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Subject: Wickhurst Green – Winter (2024/25) Groundwater Monitoring Data
Our ref: L-21949av-2.4.2-25-174-NTD

Dear Mr Chapman,

Idom Merebrook (IDOM) has been commissioned by Vistry South East to undertake groundwater level monitoring during winter 2024/2025. This letter provides the data following the completion of the groundwater monitoring programme.

Site Setting

The site is located south of Broadbridge Way at National Grid Reference 514850, 130948. The site has historically been undeveloped fields. Part of the site was previously used as a site compound during the Wickhurst Green residential development.

The published geological map indicated no superficial deposits. The underlying bedrock is the Weald Clay Formation (mudstone).

A watercourse is located running through the centre of site orientated north to south before following the northern boundary of the site and being culverted.

IDOM Investigation

An intrusive investigation was carried out by IDOM on 18 October 2024. The investigation included the drilling of eight shallow windowless sample probe holes (MWS101 to MWS108) from 1.6 to 4 m bgl. Four (MWS101, MWS102, MWS104 & MWS108) of the windowless sampler boreholes were installed to enable environmental monitoring.

The encountered ground conditions encountered by IDOM are summarised in the table below.

Table 1: Summary of Sub-surface Ground Conditions

Strata	Depth to Top of Range (m bgl)	Thickness Range (m)
Topsoil	0.0	0.35 – 0.4
Made Ground	0.0	0.3 – 0.8

Strata	Depth to Top of Range (m bgl)	Thickness Range (m)
Alluvium	0.8	1.4
Weald Clay Formation	0.3 – 0.8	2.4 > depth not proven

Topsoil was encountered in most locations (except MWS103 and MWS108), generally comprising soft brown gravelly sandy clay.

Made ground, only encountered in MWS103 and MWS108, comprised soft to stiff gravelly sandy clay. Gravels comprised inclusions of flint, brick, concrete and clinker.

Alluvium was encountered in one location (MWS103) located southwest of the site comprising stiff bluish grey slightly sandy clay with partially decomposed plant material. A moderate organic odour was recorded from the alluvium layer.

The Weald Clay Formation was encountered in all borehole locations. The upper section of the Weald Clay Formation typically comprised firm to very stiff orangish brown and fissured clay with occasional gypsum crystals. The lower sections of the Weald Clay formation comprised extremely weak orangish brown, bluish grey and red mudstone, encountered in each location at depths between 0.7 m and 2.2 m bgl.

No visual or olfactory evidence of contamination was recorded, and perched water/groundwater was not encountered during the investigation.

The installation details for the IDOM wells are summarised below.

Table 2: IDOM monitoring wells

Location Ref	Depth To Top of Response Zone (m bgl)	Depth To Base Of Response Zone (m bgl)	Strata
MWS101	1.0	2.0	Weald Clay Formation
MWS102	1.0	2.0	
MWS104	1.0	2.0	
MWS108	1.0	2.7	

IDOM Monitoring Programme

Divers (water level loggers) were installed on 24 November 2024 within three (MWS101, MWS104 & MWS108) of the four monitoring wells installed by IDOM and later. A diver was not installed in MWS102 as this was consistently dry during the initial manual dips. The divers were set to record water level, pressure and temperature at 5-minute intervals. IDOM also attended site regularly to manually dip the wells (between 29 October 2024 and 17 March 2025).

