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Dear Peter,

Our Ref: G81211LTR02

ACADEMY BUSINESS PARK, KNOWSLEY – PHASE II REPORT REVIEW

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Background

Ensafe were commissioned to undertake a Phase II Site Investigation report at Academy Business Park in Knowsley. The final revision of this is dated 13th July 2020. The proposed development at this time was an expansion of the existing business park, including the construction of assorted business and trade counter units. The ground conditions were found to comprise made ground of varying thickness overlying natural deposits comprising heavily weathered sandstone recovered as gravelly sand.

This report included a geotechnical assessment of the site, including DCP testing. The average estimate California Bearing Ratio (CBR) derived from this testing was 25% in the natural soils, and extremely variable in the made ground (2% - 94%).

Proposed changes to development

Based on information and drawings made available to us, it is understood that Unit 6B (a food kiosk, 2,002ft²) from the previous proposed development is to be subdivided into a new semi-detached unit with a slightly increased building footprint, comprising Units 6B(1) and 6B(2). Unit 6B(1) will be a drive-through coffee shop or restaurant and Unit 6B(2) would be a food kiosk. This building would be 298ft² greater in area than the original Unit 6B, and the drive-through would feature additional road infrastructure.

Siteworks

DCP testing was carried out on 10th August 2022 by a qualified and experienced geo-environmental engineer. Two tests were carried out at each location (DCP01 and DCP02) from the existing ground surface to a maximum depth of 993mm below ground level.

Discussion and conclusions

The test certificates are appended to this report.

Results of the Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests are summarised in Table 1. The depths of the natural superficial sediments (weathered bedrock of the Chester Formation) are based on the closest existing borehole (WS104, within the footprint of Unit 6B(2)).

Table 1: DCP test result summary

Location	Test Depth from Surface (mm bgl)	Stratum (based on WS104)	Estimated Average CBR for Layer (%)
DCP01A	620 - 993	Chester Formation	49
DCP01B	605 - 966		49
DCP02A	738 - 935		50
DCP02B	0 - 646	Made Ground	28 - 45

Values ranged between 11% and 45% within the made ground, highlighting the typically variable nature of made ground strata. Within the natural weathered bedrock (typically recovered as gravelly sand), the average values were consistent (49% – 50%). The CBR value was typically high close to the ground surface, decreased between c.200mm and 600mm, then generally increased with depth below this. DCP02B did not penetrate below 646mm.

Yours Sincerely
For and on behalf of Ensafe Consultants



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1. DCP location plan
2. Test certificates

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4. Access considerations, the presence of services and the activities being carried out on the site limited the locations where sampling locations could be installed and the techniques that could be used.
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9. Rather, this investigation has been undertaken to provide a preliminary characterisation of the existing sub-surface geotechnical characteristics and make up and the findings of this study are our best interpretation of the data collected, within the scope of work and agreed budget. New information, revised practices or changes in legislation may necessitate the re-interpretation of the report, in whole or in part.
10. This investigation has been undertaken to reasonably characterise existing sub-surface conditions and the findings of this study are our best interpretation of the data collected, within the scope of work and agreed budget. New information, revised practices or changes in legislation may necessitate the re-interpretation of the report, in whole or in part.

