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SUMMARY

A soil resources and agricultural land quality survey has been undertaken of 100.3 ha of land at Diseworth, Leicestershire in December 2022.

The land is underlain by a mixture of coarse loams and fine loams over slowly permeable clay, giving land of grade 1, 2, subgrade 3a and subgrade 3b agricultural quality. The land is predominantly limited by wetness/workability constraints.

Full recommendations for soil restoration and management according to the proposed landscape plan are included in the report.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report provides information on the agricultural quality of 100.3 ha of land at Diseworth, Leicestershire. The land is proposed as a logistics park. The report is based on a survey of the land in December 2022.

SITE ENVIRONMENT

- 1.2 The survey area comprises twenty fields, mainly in arable use with grassland in the west. The site is bordered to the north by the A453, to the east by a service station and the A42, to the west by the settlement of Diseworth, and to the south by adjoining agricultural land site is intersected by Hyam's Lane.
- 1.3 The land is mainly gently undulating and sloping from 85 m in the north to 65 m in the south with an elevation of approximately 75 m AOD.

PUBLISHED INFORMATION

- 1.4 British Geology Survey 1:50,000 scale information records the the land as mainly Gunthorpe Member mudstone with bands of siltstone and sandstone. Superficial deposits of sand and gravel are recorded to overlie the basal geology in the north and east of the site, with a band of Oadby Member glacial till in the east. Head deposits are recorded in the far west of the site.
- 1.5 The National Soil Map (published at 1:250,000 scale) ¹ records the land as mainly within the Worcester Association: slowly permeable reddish clayey soils over mudstone, sometimes shallow over mudstone on steeper slopes. In the north Flint Association is mapped: typically reddish fine loamy over clayey soils with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging.

¹ Ragg, J.M., et al., (1984). Soils and their Use in Midland and Western England, Soil Survey of England and Wales Bulletin No. 12, Harpenden.

- 2.1 A soils and agricultural quality survey was carried out in December 2022 in accordance with MAFF (1988) Agricultural Land Classification guidelines². It was based on observations at intersects of a 100 m grid, giving a density of approximately one observation per hectare. During the survey, soils were examined by hand augerings and pits to a maximum depth of 1.2 m. A log of the sampling points, full description of soil profiles and a map (Map 1) showing their location is in an appendix to this report.
- 2.2 Representative topsoil samples (0-150 mm) were collected on a field-by field basis for laboratory analysis (see Map 2). Representative samples of upper subsoils (350-500 mm) with reuse potential were also collected from two areas (see Map 3).

COARSE LOAMY SOILS

- 2.3 These soils occur in a small area in the east of the site. They comprise sandy loam topsoil and upper subsoil that often overlies dense slowly permeable sandy clay or clay at depth. The subsoils are *gleyed*³ indicating the land experiences seasonal waterlogging. The soils are judged moderately-freely to imperfectly draining (Soil Wetness Class II/III).
- 2.4 An example profile is described from observation point 39 in an appendix to this report.

LOAMY OVER SLOWLY PERMEABLE SOILS

- 2.5 These soils occur in the west of the site. They comprise mainly medium loamy topsoils over permeable upper subsoils. These overlie dense slowly permeable reddish clay. The subsoils are *gleyed*, indicating they suffer seasonal waterlogging. These soils are moderately freely to imperfectly draining (Soil Wetness Class II/III).
- 2.6 An example profile is described from observation point 44 in an appendix to this report.

HEAVY SLOWLY PERMEABLE SOILS

2.7 These soils dominate across the site. They typically comprise a heavy clay loam or clay topsoil overlying dense slowly permeable reddish clay. In places mudstone is encountered within 1 m. The subsoils are *gleyed*, evidence the soils suffer seasonal waterlogging. These soils are mainly judged imperfectly to poorly-draining (Soil Wetness Class III to IV).

²MAFF, (1988).Agricultural Land Classification for England and Wales: Guidelines and Criteria for Grading the Quality of Agricultural Land.

³ reddish colours with greyish, brownish or ochreous mottles or ferri-manganiferous concentrations and dominantly pale coloured ped faces

2.8	Example profiles are described from observations 20 and 63.

3.0 Agricultural land quality

- 3.1 To assist in assessing land quality, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) developed a method for classifying agricultural land by grade according to the extent to which physical or chemical characteristics impose long-term limitations on agricultural use for food production. The MAFF ALC system classifies land into five grades numbered 1 to 5, with grade 3 divided into two subgrades (3a and 3b). The system was devised and introduced in the 1960s and revised in 1988.
- 3.2 The agricultural climate is an important factor in assessing the agricultural quality of land and has been calculated using the Climatological Data for Agricultural Land Classification⁴. The relevant site data for an average elevation of 75 m at central grid reference SK 459,250 is given below.

•	Average annual rainfall:	650 mm
•	January-June accumulated temperature >0°C	1377 day°
•	Field capacity period (when the soils are fully replete with water)	141 days late Nov-early Apr
•	Summer moisture deficits for:	wheat: 103 mm potatoes: 94 mm

3.3 The survey described in the previous section was used in conjunction with the agroclimatic data above to classify the site using the revised guidelines for ALC issued in 1988 by MAFF⁵. There are no climatic limitations at this locality.

SURVEY RESULTS

3.4 The agricultural quality of the land is primarily determined by wetness/ workability, with minor areas limited by topsoil stone content. Other factors have been assessed but do not affect the land grade. Land of grades 1, 2 and 3 have been identified.

Grade 1

3.5 This land grade comprises the deeper coarse loams with reddish clay at depth (greater than 65 cm) in the east of the site. This land has no significant limitations to agricultural use.

⁴Meteorological Office, (1989). Climatological Data for Agricultural Land Classification.
⁵MAFF, (1988). Agricultural Land Classification for England and Wales: Guidelines and Criteria for Grading the Quality of Agricultural Land.

Grade 2

- 3.6 This land occurs in the east and west of the site where coarse loamy soils have slowly permeable clay at moderate depth (Soil Wetness Class III) or medium loamy soils are permeable to depth (Soil Wetness Class II). They have slight wetness restrictions which may limit the flexibility of cultivations, particularly in winter.
- 3.7 Small areas are limited by topsoil stone content (5-10% hard stones >20 mm). The slightly elevated stone content may lead to increased machinery wear and distorted roots crops.

Subgrade 3a

- 3.8 This land occurs across the centre of the site and comprises medium loams with slowly permeable clay at moderate depth (Soil Wetness Class III). The combination of moderately high topsoil clay content and impeded drainage means that land access will be restricted in winter and early spring most years. However, late spring (and autumn) cropping is possible most years.
- 3.9 A minor area is limited by topsoil stone content (10-15% hard stones >20 mm). The moderately high stone content can lead to increase machinery wear, reduced quality root crops and restrict the use of precision drilling machinery.

Subgrade 3b

3.10 This subgrade makes up most of the site and comprises the heavy slowly permeable soils. The combination of high topsoil clay content and impeded drainage (Soil Wetness Class III and IV) means that land will be too wet to cultivate in winter and spring. Arable cropping of the land is restricted to autumn-sown combinable crops most years.

Non agricultural

3.11 This comprises a pond, tracks and hedges.

Grade areas

3.12 The land grade is shown on Map 2 and the area occupied is shown below.

Table 1: Areas occupied by the different land grades

Grade/subgrade	Area (ha)	% of the land
Grade 1	2.0	2
Grade 2	6.4	6
Subgrade 3a	26.8	27
Subgrade 3b	64.2	64
Non agricultural	0.9	1
Total	100.3	100

NUTRIENTS AND ORGANIC MATTER

(See Tables 4.1 and 4.2 for summary)

- 4.1 The topsoils within the site are mainly of neutral pH with moderate organic matter content and high nutrient concentrations, typical of soils under intensive agricultural management. Fields A, C, D, F and J were found to have low nutrient concentrations (P Index 1 and 0).
- 4.2 The reusable subsoil resources in the east and west of the site have neutral pH, low organic matter and low nutrient concentrations.
- 4.3 Full laboratory certificates are appended to this report.

