
Appendix 4: Preliminary Geotechnical Suitability Assessment by Tonkin and Taylor Ltd

REPORT

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Preliminary Geotechnical
Suitability Assessment

Kelso Grove, Kelson

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Executive summary

Tonkin and Taylor Ltd (T&T) has been engaged by Hutt City Council (HCC) to undertake an Urban Development and Planning Assessment for strategic sites in Hutt City. T&T has included a geotechnical assessment at each of these proposed sites to determine geotechnical constraints to residential development.

The table below summarises the findings of our geotechnical assessment for Kelso Grove, Kelso.

Geotechnical Summary Information

Site reference	*Potential areas of land suitable for residential development (m ²)	Typical soil profile	Foundation preparation required	Additional foundation preparation cost per lot**
5000 (Refer A Fig 4)	0-1m variable fill over rock	Excavate fill and replace	\$4,500	
Kelso Grove, (Site 4) 2500 (Refer A/ B Fig 4)	1-3m variable fill over rock	Timber piles driven to rock on 2m grid	\$15,000	
11000 (Refer B Fig 4)	1-2m loose soil/fill on 35 degree slope	Upslope retaining wall	\$18,000	

* This is the most suitable land for residential development at each site, refer Table 1 for full breakdown of available areas.

** Foundation preparation costs for a 10x15m building platform on each lot. These are costs over and above the costs of standard NZS3604 type shallow foundations.

1 Introduction

1.1 General

Tonkin and Taylor Ltd (T&T) has been engaged by Hutt City Council (HCC) to undertake an Urban Development and Planning Assessment for strategic sites in Hutt City. A key development consideration in this assessment is the potential geotechnical constraints on each site. T&T has undertaken an initial geotechnical investigation at each of the proposed sites.

This report summarises the findings of our geotechnical investigation for Kelso Grove, Kelso (Site 4). The conditions of our engagement are detailed in our proposal dated October 2008.

1.2 Scope of Work

The scope of work for the geotechnical assessment includes:

Desk top study

- Review of 1:50,000 geological map of the area and HCC historic aerial photographs.
- Liaison with service providers to determine if any services extend through the site.
- Liaison with greater Wellington Regional Council to check historic contamination records (SLUR register)

Site Investigation (refer figure 4 for investigation locations)

- Test Pitting
- Geological mapping

Analysis and reporting

- Review of all subsurface investigation results
- Preparation of factual summary report and zoning maps of foundation suitability.

2 Geotechnical Assessment, Kelso Grove (Site 4)

The soil profile and depth to rock is inferred from limited test pit investigations. It must be appreciated that the subsurface conditions could vary away from the test locations.

2.1 Site Description

Site 4 comprises a flat area of land with moderately steep (30 to 35 degree) slopes to the north and east that lead up to the site boundary. To the south of the flat grassed area are 25 to 30 degree slopes falling some way beyond the southern site boundary.

The site access is a relatively steep 20 to 25 degree driveway extending off Kelso Grove to the north.

The northern and southern slopes are vegetated but the flat area of the site is maintained as a playing field.

The extent of the proposed site (Site 4) is shown on Figure 4 attached.

2.2 Site Geology and Soil Profile

The geotechnical investigation at Site 4 comprised 14 test pits to a maximum of 5.0m depth. The location of test pits TP 1 to TP 14 are shown on Figure 4.

The flat central area of Site 4 generally comprised a variable depth (1 to over 5m) of uncontrolled fill over the steep contours of the underlying greywacke rock.

The fill comprised inter-bedded layers of silty gravel and sandy silt. There were some significant (300 to 400 mm) layers of partially decomposed organic material including timber and topsoil as well as debris and waste material including plastic and steel wire.

It is envisaged that the vegetated slopes to the north and east of the site generally comprise a variable thickness of natural colluvium material (slope wash deposits) over weathered rock. A review of historic aerial photographs indicates that there is likely to be some areas of loose fill that has been pushed out over these slopes.