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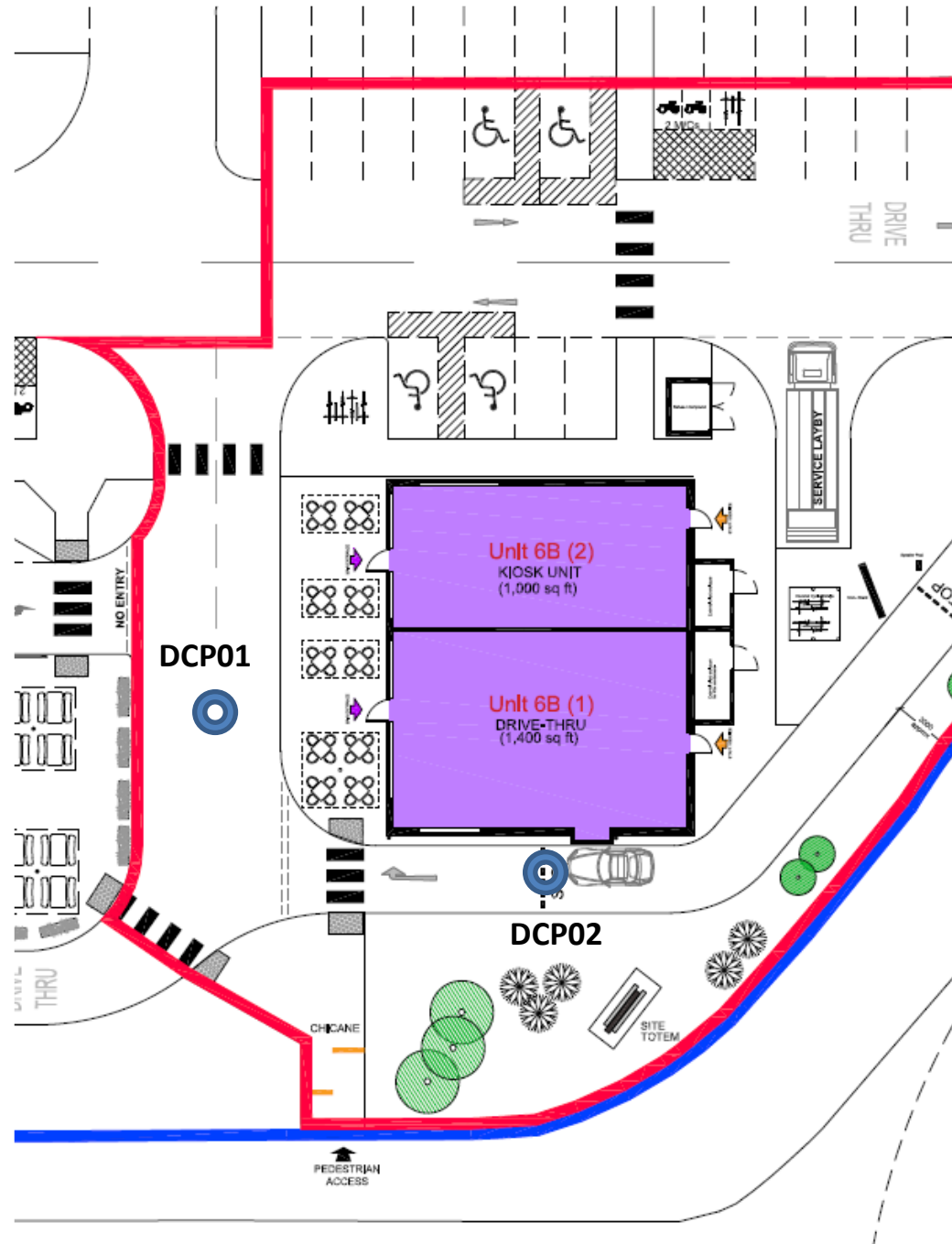