Table 4.1: Topsoil nutrient status

Field ID*	nЦ	Loss on	Р	K	Mg
Field ID.	рН	ignition %		5	
Α	7.9	5.7	1	3	4
В	6.4	8.6	2	2-	3
С	7.1	4.4	1	2-	3
D	6.6	3.4	1	1	3
E	6.8	4.6	2	2-	4
F	7.6	4.0	0	1	6
G	7.2	5.3	2	4	5
Н	6.8	4.9	2	2-	3
1	6.6	4.0	2	1	4
J	7.7	3.9	1	2-	6
K	6.8	3.5	3	2+	3
L	7.1	4.3	2	2+	3
M	7.3	4.3	3	2+	3
N	7.7	4.0	2	2+	5
0	8.0	4.0	2	2+	5
Р	8.2	4.4	3	3	6
Q	7.6	8.9	2	2+	7
R	8.1	5.6	2	2+	6
S	8.3	4.5	2	2+	6
Т	6.9	4.9	2	2-	4

^{*}See Map 2

Table 4.2: Subsoil nutrient status

Pit ID*	Нq	Loss on	Р	K	Mg	
PILID	рп	ignition %		S		
Α	6.8	1.9	0	1	5	
В	6.7	2.0	0	2-	4	

^{*}See Map 3

5.0 Available soil resources

5.1. The distribution of topsoil and subsoil resources is shown on Map 4 in the appendix to this report. Two topsoil and three subsoil resources have been identified. The available resources are described below.

TOPSOIL

This resource comprises the fine loamy topsoils across most of the site. Their relatively high clay content makes them more difficult to handle with machinery. They represent a moderate quality resource for reuse in landscaping. They should be stripped to 300 mm.

Estimated yield 292,400 m³ (if all stripped)

This resource comprises the coarse loamy topsoils in the east of the site. They are relatively easy to handle due to their low clay content, with low stone content. They represent a high quality resource for reuse in landscaping. They should be stripped to **300 mm**.

Estimated yield 6,000 m³ (if all stripped)

SUBSOIL

- These subsoils occur below TS1 in the west. They comprise medium and heavy clay loams with good structure. They have a moderately high clay content and should be stripped carefully to avoid damage an average thickness of **200 mm** or to an obvious colour change, to avoid inclusion of the poorly structured clay below. They are a moderate quality resource for reuse in landscaping.
- These subsoils occur below the coarse loamy topsoils in the east of the site. They comprise permeable coarse loamy and medium loamy subsoils. They should be stripped to an average thickness of **300 mm** to avoid inclusion of the weakly-structured lower subsoil. They are a high quality resource for reuse in landscaping.
- Clay These subsoils comprise the subsurface layer of the slowly permeable soils across most of the site. They are difficult to handle with machinery and naturally poorly structured; they are a low quality resource for reuse in landscaping and best reserved for use in embankments or for lining waterbodies.

6.0 Soil suitability assessment

6.1. The suitability of the identified on-site resources has been evaluated against the proposed landscaping uses. General suitability assessment is summarised in Table 6.1 and described in more detail below.

Table 6.1: soil suitability assessment

After use	Soil resource								
Aitei use	TS1	TS2	SS1	SS2	Clay				
Tree pit planting	√ 1	√	√ 1	✓	*				
Shrubs, hedges and thicket	✓	√	-	-	-				
Ornamental planting	√	√	-	-	-				
Amenity grassland	✓	√	-	-	-				
Wildflower grassland	√ 2	√2	√3	-	-				
Wetland planting	*	*	✓	✓	✓				
Embankment (core) formation	×	×	√	✓	✓				

[✓] well suited ✓ moderately suitable **×**not suitable

TREE PIT PLANTING

6.2. The topsoils are suitable for use in tree pit planting (emplaced as a 200-300 mm surface layer). Tree pit planting subsoils need to be well structured (friable) and permeable to depth. SS2 would be best suited to this purpose if maintained in good structural condition.

SHRUB, THICKET AND HEDGEROW PLANTING

6.3. A layer of topsoil 300-450 mm in depth may be emplaced over in-situ subsoil which has been thoroughly loosened/ripped to remove compaction before topsoil is emplaced.

¹High clay content makes soil handling difficult. Soils used for this purposes must be maintained in good structural condition and carefully replaced without compaction.

² Suitable where stripped from low nutrient fields, although likely to contain a significant arable weed seed bank

³Used as topsoil

AMENITY GRASSLAND

6.4. A layer of topsoil should be emplaced 200-450 mm in thickness (using the greater depth to use surplus material if appropriate) over in-situ subsoil which has been thoroughly loosened/ripped to remove compaction before topsoil is emplaced.

WILDFLOWER GRASSLAND

- 6.5. Wildflower grassland would be best formed by laying at least 150 mm of SS1 or SS2 over in-situ subsoil which has been thoroughly loosened/ripped.
- 6.6. Alternatively, soils stripped from the low nutrient areas of TS1 and TS2 (provided nutrient indices have not been increased between the date of sampling and development) can be used, although these soils may contain a relatively high seed bank of arable weeds.

WETLAND

- 6.7. Topsoil should not be used in the creation of open water wetland, due to the adverse effects of dissolved soil-derived nutrients in aquatic habitats. Topsoil should be stripped from at least the 5 m area surrounding open water to prevent in-flows.
- 6.8. SS1 and the clay resources are well suited to form an impermeable layer below wetland; compacting/puddling with a digger bucket is likely to be beneficial to reduce permeability. Emergent vegetation such as reeds can be planted directly into subsoil.

EMBANKMENT FORMATION

6.9. Topsoils should be limited to use in the outer 500 mm layer of screening bunds.

All of the subsoils are suitable for core formation.

7.0 Soil Handling

STRIPPING & STOCKPILING

- 7.1. The topsoil resource comprises a mixture of sandy loams and clay loams and clays, the latter of which are susceptible to damage if handled by machinery when wet. Soils should be stripped using the excavator and dumper method as described by Sheet 1 in the Defra Construction Code⁶.
- 7.2. Soil handling will be undertaken when soils are sufficiently dry to be friable and not plastic (this can be judged by whether a 3 mm thick thread can be rolled under current site conditions). All soil handling would be best conducted during dry weather between May and October, and not during or just after heavy rain, when the soils are likely to be in their best handling condition.
- 7.3. Construction traffic will be restricted to designated roadways to avoid soil compaction.
- 7.4. If direct placement of stripped soils onto areas being restored is not possible, the resources should be stripped and stored separately in low bunds (no more than 3 m high for topsoil and 5 m for subsoil). The bunds will be constructed either by excavator or bulldozer (Sheets 2 and 14 in the MAFF Good Practice Guide) avoiding over-compaction. Where in use for greater than six months, they will be sown with grass to help maintain biological activity and prevent water erosion. The Construction Code of Practice for Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites (Defra 2009) guidance on good practice in soil handling will be fully adhered to.

SOIL EMPLACEMENT

- 7.5. The soils will be removed from storage (Sheet 3 in the MAFF Good Practice Guide) and replaced by excavator using the loose tipping technique (Sheet 4 in MAFF Good Practice Guide), which avoids traffic on the restored surfaces.
- 7.6. The subsoils are susceptible to traffic compaction, which can limit rooting depth and affect drainage. Upper subsoils on stripped areas will be loosened before topsoil is replaced. De-compaction would be best performed with a tined ripper pulled by an earth-mover or excavator, undertaken when soils are sufficiently

⁶ Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites (publishing.service.gov.uk)

dry to be friable and not plastic (this can be judged by whether a 3 mm thick thread can be rolled under current site conditions).

