



Ground Stability Report

Residential Property at

Sample House
1, The High Street
Newtown
AXX 1XX

Grid Reference: 491043E 106946N

Order Reference: 20127954_4

Your Reference: HIPS_Sample_HCS

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Guidance

Based solely on the data contained within this report, features have been identified which could cause Ground Stability issues for the property.

You should review any survey or valuation report already prepared on the property for any comment on history of settlement or subsidence in the vicinity. If a survey has not yet been commissioned it is recommended that an appropriately qualified and insured surveyor or structural engineer is consulted.

Introduction

The Homecheck Professional Ground Stability Report assesses whether the property is in a mining area (including past, present or proposed underground or surface mining) or an area of natural ground stability hazard.

Ground Stability is one of the major causes of insurance claims - potential causes are proximity to mining, mineral extraction and natural ground subsidence. The importance of this report is to advise the user that risks are not limited to obvious coal-mining areas but also to other types of potential subsidence hazard.

The report is for use by lawyers and other professionals involved in residential conveyancing. It provides information within the key areas listed below that are not covered by Standard Enquiries of Local Authorities.

SUMMARY

The Summary section of the report presents enquiries in a familiar and easy-to-understand question and answer format. Where a reply to an enquiry is Yes, further details are given for each question.

Unless otherwise stated the answers cover a search band of 0-250 metres from the specified property. Contact details for the data providers are given in the Contacts section at the end of this report.

SECTION A Mining

This section concerns coal mining and mineral extraction. It is designed to highlight land instability issues which may affect the value or enjoyment of the property.

SECTION B Brine and Salt Extraction

This section concerns Brine and Salt Extraction. It is designed to highlight areas that may be liable to subside as a result of activities of the salt industry.

SECTION C Man Made Stability Hazards

This section of the report seeks to identify the existence of landfill and waste management sites together with past industrial land use. Its purpose is to highlight stability issues relating to these activities.

SECTION D Natural Ground Stability Hazards

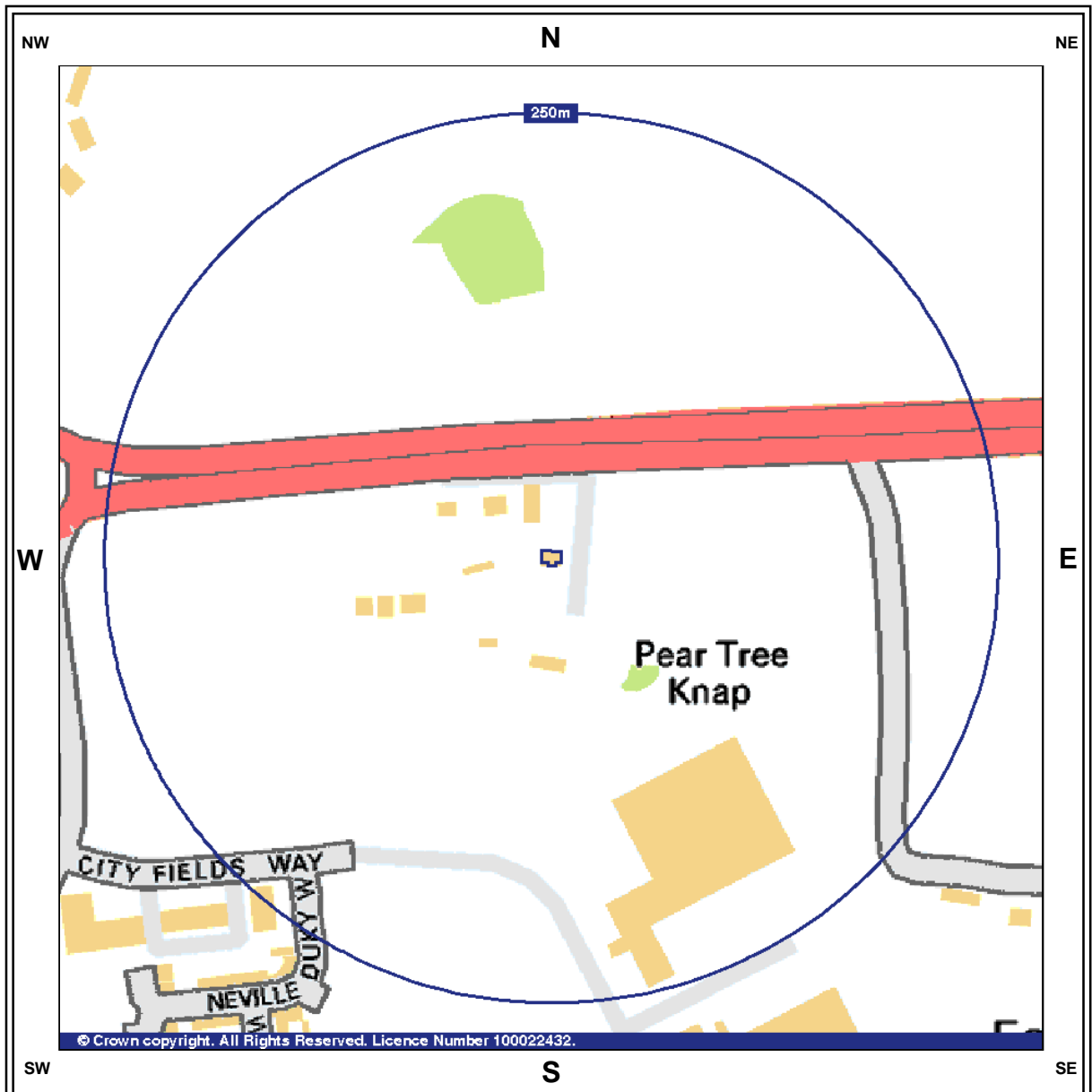
This section concerns Natural Ground Stability hazards and is designed to highlight land stability issues relating to natural subsidence.