Site Boundary



DCP location

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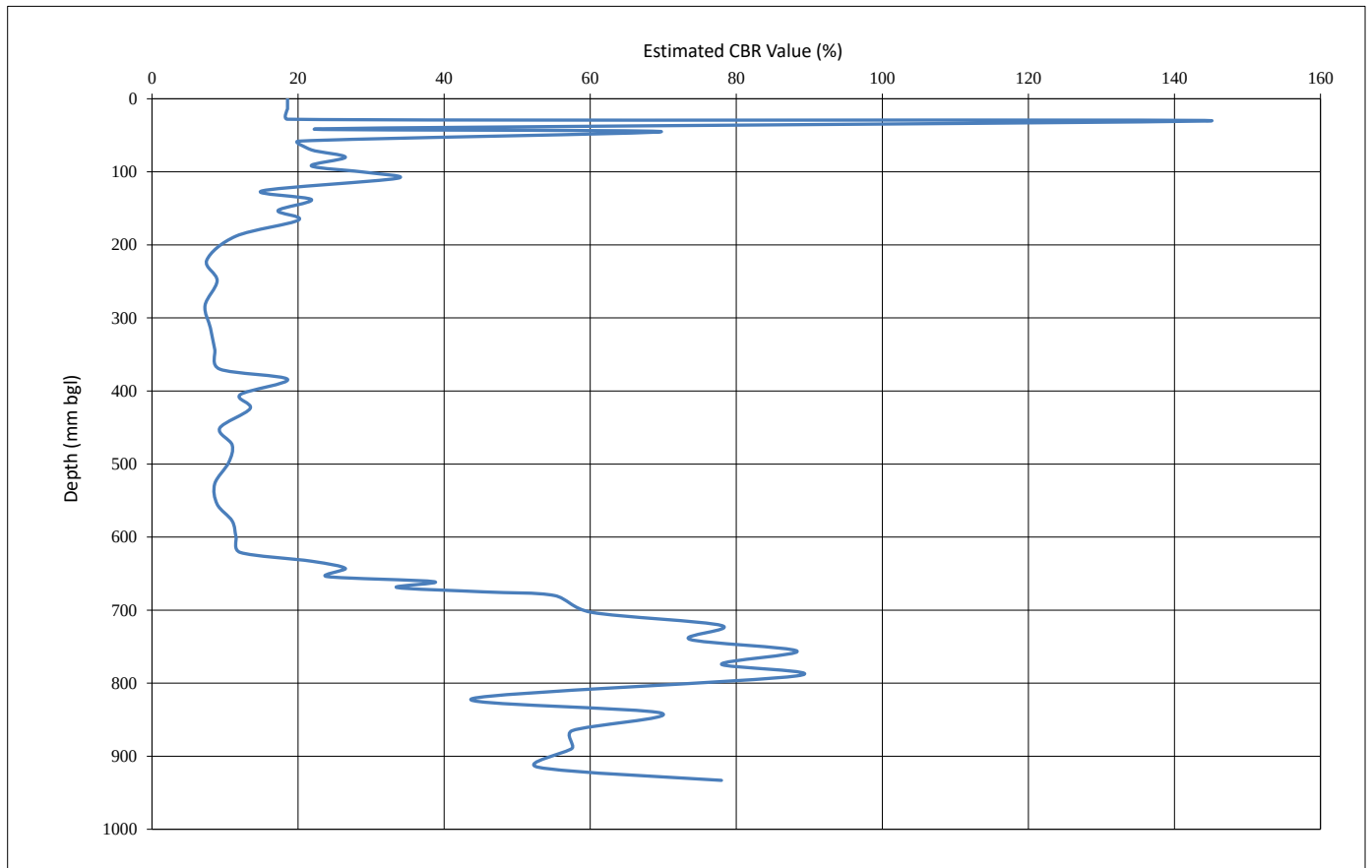
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Site Location Plan

DETERMINATION OF DYNAMIC CONE PENETROMETER - ESTIMATED CBR VALUE (%)

In Accordance with TRL Report 587(2003) and PR/INT/277/04

Site Name	Orbital Developments, Academy Business Park		Test Date:	10/08/2022
Site Ref	G81211		Test Location:	DCP01
			Test No.:	DCP01A
Initial Depth	0	mm	Undertaken By:	JL
Final Depth	933	mm	Grid Reference:	-

ESTIMATED CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO



Start Depth (mm bgl)	Finish Depth (mm bgl)	No. of Blows	Blows Per Layer	DCP mm/Blows	Average CBR Value (%)
0	109	11	11	10	27
110	621	22	22	23	11
620	993	67	67	6	49

