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PERCOLATION TESTING REPORT

LOCATION:

Hawthorn, Rimmington, BB7 4DP

CLIENT:

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A	First Issue	Nov 2023	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
B	Change in Client	Sept 2025		

1.0 TESTING REPORT

The Percolation Testing was carried out on site on 16th November 2023 to establish if infiltration methods were going to be a suitable solution for draining the site.

1 Trial Hole was formed with the following dimensions;

Test Pit 1 1000mm x 600mm x 1000mm deep

The water level drop was monitored and recorded (see test sheets attached).

For Test 1 (Test Pit 1), water was filled to a depth of 750mm, the water level dropped 680mm after 3 hours of testing.

For Test 2 (Test Pit 1), water was filled to a depth of 750mm, the water level dropped 650mm after 3 hours of testing.

For Test 3 (Test Pit 1), water was filled to a depth of 750mm, the water level dropped 640mm after 4 hours of testing.

Calculation sheet 1 shows that the infiltration rates are high enough and satisfy BRE 365 requirements. Therefore, Infiltration methods of drainage will be viable for this site and strategy.

2.0 APPENDICES

Appendix A – Percolation Test Sheet

METHOD (from BRE Digest 365)

- Excavate a soakage trail pit to the required depth (typically 1.0m - 2.0m deep) using minimum width (0.3m) and length (1.0m). Carefully trim sides and bottom.
- Carefully measure size of pit and note sizes below.
- Fill soakage hole briskly with water (from bowser) to at least three quarters full. Being careful not to wash away the sides. (Note: a 0.3m wide, 1m long, 1.5m deep trench needs at least 350 litres (80 gallons) of water)
- Place straight edge over top of soakage pit and measure (dip) to the top of the water.
- Record time versus dips in table below. Dip every 5 minutes for the first hour and every hour until pit is one quarter full. Repeat test 3 times in total on the same or consecutive days.

DETAILS

Site Location	Hawthornes, Rimmington, BB7 4DP
Date of Test	16/11/2023
Weather Conditions	dry- autumn
Engineer Name	[REDACTED]

SIZE OF PIT 1

Length	Width	Depth
1.00m	0.30m	1.00m

Test 1 RESULTS

Time (mins)	Dip (mm)
0	250
5	270
10	300
15	320
20	360
25	390
30	430
35	470
40	510
45	530
50	550
55	590
60	630
120	810
180	930
210	1000