2.3 Geotechnical Considerations

There is a potential for differential foundation settlement over all areas of filling. The fill has the potential for significant foundation settlement due to uneven decomposition of buried organics and consolidation under additional loading. The steep contours of the underlying rock will increase the potential for differential settlements.

Our investigations have not located natural ground over some areas of the site. Figure 4 shows the different areas of the site classified according to expected fill depth (and, therefore, foundation preparation requirements).

Suitable foundation remedial solutions for different fill depths are discussed in detail in section 4.3 above.

These foundation recommendations are inferred from limited test pits it must be appreciated that ground conditions could vary away from these investigation locations.

2.4 Site Geotechnical Summary Information

Table 1: Summary information for Site 1, Kelso Grove

Geotechnical suitability classification (refer figure 4)	Approximate total area available (m ²)	Typical soil profile	Most appropriate remedial solution	Additional foundation preparation cost per lot*
A	5,000	Up to 1m fill material over weathered rock	Cut and remove unsuitable fill. Backfill with imported granular hardfill.	\$4,500
A/B	2,500	1-3m fill over	Driven timber piles	\$15,000

		weathered rock	extending to rock. Piles on 2x2m grid (48 no. 4.5m long piles, 200m total length for each lot).	
B	11,000	1-2m colluvium material (on a 30 to 35 degree slope) over weathered rock	Construct 3m high 15m long retaining wall on upslope side of each building platform.	\$18,000
C	17,000 **	+6m fill with exterior areas of fill platform at risk of land instability	Excavate 3m depth of fill and replace with geogrid reinforced hardfill raft (450m ³ earthworks with 300m ² geogrid for each lot).	\$47,000

*Foundation preparation costs for a 10x15m building platform on each lot. These are costs over and above the costs of standard NZS3604 type shallow foundations.

3 Applicability

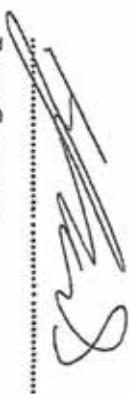
This report has been prepared for the benefit of Hutt City Council with respect to the particular brief given to us and it may not be relied upon in other contexts or for any other purpose without our prior review and agreement.

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Appendix A: **Test Pit Logs**

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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TS/1
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City Plan-Sheet No: 84009.004
CO-ORDINATES: Location: Kelco Grove, Nelson
Investigation. EXPOSURE TYPE: Test Pit.
EQUIPMENT: 12t excavator
OPERATOR: Bellamy's

RL:
DATUM:

EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS: Dug to
Intercept surface/ ground

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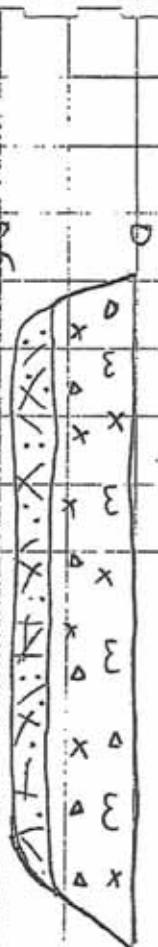
HOLE STARTED: 2/12/08
HOLE FINISHED: 2/12/08
LOGGED BY: CWP

EXCAVATION AND TESTS:

ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:

GEOLOGICAL:

SKETCH	SAMPLES, TESTS	RL (m) DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	MOISTURE CONDITION	SHEAR STRENGTH OR RELATIVE DENSITY	ESTIMATED SHEAR STRENGTH, kPa	MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE	ORIGIN TYPE, STRUCTURE	UNIT
D	D	0.4	Wavy Subangular Gravelly Sandstone.	SILT / some Gravel, low plasticity. Subangular Gravelly Sandstone. Orange Brown. Iron stained. Very weak closely spaced defects.	M	F	100	Topsoil - poorly developed.	MW - HW Sandstone Bed - rock.		
0.5				Test pit terminated due to interception with rock.							