Comments

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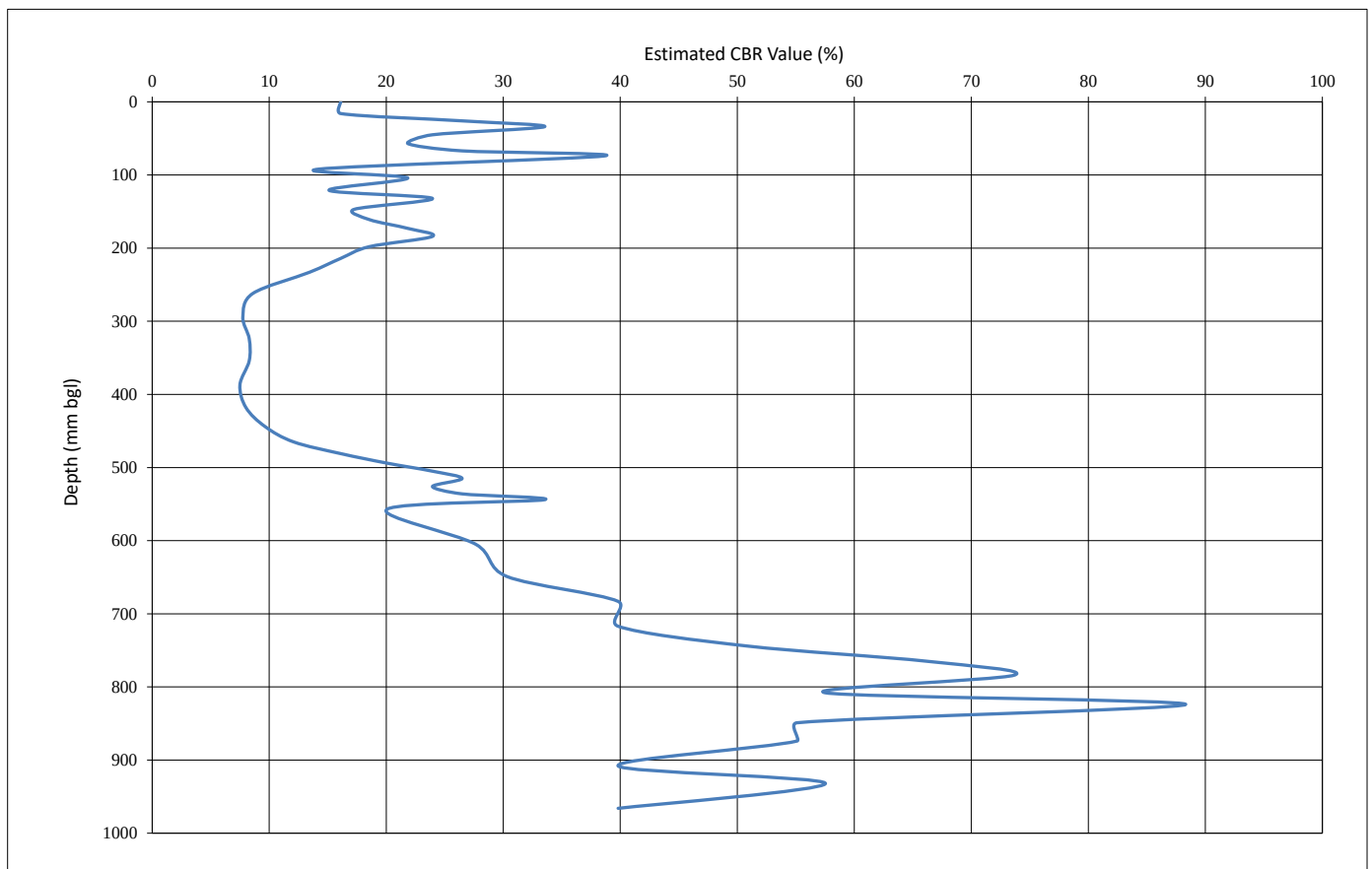
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Site Ref	G81211	Test Location:	DCP01
		Test No.:	DCP01B
Initial Depth	0 mm	Undertaken By:	JL
Final Depth	966 mm	Grid Reference:	-

ESTIMATED CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO



Start Depth (mm bgl)	Finish Depth (mm bgl)	No. of Blows	Blows Per Layer	DCP mm/Blows	Average CBR Value (%)
0	233	18	18	13	20
233	605	21	21	18	14
605	966	65	65	6	49