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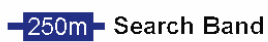
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Map Legend



Site



Search Band



Water Feature



Building Outline



Search Details

Search address Sample House
1, The High Street
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Grid Reference 491043E 106946N

Date of Report 11/6/2014

SECTION A Mining

Mining Areas

- A.1** Is the property within an area where there has been recorded mining activity? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **No**

Coal Mining Areas

- A.2** Is the property within an area where a full coal mining report should be obtained? **within 0 - 25 metres?** **No**

Non-coal Mining

- A.3** What is the potential for ground instability relating to non-coal mining in the search area? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **Likely**

The British Geological Survey has assessed the area of search as having a likely likelihood of property damage from subsidence relating to non-coal mining. The likely risk does not necessarily mean there is cause for concern. Inspection of the site may be required and a house buyers survey should be considered to test for signs of property damage that may relate to non-coalmining.

Natural and Man-Made Cavities

- A.4** Are there any Natural/Man-Made Cavities identified within the search area? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **No**

Mineral Extraction and Quarrying

- A.5** Are there any Mineral extraction sites as recorded by the British Geological Survey? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **Yes**
see additional information

Mining and Quarrying Activities

- A.6** Are there any features identified from Landmark's Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past land Use) data relating to Mining / Quarrying activities? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **Yes**
see additional information

SECTION B Brine and Salt Extraction

- B.1** Is the property within an area defined as being affected by Brine and Salt Extraction? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **No**

SECTION C Man Made Stability Hazards

Ground Stability

- C.1** Are there any features identified from Ordnance Survey Historical mapping which may affect Ground Stability? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **Yes**
see additional information

Landfill Sites

- C.2** Are there any Landfill Sites? **within 0 - 250 metres?** **No**

C.2.1 The following list shows if local authorities covering the area of search have made landfill data available.

Chichester District Council - Has no landfill data to supply
West Sussex County Council - Has supplied landfill data

Please refer to the Contacts section for contact information.

Licensed Waste Management Facilities

C.3 Are there any currently Licensed Waste Management Facilities?

within 0 - 250 metres?

No

Boreholes

C.4 Are there any BGS Boreholes identified?

within 0 - 50 metres?

No

SECTION D Natural Ground Stability Hazards

Natural Ground Stability Hazards

D.1 What is the potential for natural ground instability in the search area?

High

The BGS indicate that there is a high potential for natural ground instability in the search area. This does not necessarily mean there is cause for concern in terms of property stability, however we recommend that specific advice be commissioned from a qualified member of the RICS. Please refer to the Additional Information section for details of records found and details of how natural ground instability is broken down into its components.

Footnotes:

Question A.2 The reply to this question indicates whether it is advisable to obtain a coal mining search from the Coal Authority.

Question A.3 The data provides an assessment of the likelihood that past underground mining may have occurred in the area based on information supplied by the BGS. The data takes into account many types of mining such as ironstone or limestone extraction, but specifically excludes coal. The mining hazard data includes all known underground workings, regardless of depth

Question A.5 The reply to this question is based upon the BGS compendium of mines, quarries and mineral sites operating commercially in England and Wales since 1993. The original data was compiled by BGS in 1993-94 primarily from BGS records and from information supplied by local authorities, industrial sources and the Valuation Office Agency.

Question A.6 Historical maps are a valuable and recognised source of information for investigating site history. They assist in identifying any previous potential contaminative uses relating to Mining / Quarrying which may have been carried out at a particular location.

