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Submission to the EPA Oral Hearing on a Proposed Landfill at Nevitt by Patrick Boyle, BE.

Hydrogeology

Introduction

This brief submission highlights the obstacle to the proposed landfill at Nevitt posed by the presence of horticultural wells operated by Thomas Kerrigan, Tim Bergin, John Thorn and Thomas Moore - all significant horticultural processors in the vicinity of the landfill, and the risk posed by surface water discharge to the Courtlough River local irrigation system.

Source Protection Zones

The GSI Groundwater Protection Schemes specifies that the distance from a source of pollution to a Groundwater Source is measured from the point at which the contaminant comes in contact with the groundwater. In the case of a landfill with low vulnerability subsoil the Response Matrix gives R4 for the SI (Inner Source Protection Zone, TOT < 100days) and R3 for the SO (Outer Source Protection Zone, i.e. within the Zone of Contribution which normally extends to the up-gradient water divide). The point of contact with the groundwater in this case therefore lies directly below the landfill at a depth of some 10m or more.

Groundwater flow patterns in gravel and rock faults.

The Groundwater flow patterns in the gravels and rock faults below and in the vicinity of the landfill are unknown. Dr Paul Ashley has indicated that due to the complexity of the site a computer model analysis would be required, and that the normal UK programme, LandSim, cannot be of use because the liner is below the water table. We cannot therefore hope to come to any immediate conclusions based on the EIS regarding the potential contribution of these features in the determination of either Inner or Outer Source Protection Zones, except to say that the geophysical and borehole data to date, and the evidence of Dr Ashley, Mr. Kevin Cullen and Mr Tim Begin clearly indicates that they <u>are</u> significant.

Bog of Ring public water supply

The GSI have indicated that there is insufficient borehole data in a critical area north of the Five Roads to allow for an accurate determination of the position of a water divide. The applicant's assertion that they have done so cannot therefore be relied upon.

The calculation is further complicated by the fact that the valley is of very low relief and the bedrock is overlain by a continuous layer of gravel constituting a distinct separate layer saturated with groundwater and stretching from below the landfill all t5he way to the Bog of Ring wellfield. This gravel layer has been comprehensively illustrated by Mr. Kevin Cullen at the Oral Hearing. This aquifer is confined and would in places deliver water to the surface without pumping, as at borehole BGB1. There is hardly any doubt then that all indications at present then are that it would b capable of delivering water through the gravels to the Bog of Ring.

The EIS and the applicant's replies to the EPA have failed to address the issue of the possible contribution of these gravels below the landfill to the Bog of Ring Zone of Contribution, and in particular whether or not the landfill would lie within the SQuare the public water supply with a corresponding R3 response.

John Thorn's horticultural well

This well has an estimated yield of 750,000 l/day and supplies water principally to a vegetable washing plant at Thorn's farm which is situated some 400 m to the immediate North east of the landfill footprint. Mr Kevin Cullen's interpretation of the gravel depth at that location indicates a figure of between 0m and 5m ad a continuous connection with the gravels below the footprint.

The EIS fails to attempt an analysis of the possible contribution of the gravels beneath the proposed landfill to either the SI or So of this adjacent well, but given the conditions as outlined, the response may well be R4 or R3.

Thomas Kerrigan's horticultural well

_This well has an estimated yield of 1,900,0001/day and a working pump capable of delivering circa 600,000 1/day. It supplies water to a medium sized vegetable processing plant supplying supermarket chains and institutions.

Again no attempt has been made within the EIS to ascertain whether the extensive and deep grave deposits beneath the southern landfill footprint area could form part of the Zone of Contribution of this well.

The well is located some 900m directly to the south of the footprint and within the Annsbrook landfill site section study area. Selected borehole and Geophysical data from this study is attached, along with relevant data from the EIS for the Nevitt site.

During this Oral Hearing I questioned the applicant regarding the evidence contained in the EIS geophysics to the probable presence of a Fault Line running North South below the landfill footprint – a feature also mentioned by Mr Cullen. If it is a faulther and given that it points directly towards Kerrigan's well, it may well be responsible for the very high yield. The probable connectivity between the landfill and Kerrigan's and consequential imput to the Zong of Contribution of this well has not been established in the EIS but again the resultant outcome of such a study might well yield an R4 or R3 response.

Similarly the geophysics or the southern end of the landfill site and the northern end of he Annsbrook site would indicate a possible contribution by the gravels below the footprint to the Zone of Contribution of Kerigan's well.

Thomas Moore's and Tim Bergin's wells - Important water sources

These wells fulfil extremely prominent roles in the local horticultural industry- Moore's because of its long established reputation and Bergin's because of its pivotal role in the local irrigation system as outlined below.

The EIS fails to recognize their value in its risk assessments as with all other horticultural wells mentioned above.

Landfill surface water runoff and the Courtlough River horticultural irrigation system

An important, locally devised, crop irrigation system has been in use on the lower reaches of the Courtlough River for some time - the details of which were outlined to the hearing by Mr Tim Bergin. Crops irrigated include "the largest lettuce production facility in Ireland" a "high risk" crop requiring only the purest of potable water. Unless this level of purity of surface runoff can be guaranteed, taking into account the cumulative effect of operations at the proposed Nevitt landfill, including the clean-up of an illegal landfill, together with runoff from Murphy's Environmental existing landfill, produce from this entire area will be at risk and/or the entire horticultural enterprise may have to cease.

Conclusion

The risk to the horticultural industry presented by landfill surface water runoff into the Courtlough River has potsbeen adequately assessed in the EIS. The risk to the horticultural of the contamination of

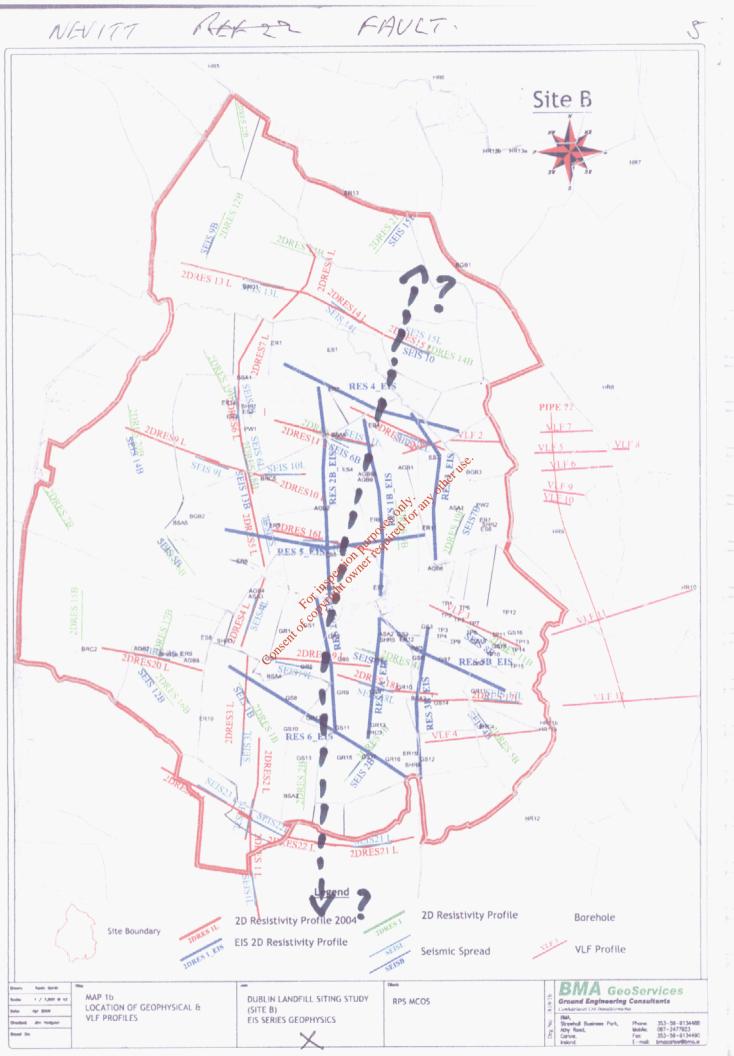
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The contribution of gravels and rock faults to the Zones of Contribution of water sources in the vicinity of the proposed landfill has not been assessed in the EIS. Such an assessment, as stated by Dr Ashley, would require computer modelling of some complexity. The outcome of such a study might well be an R4or R3 categorization for this site, and the project could therefore not proceed.