APPENDIX DETAILS OF OBSERVATIONS MAPS LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Land at Diseworth: Soils and ALC survey – Details of observations at each sampling point

Obs		Topsoil			Upper subsoil			Lower subsoil		Slope	Wetness	Agricultural quality	
No	Depth	Texture	Stones	Depth	Texture	Mottling	Depth	Texture	Mottling	(°)	Class	Grade	Main
	(cm)		>20 mm (%)	(cm)			(cm)						limitation
1	0-25	HCL	<5	23-35	HCL(r)	XXX	<u>35</u> -60 60+	C(r) Waterlogged	XXX	1	IV	3b	W
2	Overgrown	track (woody scub)											
3	0-28	vslstHCL	<5	28-47	HCL(r)	0	47+	Waterlogged above pan		2	III?	3b	W
4	0-23	slstHCL	<5	23-35	HCL(r)	XXX	<u>35</u> -90+	C(r)	XXX	1	IV	3b	W
5	0-28	HCL	<5	28-58	C(r)	0	58+	Waterlogged		2	IV?	3b	W
6	0-27	С	5-10	<u>27</u> -68	C(r)	Х	68+	MST		6	IV	3b	W
7	0-23	HCL/MCL	<5	23-45	HCL	XXX	45-90+	HCL(r)	Х	3	II?	3a/2	W
8	0-26	HCL	<5	26-50	HCL	XXX	50+	Waterlogged		1	III/IV	3b	W
9	0-32	vslstMCL/SCL	<5	32-38	SCL(r)	xxx	<u>38</u> -70 70+	C(r) Waterlogged	XXX	2	III/IV	3a/3b	W
10	0-32	vslstHCL	<5	32-41	HCL(r)	XXX	<u>41</u> -90+	C(r)	XXX	2	III	3b	W
11	0-31	vslstMCL	<5	31-42	HCL(r)	xxx	<u>42</u> -60 60+	C(r) Waterlogged	xxx	1	III	За	W
12	0-28	slstMCL/SCL	<5	28-50	HCL(r)	xx(x)	50+	Waterlogged		1	III/IV	3a/3b	W
13	0-34	vslstMCL	<5	<u>34</u> -70	C(r)	XXX	70+	Waterlogged		3	IV	3b	W
14	0-35	С	<5	<u>35</u> -54	C(r)	XXX	54-80+	MST		2	IV	3b	W
15	0-21	slst/mstSCL	5-10	21-67	slstSCL	0	67-90+	slstSCL	XX	5	I	2	St
16	0-26	slstMCL	10-15	26-43	vstHCL(r)	-	43+	Stopped on stones		4	-	3a	St
17	0-28	vslstMCL/SCL	<5	28-55	SCL	xx	55-70 70-90+	SC(r) MCL(r)	XX X	5	II	2	W
18	0-32	slstSCL	5-10	32-63	SCL	xxx	<u>63</u> -72 72+	C Stopped on stones	XX X	3	111/11	3a/2	W
19	0-26	slstMCL	<5	<u>26</u> -90+	С	XXX				2	IV	3b	W
20	0-24	slstMCL	<5	<u>24</u> -49	С	XXX	<u>49</u> -90+	Cchky	XXX	2	IV	3b	W
21	0-26	slstMCL	5-10	<u>26</u> -64	С	XXX	64+	Stopped on stones		2	IV	3b	W
22	0-27	slstSCL	<5	27-45	slstSCL	xxx	<u>45</u> -64 <u>64</u> -90+	slstC SCL(r)	XXX XXX	2	III	3a	W
23					Not	recorded						2/3a	W
24	0-25	slstMCL	5	<u>25</u> -45	С	XXX	<u>45</u> -90+	Cchky	XXX	4	IV	3b	W
25	0-28	vslstSCL	<5	28-34	SCL	xxx	<u>34</u> -60	C Waterlogged	XXX	4	IV	3b	W
26	0-31	slstMCL	5-10	31-60	HCL	XXX	<u>60</u> -90+	С	XXX	4	III	3a	W
27	0-27	slstHCL	<5	<u>27</u> -68	С	xxx	<u>68</u> -90+	C(r)	XXX	4	IV	3b	W

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No	Depth	Texture	Stones	Depth	Texture	Mottling	Depth	Texture	Mottling	(°)	Class	Grade	Main
	(cm)		>20 mm (%)	(cm)			(cm)						limitation
28	0-27	slstSCL	5-10	27-40	SCL	XXX	<u>42</u> -62 62+	C(r) Stopped on stones	xxx	3	III	3a	W
29	0-29	slstMCL	5-10	<u>29</u> -90+	Cchky	XXX				4	IV	3b	W
30	0-28	SCL	<5	<u>28</u> -52	С	XXX	52-100+	SCLr	XXX	2	IV	3b	W
31	0-30	SCL	<5	<u>30</u> -85_	Cr with sand incl	XXX				3	IV	3b	W
32	0-23	vslstSCL	<5	23-90+	vslstSCL	XXX				1	II	2	W
33	0-27	vslstMCL/SCL	<5	27-90+	MCL/SCL	XXX				2	II	2	W
34	0-35	MCL/HCL	<5	35-90+	HCL	XXX				2	III	3a/3b	W
35	0-30	SCL	<5	30-90+	SCL	XXX				1	II	2	W
36	0-28	vslstSCL	<5	28-57	SCL	xx(x)	<u>57</u> -80+	HCL	XXX	1	III/II	3a/2	W
37	0-43	MCL	<5	43-67	HCL	XXX	<u>67</u> -90+	C/HCL	XXX	1	III	3a	W
38	0-26	slstHCL	<5	<u>26</u> -80+	С	XXX	<u>80</u> -90+	Cchky	XXX	1	IV	3b	W
39	0-32	MSL	<5	32-68	MSL/SCL	XXX	<u>68</u> -120+	SC	XXX	3	II	1	-
40	0-28	MSL	<5	28-54	MSL	XXX	54+	Stopped on stone		2	1/11	1	-
41	0-26	H/SCL	<5	<u>26</u> -100+	С	XXX				3	IV	3b	W
42	0-32	MCL	<5	32-36	MCL	XXX	<u>36</u> -65 65+	C(r) Stopped on stones	xxx	2	IV	3b	W
43	0-30	HCL	<5	30-37	HCL(r)	XXX	<u>37</u> -56 56-90+	C(fmn) MST	xxx	3	IV	3b	W
44	0-32	vslstMCL	<5	27-65	SCL	XXX	<u>65</u> -120+	SCL	XXX	3	II	3a/2	W
45	0-33	HCL	<5	33-47	HCL	XXX	<u>47</u> -90+	С	XXX	0	III	3b	W
46	0-30	HCL	<5	30-41	HCL	XXX	<u>41</u> -100+	С	XXX	0	III	3b	W
47	0-28	MCL	<5	28-45	HCL	XXX	<u>45</u> -75 <u>75</u> -90+	C Cchky	XXX XXX	1	III	За	W
48	0-30	HCL	<5	30-46	HCL	XXX	<u>46</u> -72 72-90+	C C(r)	xxx xxx	2	III	3b	W
49	0-30	SCL	<5	30-50	HCL	XXX	<u>50</u> -100+	Cr	XXX	0	III	3a	W
50	0-30	MSL	<5	30-65	MSL	XXX	<u>65</u> -100+	С	XXX	2	III	2	W
51	0-28	SCL	<5	28-100+	HCLr	XXX				2	II	2	W
52	0-26	MCL	<5	<u>26</u> -70	C(r)	XXX	70+	Waterlogged		3	IV	3b	W
53	0-27	HCL	<5	27-80+	C(r)fmn	XX				1	IV	3b	W
54	0-36	C/HCL	<5	<u>36</u> -60	Cr	XXX	60-90+	HCLr	XXX	0	IV	3b	W
55	0-28	HCL	<5	<u>28</u> -90+	Cr	XXX				0	IV	3b	W
56	0-32	HCL	<5	32-63	SCLr	XXX	<u>63</u> -100	Cr	XXX	0	III	3b	W
57	0-31	HCL	<5	<u>31</u> -100+	C with sand incl.	XXX				1	IV	3b	W
58	0-30	HCL	<5	<u>30</u> -100+	Cr	XXX				1	IV	3b	W
59	0-28	HCL	<5	<u>28</u> -60+	Cr	XXX				0	IV	3b	W