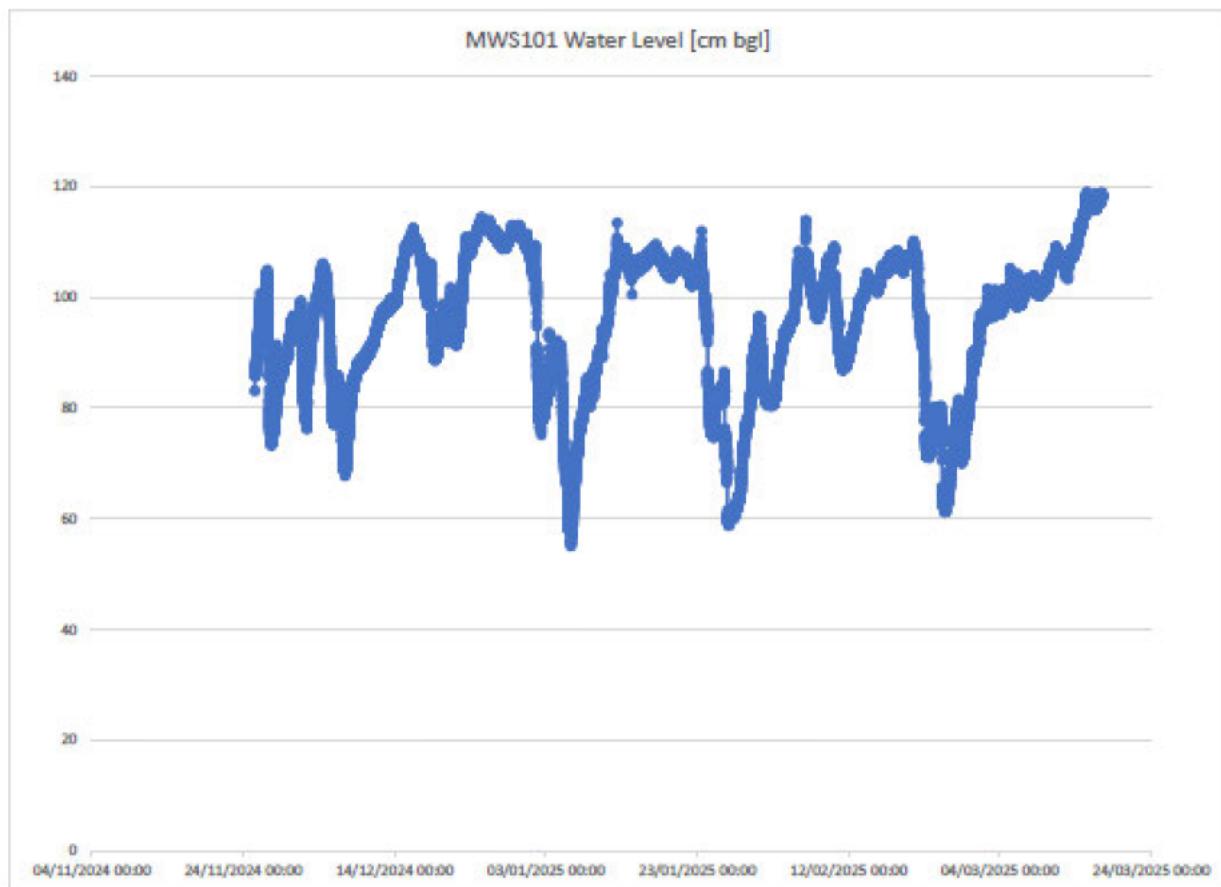
Results

The graphs below show the water level data recorded between 25 November 2024 and 17 March 2025. Manual dip data is also summarised in the table below.