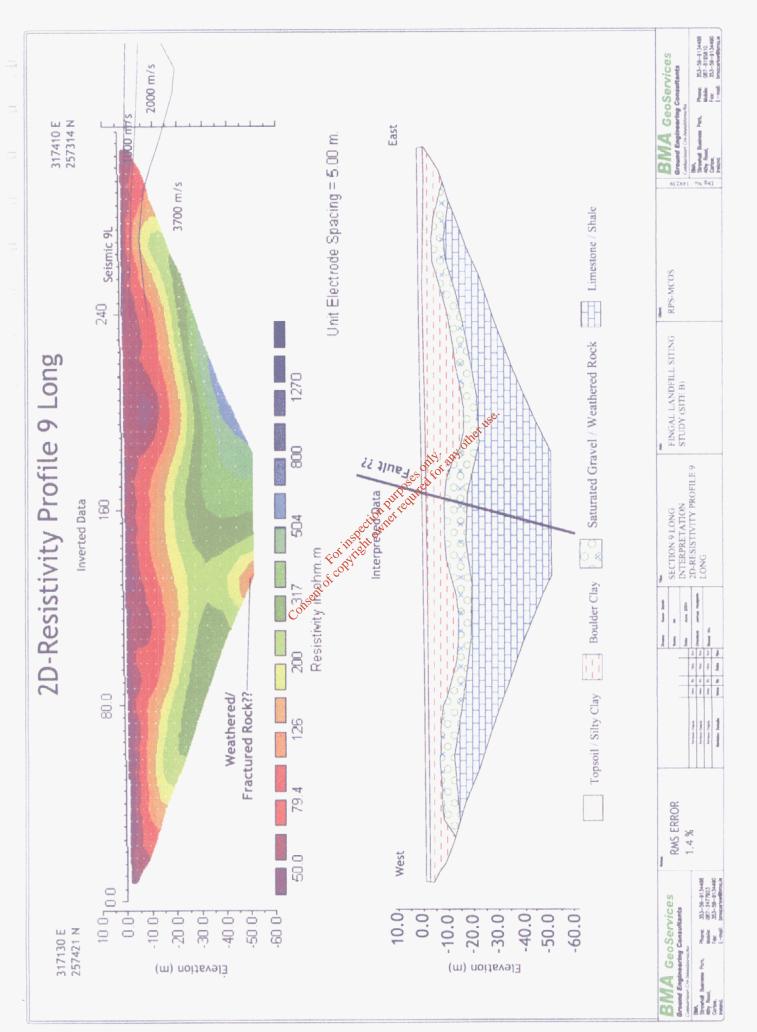
In the absence of this vital computer modelling and the level of risk present, and having regard to the Precautionary Principle, I cannot see how the EPA can allow this project to proceed.

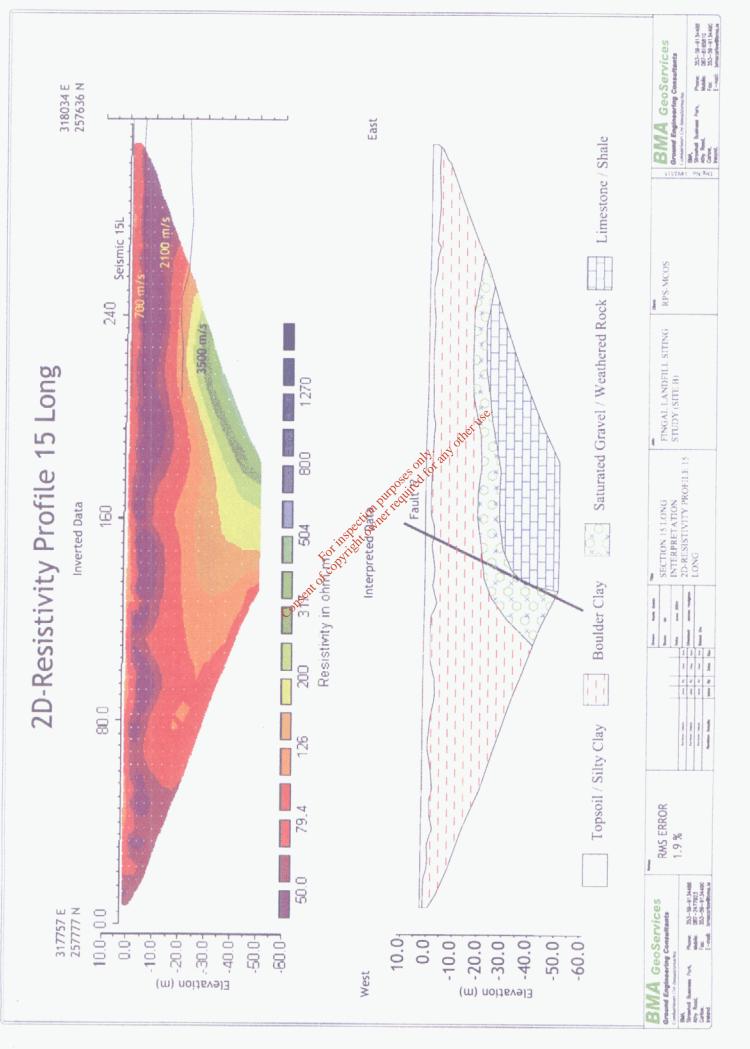
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Marked maps, and selected borehole and geophysical data from the Fingal County Council Landfill Site Selection Study, July 2004 and the EIS in relation to Kerrigan's well are attached.



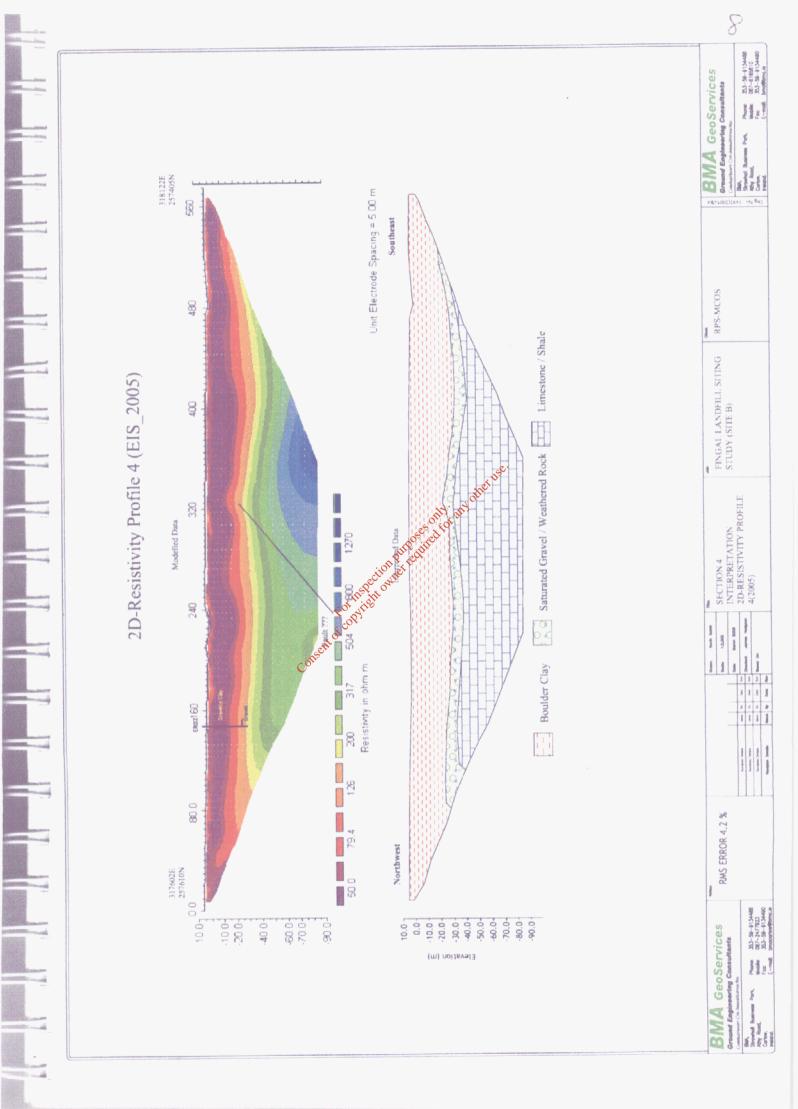
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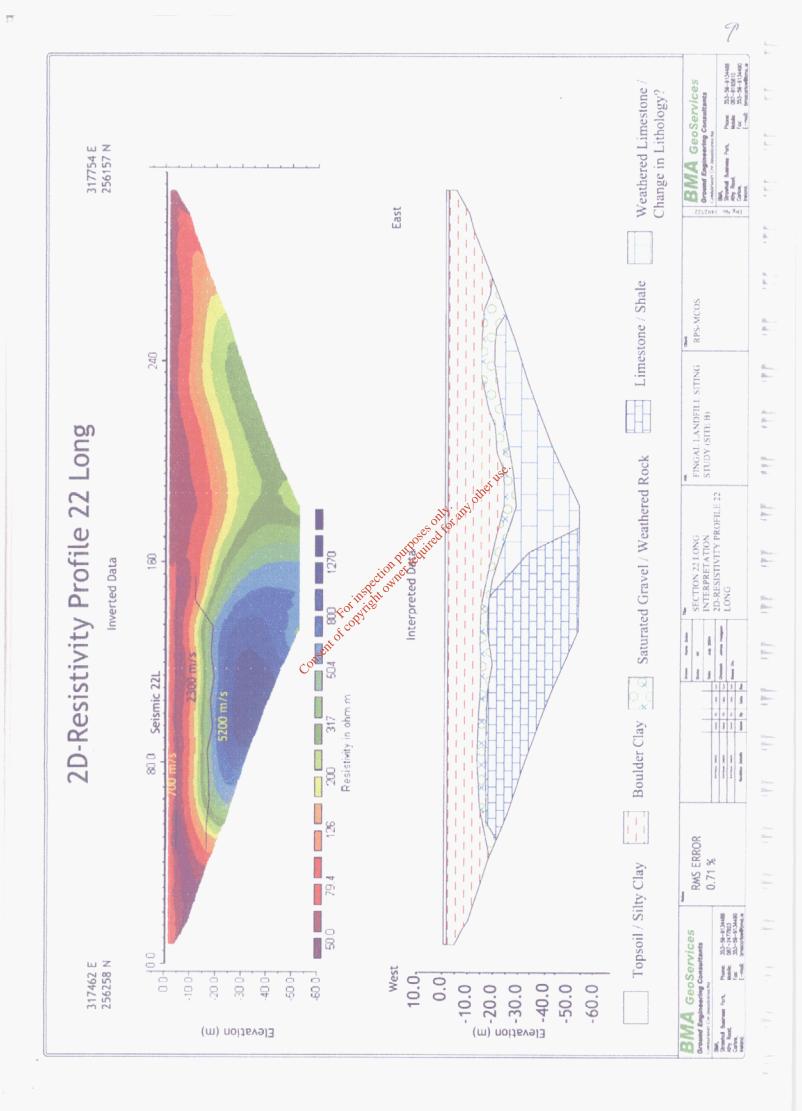