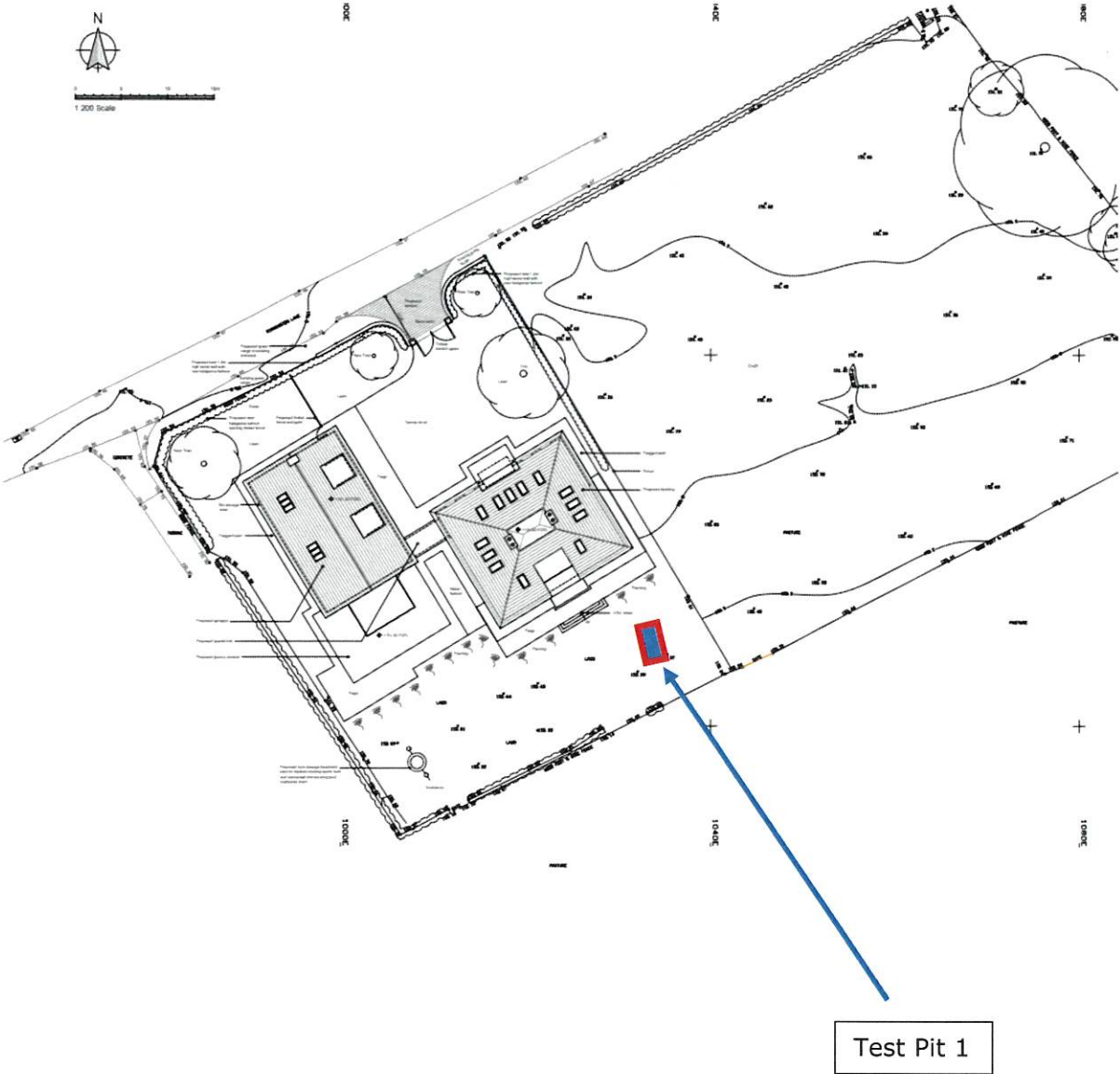
**Test 2
RESULTS**

Time (mins)	Dip (mm)
0	250
5	260
10	290
15	310
20	330
25	360
30	390
35	420
40	440
45	460
50	490
55	520
60	540
120	710
180	900
212	1000

**Test 3
RESULTS**

Time (mins)	Dip (mm)
0	250
5	250
10	270
15	290
20	310
25	330
30	360
35	380
40	410
45	420
50	440
55	460
60	490
120	670
180	770
240	890
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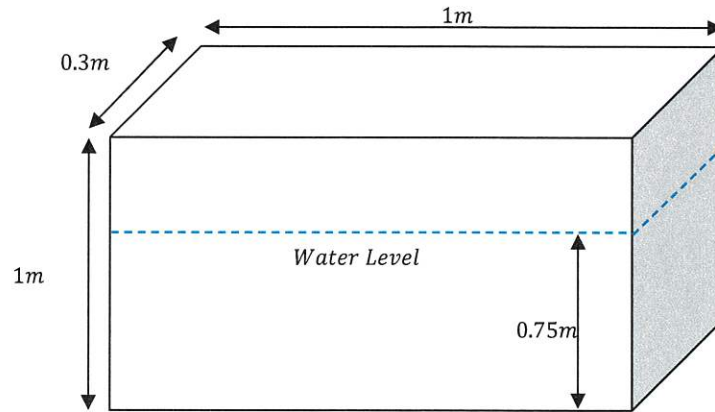
Appendix B – Percolation Test Location



Appendix C – Percolation Test Calculation Sheets

Project		The Hawthorns, Rimington Lane, Rimington		Job Ref.		23379			
Section				Test Pit 1					
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Test 1,
Test Pit 1)



Soil Infiltration rate(ms^{-1}):
$$\frac{V_{(P75-25)}}{t_{(P75-25)} \times a_{(P50)}}$$