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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP 2
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hurff City Plan - Geotechnical Investigation		CO-ORDINATES:		JOB NO: 84009-009	
				HOLE STARTED: 2/12/08	HOLE FINISHED: 2/12/08
				LOGGED BY: CWP	CHECKED BY:
RL: BATUM:	N/A NOT SEEN	EXCAVATION AND TESTS:	ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:	GEOLOGICAL:	
SKETCH	DEPTH (M)	SAMPLES, TESTS PP = Pocket Penetrometer	GRAPHIC LOG CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	ORIGIN TYPE, MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE UNIT
1.0	0.0	PP = 125 kPa	O	SILT, some gravel. low plasticity. Fine to cobble size gravel. Brown. Organic.	M S VS
1.0	0.5	PP = 100 kPa	O	Gravelly SILT. Mod plasticity. Fine to coarse, subrounded gravel. Green with orange staining. Organic rich - twigs, poorly decomposed.	M S VS
1.5	1.5		DL	Sandstone. Orange brown. Fine, iron & manganese stained, closely spaced defects. Test pit terminated due to interception with rock	HW - NW Sandstone Bedrock.
1.5	1.5				



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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TR 4
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City Plan - Site Location: Kelso Grove, Kelso		INVESTIGATION EXPOSURE TYPE: Test Pit		HOLE STARTED: 2/12/08	
CO-ORDINATES:		EQUIPMENT: 12t excavator		HOLE FINISHED: 2/12/08	
OPERATOR: Bellamys		EXCAVATOR DIMENSIONS: Dig until intercept with natural ground.		LOGGED BY: CWP	
DATE:		CHECKED BY:		JOB NO: 84009.004	
EXCAVATION AND TESTS:	ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:	SAMPLES, TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	GEOLOGICAL:	
DEPTH (m)	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	MOISTURE CONDITION	ORGANIC TYPE, MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE	UNIT
1.0	ML	Sandy SILT with Gravel. Low to Mod plasticity. Orange Brown. Typically fine to med. gravel. Sub angular.	M	Fill	
1.0	ML	Silty GRAVEL with Sand. Typically fine to medium. Some coarse to cobble sized. Sub angular. Brownish Green. Organic Rich - sticks, branches.	M	Fill	
2.0	CM	SILT & Organics. Plastic. Dark Brown. Layer of branches/logs. Poorly decomposed.			
3.0	ML	SILT, some Sand & Gravel. Mod plastic. Gravels are green in brown silt matrix. Some organics.	M	Fill "Almost entirely organic."	
4.0	ML	Test pit terminated at limit of excavator reach.	M VS	Possible buried topsoil	
5.0					

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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP5
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City Plan - Central Location: Kelco Grove, Kelso
CO-ORDINATES: Investigation, EXPOSURE TYPE: Test Pit
RL: 2.3

JOB NO: 84009-004
HOLE STARTED: 2/12/08
HOLE FINISHED: 2/12/08

EQUIPMENT: 12t Excavator
OPERATOR: Bellamy's

EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS: 0m x 0m / 0m x 0m
Diameter with bottom removed.

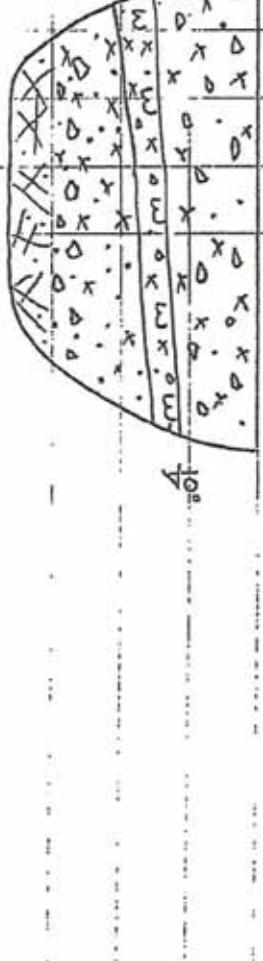
RL:
DATUM:

EXCAVATION AND TESTS:

ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:

GEOLOGICAL:

SKETCH	SAMPLES TESTS	RL (m) DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS			MOISTURE CONDITION	SHEAR STRENGTH OR RELATIVE DENSITY	ESTIMATED SHEAR STRENGTH, kPa	MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE	UNIT
					TEST	TEST	TEST					
	N/A NOT SEEN	2.3		D	Pp= 150kPa Pp=uTp							
		2.0		OL	Sandy SILT with Gravel. Low to Moderate plasticity. Green + Dark brown organics.	M	SH to VS				Buried Topsoil	
		2.0		OL	Sandy GRAVEL with Silt. Fine to cobble sized. Angular to sub angular. Brown	M	EN				CW Sandstone Bedrock	
		3.0		GM	Sandy GRAVEL with Silt. Fine to cobble sized. Angular to sub angular. Brown	M	EN				Grading to H.W.	
		4.0			Test pit terminated due to intersection with natural ground.							



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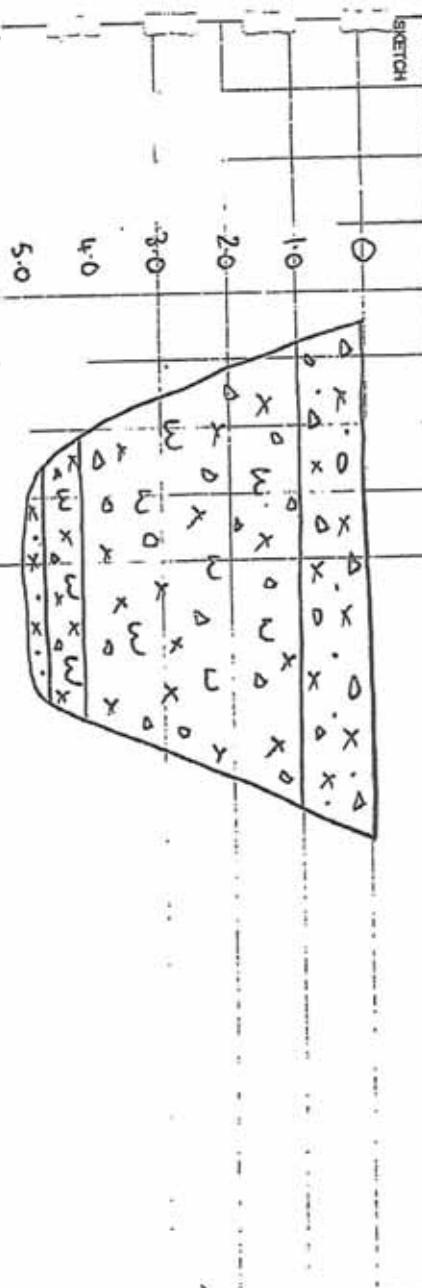
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TP 6
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Bluff city Plan - Geotechnical Location: Kelso Grove, Kelson
CO-ORDINATES: Investigation. JOB NO: 840009-004
RL: HOLE STARTED: 2/12/08
POTUM: HOLE FINISHED: 2/12/08

EQUIPMENT: 12t excavator. LOGGED BY: CWP
OPERATOR: Bellamy's EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS: Dug until Interception with natural ground.
CHECKED BY:

N/A
NOT SEEN

EXCAVATION AND TESTS:		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:		GEOLOGICAL:	
PENETRATION 2.3	SUPPORT WATER	SAMPLES, TESTS PP= 38 kPa PP= 63 kPa PP= 254 kPa	RL (ft) DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG CLASIFICATION SYMBOL	SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS
			0	O	Silty GRAVEL with Sand. Coarse to fine, angular to sub angular. Orange to Brown
			1.0	O X X X W ↓ C M	Gravelly SILT Mod plasticity. Green. Coarse to fine, sub angular gravel. Organic rich - branched, twigs. Layers of more gravel rich (silty GRAVEL) material, some of which is orange brown.
			2.0	O X X X W G M	S / F / M S / St
			3.0	X X X X X X X X	Fill layers
			4.0	X X X X O X X X O X	SILT Some gravel fragments. Dark brown. Fine gravels, rich in organic.
			5.0	X X O X O X O X ML	Sandy SILT low plasticity. Orange/light yellow.
		PP= 160 kPa		M FI S / M EW	Buried topsoil Residual bedrock
					Test pit terminated due to interception with natural material.