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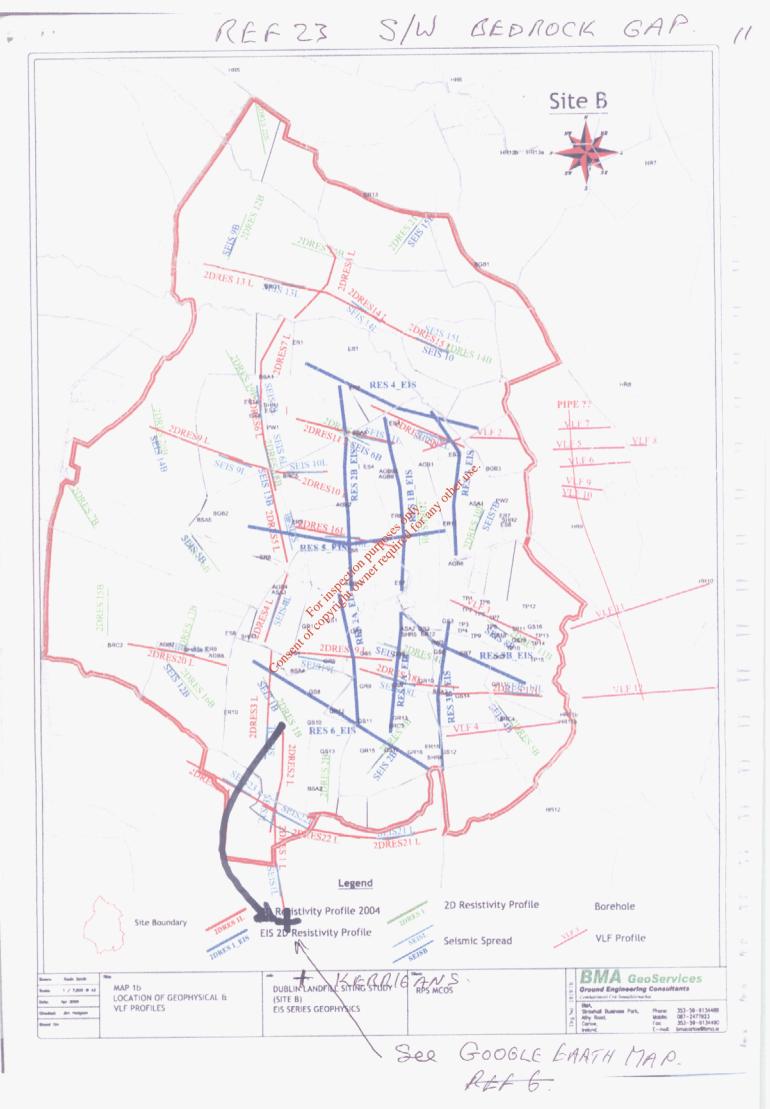
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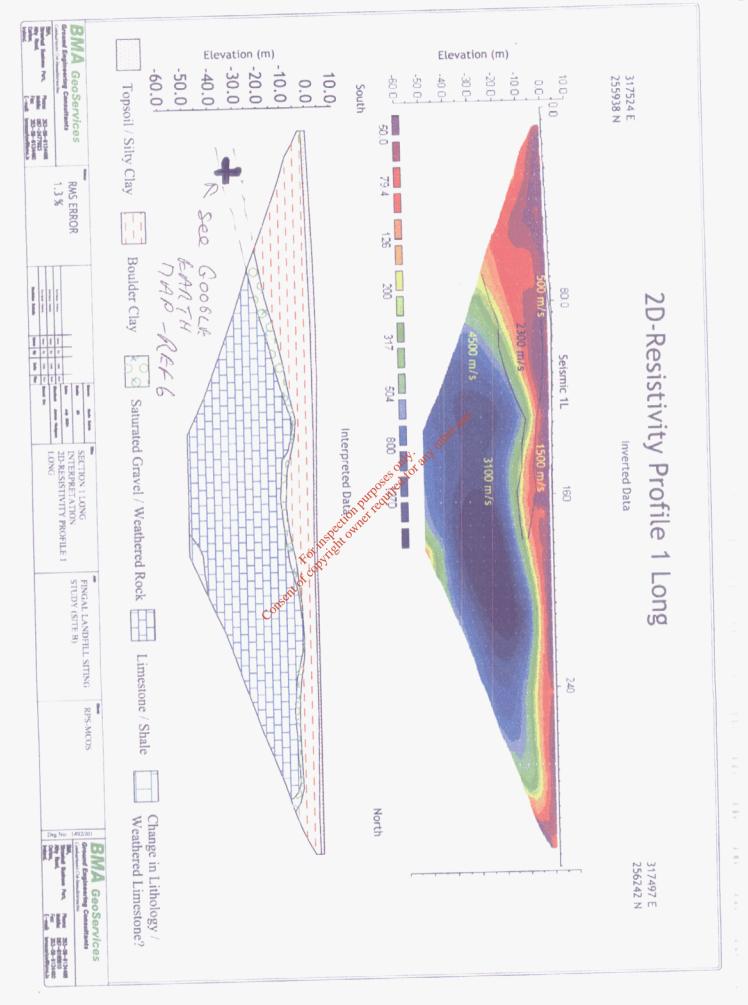
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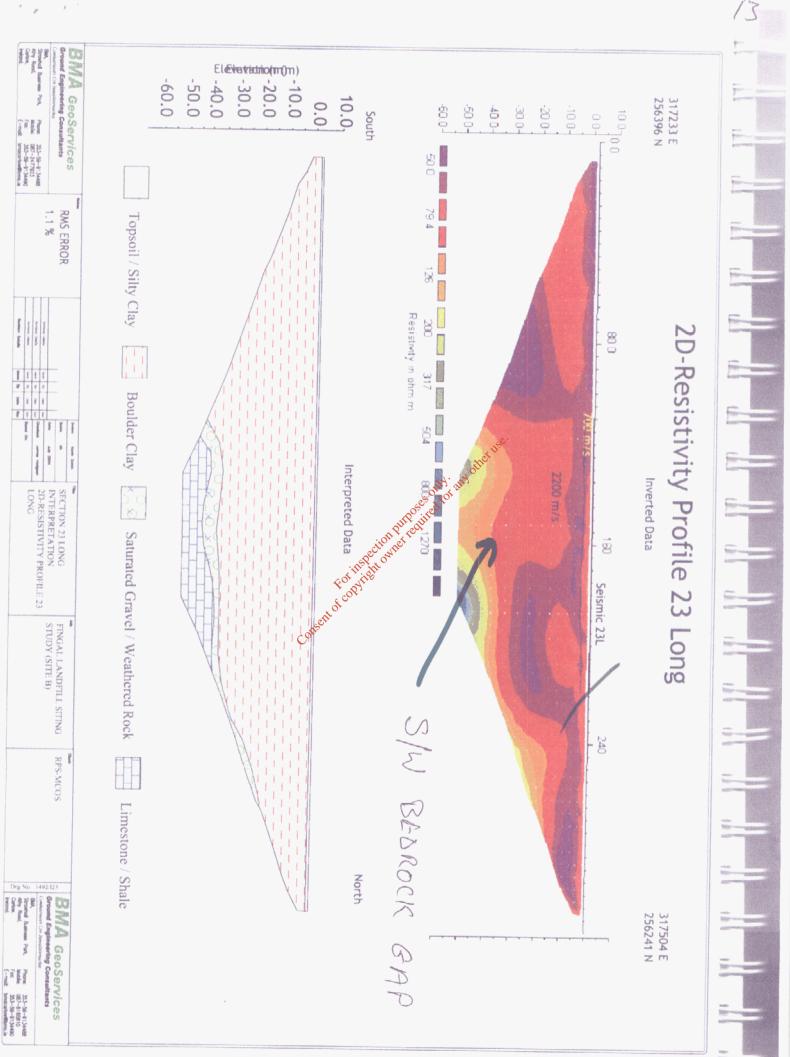