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No	Depth	Texture	Stones	Depth	Texture	Mottling	Depth	Texture	Mottling	(°)	Class	Grade	Main
	(cm)		>20 mm (%)	(cm)			(cm)						limitation
60	Bank/ditch					I	<u>l</u>		- L		l	<u> </u>	
61	0-20	HCL	<5	<u>20</u> -90+	Cr	XXX				2	IV	3b	W
62	0-28	HCL	<5	28-100+	HCLr	XXX				2	II	3a	W
63	0-30	HCL	<5	<u>30</u> -100+	C wet	XXX				1	IV	3b	W
64	0-33	HCL/C	<5	<u>33</u> -90+	Cr	xxx				0	IV	3b	W
65	Hedge												
66	0-31	HCL	<5	<u>31</u> -46	Cr	XXX	<u>46</u> -80+	ZC grey	XXX	0	IV	3b	W
67	0-28	HCL	<5	<u>28</u> -90+	Cr wet	xxx				0	IV	3b	W
68	0-30	HCL	<5	<u>30</u> -80+	Cr wet	XXX				0	IV	3b	W
69	0-30	С	<5	<u>30</u> -85+	Cr	XXX				1	IV	3b	W
70	0-30	С	<5	<u>30</u> -90+	Cr	XXX				1	IV	3b	W
71	0-28	С	<5	<u>28</u> -60+	Cr wet	XXX				3	IV	3b	W
72	0-32	HCL/C	<5	32-66	HCL	XXX	66+	Stopped		2	II	3a/3b	W
73	0-30	HCL	<5	C t	XXX	56-100+	HZCLr	XXX		0	II	3a	W
74	0-29	C/HCL	<5	<u>29</u> -58	Cr	XXX	58-100+	Cr	XXX	1	IV	3b	W
75	0-26	HCL	<5	<u>26</u> -50	Cr	xxx	50+	Stopped		1	IV	3b	W
76	0-28	HCL	<5	28-100+	Cr	xxx				1	11/111	3a/b	W
77	0-29	HCL	<5	<u>29</u> -90+	Cr	XXX				0	IV	3b	W
78	0-26	HCL	<5	<u>26</u> -60	Cr	XXX	60-90+	Cr	XXX	1	IV	3b	W
79	0-30	HCL/C	<5	<u>30</u> -90+	Cr	XXX				0	IV	3b	W
80	Hedge												
81	0-29	HCL	<5	<u>29</u> -100+	Cr	XXX				3	IV	3b	W
82	0-29	C/HCL	<5	<u>29</u> -100+	Cr	xxx				2	IV	3b	W
83	0-30	HCL	<5	30-85+	HCLr	XXX				2	II	3a	W
84	0-33	C/HCL	<5	<u>33</u> -56+	Cr	xxx	56+	Waterlogged		2	IV	3b	W
85	0-33	С	<5	<u>33</u> -71	Cr	XXX	71-100+	HCLr	XXX	1	IV	3b	W
86	0-20	C/HCL	<5	<u>20</u> -50+	Cr wet	XXX				2	IV	3b	W
87	0-28	C/HCL	<5	<u>28</u> -50	Cr	XXX	50+	Waterlogged		2	IV	3b	W
88	0-32	C/HCL	<5	<u>32</u> -100+	Cr	XXX				1	IV	3b	W
89	0-34	С	<5	<u>34</u> -55	Cr	XXX	55-80+	HCL	XXX	0	IV	3b	W
90	0-26	HCL	<5	26-100+	HCL	r	XXX			1	II	3a	W
91	0-33	HCL	<5	<u>33</u> -90+	Cr wet	xxx				1	IV	3b	W
92	0-32	HCL	<5	32-45	Cr	XXX	32-87+	HCLr	XXX	1	II	3a	W
93	0-40	HCL	<5	<u>40-</u> 58	HCL	XXX	<u>58</u> -70+	Cr	XXX	2	III	3b	W
94	0-30	HCL/C	<5	<u>30</u> -45	Cr	xxx	45+	Waterlogged	_	0	IV	3b	W

Obs	s Topsoil			Upper subsoil			Lower subsoil			Slope	Wetness	Agricul	tural quality
No	Depth	Texture	Stones	Depth	Texture	Mottling	Depth	Texture	Mottling	(°)	Class	Grade	Main
	(cm)		>20 mm (%)	(cm)			(cm)						limitation
95	0-30	С	<5	<u>30</u> -100+	Cr	XXX				2	IV	3b	W
96	0-20	HCL	<5	<u>20</u> -66	Cr	XXX	66-100+	HCL	XXX	1	IV	3b	W

Soil log key

Gley i	ndicators¹
0	unmottled
х	1-2% ochreous mottles and brownish matrix
	(or a few to common root mottles (topsoils)) ³
XX	>2% ochreous mottles and brownish matrix
	and/or dull structure faces (slightly gleyed horizon)
XXX	>2% ochreous mottles
	and greyish or pale matrix (gleyed horizon)
	or reddish matrix and >2% greyish, brownish or ochreous
	mottles and pale ped faces
xxxx	mottles or f-m concentrations (gleyed horizon) dominantly blueish matrix, often with some ochreous mottles (gleyed horizon)

Slowly permeable layers4

a depth underlined (e.g. $\underline{50}$) indicates the top of a slowly permeable layer

A wavy underline (e.g. 50 indicates the top of a layer borderline to slowly permeable

Texture²

C – clay ZC - silty clay SC - sandy clay

CL - clay loam (H-heavy, M-medium)

ZCL - silty clay loam (H-heavy, M-medium) SZL - sandy silt loam (F-fine, M-medium, C-coarse)

LS - loamy sand (F-fine, M-medium, C-coarse)

SL - sandy loam (F-fine, M-medium, C-coarse)

S - sand (F-fine, M-medium, C-coarse)

SCL - sandy clay loam

P - peat (H-humified, SF-semi-fibrous, F-fibrous)

LP - loamy peat; PL - peaty loam

Wetness Class⁵

I (freely drained) to VI (very poorly drained)

⁶stoniness classes as defined in Hodgson (1997)

Limitations:

W - wetness/workability

D - droughtiness

De - depth

F - flooding

St - stoniness

SI – slope

T - topography/microrelief

C - Climate

S-soil topsoil texture limitation

Suffixes & prefixes:

o - organic

(vsl, sl, m, v, x)st – (very slightly, slightly, moderately, very, extremely) stony⁶

(vsl, sl, m, v, x) (very slightly, slightly, moderately, very, extremely) calcareous⁷

Other abbreviations

fmn - ferri-manganiferous concentrations

dist - disturbed soil layer;

R – bedrock (CH – chalk, SST – sandstone

LST – limestone, MST – Mudstone)

r-reddish, an - greenish

¹Gley indicators in accordance with Hodgson, J.M., 1997. Soil Survey Field Handbook (third edition). Soil survey technical monograph No. 5 ²Texture in accordance with particle size classes in Hodgson (1997)

³ Occasionally recorded in the texture box

⁴Permeability is estimated for auger borings and must be confirmed by full pit observations in accordance with the definitions in: Revised Guidelines for grading the quality of Agricultural Land (Maff 1988)

⁵Soil Wetness Classes are defined in Hodgson (1997)

⁷calcareous classes as defined in Hodgson (1997)