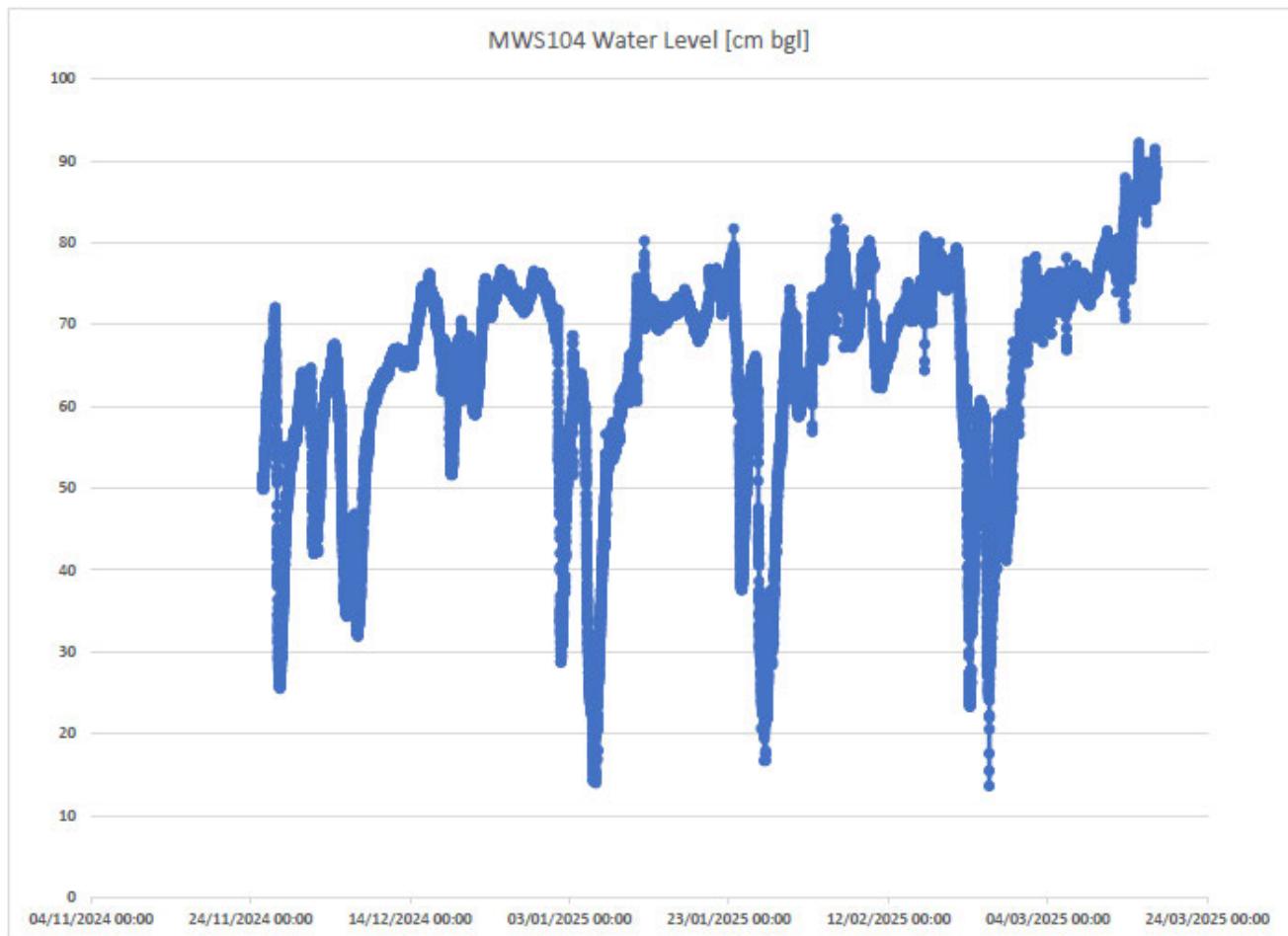
Table 3: Summary of manual dip data (between 29 October to 2024 and 17 March 2025)

Well	Groundwater level (m bgl)
MWS101	0.67 to 1.48
MWS102	1.3 to Dry
MWS104	0.46 to 1.66
MWS108	0.88 to 1.70