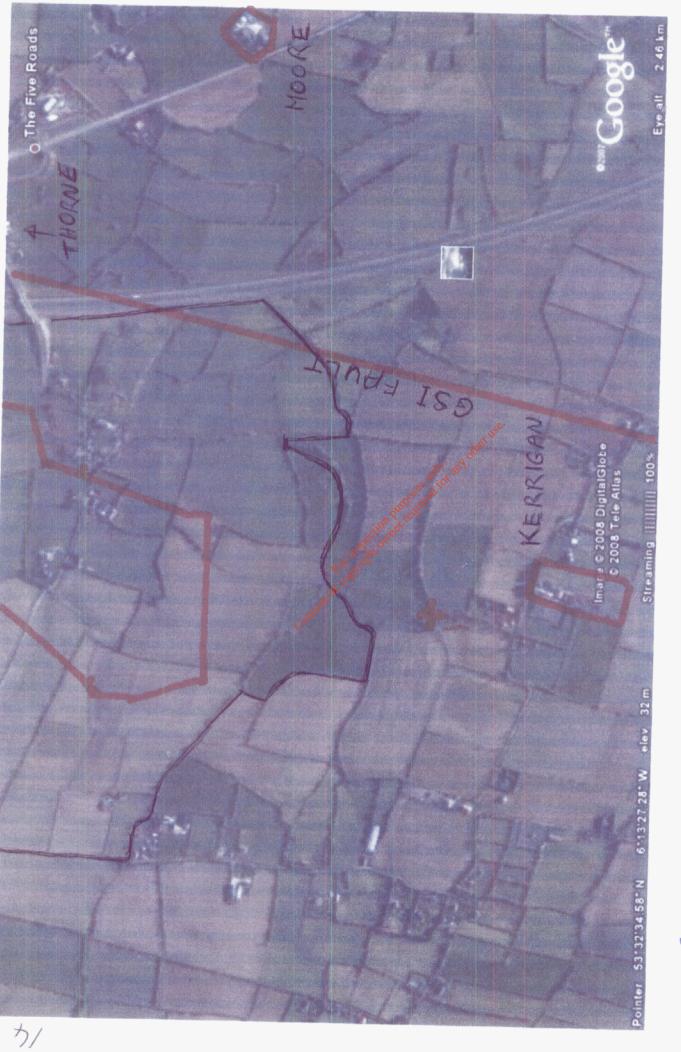








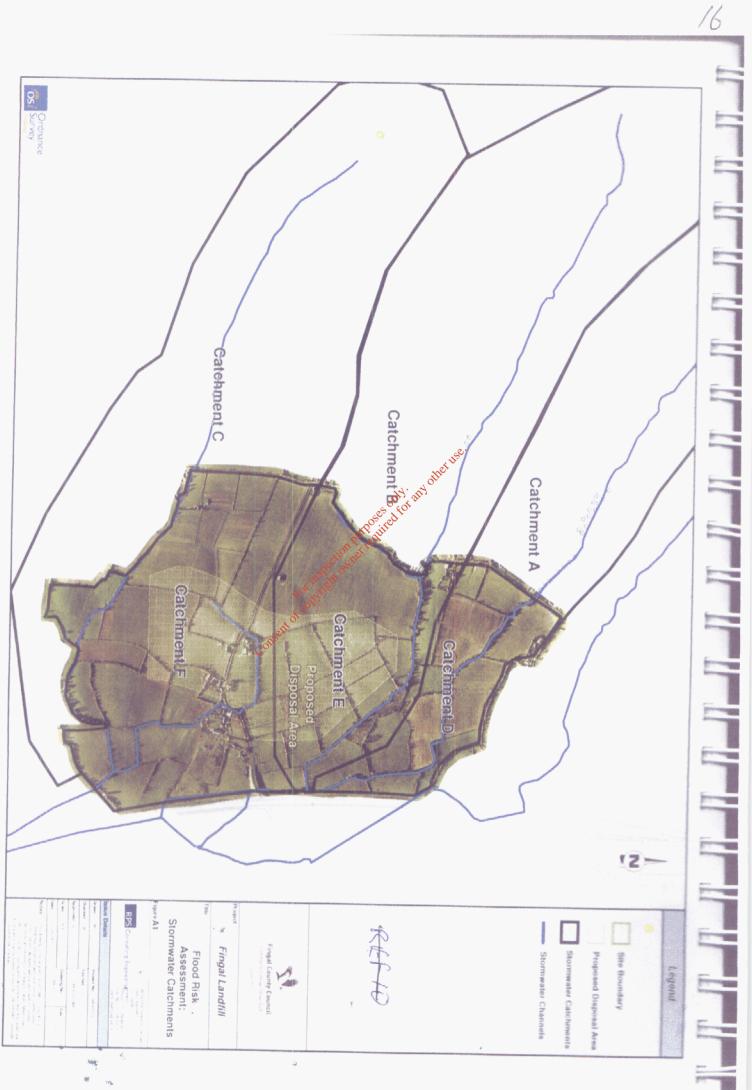




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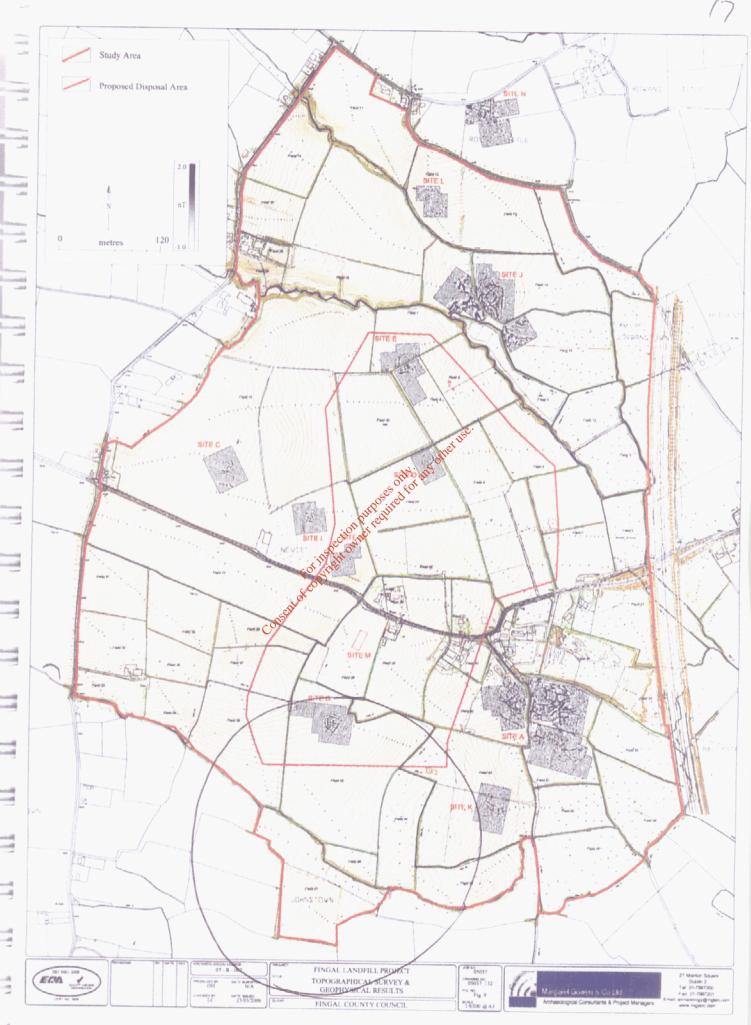


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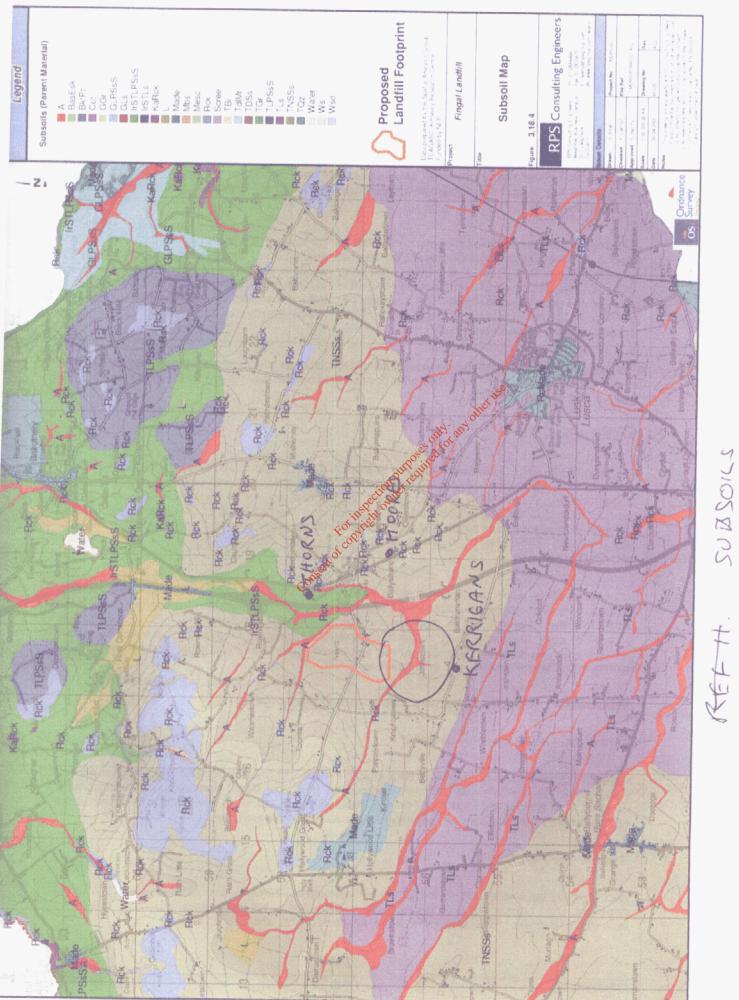


