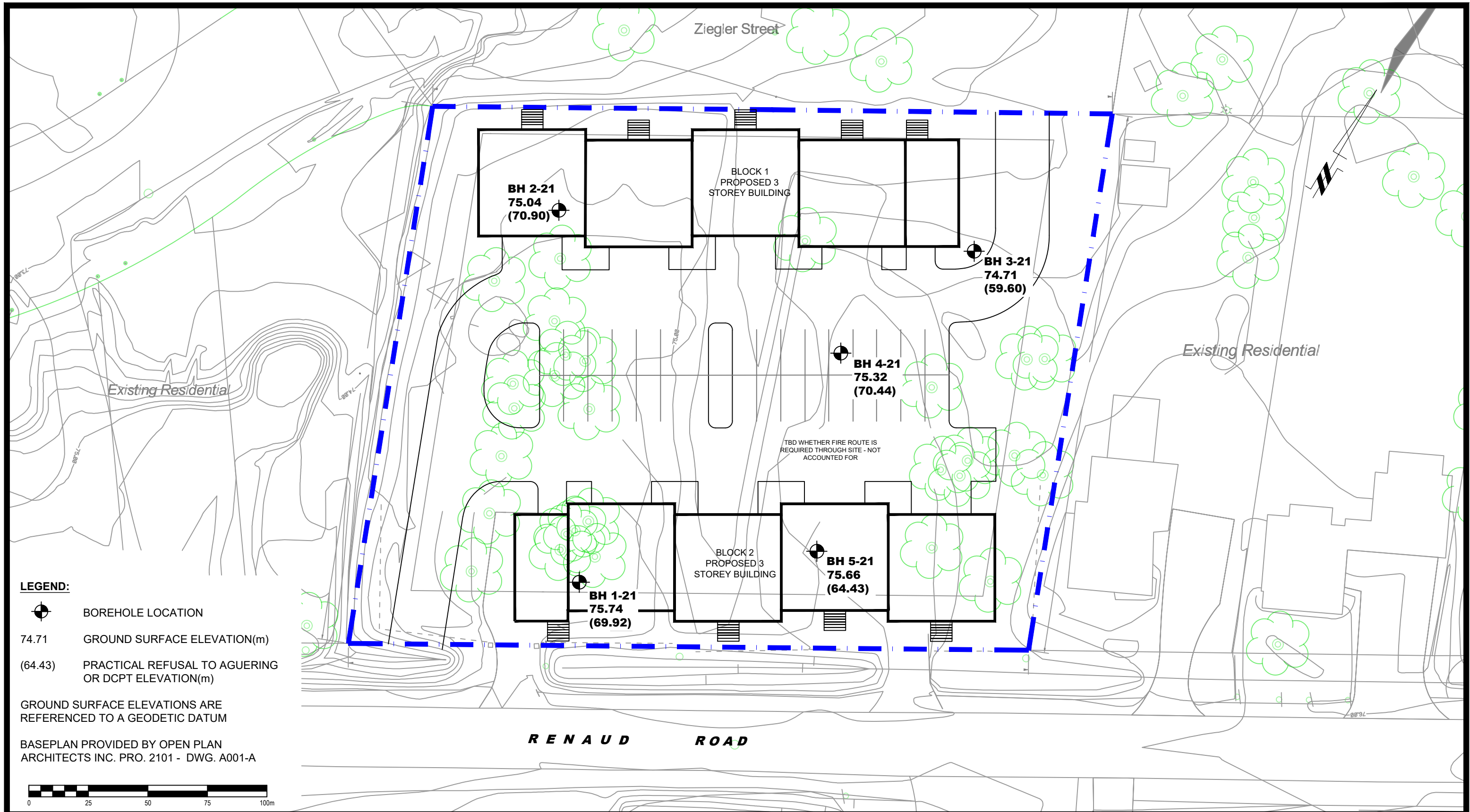
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# FIGURE 1

## KEY PLAN



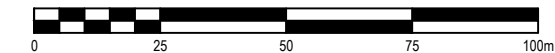


**LEGEND:**

-  BOREHOLE LOCATION
- 74.71 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION(m)
- (64.43) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO AGUERING OR DCPT ELEVATION(m)

GROUND SURFACE ELEVATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO A GEODETIC DATUM

BASEPLAN PROVIDED BY OPEN PLAN ARCHITECTS INC. PRO. 2101 - DWG. A001-A



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