V = Effective storage volume between 75 – 25%

$a_{(P50)}$ = Surface area of the pit (50% effective depth) + box area

$t_{(P75-25)}$ = Time for water to fall from 75 – 25%

$$V_{(p75-25)} = (0.75 \times 0.5) \times 1 \times 0.3 = 0.1125m^3$$

$$a_{(p50)} = 1 \times 0.3 + 2((0.75 \times 0.5) \times 1) + 2((0.75 \times 0.5) \times 0.3) = 1.275m^2$$

$$t_{(p75-25)} = 6300s$$

Soil Infiltration rate (m/s):

$$\frac{0.1125}{6300 \times 1.275} = 1.40 \times 10^{-5} m/s$$

Soil Infiltration rate (m/hr):

$$1.40 \times 10^{-5} \times 3600 = 5.04 \times 10^{-2} m/hr$$

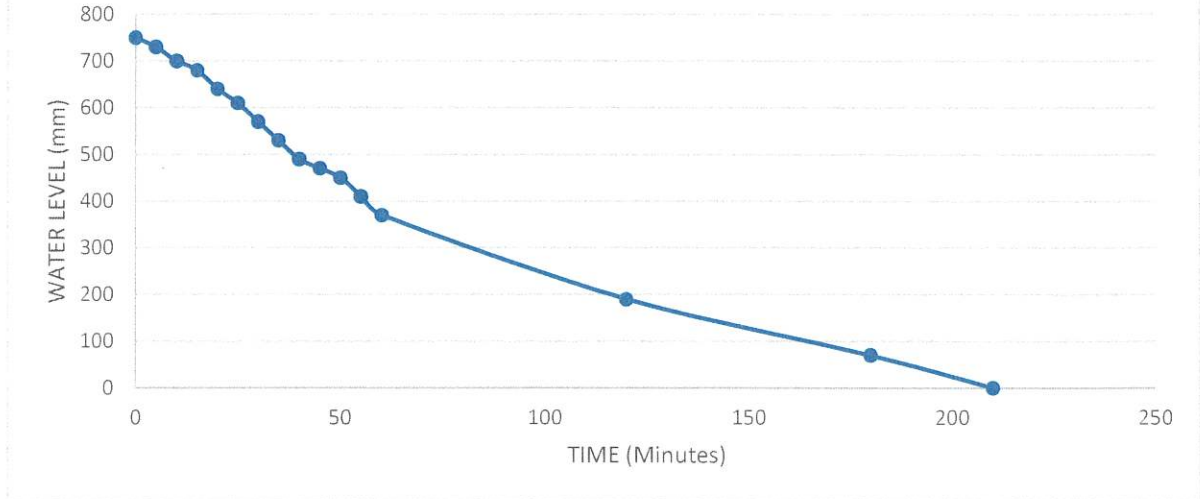


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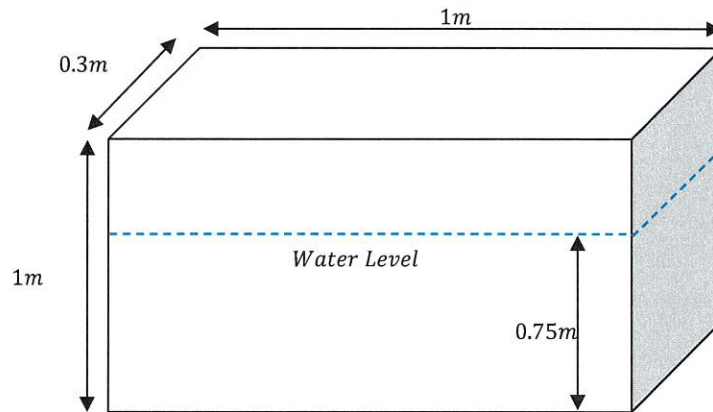
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A GRAPH TO SHOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WATER LEVEL AND TIME.