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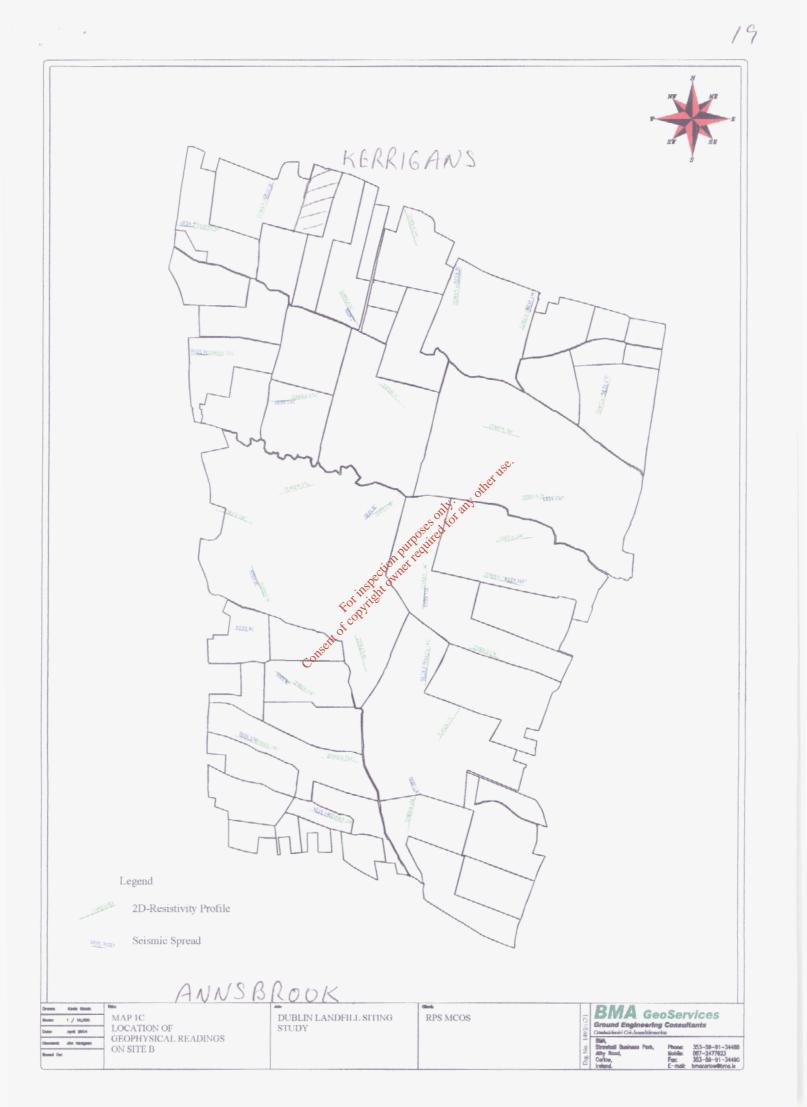
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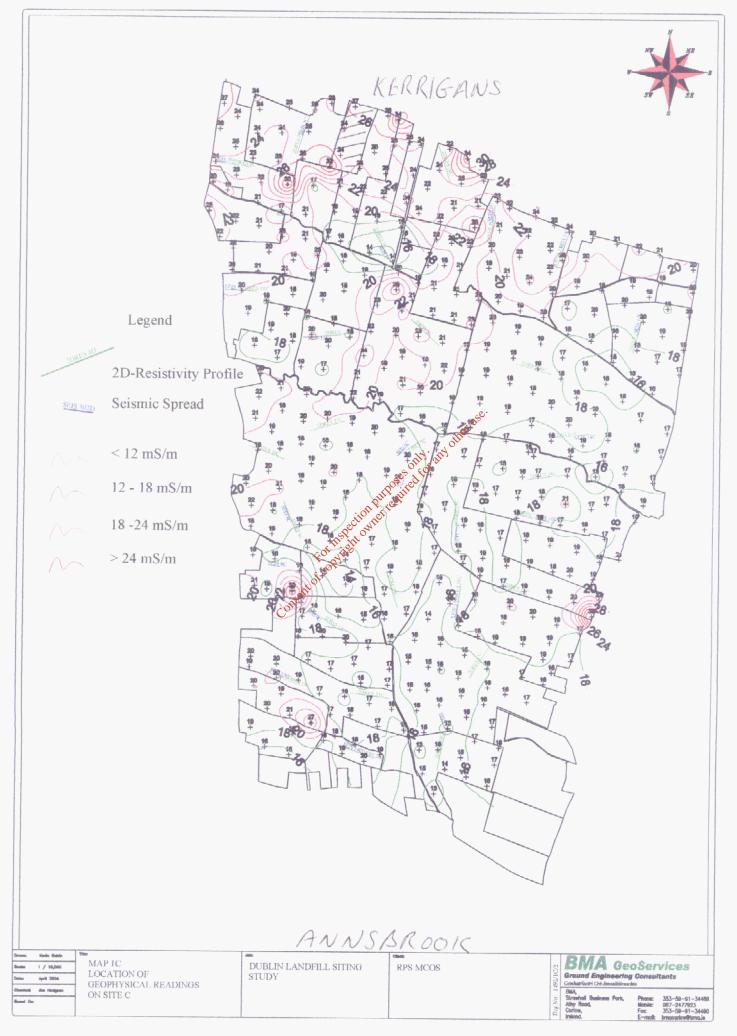


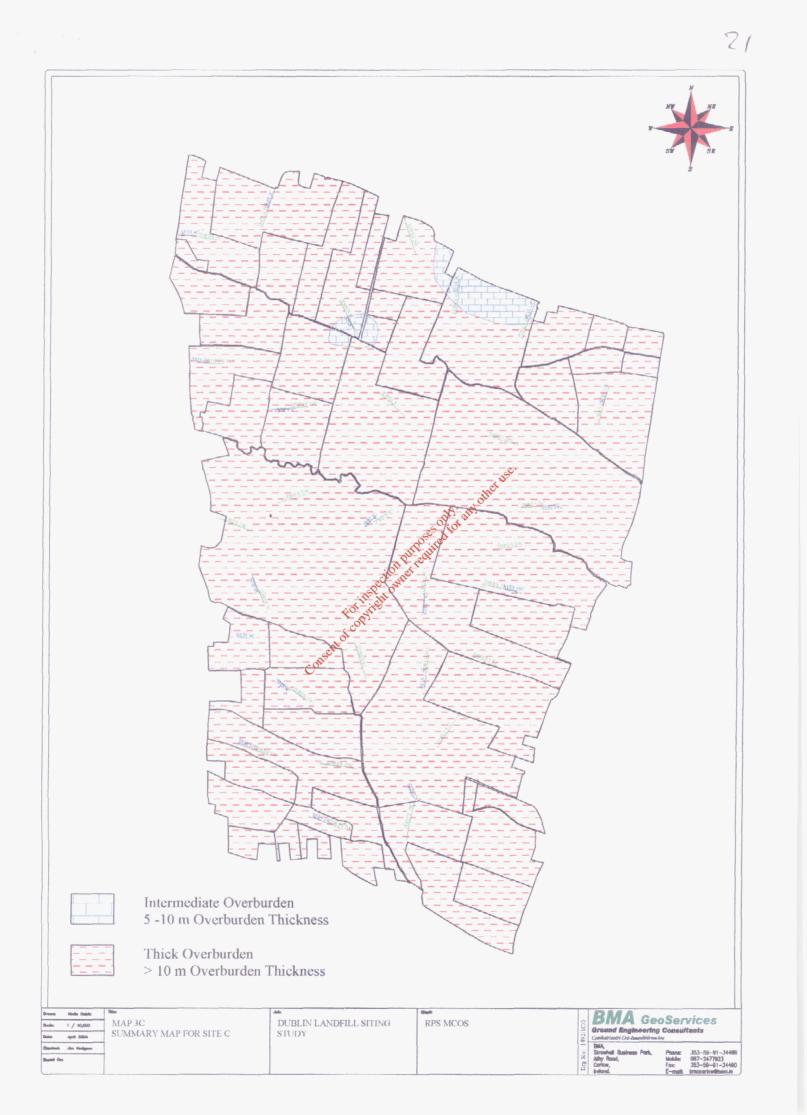
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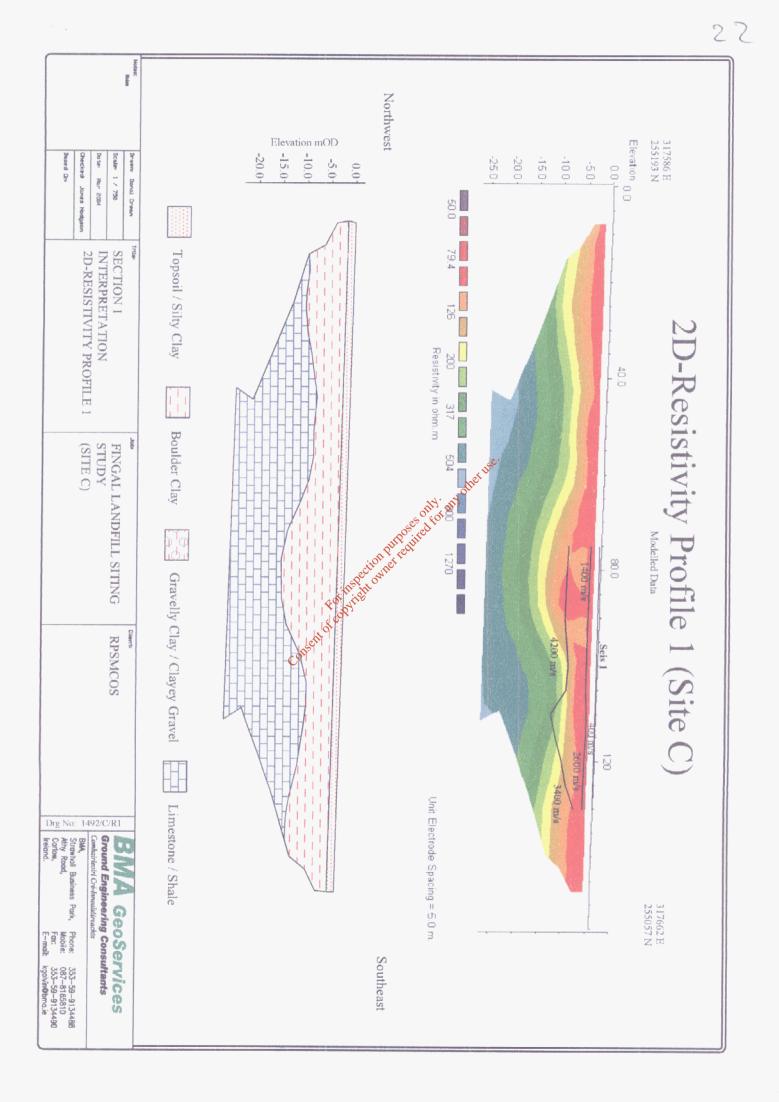