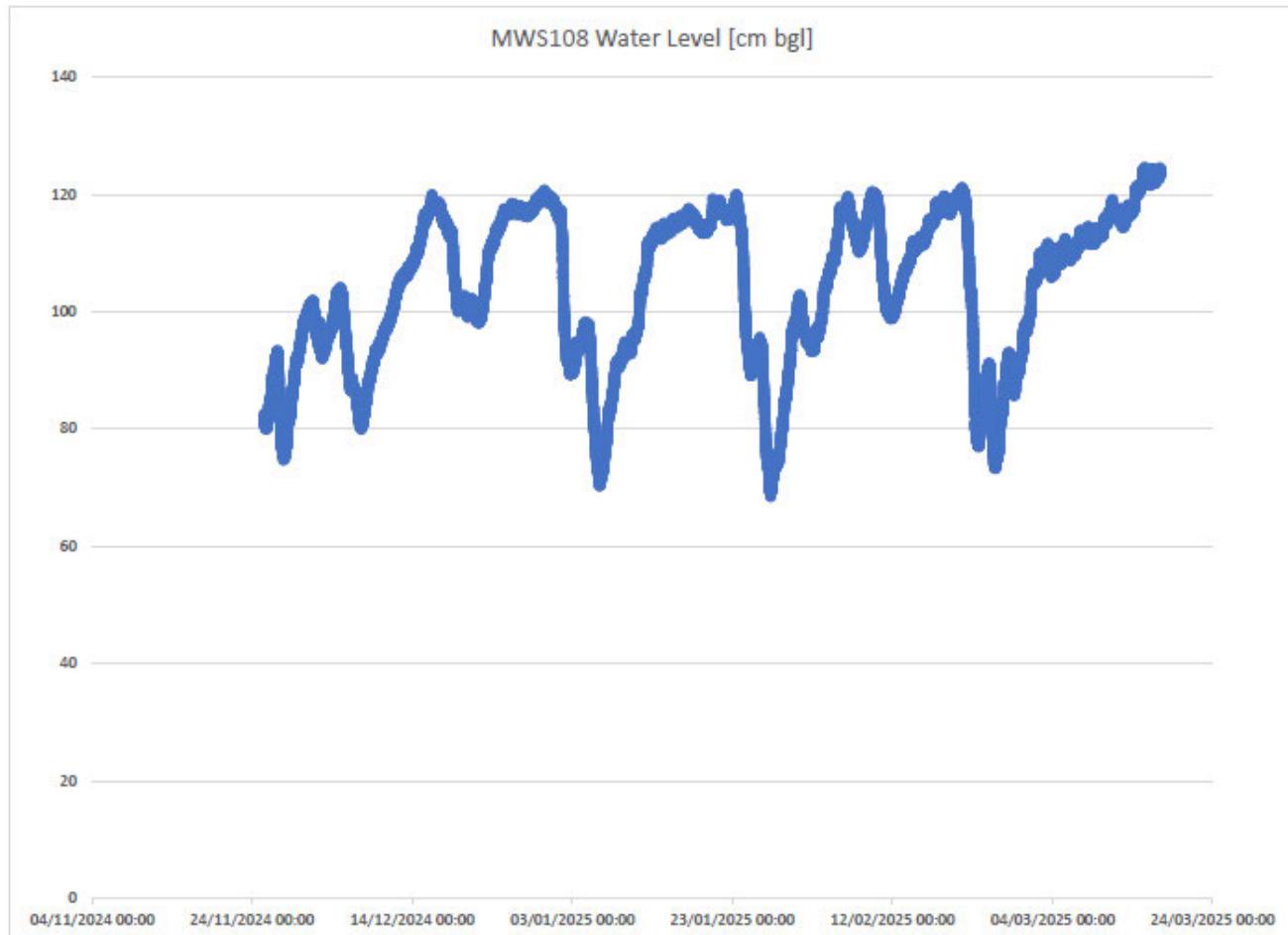
MWS101



MWS104



MWS108



Conclusions

In general, there was a good correlation between the manual dip data and the diver data. Some differences can be due to the water level in the well dropping below the level of the installed diver. Also, surface water can enter that well once the bung is removed.

Groundwater at the site has been found to be relatively shallow. It was noted none of the wells installed with divers flooded or appeared adversely effected by surface water runoff during the monitoring programme.

With regards to the implications for foundations, the predominant geology is mudstone and the shallow water is unlikely to significantly reduce the bearing capacities. The greatest issue is likely to be dewatering. The groundwater appears to be influenced predominantly by rainfall and therefore excavations may become wet during and after periods of sustained or heavy rainfall. The mudstone is fissured and therefore the water would make the sides of excavations liable to collapse and shoring should be considered.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please find the following enclosed:

- I Site Location Plan (21949av-304-001)
- II Logs (MWS101, MWS102, MWS104 & MWS108)



LEGEND

- Site boundary
- Merebrook window sample with location reference (MWSref)
- California bearing ratio test with location reference (MCBRref)
- Install (I)