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Test 2,
Test Pit 1)



Soil Infiltration rate(ms^{-1}):
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$$a_{(p50)} = 1 \times 0.3 + 2((0.75 \times 0.5) \times 1) + 2((0.75 \times 0.5) \times 0.3) = 1.275m^2$$

$$t_{(p75-25)} = 6360s$$

Soil Infiltration rate (m/s):

$$\frac{0.1125}{6360 \times 1.275} = 1.38 \times 10^{-5}m/s$$

Soil Infiltration rate (m/hr):

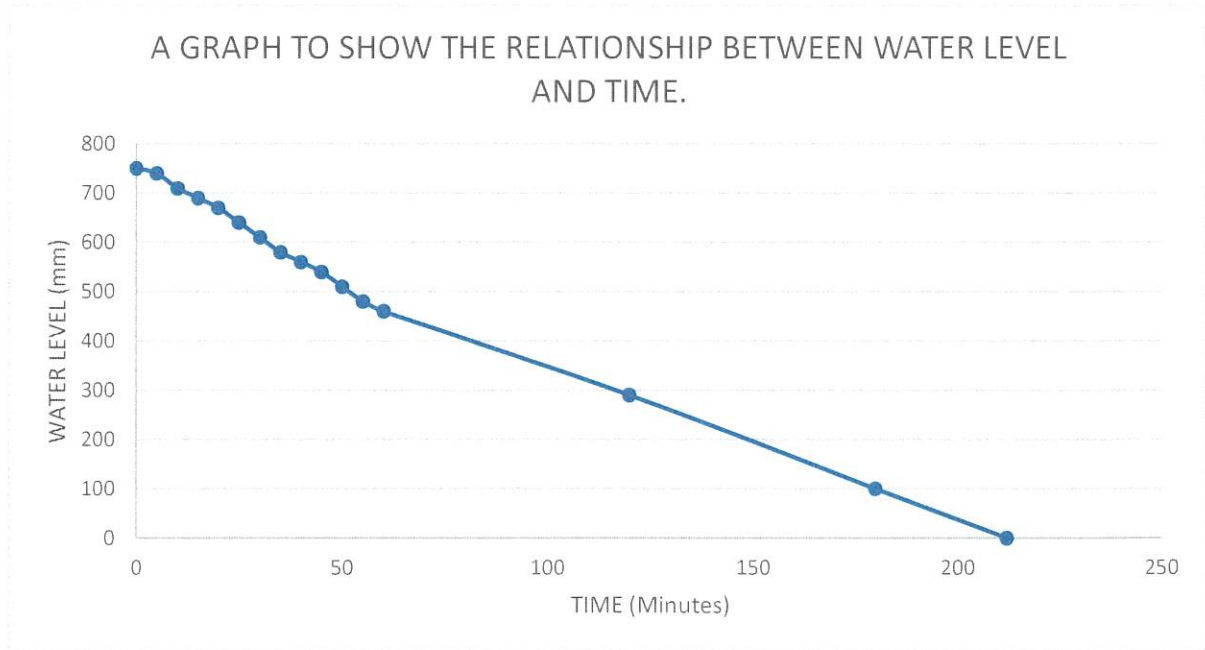
$$1.38 \times 10^{-5} \times 3600 = 4.99 \times 10^{-2} m/hr$$



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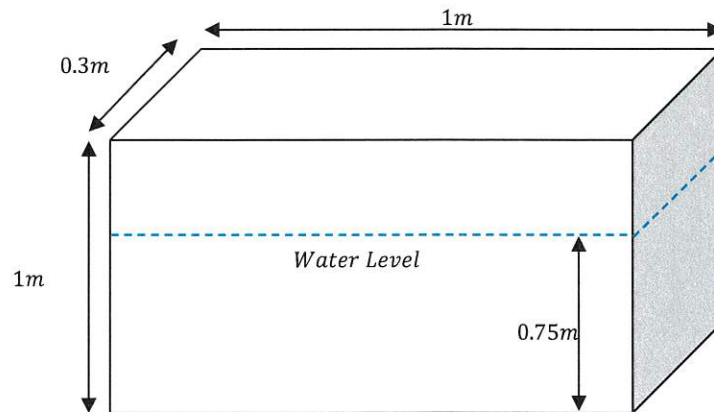
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Test 3,
Test Pit 1)



Soil Infiltration rate($m s^{-1}$):
$$\frac{V_{(P75-25)}}{t_{(P75-25)} \times a_{(P50)}}$$

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$$t_{(p75-25)} = 8730s$$

Soil Infiltration rate (m/s):

$$\frac{0.1125}{8730 \times 1.275} = 1.01 \times 10^{-5} m/s$$

Soil Infiltration rate (m/hr):

$$1.01 \times 10^{-5} \times 3600 = 3.63 \times 10^{-2} m/hr$$



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