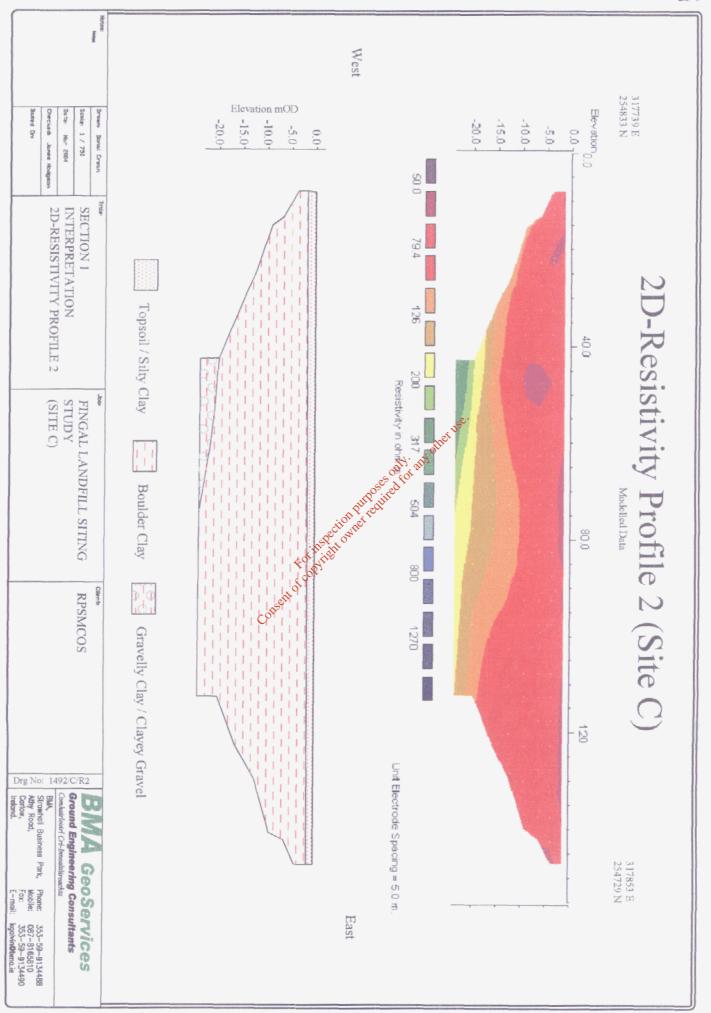
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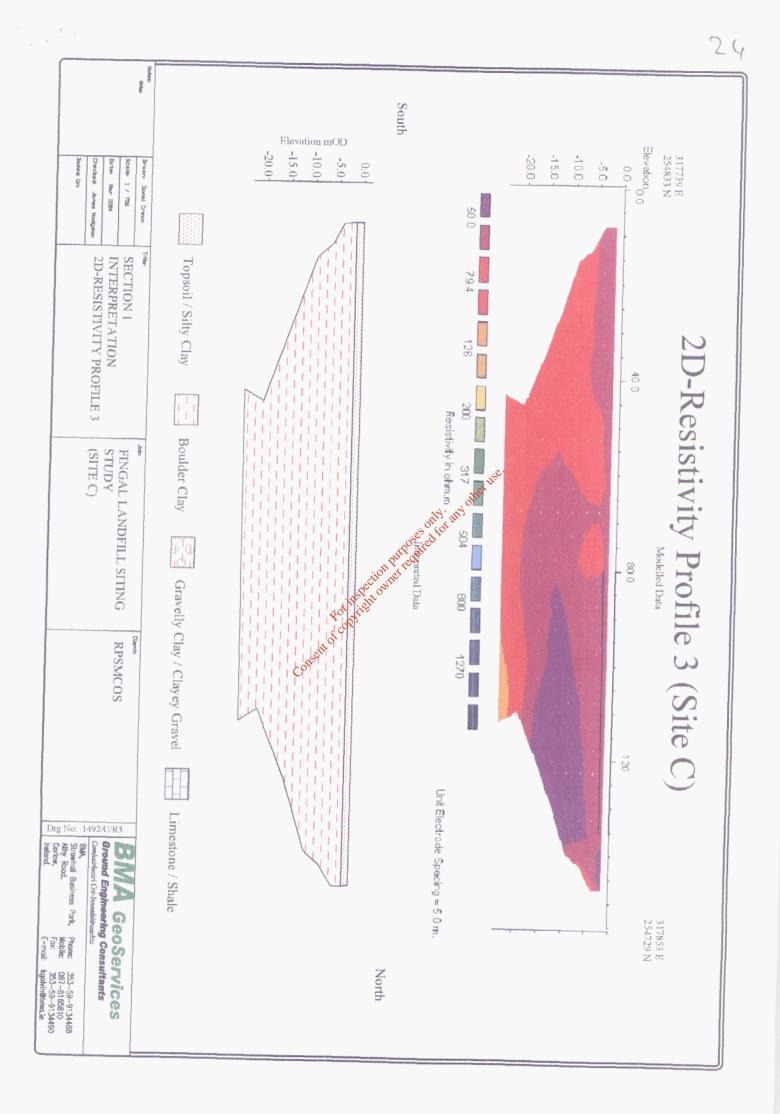