Soil pit descriptions

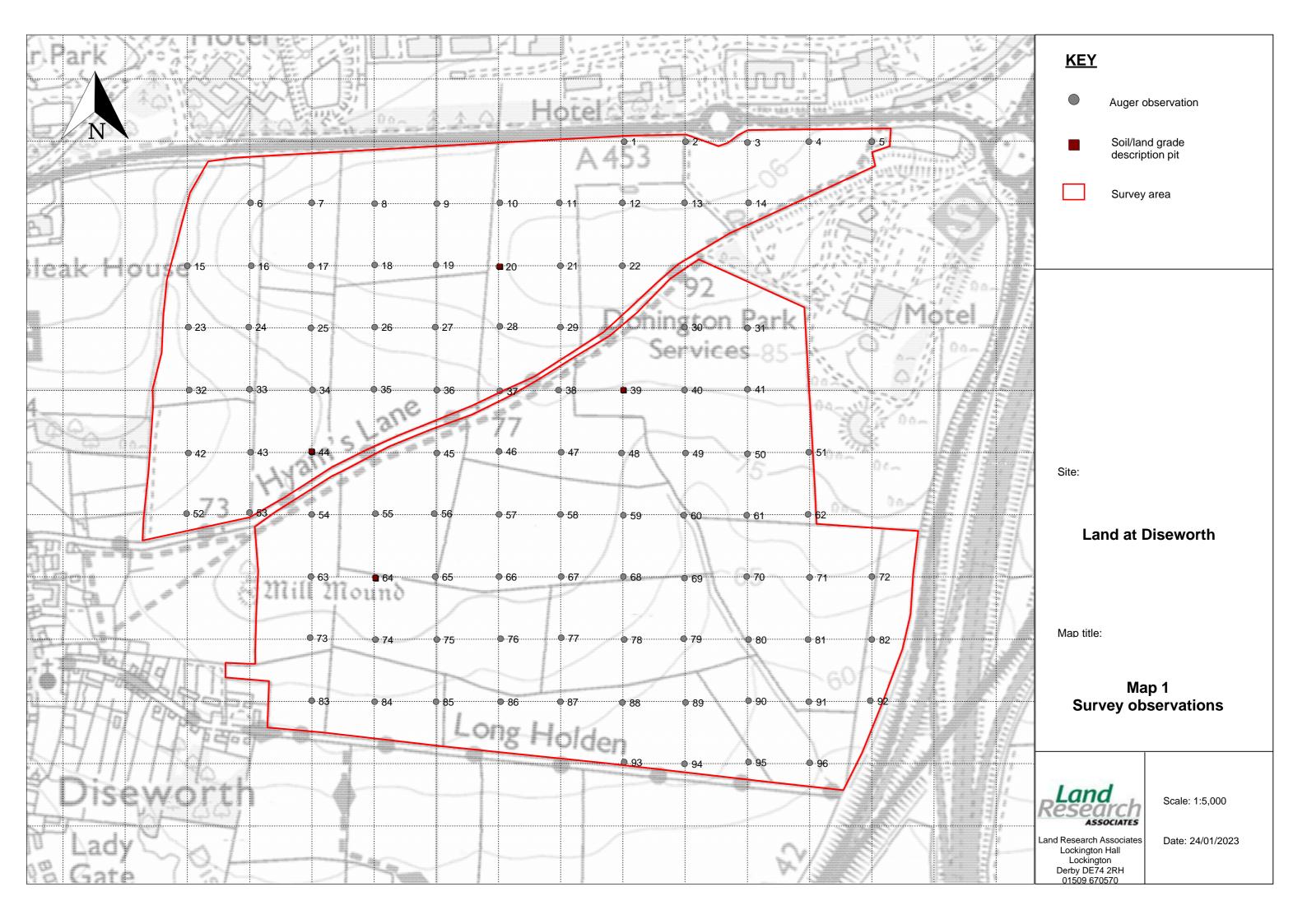
Pit 39 0-37 cm Dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) medium sandy loam; slightly stony with 5% medium rounded hard pebbles; weakly developed medium to coarse subangular blocky structure; friable; 2-5% pores; few fine fibrous roots; smooth clear boundary to: 37-68 cm Reddish brown (5YR 5/4) medium sandy loam with 5% fine faint dark reddish brown (2.5YR 5/2) ferrimanganiferous concentrations and pinkish grey (5YR 6/2) and reddish yellow (5YR 6/6) mottles; moderately developed medium angular blocky structure; friable; very slightly stony; porous; low packing density; smooth diffuse boundary to: 68-120 cm Reddish grey (5YR 5/2) sandy clay with large yellowish red (5YR 4/5) mottles and pinkish grey (5YR 6/2) ped faces; weakly developed coarse angular blocky structure; firm; very slightly stony; no pores. Pit 63 0-32 cm Reddish brown (5YR 4/3) heavy clay loam; slightly stony with 5% small subangular and rounded hard stones; weakly developed very coarse angular blocky structure; very firm; plastic; smooth clear boundary to: Perched water above subsoil 32-55 cm Reddish brown (2.5YR 4/4) clay with pinkish grey (5YR 6/2) ped faces and reddish black (2.5YR 2.5/1) ferrimanganiferous concentrations; weakly developed very coarse prismatic structure to massive (structureless); very firm; stoneless; smooth diffuse boundary to 55-120 cm Red (2.5YR 4/8) heavy clay loam (mudstone?) with large grey (7.5YR 6/1) siltstone inclusions; weakly developed coarse platy structure; very firm. Pit 44 0-32 cm Dark reddish grey (5YR 4/2) sandy clay loam; 1-2% small and medium pebbles; moderately developed medium subangular blocky structure; friable; smooth clear boundary to: 32-65 cm Reddish brown (5YR 5/3) sandy clay loam with reddish grey (5YR 5/2) ped faces and 2-3% faint fine very dark grey (5YR 3/1) ferri-manganiferous concentrations; very slightly stony; weakly developed coarse subangular blocky structure; friable; uneven diffuse boundary to: Red (2.5YR 4/6) clay with 10% medium and coarse brown (10YR 5/3) mottles 65-120 cm+ and ped faces and 2-3% fine very dark grey (5YR 3/1) ferri-manganiferous concentrations; 2-3% soft greenish siltstone fragments; weakly developed

