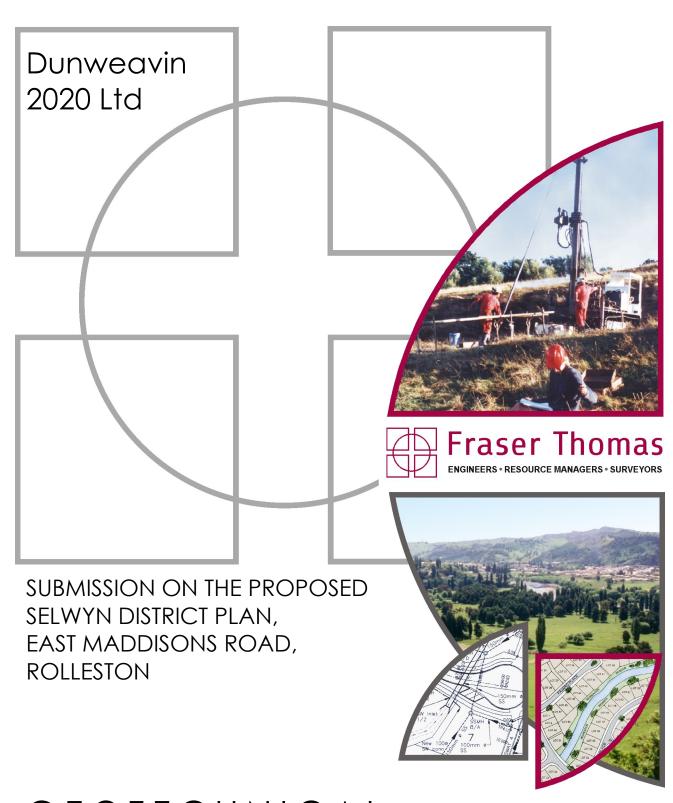
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SUMMARY

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation and appraisal undertaken for the proposed rezoning of the site at East Maddisons Road, Rolleston. The subject site (approximately 13 ha) consists of the following existing properties:

- 1. Lot 1 DP 26880 (605 East Maddisons Road); approximately 4.86 ha,
- 2. Lot 2 DP 74311 (617 East Maddisons Road); approximately 4.067 ha,
- 3. Lot 3 DP 74311 (627 East Maddisons Road); approximately 4.047 ha.

It is understood that it is proposed to lodge a submission on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan, seeking rezoning of the above property from "General Rural" to "General Residential", to enable future subdivision of the site to create new lots, with an average lot size of approximately 650 m², and some medium density lots with a lot size ranging between 400 m² and 499 m².

The approximate location and extent of the subject site is shown on the appended Fraser Thomas Ltd drawing G00676-01.

The subsoil information, presented in Appendix A of this report, indicates that the subject site is, in general, underlain by soils inferred to be alluvial sediments of the Pleistocene age.

Foundation design recommendations are presented in Sections 9.0 and 10.0 of this report.

In general terms and within the limits of the investigation as outlined and reported herein, no unusual problems, from a geotechnical perspective, are anticipated with residential development at the subject site.

The site is, in general, considered suitable for its intended use, with satisfactory conditions for future residential building development, subject to the recommendations and qualifications reported herein, and provided the design and inspection of foundations are carried out as would be done under normal circumstances in accordance with the requirements of the relevant New Zealand Standard Codes of Practice.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

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The subject site is located on the south-western side of East Maddisons Road.

The approximate location and extent of the subject site is shown on the appended Fraser Thomas Ltd drawing G00676-01.

The subsurface conditions underlying the subject site have been investigated by means of eight hand augered boreholes, and associated Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) scala tests.

A visual appraisal of the site and a study of geological maps have also been undertaken.

The purpose of the geotechnical investigation reported herein was to determine the subsoil conditions beneath the subject site as they may affect future residential development, with particular regard to foundation design considerations, and to determine the suitability of the subject site for the residential development, in support of a submission to generally rezone the area from "General Rural" to "General Residential".

