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By Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Harry

RE: 29 Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 3BQ

Background

It is understood that an apparent hydrocarbon odour was noted by BH Drilling Services Ltd whilst advancing a borehole within the north western area of the site. No Geoenvironmental consultant was present on site to verify the apparent hydrocarbon odour and no samples were collected.

From further review of the information it is understood that the apparent hydrocarbon odour was encountered on groundwater recovered at a depth of 20.5m below Piling Platform Level (PPL) which is at an elevation of 61.81m AOD. No evidence of potential hydrocarbon contamination was noted on soils at the depth of the groundwater strike or within any of the overlying soils.

Planning Consent

There is a Planning Condition (d) requiring that: "In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of condition (a) and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of condition (b), which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report must be prepared, which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority in accordance with condition (c)."

The apparent hydrocarbon odour encountered in the borehole advanced by BH Drilling Services Ltd are considered unexpected potential contamination and as such should be reported to the Local Planning Authority in accordance with conditions on the Planning Consent.

Based on the wording of the Planning Condition there appears to be no requirement to cease works. This should be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Proposed Approach

It is proposed that the piling works continue. Initially a watching brief will be provided by an Environmental Consultant to assess whether a hydrocarbon odour is present at the depth of groundwater. If identified, samples will be collected for laboratory testing.

It is proposed to undertake a watching brief during the first 2 days of piling and again when piles are advanced in the area of the borehole located within the north west area of the site.

Site Visits

Site visits were undertaken by an environmental consultant from Enzygo Geoenvironmental Ltd whilst the piling works were undertaken. The initial visits were during piling within the centre of the site for a proposed crane base. No visual or olfactory evidence of hydrocarbon contamination was noted. A sample of soil was recovered from the based of Pile CB7 at a depth of 18.9m below PPL. This is the deepest depth of pile being advanced at the site.

Further visit was undertaken during piling in the north western area of the site, adjacent to the borehole and a soil sample was collected from the base of Pile 26, which is the deepest pile being advanced within this area.

Chemical Test Results

Samples were sent to the laboratories of I2 Analytical who are UKAS and MCERTS accredited. Both soil samples were tested for TPH:CWG.

Results are attached and show no exceedance of laboratory detection limits.

Conclusion

Based on site observations it is considered that there is no evidence of hydrocarbon contamination on site. It is considered that the apparent hydrocarbon odour reported by the drillers was in error and that there is no source identified on site.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of Enzygo



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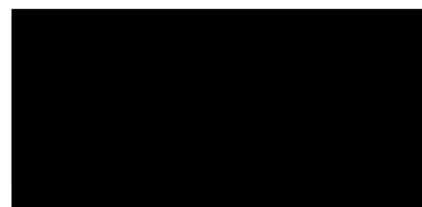
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Analytical Report Number : 24-041143

Project / Site name:	Broadwater Road, Welyn Garden City	Samples received on:	10/09/2024
Your job number:	CRM.1027.198	Samples instructed on/ Analysis started on:	10/09/2024
Your order number:		Analysis completed by:	16/09/2024
Report Issue Number:	1	Report issued on:	16/09/2024
Samples Analysed:	1 soil sample		

**Signed:**

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Standard Geotechnical, Asbestos and Chemical Testing Laboratory located at: ul. Pionierów 39, 41-711 Ruda Śląska, Poland.

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Lab Sample Number				311813
Sample Reference				CB7 Pile
Sample Number				None Supplied
Depth (m)				17.90
Date Sampled				10/09/2024
Time Taken				None Supplied
Analytical Parameter (Soil Analysis)	Units	Test Limit of detection	Test Accreditation Status	

Stone Content	%	0.1	NONE	31.9
Moisture Content	%	0.01	NONE	16
Total mass of sample received	kg	0.1	NONE	0.8

Petroleum Hydrocarbons

TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC5 - EC6 _{HS_1D_AL}	mg/kg	0.01	MCERTS	< 0.010
TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC6 - EC8 _{HS_1D_AL}	mg/kg	0.01	MCERTS	< 0.010
TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC8 - EC10 _{HS_1D_AL}	mg/kg	0.01	MCERTS	< 0.010
TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC10 - EC12 _{EH_CU_1D_AL}	mg/kg	1	MCERTS	< 1.0
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TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC16 - EC21 _{EH_CU_1D_AL}	mg/kg	8	MCERTS	< 8.0
TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC21 - EC35 _{EH_CU_1D_AL}	mg/kg	8	MCERTS	< 8.0
TPHCWG - Aliphatic >EC5 - EC35 _{EH_CU+HS_1D_AL}	mg/kg	10	NONE	< 10