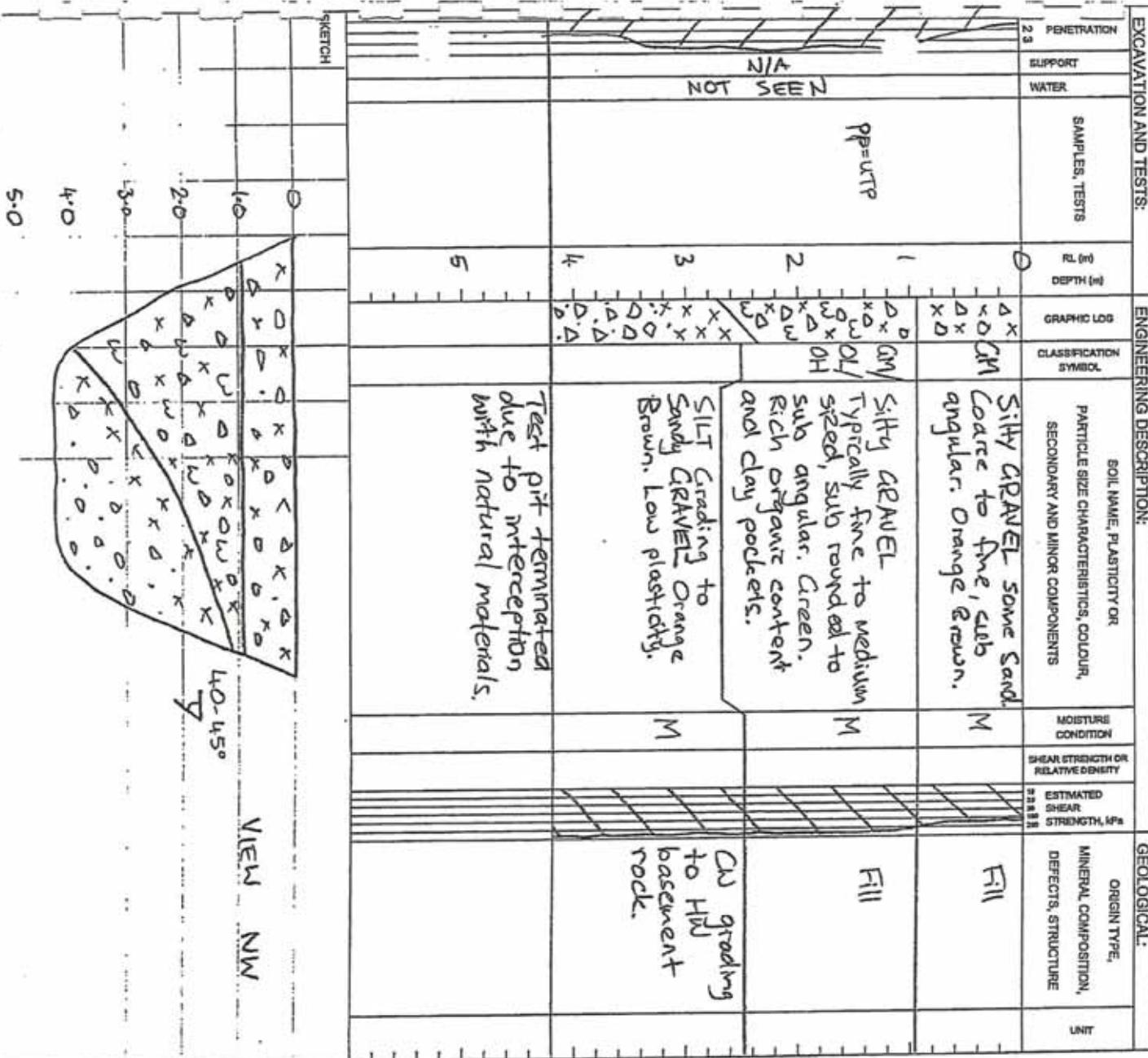


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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP 7
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hull City plan - Geotech LOCATION: Kelso Grove, Kelson JOB NO: 840009-004
 CO-ORDINATES: Investigation EXPOSURE TYPE: test pit HOLE STARTED: 2/12/08
 RL: 000 EQUIPMENT: 12t excavator HOLE FINISHED: 2/12/08
 OPERATOR: Bellamy's LOGGED BY: CWP
 EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS: Dug until CHECKED BY:
specification with natural ground.