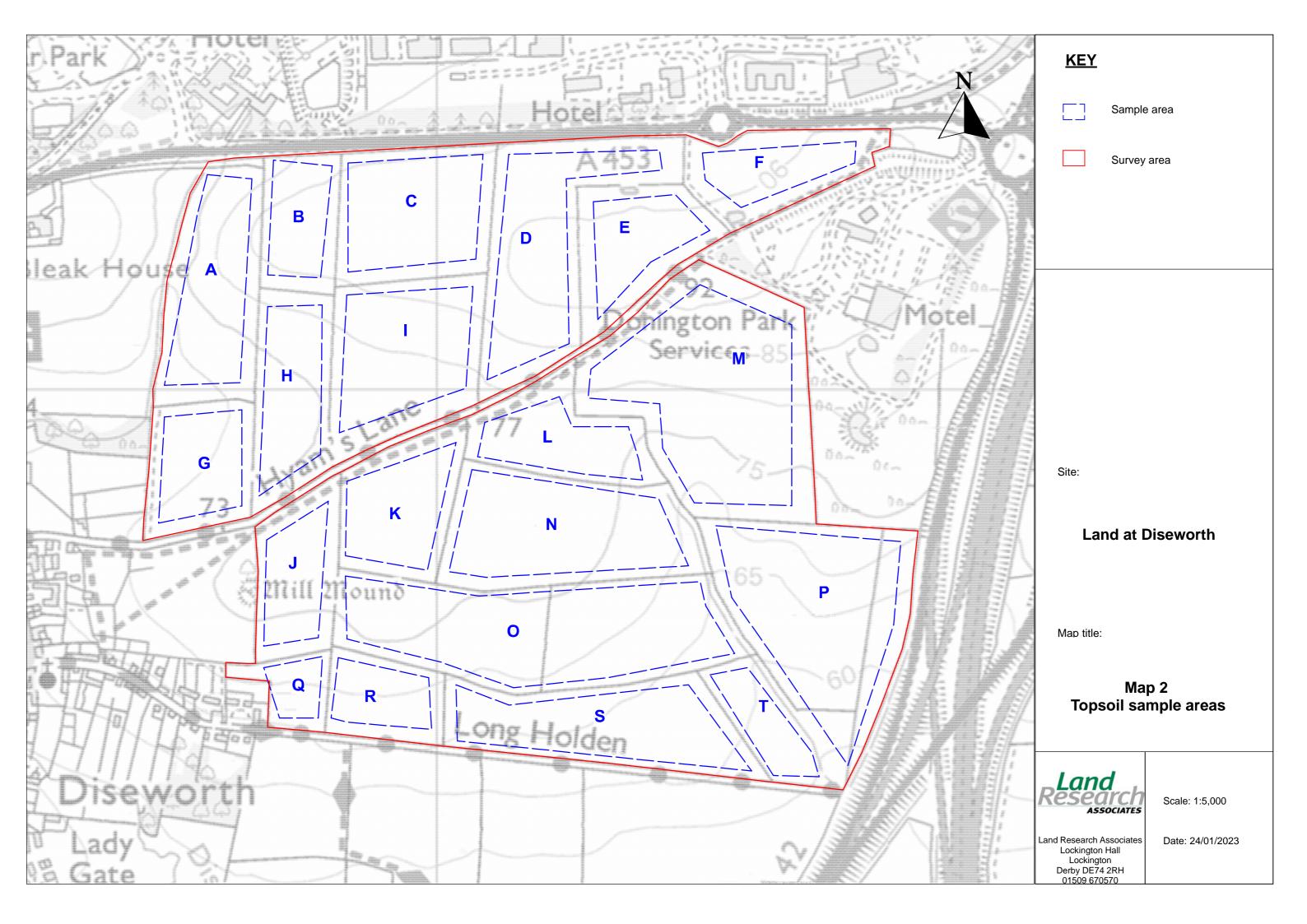
Pit 20	
0-24 cm	Dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) medium clay loam; 5% small and medium mixed hard pebbles (<5% >20 mm); weakly developed very coarse subangular blocky structure; friable to plastic (saturated); non-calcareous; smooth sharp boundary to:
24-49 cm	Greyish brown (10YR 5/2) clay with 40% diffuse medium and coarse strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) mottles; slightly stony; weakly developed very coarse angular blocky structure; very firm; <0.5% macropores; non-calcareous; smooth diffuse boundary to:

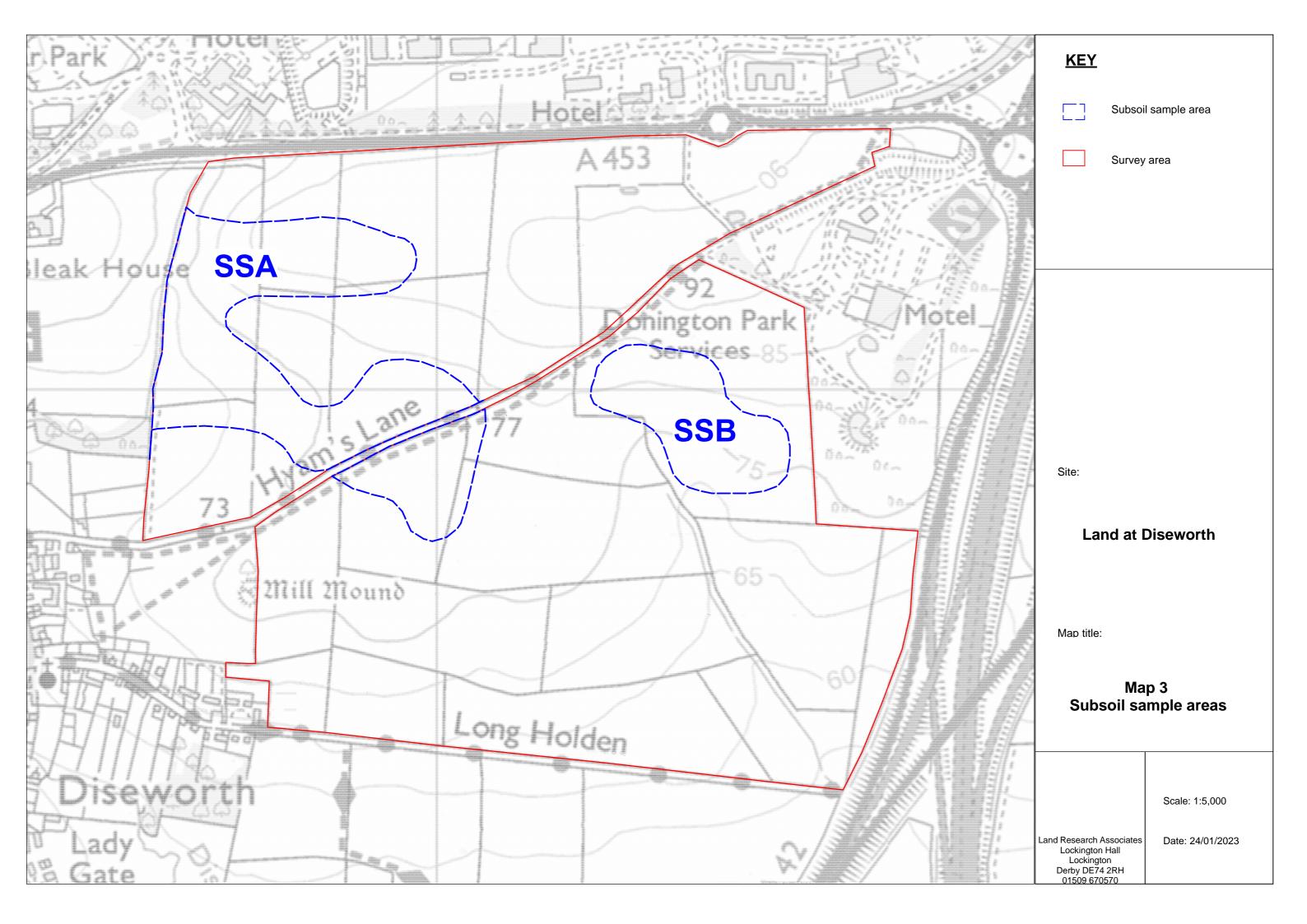
very coarse sub-angular blocky structure; firm; <0.5% macropores.