First Issue	12/11/2024	FO	MB	MB	-
DESCRIPTION	DATE	DWN	CHD	APP'D	REV

ISSUE PURPOSE **PRELIMINARY**

CLIENT **Vistry Central Home Counties**

PROJECT **Wickhurst Green
Horsham**

DWG TITLE **Undertaken Site Investigation Locations
Plan**

DWG NO. **21949av-304-001**

SCALE **N.T.S** DATE **November 2024** FRAME DIMS (mm) **(A3) 420 x 297**

DRAWN **FO** CHECKED **MB** APPROVED **MB**

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Windowless Sample Log

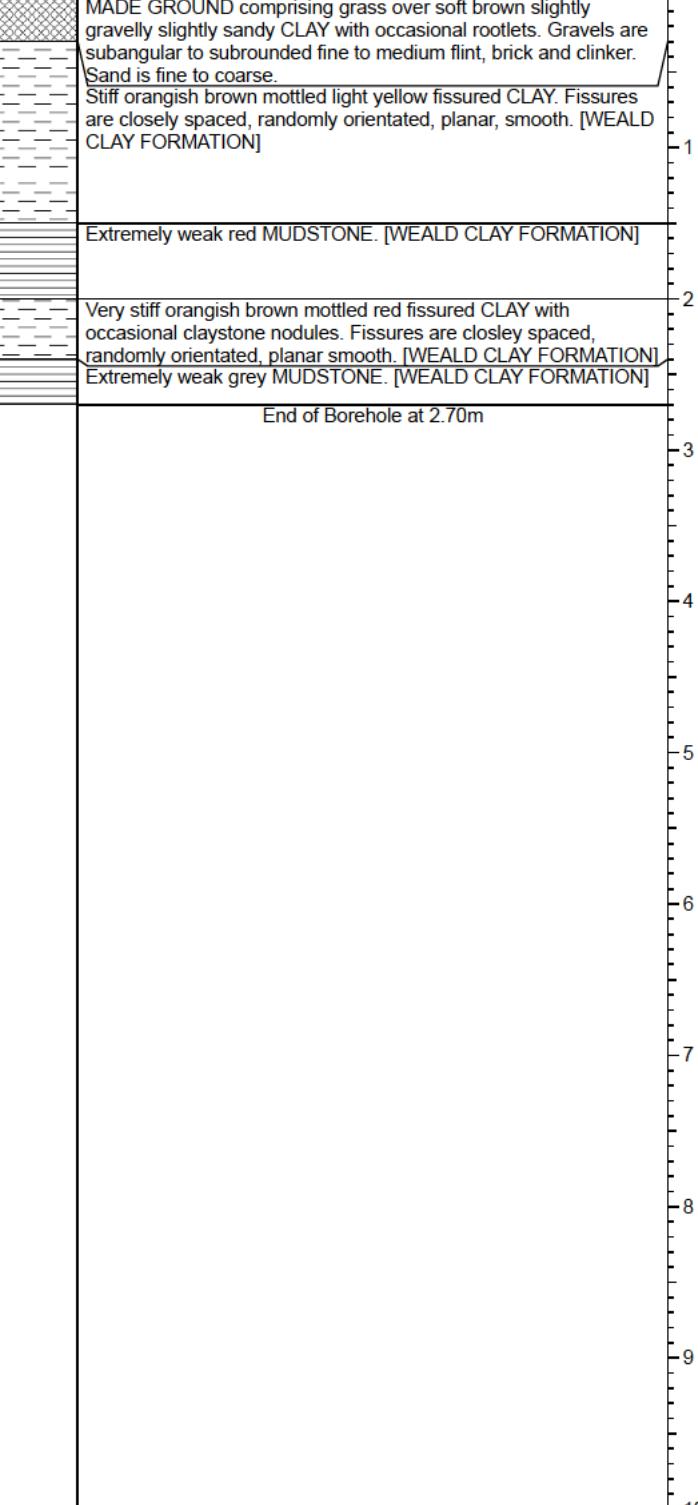
Project Name: Wickhurst Green			Client: Vistry				Date: 18/10/2024						
Location: Horsham			Contractor: 3D Drilling										
Project No. : 21949av			Crew Name:				Drilling Equipment: Terrier Rig Dynamic Sampler						
Borehole Number MWS101		Hole Type WLS		Level		Logged By MB		Scale 1:50	Page Number Sheet 1 of 1				
Well	Sample and In Situ Testing			Depth (m)	Level (m)	Legend	Stratum Description						
	Depth (m)	Type	Results										
	0.20	ES		0.35	0.80		[TOPSOIL] - Grass over soft brown slightly gravelly slightly sandy CLAY with occasional rootlets. Gravels are subangular to subrounded fine to medium flint. Sand is fine to coarse.						
	0.40	ES					Stiff orangish brown CLAY with rare gypsum crystals. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]						
	0.70	D											
	1.00	SPT	N=44 (4,5/9,16,13,6)				Extremely weak orangish brown mottled red MUDSTONE. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]						
	1.20	D											
	2.00	SPT	N=50 (25 for 95mm/50 for 80mm)				End of Borehole at 2.00m						
Hole Diameter		Casing Diameter		Chiselling				Inclination and Orientation					
Depth	Base	Diameter	Depth	Base	Diameter	Depth Top	Depth Base	Duration	Tool	Depth Top	Depth Base	Inclination	Orientation
Remarks													
Refusal at 2.0 m bgl. No groundwater encountered													