TPHCWG - Aromatic >EC5 - EC7 _{HS_1D_AR}	mg/kg	0.01	MCERTS	< 0.010
TPHCWG - Aromatic >EC7 - EC8 _{HS_1D_AR}	mg/kg	0.01	MCERTS	< 0.010
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TPHCWG - Aromatic >EC5 - EC35 _{EH_CU+HS_1D_AR}	mg/kg	10	NONE	< 10

VOCs

MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether)	µg/kg	5	NONE	< 5.0
Benzene	µg/kg	5	MCERTS	< 5.0
Toluene	µg/kg	5	MCERTS	< 5.0
Ethylbenzene	µg/kg	5	MCERTS	< 5.0
p & m-Xylene	µg/kg	5	MCERTS	< 5.0
o-Xylene	µg/kg	5	MCERTS	< 5.0

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Lab Sample Number	Sample Reference	Sample Number	Depth (m)	Sample Description *
311813	CB7 Pile	None Supplied	17.9	Light brown clay with gravel and stones

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Water matrix abbreviations:

Surface Water (SW) Potable Water (PW) Ground Water (GW) Process Waters (PrW) Final Sewage Effluent (FSE) Landfill Leachate (LL)

Analytical Test Name	Analytical Method Description	Analytical Method Reference	Method number	Wet / Dry Analysis	Accreditation Status
Moisture Content	Moisture content, determined gravimetrically (up to 30°C)	In-house method	L019B	W	NONE
Stones content of soil	Standard preparation for all samples unless otherwise detailed. Gravimetric determination of stone > 10 mm as % dry weight	In-house method based on British Standard Methods and MCERTS requirements.	L019B	D	NONE
BTEX and/or Volatile organic compounds in soil	Determination of volatile organic compounds in soil by headspace GC-MS	In-house method based on USEPA 8260	L073B	W	MCERTS
Total petroleum hydrocarbons with carbon banding by GC-FID/GC-MS HS in soil	Determination of total petroleum hydrocarbons in soil by GC-FID/GC-MS HS with carbon banding aliphatic and aromatic	In-house method	L076B/L088-PL	D/W	MCERTS

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Quality control parameter failure associated with individual result applies to calculated sum of individuals.

The result for sum should be interpreted with caution



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Analytical Report Number : 24-043002

Project / Site name:	Broadwater Road, Welyn Garden City	Samples received on:	18/09/2024
Your job number:	CRM 1027 198	Samples instructed on/ Analysis started on:	19/09/2024
Your order number:		Analysis completed by:	25/09/2024
Report Issue Number:	1	Report issued on:	27/09/2024
Samples Analysed:	1 soil sample		

Sign

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Project / Site name: Broadwater Road, Welyn Garden City

Lab Sample Number				321537
Sample Reference				Pile 26
Sample Number				None Supplied
Depth (m)				14.50
Date Sampled				17/09/2024
Time Taken				None Supplied
Analytical Parameter (Soil Analysis)	Units	Test Limit of detection	Test Accreditation Status	

Stone Content	%	0.1	NONE	< 0.1
Moisture Content	%	0.01	NONE	20
Total mass of sample received	kg	0.1	NONE	0.8

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Information in Support of Analytical Results

List of HWOL Acronyms and Operators

Acronym	Descriptions
HS	Headspace Analysis
MS	Mass spectrometry
FID	Flame Ionisation Detector
GC	Gas Chromatography
EH	Extractable Hydrocarbons (i.e. everything extracted by the solvent(s))
CU	Clean-up - e.g. by Florisil®, silica gel
1D	GC - Single coil/column gas chromatography
2D	GC-GC - Double coil/column gas chromatography
Total	Aliphatics & Aromatics
AL	Aliphatics
AR	Aromatics
#1	EH_2D_Total but with humics mathematically subtracted
#2	EH_2D_Total but with fatty acids mathematically subtracted
_	Operator - underscore to separate acronyms (exception for +)
+	Operator to indicate cumulative e.g. EH+HS_Total or EH_CU+HS_Total

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