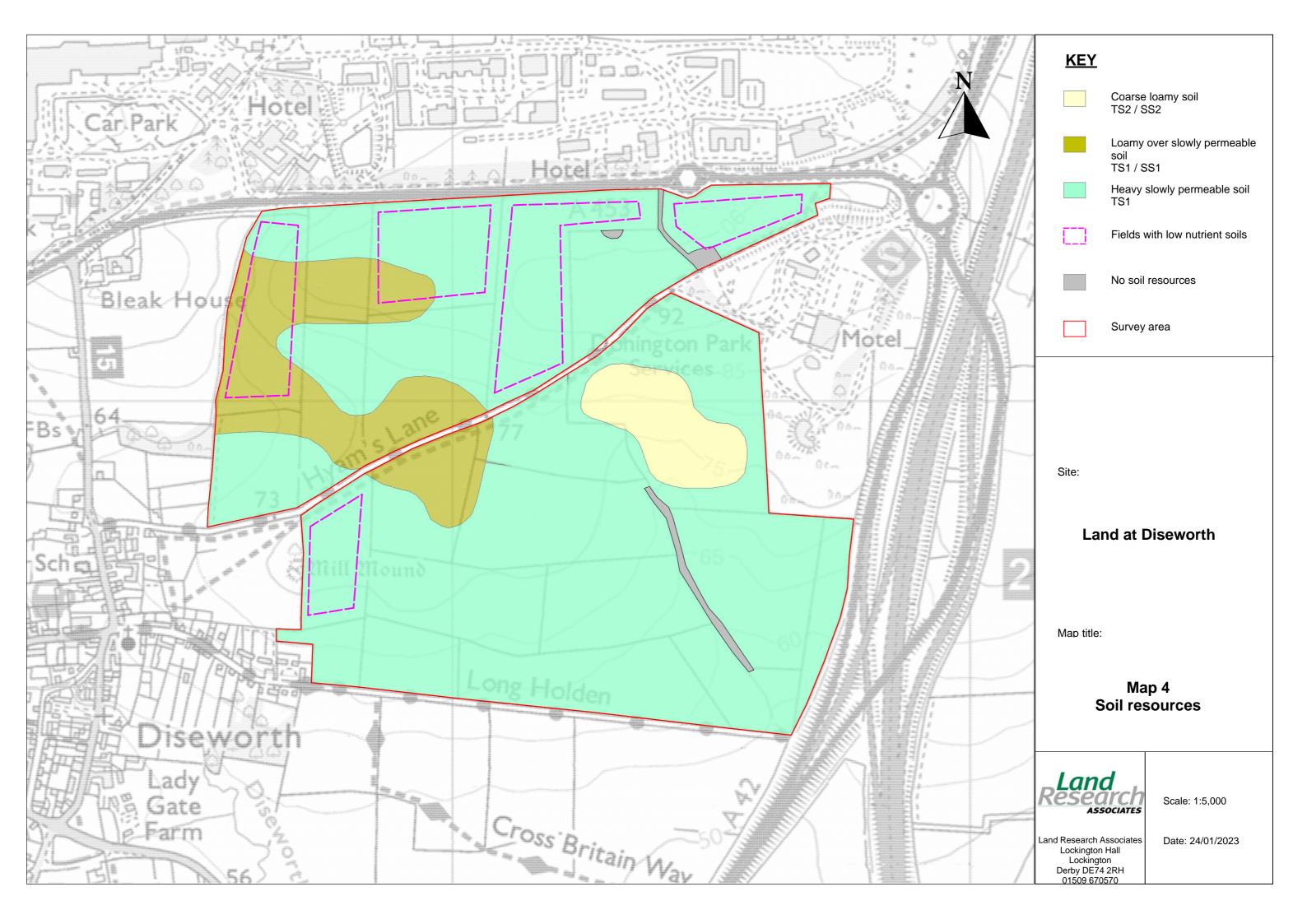
49-120 cm

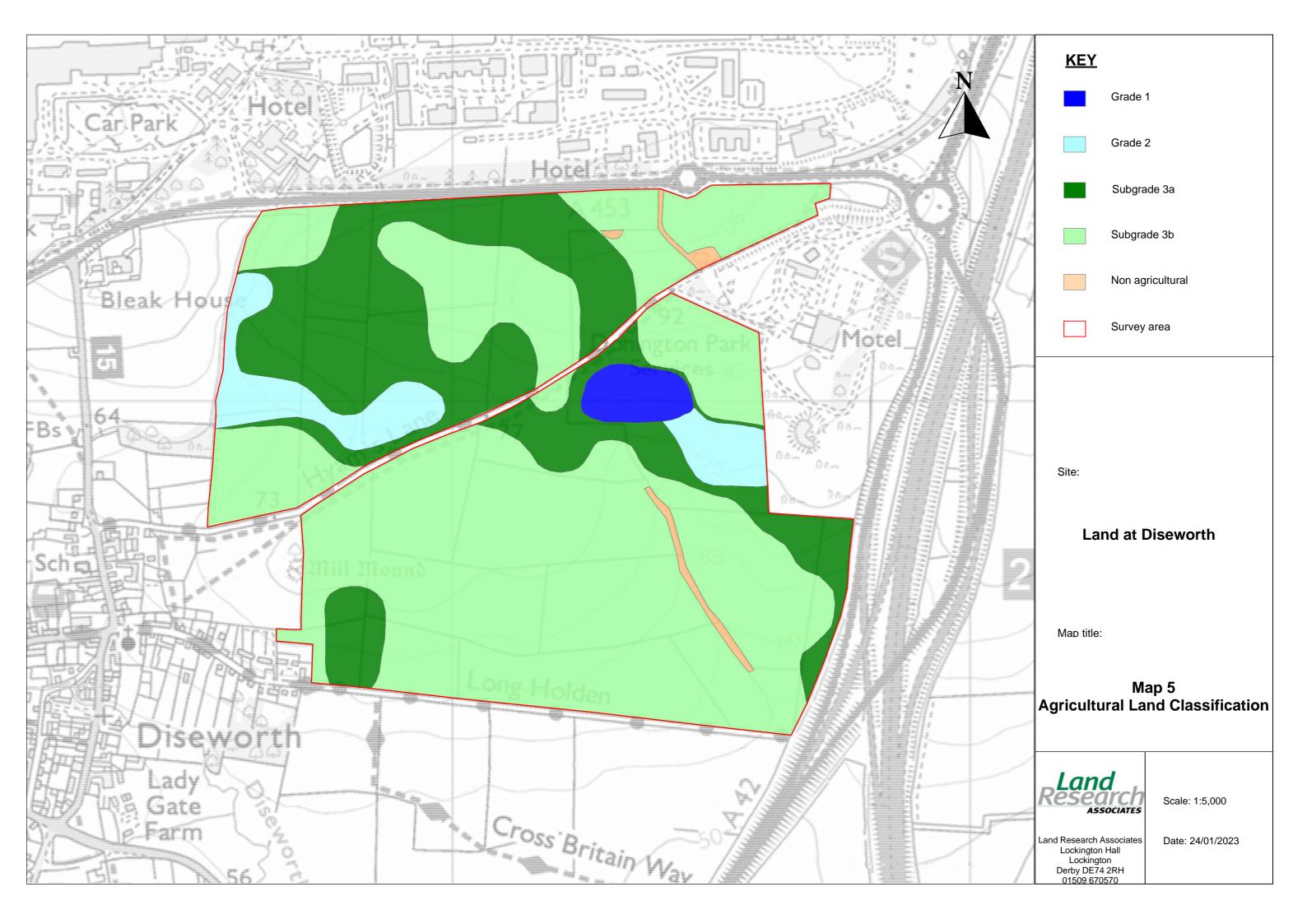
Greyish brown and grey (10YR 5/2 & 5/1) clay with 20% strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) and reddish brown (5YR 5/4) mottles; slightly stony; weakly developed very coarse angular blocky structure to structureless (massive); very firm; no macropores; calcareous.