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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP 8
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City plan - Geotech location: Kelso Grove, Kelso		JOB NO: 84009-004	
INVESTIGATION		EXPOSURE TYPE: Test pit	
CO-ORDINATES:		HOLE STARTED: 2/2/03	
RL: 2.3		HOLE FINISHED: 2/2/03	
DATUM: Water		LOGGED BY: CWP	
OPERATOR: Bellamy's		CHECKED BY:	
EXCAVATION AND TESTS:		INTERSECTION WITH NATURAL MATERIAL	
EXCAVATION AND TESTS:		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:	
SKETCH		GEOLOGICAL:	
SAMPLES, TESTS		SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	
F.L. (M) DEPTH (M)		GRAPHIC LOG CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	
PP=38kPa		<p>0 - 1.0 M</p> <p>Silty GRAVEL with Sand. Fine to coarse, angular to subangular. Orange/Brown Organics.</p>	
PP=63kPa		<p>1.0 - 2.0 M</p> <p>Silty GRAVEL with Sand. Fine to coarse, angular to subangular. Orange/Brown Organics.</p>	
PP=88kPa		<p>2.0 - 3.0 M</p> <p>Gravelly SILT low to Med plasticity. Dark brown. Organic Clay rich. Sticks, bark, steel cable.</p>	
PP=50kPa		<p>3.0 - 5.0 M</p> <p>Fill</p>	
		<p>Test pit terminated at limit of excavator reach.</p>	
<p>NOTE: 10° dip across pit towards the S.E.</p>			
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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP 9
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City Plan-Geotek Location: Kelso Curve, Kelso
CO-ORDINATES: New Zealand Grid System EXPOSURE TYPE: Test pit
RL: Datum: Hole Started: 2/12/2008

EQUIPMENT: 12t excavator

OPERATOR: Bellamy's

EXCAVATOR DIMENSIONS: Dug until penetration with natural material

NOT SEEN

Hole Finished: 2/12/08

Logged by: CWP

Checked by:

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Datum:

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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP 10
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City Plan-Geekchi LOCATION: Kelso cruse, Kelson
JOB NO: 84009-004
PO-ORDINATES: Investigation. EXPOSURE TYPE:
EQUIPMENT: HOLE STARTED:
HOLE FINISHED:

RE: EQUIPMENT,
OPERATOR:

EQUIPMENT:
OPERATOR:

LOGGED BY:

DATUM:

EXCAVATION AND TESTS:		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:			GEOLOGICAL:	
SKETCH	SAMPLES, TESTS	RL (m) DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	MOISTURE CONDITION	ORIGIN TYPE, MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE
				N/A NOT SEEN		
0.0						
1.0	X O X - O - O -	1.0	O X X - O - O -	Silty GRANULE WITH Sand. fine to coarse Gravels, sub angular. Orange/ Brown.	M	Fill
2.0	X O X - O - O -	2.0	X O X - O - O -	Silty SILT, some Sand. Mod plasticity. Green/ dark brown. Organic rich. Some clay rich layers.	M	Fill
3.0	X O X - O - O -	3.0	X O X - O - O -	Silty GRAVEL, some Sand. Fine to coarse, angular. Orange/brown, stained. Weak gravel.	M	
4.0	X O X - O - O -	4.0	X O X - O - O -	Test pit terminated due to interception with natural material	M W	H/W bedrock
-1.0	X O X - O - O -					
-2.0	X O X - O - O -					
-3.0	X O X - O - O -					
4.0	X O X - O - O -					

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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP 11
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: Hutt City Plan-Crestchch LOCATION: Kelso Grove, Kelson
PO-ORDINATES: J Investigation, EXPOSURE TYPE: JOB NO: 84009-004
RL: HOLE STARTED: ..
DATUM: HOLE FINISHED: ..