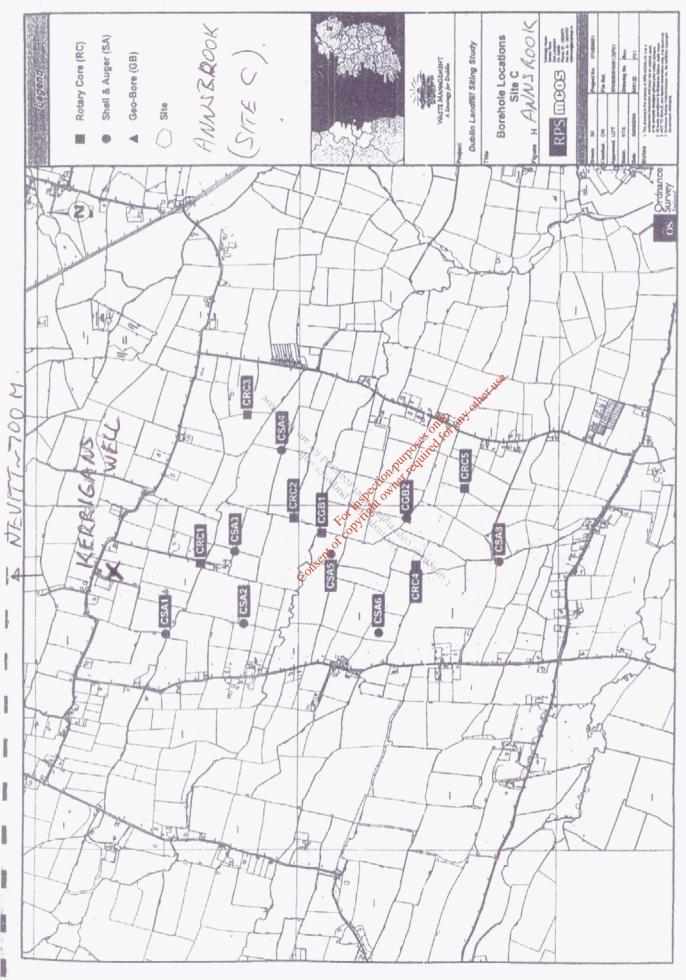








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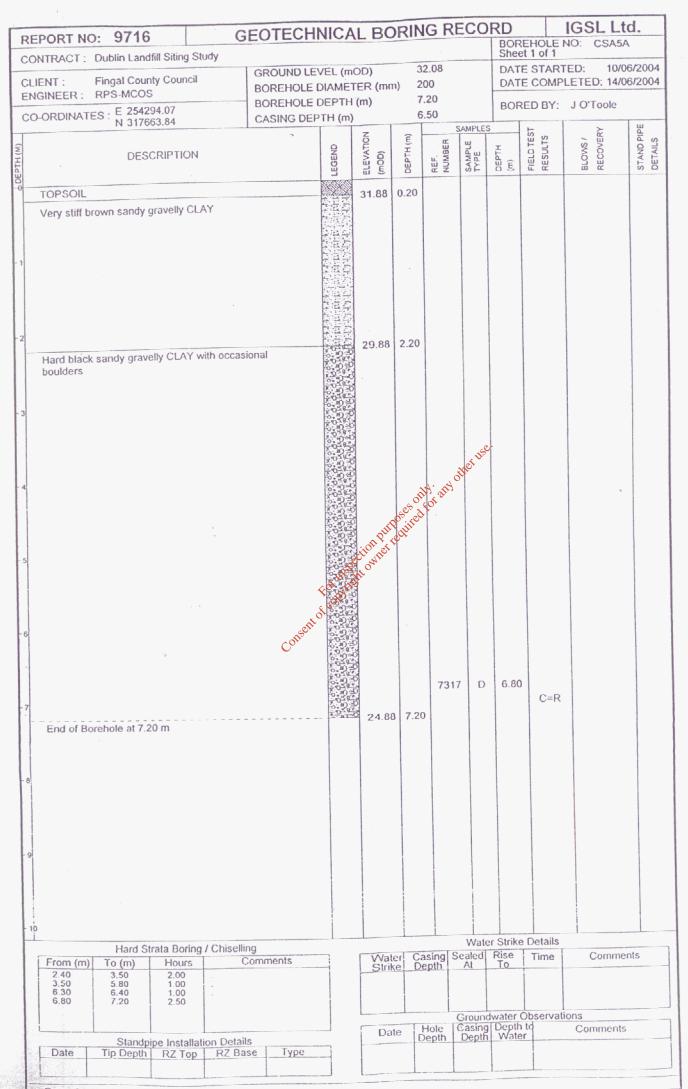
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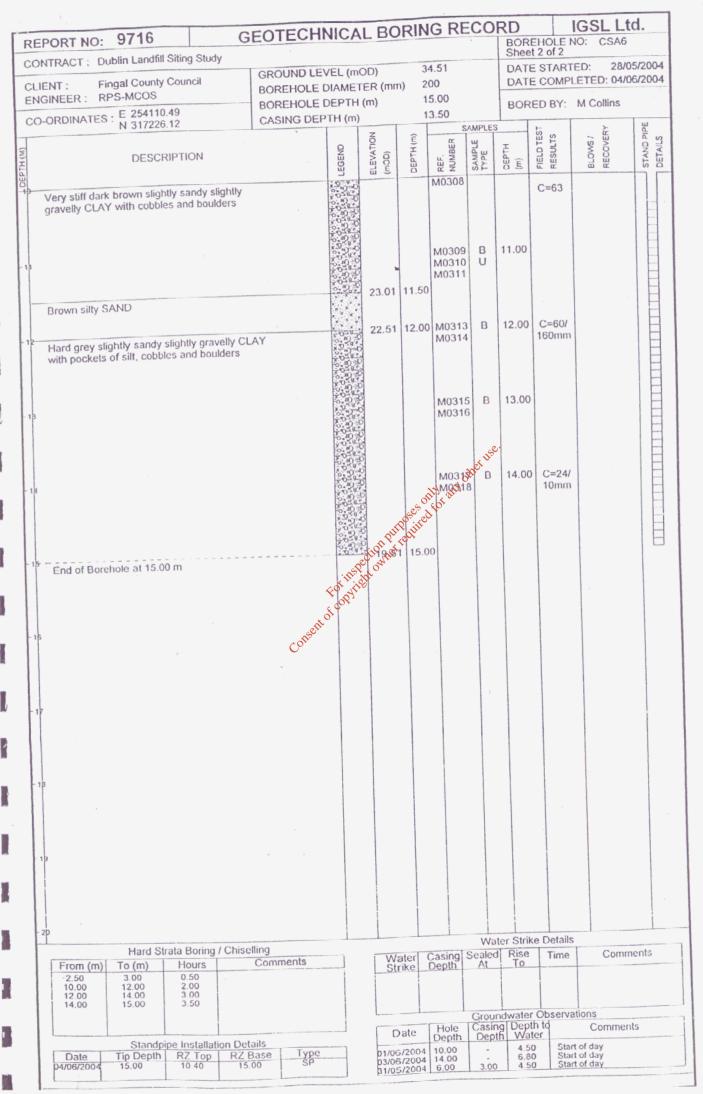
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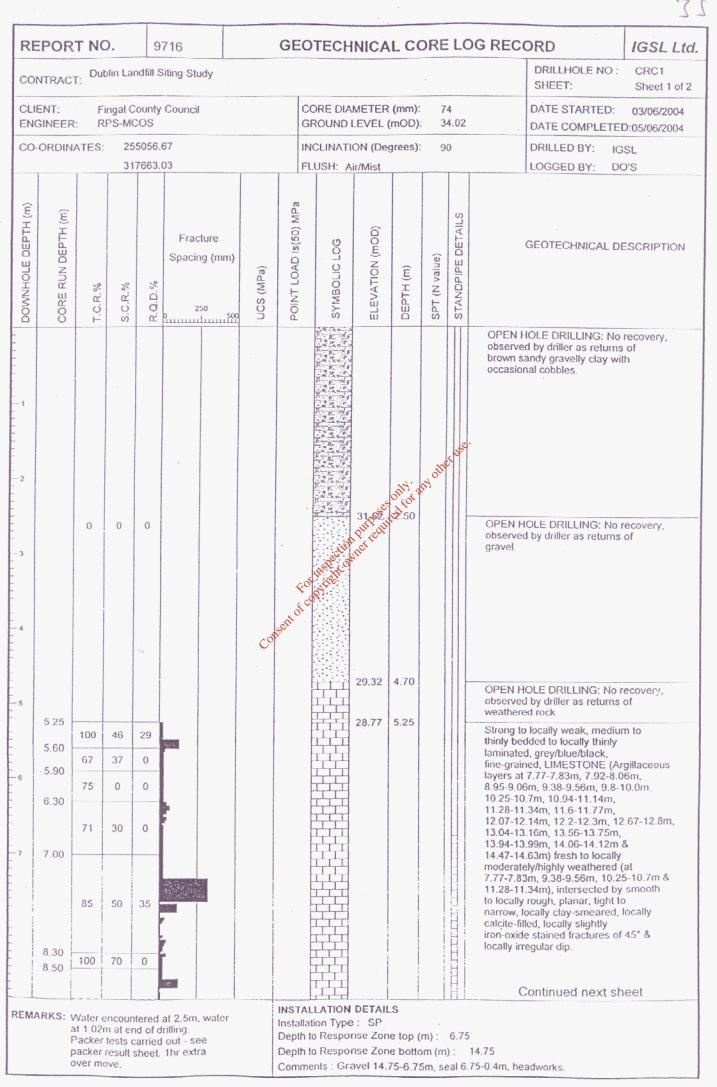
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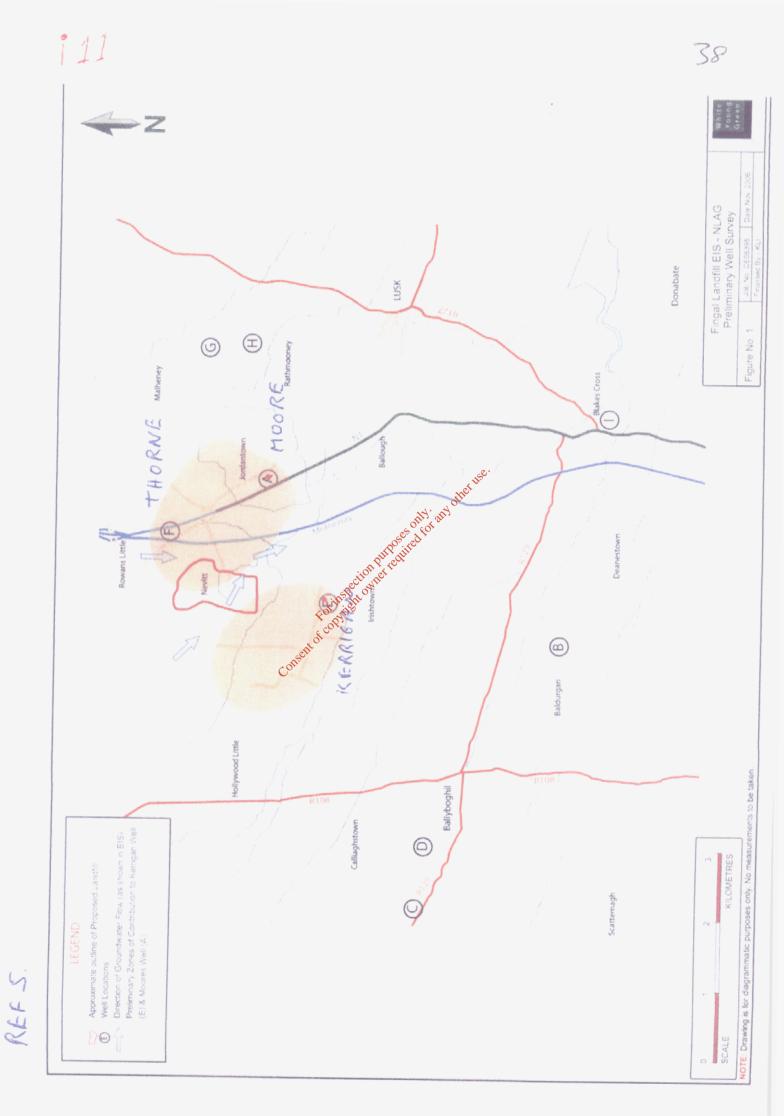