Comments

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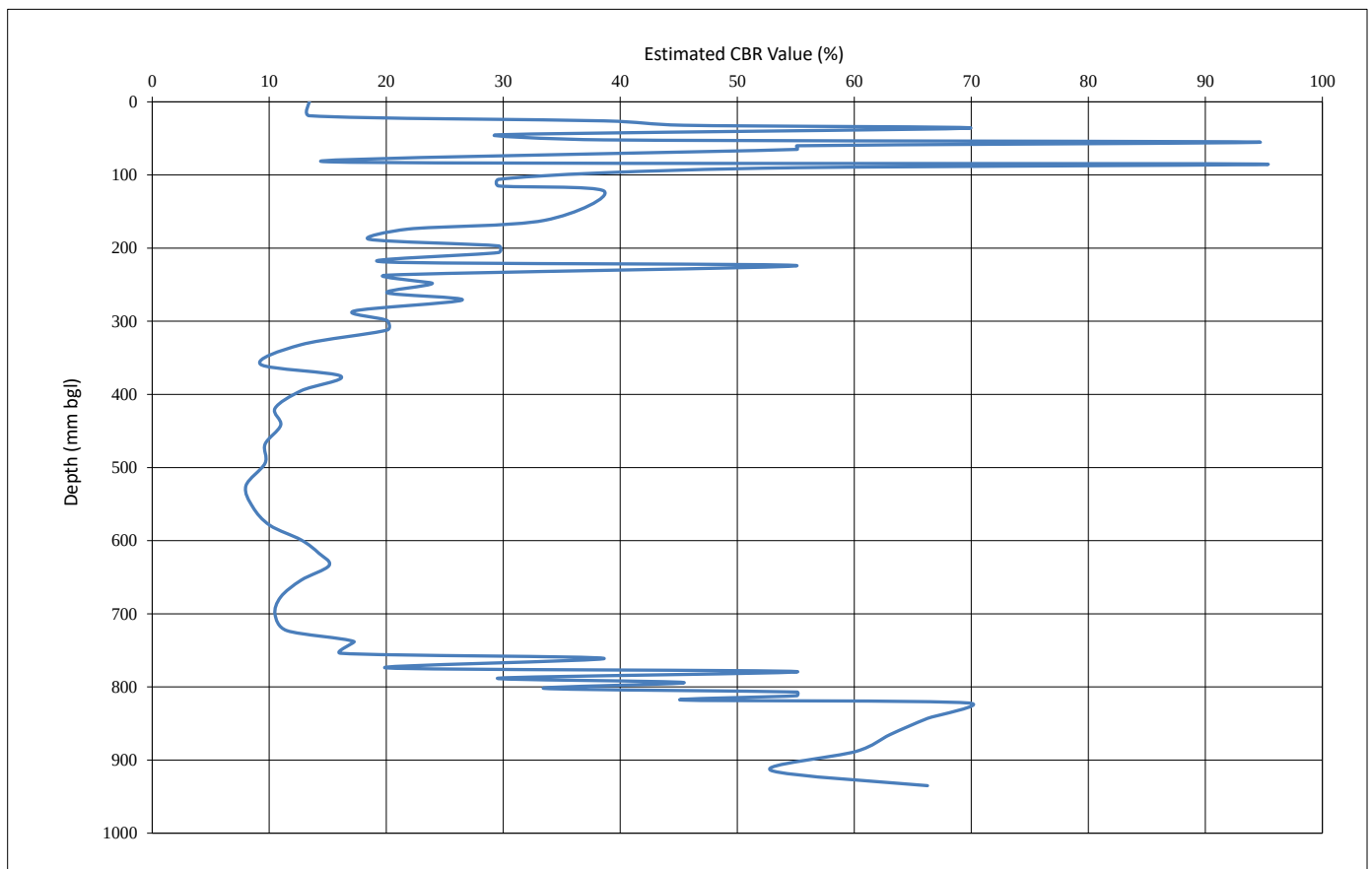
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Site Name	Orbital Developments, Academy Business Park	Test Date:	10/08/2022
Site Ref	G81211	Test Location:	DCP02
		Test No.:	DCP02A
Initial Depth	0 mm	Undertaken By:	JL
Final Depth	935 mm	Grid Reference:	-

ESTIMATED CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO



Start Depth (mm bgl)	Finish Depth (mm bgl)	No. of Blows	Blows Per Layer	DCP mm/Blows	Average CBR Value (%)
0	332	35	35	9	28
332	738	18	18	23	11
738	935	36	36	5	50