Question C.1 Historical maps are a valuable and recognised source of information for investigating site history. They assist in identifying any previous potential infilling of land which may have been carried out at a particular location that may affect Ground Stability.

The Historical Industrial Land Use data used in this reply is the result of a systematic analysis of 1:10,560 scale Ordnance Survey maps dating from the 1880s, as well as selected 1:10,000 scale Ordnance Survey National Grid Series.

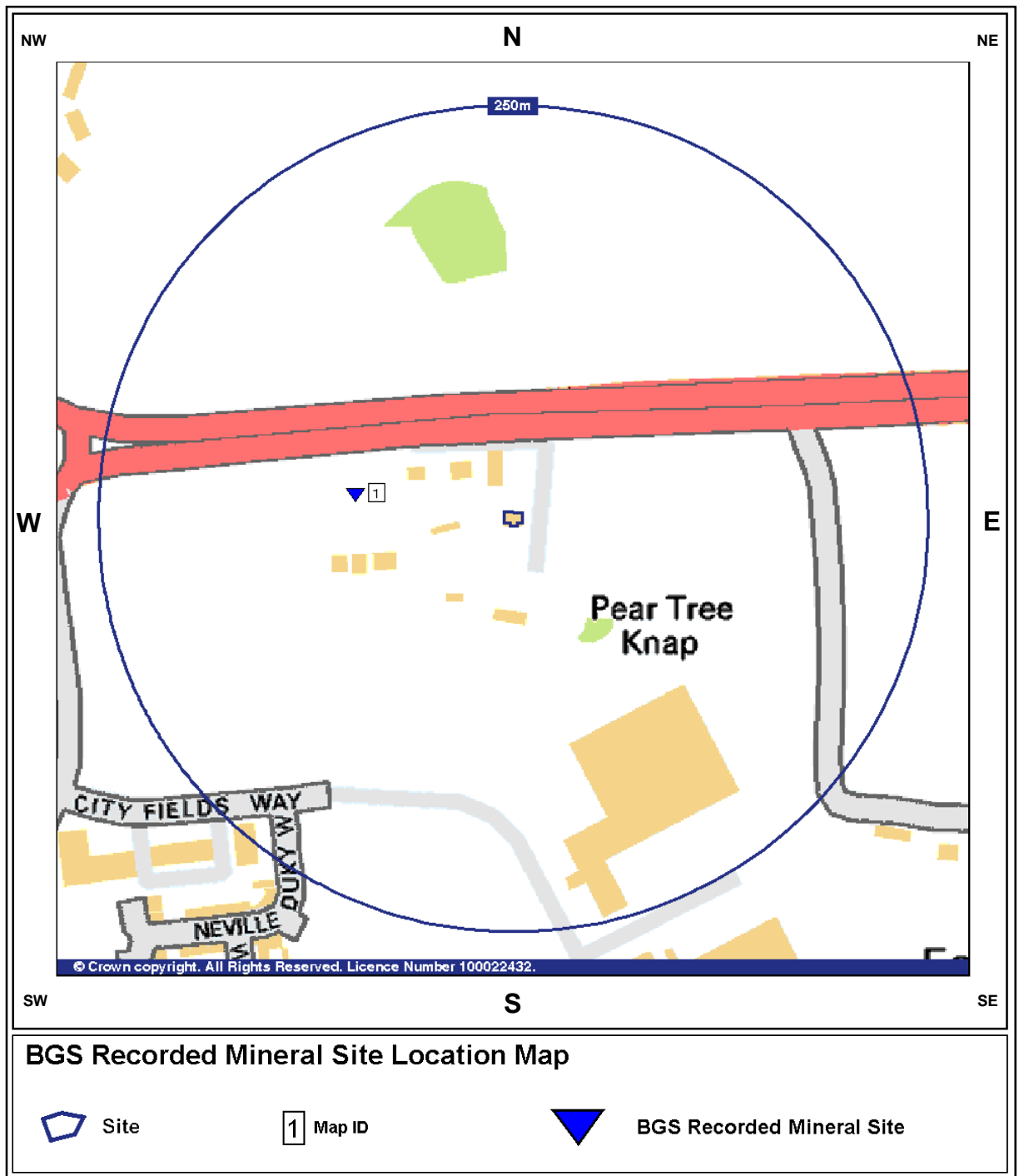
Evidence of past potential contamination and potentially infilled land is drawn from a series of up to six historic map editions. The first of these editions will be the earliest County Series maps, which date from between 1860 and 1890 and are to a scale of 1:10,560. The second edition of County Series maps dates from circa 1900, and the third circa 1930.