EQUIPMENT:

OPERATOR:

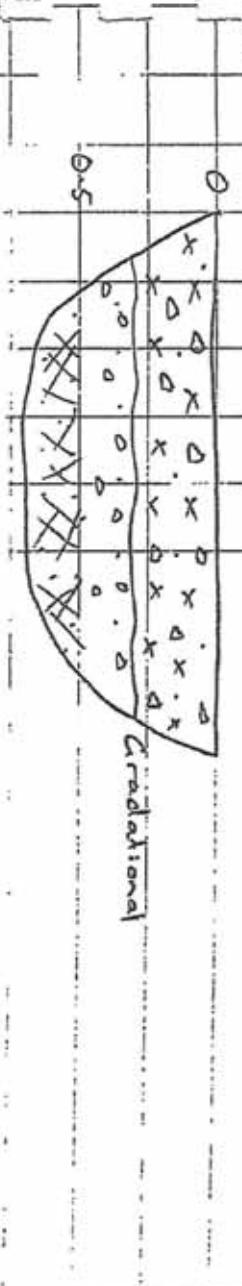
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CHECKED BY:

EXCAVATION AND TESTS:

SAMPLES, TESTS	ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:			GEOLOGICAL:				
	RL (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG		SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	MOISTURE CONDITION	ORIGIN TYPE, MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE	UNIT
0	0	0	OL	Gravelly Silt, some sand. Low plasticity. Brown. Organic rich.	M	Topsail -Pearly developed	HWN bedrock.	
0.5	0.5	0.5	SM	Sandy gravel/HWN Sandstone rock. Orange brown. Iron & manganese stained. Closely spaced fractures.	W			
1.0	1.0	1.0		Test pit terminated due to interception with natural material.	W			

SKETCH



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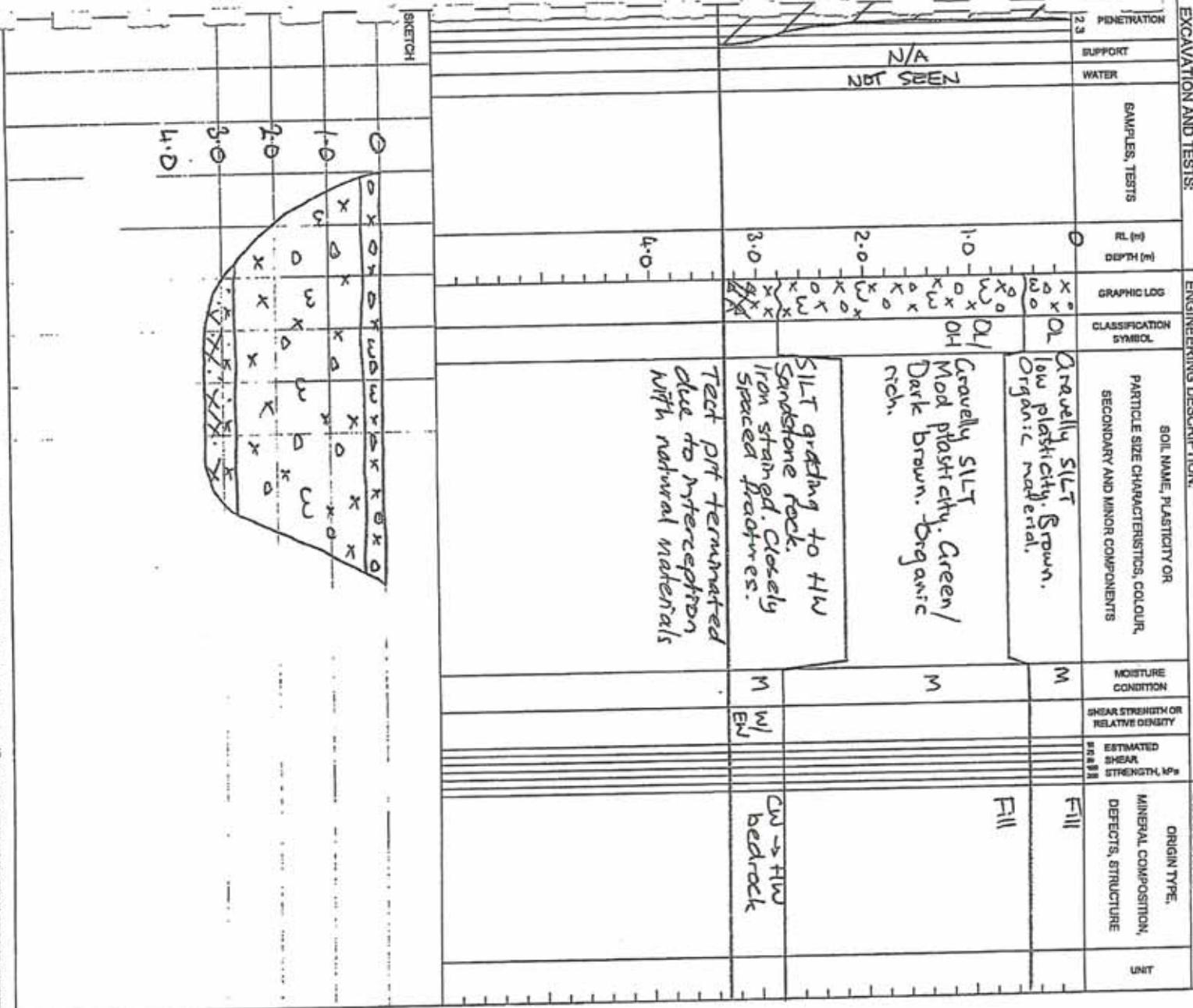