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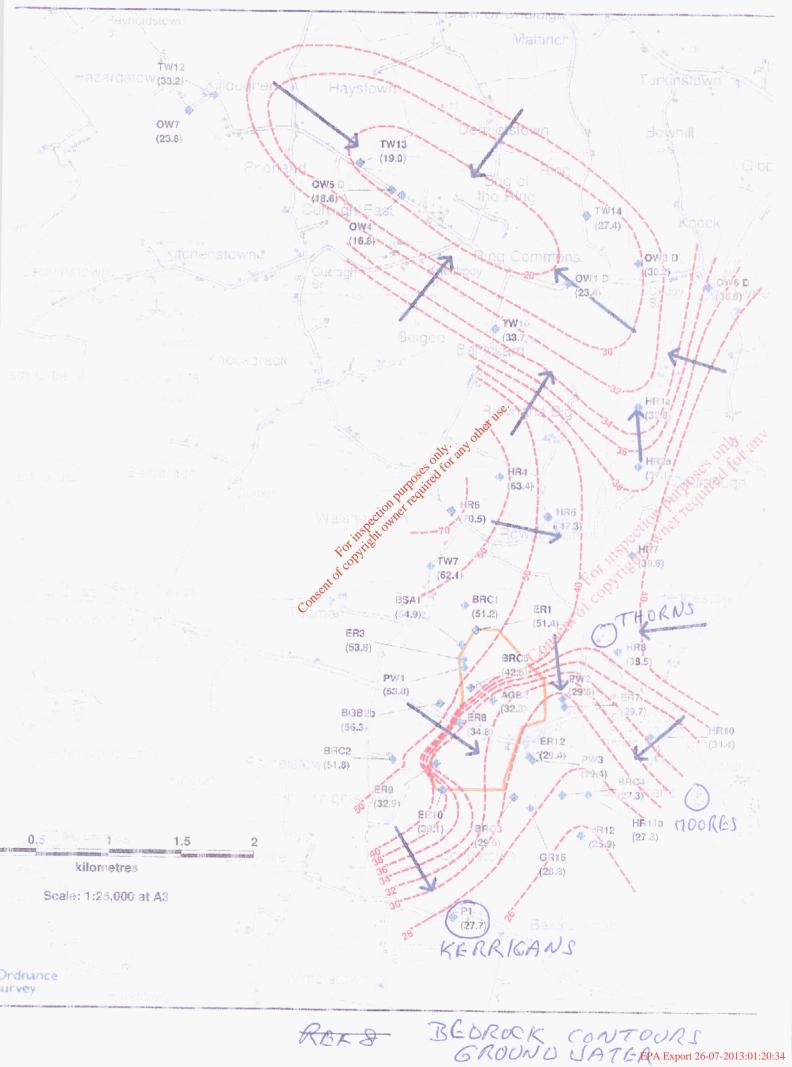
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Site C

ANNSBROOK

Site Description & Geological Setting (Site C)

Site C centred on the townland of Annsbrook encompasses an area of approximately 4,15,000 m^2 (415 ha) and is located approximately 10 km southwest of Skerries and 4 km west of Lusk. There is little change in elevation across the site, with a slight rise from southeast to northwest from about 20 mOD to a high of 40 mOD. The new M1 motorway is located close to the eastern margin of the site approaching within approximately 100 m. The ground is typically grass and agricultural fields. A number of small streams run northwest - southeast through the site.

The geological map for the area 'Geology of Meath, 2001' indicates that the area is underlain predominantly by 'Calp' limestone of the Lucan Formation. Calcarenites and calcisiltites of the Naul Formation are also present towards the northeastern corner of the site.

The following section integrates the geophysical results with the available geological data. The interpretation is based on the available factual information, piper geophysical responses of known materials and the experience of the author. The interpreted 2D-Resistivity and seismic only any sections are shown at the end of this report.

Locations for the geophysical readings are shown on Maps 1C-3C. Maps were provided by RPSMCOS.

EM31 Ground Conductivity Data (Site Contraction of the contraction of An EM31 ground conductivity survey was carried out across the site with readings taken at approximately 100 m centres. An average conductivity contour map is shown on Map 2C. Across most of the site little variation is seen with values typically ranging between 15 and 20 mS/m, indicating relatively thick clay rich overburden across the site. No significant areas of low or very high conductivity values are recorded across the site indicating relatively uniform overburden thickness in the top 6 m of the subsurface.

2D Resistivity Data (Site C)

A total of 29 2D resistivity profiles have been carried out across the survey area and show little variation with low resistivities (< 200 ohm-m) across the whole site indicating thick clay overburden, some zones of intermediate resistivity (200 - 300 ohm-m) have been interpreted as gravely clay / clayey gravel or in some cases shaley bedrock. These layers may also represent an increase in the boulder/cobble content of the boulder clay. Bedrock is interpreted by high resistivities (> 300 ohm-m) along some of the profiles. Towards the east of the site bedrock is interpreted to lie at between 10 and 15 m depth b.g.l. To small areas to the north have been interpreted as indicating bedrock at 5 to 10 m depth. Across the rest of the site particularly in



the west, central and southern sections overburden is interpreted to be extremely thick at about > 20 m.

Seismic Data (Site C)

A total of 19 seismic spreads were undertaken across site C and are shown to agree well with the resistivity data. Two or three layers have been modelled for the seismic data with typically a low velocity (400 - 800 m/s) layer of topsoil / silty clay overlying an intermediate velocity layer (1400 - 2200 m/s) of stiff glacial till (boulder clay) overlying high velocity (> 3000 m/s) competent bedrock. Across most of the site high velocity bedrock is interpreted at > 10 m depth b.g.l, or is not detected by the seismic data indicating that bedrock is at a depth greater than approximately 15 m. Along seismic spreads 3 and 18 bedrock is interpreted to lie at about 5 to 10 m depth b.g.l. This area represents the area of shallowest bedrock within the site. High recorded velocities (> 4000 m/s) for the bedrock across mush of the site indicate the relatively competent nature of the bedrock.

The higher the velocity measured for overburden / rock the greater the stiffness / competency of the material. Integrated Geophysical Data (Site C) EM31 ground conductivity readings measure the built conductivity from the upper 6 m of the

subsurface, therefore in an area of generally thick overburden little variation in ground conductivity values is seen. Within site & the clay rich overburden is interpreted within the ofcop top 6 m across the site.

Generally the seismic and resistivity data correlate well indicating generally thick boulder clay overburden overlying limestone \mathscr{V} shale bedrock across most of the site. There is no area interpreted where bedrock shallows to less than 5 m depth b.g.l. Within the western, central and southern areas bedrock is interpreted at about 20+ m b.g.l. Within the western portion of the site bedrock shallows slightly and is interpreted at about 10 - 5 m b.g.l. Two small zones in the north of the site have been interpreted as indicating bedrock, which lies between 5 and 10 m b.g.l.

Typically bedrock has been interpreted by high resistivities (> 300 ohm-m) and high seismic velocities (>3000 m/s), however, in a few instances high seismic velocities (> 3000 m/s) correlate with intermediate resistivity values (150 - 300 ohm-m), which may indicate more shalely or weathered bedrock.

The combined geophysical properties can be summarised as follows:

Interpretation	Thickness (m)	Velocity (m/s)	Resistivity (ohm-m)	Estimated Stiffness/ Rock Quality*	Rippability
SUBSOIL / Silty CLAY	0 - 2	300 - 600	< 100	Soft - Firm	Diggable
Gravelly CLAY / Clayey GRAVEL	0 - 4	1200 -2600	150 - 300	Firm - Stiff	Diggable
Boulder CLAY	5 - 20+	1200 -2600	< 200	Stiff - V. Stiff	Break/Blast
SHALE / LIMESTONE Bedrock	-	>3000	> 300	Strong	Break/Blast

Table 1c: Combined Geophysical Data for Site C

*Estimates of soil stiffness and rock quality are based on the measured geophysical properties.

Conclusions & Recommendations (Site C)

Subject to direct investigation and further geotechnical testing the presence of thick boulder clay deposits across most of the site would indicate that this site would be generally suitable, in respect to ground conditions, for the siting of a landtik. The stiffness of the overburden and the presence of a clay matrix indicate that the perpendiculations are likely to be low. Areas to the west, centre and south would be most suitable due to the very thick clay deposits.

The presence of two streams running through the centre of the site, however, would decrease the suitability of the site unless adequately engineered for.

Trial pitting and drilling is recommended across the site to confirm the findings of this report, to determine the thickness of the boulder clay deposits and undertake geotechnical and permeability testing of the overburden and rock. As well as noting the presence of any gravel concentrations or boulder beds within the overburden.

Following the further selection of a preferred/suitable area within the site detailed drilling should be undertaken. The method used should allow detailed logging and undisturbed sampling of the soil materials to allow strength and permeability testing and identification of any potential leakage paths. It should also allow for follow on rotary core drilling to prove bedrock and bedrock conditions.



Maps and Interpreted Sections (Site C)