Question C.2 The Landfill Sites have been provided by the relevant environment agency or Local Authority (where available). At present no complete national data set exists for landfill site boundaries, therefore, a point grid reference, provided by the data supplier, is used for some landfill sites. In certain cases the point grid references supplied provide only an approximate position, and can vary from the site entrance to the centre of the site. For Registered Landfill Sites, where the positional accuracy of the site is unclear, a "buffer" is constructed around the point to warn of the possible presence of landfill.

Question D. 1 The search band for this question is 0 - 50 metres from the specified property.

If there is a positive answer to questions A5, C2, C3 or C4 the feature will be displayed on mapping in the Additional Information section.

A.5 - Mineral Extraction and Quarrying - Records within 0 - 250m





BGS Recorded Mineral Sites

Map ID 1
Contact Number 1
Direction West
Distance 93m
Site Name: Pear Tree Knap Gravel Pit
Location: Boxgrove, Chichester, West Sussex
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service
Reference: 157598
Type: Opencast
Status: Ceased
Operator: Unknown Operator
Operator Location: Unknown Operator
Periodic Type: Quaternary
Geology: Head
Commodity: Sand and Gravel
Positional Accuracy: Located by supplier to within 10m



A.6 - Mining and Quarrying Activities - Records within 0 - 250m

Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Use)

<i>Direction</i>	West
<i>Distance</i>	75m
<i>Use:</i>	Quarrying of sand & clay, operation of sand & gravel pits
<i>Date of Mapping:</i>	1951



C.1 - Ground Stability - Records within 0 - 250m

Potentially Infilled Land (Non-Water)

<i>Direction</i>	West
<i>Distance</i>	75m
<i>Use:</i>	Unknown Filled Ground (Pit, quarry etc)

D.1 - Natural Ground Stability Hazards - Records within 0 - 250m

Potential for Collapsible Ground Stability Hazards

Contact Number 1
Direction -
Buffer: On Site
Hazard Potential: Very Low
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service

Potential for Compressible Ground Stability Hazards

Contact Number 1
Direction -
Buffer: On Site
Hazard Potential: No Hazard
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service

Potential for Ground Dissolution Stability Hazards

Contact Number 1
Direction -
Buffer: On Site
Hazard Potential: High
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service

Potential for Landslide Ground Stability Hazards

Contact Number 1
Direction -
Buffer: On Site
Hazard Potential: Very Low
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service

Potential for Running Sand Ground Stability Hazards

Contact Number 1
Direction -
Buffer: On Site
Hazard Potential: No Hazard
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service

Potential for Shrinking or Swelling Clay Ground Stability Hazards

Contact Number 1
Direction -
Buffer: On Site
Hazard Potential: No Hazard
Source: British Geological Survey, National Geoscience Information Service

The search results for natural subsidence above indicate the likelihood of each hazard occurring within the buffer zone. An indication of a hazard does not necessarily mean that a particular property will be affected by subsidence problems, as this also depends on factors such as property type or proximity to trees. How a particular property may be affected can only be determined by a more detailed search and/or further investigation of the site and property.

Shrink-Swell Clay Hazard

Swelling Clays can change volume due to variation in ground moisture. This can cause ground movement, particularly in the upper 2 metres of the ground that may affect foundations. Ground moisture variations can be related to a number of factors, including weather variations (annual or longer term), vegetation effects (particularly growth or removal of trees) and man-made activity.

Collapsible Ground Hazard

Certain kinds of rock have an open porous structure, which means they can collapse suddenly when a load is placed on them (such as a building) or when they become saturated, causing potential damage to overlying property.

Compressible Ground Hazard

Certain types of ground, such as that developed beneath river plains, can contain very soft layers or pockets. These can compress under the weight of overlying structures, such as buildings, resulting in progressive depression of the ground and disturbance of foundations.

Ground Dissolution Hazard

Ground dissolution occurs when certain types of bedrock contain layers of material that can dissolve within the ground water. This can cause underground cavities to develop that, with time, can reach the surface and cause significant ground movement, such as development of collapse hollows that can directly impinge on buildings.

Landslide Hazard

Landslide hazard occurs due to particular types of slopes becoming unstable under certain circumstances, causing down-slope movement of the ground and disruption to buildings. A combination of factors, including, amongst others, the rock type, the presence of excess water (natural or relating to man-made activity), the angle of the slope, and construction work, for example, cuttings or embankments, can all contribute.

Running Sand Hazard

Some rocks can contain loosely packed sandy layers that can become fluidised by water flowing through them. This may happen, for example, around natural springs, or where excavations in sand go below the water table, or around leaking drains and mains water supply pipes. Such sands can 'run', removing support from overlying buildings and causing potential damage.

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Nottinghamshire
NG12 5GG

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Email enquiries@bgs.ac.uk

Website www.bgs.ac.uk

The BGS can provide a detailed geological report on the area in which the property is located.

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PO19 1TY

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