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EXCAVATION LOG

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SHEET 1 OF 1

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 CO-ORDINATES: Investigation. JOB NO: 845009-0004
 RL: EXPOSURE TYPE:
 DATUM: EQUIPMENT:
 HOLE STARTED:
 HOLES FINISHED:
 LOGGED BY:
 OPERATOR:
 CHECKED BY:
 EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS:





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EXCAVATION LOG

EXCAVATION NO:
TP13
SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT: *Hutt City Plan - Geotech Location: Keriho Grove, Kelston*
CO-ORDINATES: *Investerigation* EXPOSURE TYPE: *Job No: 84009-004*

RL: *0.00m* HOLE STARTED: *08/09/04*
DATUM: *Sea Level* HOLE FINISHED: *08/09/04*

EQUIPMENT: *Excavator* LOGGED BY: *John Smith*
OPERATOR: *John Smith* CHECKED BY: *John Smith*

EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS:

EXCAVATION AND TESTS:

ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION:

GEOLOGICAL:

SKETCH	SAMPLES, TESTS	RL (E) DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	SOIL NAME, PLASTICITY OR PARTICLE SIZE CHARACTERISTICS, COLOUR, SECONDARY AND MINOR COMPONENTS	MOISTURE CONDITION	GASH STRENGTH OR RELATIVE DENSITY TEST	ESTIMATED SHEAR STRENGTH, kPa	MINERAL COMPOSITION, DEFECTS, STRUCTURE	UNIT
		0.0	0.00-0.05m GM	Silty GRAVEL, Some sand. fine to coarse, angular to sub angular. Orange Brown.	Dry				
		1.0	0.00-0.05m GM	Gravelly SILT. Mod plasticity. Green/ Dark brown. Organic Rich.	Wet				
		2.0	0.00-0.05m GM						
		3.0	0.00-0.05m GM						
		4.0	0.00-0.05m GM						
		5.0	0.00-0.05m GM						
		-	-	Test pit terminated at limit of excavator reach.					
		6.0	-						





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TP 14
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PROJECT: Herby City Plan-Greater Location: Kelsan
CO-ORDINATES: Investigation, EXPOSURE TYPE:
FOR INFORMATION, HO

JOB NO: 84884 . 884

RL:
DATUM:

EQUIPMENT:
OPERATOR:
EXCAVATION DIMENSIONS:

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Figure 4: Kelso Grove (Site 4)

Geotechnical Suitability Plan