Comments

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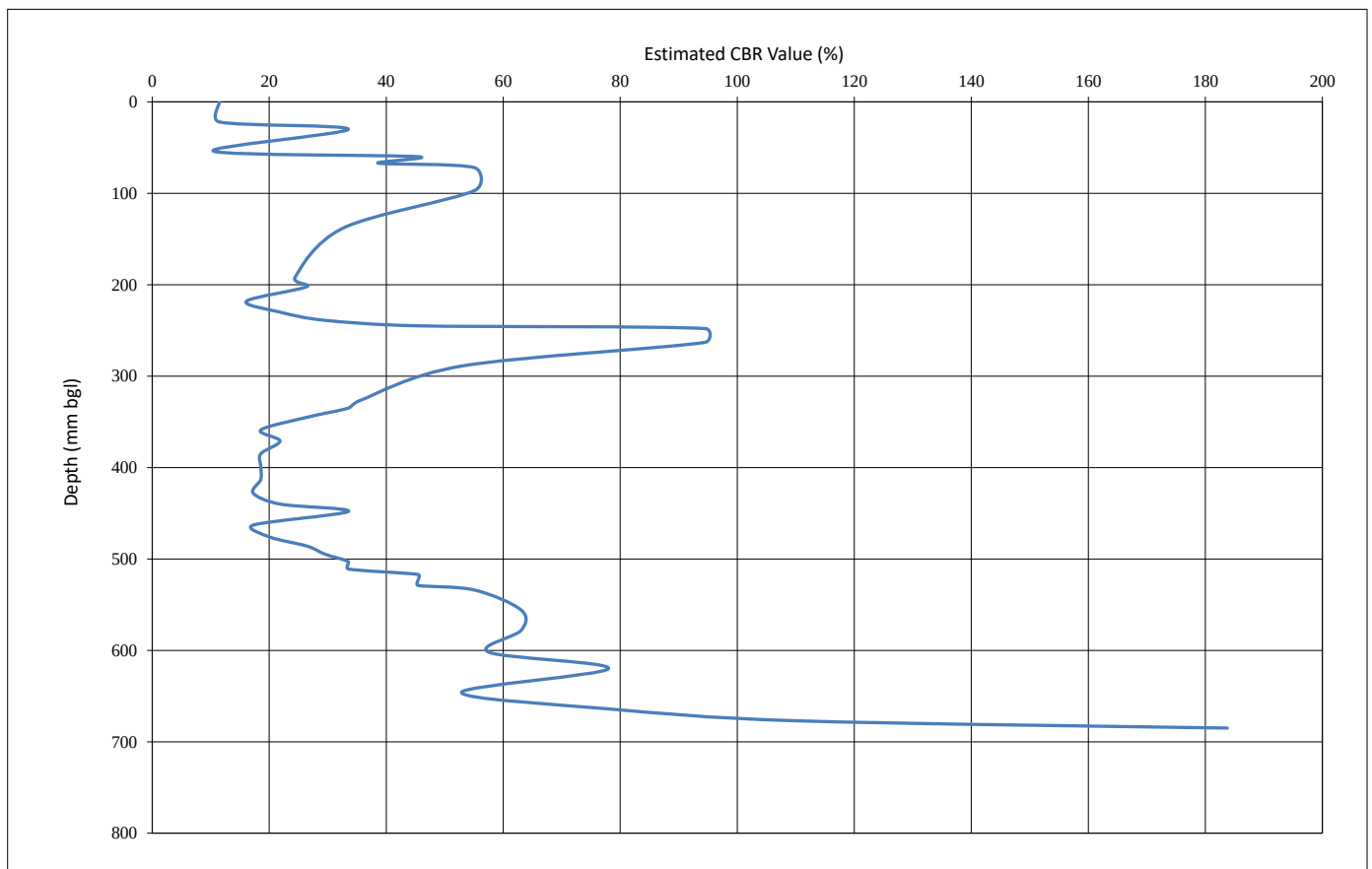
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DETERMINATION OF DYNAMIC CONE PENETROMETER - ESTIMATED CBR VALUE (%)

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Site Name	Orbital Developments, Academy Business Park	Test Date:	10/08/2022
Site Ref	G81211	Test Location:	DCP02
		Test No.:	DCP02B
Initial Depth	0 mm	Undertaken By:	JL
Final Depth	685 mm	Grid Reference:	-

ESTIMATED CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO



Start Depth (mm bgl)	Finish Depth (mm bgl)	No. of Blows	Blows Per Layer	DCP mm/Blows	Average CBR Value (%)
0	239	25	25	10	28
239	359	20	20	6	45
359	646	42	42	7	40

Comments

Refusal at 685mm bgl

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Location
DCP02