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Location: Horsham				Contractor: 3D Drilling								
Project No. : 21949av				Crew Name:				Drilling Equipment: Terrier Rig Dynamic Sampler				
Borehole Number MWS102		Hole Type WLS		Level		Logged By MB		Scale 1:50		Page Number Sheet 1 of 1		
Well	Sample and In Situ Testing			Depth (m)	Level (m)	Legend	Stratum Description					
	Depth (m)	Type	Results									
	0.20	ES		0.35	0.70		[TOPSOIL] - Grass over soft brown slightly gravelly slightly sandy CLAY with occasional rootlets. Gravels are subangular to subrounded fine to medium flint. Sand is fine to coarse.					
	0.40	ES					Stiff orangish brown CLAY with rare gypsum crystals. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]					
	0.80	D					Extremely weak orangish brown mottled red MUDSTONE. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]					
	1.00	SPT	N=31 (5,6/6,7,8,10)									
	2.00	D					End of Borehole at 2.00m					
	2.00	SPT	N=50 (7,12/50 for 190mm)									

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Location: Horsham			Contractor: 3D Drilling										
Project No. : 21949av			Crew Name:				Drilling Equipment: Terrier Rig Dynamic Sampler						
Borehole Number MWS108		Hole Type WLS		Level		Logged By MB		Scale 1:50	Page Number Sheet 1 of 1				
Well	Sample and In Situ Testing			Depth (m)	Level (m)	Legend	Stratum Description						
	Depth (m)	Type	Results										
	0.20	ES		0.30	1.50		MADE GROUND comprising grass over soft brown slightly gravelly slightly sandy CLAY with occasional rootlets. Gravels are subangular to subrounded fine to medium flint, brick and clinker. Sand is fine to coarse.						
	0.50	D					Stiff orangish brown mottled light yellow fissured CLAY. Fissures are closely spaced, randomly orientated, planar, smooth. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]						
	1.00	SPT	N=13 (2,2/3,3,3,4)										
	1.50	D					Extremely weak red MUDSTONE. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]						
	1.70	SPT	N=29 (10,10/7,6,8,8)										
	2.50	D					Very stiff orangish brown mottled red fissured CLAY with occasional claystone nodules. Fissures are closely spaced, randomly orientated, planar smooth. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]						
	2.70	SPT	N=50 (25 for 95mm/50 for 90mm)				Extremely weak grey MUDSTONE. [WEALD CLAY FORMATION]						
							End of Borehole at 2.70m						
Hole Diameter		Casing Diameter		Chiselling				Inclination and Orientation					
Depth	Base	Diameter	Depth	Base	Diameter	Depth	Top	Duration	Tool	Depth	Base	Inclination	Orientation
Remarks													
Refusal at 2.7 m bgl. No groundwater encountered													