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Laboratory		Field Details			Index			mg/l (Available)			
Sample Reference	No.	Name or O.S. Reference with Cropping Details	Soil pH	Р	К	Mg	Р	K	Mg		
346814/23	1	TSA No cropping details given	7.9	1	3	4	14.6	278	191		
346815/23	2	TSB No cropping details given	6.4	2	2-	3	16.8	173	162		
346816/23	3	TSC No cropping details given	7.1	1	2-	5	12.8	123	265		
346817/23	4	TSD No cropping details given	6.6	1	1	3	14.8	118	109		
346818/23	5	TSE No cropping details given	6.8	2	2-	4	18.4	141	219		
346819/23	6	TSF No cropping details given	7.6	0	1	6	9.4	120	395		

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346820/23	7	TSG No cropping details given	7.2	2	4	5	22.8	415	266
346821/23	8	TSH No cropping details given	6.8	2	2-	3	18.0	132	162
346822/23	9	TSI No cropping details given	6.6	2	1	4	18.2	77	176
346823/23	10	TSJ No cropping details given	7.7	1	2-	6	14.6	128	423

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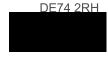


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346814	1	TSA	5.7
346815	2	TSB	8.6
346816	3	TSC	4.4
346817	4	TSD	3.4
346818	5	TSE	4.6
346819	6	TSF	4.0
346820	7	TSG	5.3
346821	8	TSH	4.9
346822	9	TSI	4.0
346823	10	TSJ	3.9

	Your Organic Matter Results Interpretation										
Land use	Rainfall	Soil type	Very Low	Low	Target	High					
		Light	<=1.0	1.1-2.1	2.2-3.2	>=3.3					
	Low <650mm	Medium	<=1.7	1.8-3.3	3.4-5.0	>=5.1					
	\030IIIII	Heavy	<=2.2	2.3-4.4	4.5-6.5	>=6.6					
	Moderate 650-800mm	Light	<=1.0	1.1-3.0	3.1-4.5	>=4.6					
Arable		Medium	<=1.9	2.0-4.0	4.1-6.0	>=6.1					
		Heavy	<= 2.7	2.8-5.2	5.3-7.6	>=7.7					
	10.1	Light	<=1.3	1.4-3.7	3.8-6.1	>=6.2					
	High 800-1100mm	Medium	<=2.5	2.6-5.0	5.1-7.5	>=7.6					
	000-110011111	Heavy	<=3.6	3.7-6.2	6.3-8.8	>=8.9					
		Light	<=2.1	2.2-4.9	5.0-7.9	8.0-14.9					
Grassland (Lowland)	All	Medium	<=3.4	3.5-6.4	6.5-9.3	9.3-19.9					
(Lowland)		Heavy	<=4.6	4.7-7.6	7.7-10.5	10.6-19.9					







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Sample Reference	No.	Name or O.S. Reference with Cropping Details	Soil pH	Р	K	Mg	Р	K	Mg
346803/23	1	TSK No cropping details given	6.8	3	2+	3	30.8	196	147
346804/23	2	TSL No cropping details given	7.1	2	2+	3	25.4	188	161
346805/23	3	TSM No cropping details given	7.3	3	2+	3	26.0	227	144
346806/23	4	TSN No cropping details given	7.7	2	2+	5	19.4	227	299
346807/23	5	TSO No cropping details given	8.0	2	2+	5	23.2	205	327
346808/23	6	TSP No cropping details given	8.2	3	3	6	25.6	260	493

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Sample Reference	No.	Name or O.S. Reference with Cropping Details	Soil pH	Р	K	Mg	Р	K	Mg
346809/23	7	TSR No cropping details given	8.1	2	2+	6	19.8	232	520
346810/23	8	TSS No cropping details given	8.3	2	2+	6	22.4	232	495
346811/23	9	TST No cropping details given	6.9	2	2-	4	19.8	180	242
346812/23	10	SSA No cropping details given	6.8	0	1	5	5.6	89	263

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346803	1	TSK	3.5
346804	2	TSL	4.3
346805	3	TSM	4.3
346806	4	TSN	4.0
346807	5	TSO	4.0
346808	6	TSP	4.4
346809	7	TSR	5.6
346810	8	TSS	4.5
346811	9	TST	4.9
346812	10	SSA	1.9

	Your Organic Matter Results Interpretation										
Land use	Rainfall	Soil type	Very Low	Low	Target	High					
		Light	<=1.0	1.1-2.1	2.2-3.2	>=3.3					
	Low <650mm	Medium	<=1.7	1.8-3.3	3.4-5.0	>=5.1					
	403011111	Heavy	<=2.2	2.3-4.4	4.5-6.5	>=6.6					
	Moderate 650-800mm	Light	<=1.0	1.1-3.0	3.1-4.5	>=4.6					
Arable		Medium	<=1.9	2.0-4.0	4.1-6.0	>=6.1					
		Heavy	<= 2.7	2.8-5.2	5.3-7.6	>=7.7					
	10.1	Light	<=1.3	1.4-3.7	3.8-6.1	>=6.2					
	High 800-1100mm	Medium	<=2.5	2.6-5.0	5.1-7.5	>=7.6					
	000-110011111	Heavy	<=3.6	3.7-6.2	6.3-8.8	>=8.9					
		Light	<=2.1	2.2-4.9	5.0-7.9	8.0-14.9					
Grassland (Lowland)	All	Medium	<=3.4	3.5-6.4	6.5-9.3	9.3-19.9					
(Lowland)		Heavy	<=4.6	4.7-7.6	7.7-10.5	10.6-19.9					







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SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory	Field Details			Index			mg/l (Available)		
Sample	No.	Name or O.S. Reference with Cropping Details	Soil pH	Р	K	Mg	Р	K	Mg
347278/23	1	TS Q No cropping details given	7.6	2	2+	7	22.4	225	662

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	No.	Field Name or Reference	[LOI%] Result
347278	1	TS Q	8.9

	Your Organic Matter Results Interpretation										
Land use	Rainfall	Soil type	Very Low	Low	Target	High					
		Light	<=1.0	1.1-2.1	2.2-3.2	>=3.3					
	Low <650mm	Medium	<=1.7	1.8-3.3	3.4-5.0	>=5.1					
	\03011111	Heavy	<=2.2	2.3-4.4	4.5-6.5	>=6.6					
	Moderate 650-800mm	Light	<=1.0	1.1-3.0	3.1-4.5	>=4.6					
Arable		Medium	<=1.9	2.0-4.0	4.1-6.0	>=6.1					
		Heavy	<= 2.7	2.8-5.2	5.3-7.6	>=7.7					
	10.1	Light	<=1.3	1.4-3.7	3.8-6.1	>=6.2					
	High 800-1100mm	Medium	<=2.5	2.6-5.0	5.1-7.5	>=7.6					
	000-110011111	Heavy	<=3.6	3.7-6.2	6.3-8.8	>=8.9					
		Light	<=2.1	2.2-4.9	5.0-7.9	8.0-14.9					
Grassland	All	Medium	<=3.4	3.5-6.4	6.5-9.3	9.3-19.9					
(Lowland)		Heavy	<=4.6	4.7-7.6	7.7-10.5	10.6-19.9					







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SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Sample Reference	Field Details			Index			mg/l (Available)		
	No.	Name or O.S. Reference with Cropping Details	Soil pH	Р	K	Mg	Р	K	Mg
346813/23	1	SSB No cropping details given	6.7	0	2-	4	5.0	155	220

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	No.	Field Name or Reference	[LOI%] Result			
346813	1	SSB	2.0			

Your Organic Matter Results Interpretation									
Land use	Rainfall	Soil type	Very Low	Low	Target	High			
	Low <650mm	Light	<=1.0	1.1-2.1	2.2-3.2	>=3.3			
		Medium	<=1.7	1.8-3.3	3.4-5.0	>=5.1			
	\03011111	Heavy	<=2.2	2.3-4.4	4.5-6.5	>=6.6			
	Moderate 650-800mm	Light	<=1.0	1.1-3.0	3.1-4.5	>=4.6			
Arable		Medium	<=1.9	2.0-4.0	4.1-6.0	>=6.1			
		Heavy	<= 2.7	2.8-5.2	5.3-7.6	>=7.7			
	High 800-1100mm	Light	<=1.3	1.4-3.7	3.8-6.1	>=6.2			
		Medium	<=2.5	2.6-5.0	5.1-7.5	>=7.6			
		Heavy	<=3.6	3.7-6.2	6.3-8.8	>=8.9			
	All	Light	<=2.1	2.2-4.9	5.0-7.9	8.0-14.9			
Grassland (Lowland)		Medium	<=3.4	3.5-6.4	6.5-9.3	9.3-19.9			
		Heavy	<=4.6	4.7-7.6	7.7-10.5	10.6-19.9			