2.0 PREVIOUS REPORTS

A previous report entitled "Review of liquefaction hazard information in eastern Canterbury, including Christchurch City and parts of Selwyn, Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts", dated December 2012, was prepared by the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited (GNS Science) for the Environment Canterbury Regional Council.

The December 2012 report was prepared in order to determine the parts of the Canterbury area which may be susceptible to the damaging effects of liquefaction induced ground deformations and areas where liquefaction induced damage is unlikely to occur.

Figure 2.1 presented in the December 2012 report, indicates that the subject site is sited in the zone where the December 2012 report indicates that damaging liquefaction induced ground deformation is considered to be "unlikely". The December 2012 report goes on to state the following with regard to the zone which the subject site is located in close proximity to:

"... in this area there is little or no likelihood of damaging liquefaction occurring during strong ground shaking. This assessment area consists of the western part of the project area, and most of Banks Peninsula. Within this area, investigations in most cases can be designed primarily for other geotechnical hazards. Liquefaction however must at least be considered by the geotechnical professional in all cases."

3.0 SUMMARY OF 2010/2011 DAMAGING CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE EVENTS

The Canterbury region has been subjected to significant seismic activity over the period September 2010 to June 2011 and beyond.

The significant damaging earthquake events are considered to be the following:

- (a) 4 September 2010 (Moment Magnitude (M_w) 7.1, epicentre depth = 11km),
- (b) 22 February 2011 (M_w 6.2, epicentre depth = 5km),
- (c) 13 June 2011 (M_w 6.0, epicentre depth = 6km),
- (d) 23 December 2011 (M_w 5.9, epicentre depth = 6km).

The cyclic loading associated with these earthquake events has resulted in significant land deformation and associated building damage throughout some areas of the Canterbury region.

4.0 GEOLOGY

In assessing the geology of the site, reference has been made to the Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences Geological Map 16, scale 1:250,000, "Christchurch".

This map indicates that the site is likely to be underlain by "brownish-grey river alluvium (Q2a)", of Pleistocene age.

The results of the borehole investigations reported herein, in general, indicate that the surficial soils underlying the site are likely to comprise alluvial sediments inferred to be of Pleistocene age.

5.0 PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As discussed in Section 1.0 of this report, the subject site (approximately 13 ha) consists of the following existing properties:

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The approximate location and extent of the subject site is shown on the appended Fraser Thomas Ltd drawing G00676-01.

6.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION

6.1 GENERAL

The field investigation comprised a visual appraisal, eight hand augered boreholes, and associated Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) scala tests.

The approximate locations of the investigation test positions are shown on Fraser Thomas Ltd drawing G00676-01.

6.2 RESULTS OF VISUAL APPRAISAL

A visual appraisal of the subject site was undertaken by a Fraser Thomas Ltd engineering geologist on 3 December 2020.

The subject site is located on the south-western side of East Maddisons Road.

The topography within the subject site is generally flat. The subject site is generally vegetated with grass and hedgerows of mature trees.

An existing shallow water race extends through the site. The water race banks are generally subvertical and approximately 0.3 m in vertical height. The water race is up to approximately 2.5 m wide. The water race banks are unretained. No obvious signs of any significant instability of the water race banks was observed at the time of the investigation reported herein.

The approximate inferred location and extent of the water race, as it affects the subject site, is shown on the appended drawing G00676-01.

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Several existing dwellings and associated detached structures are located at the site.

The approximate inferred locations and extents of the existing dwellings, structures and other site features are shown on drawing G00676-01.

No obvious signs of any significant ground deformation, that could be attributed to liquefaction induced ground movement, were observed within the subject site, at the time of the investigation reported herein.

6.3 HAND AUGERED BOREHOLE INVESTIGATION

Eight hand augered boreholes, numbered H1 to H8 inclusive, were put down at the site, in order to determine the nature and consistency of the subsoils underlying the site.

The boreholes were put down by a qualified Fraser Thomas Ltd engineering geologist. The logs of the boreholes are presented in Appendix A of this report.

The boreholes were generally terminated, when the soils became too difficult to auger, at depths ranging between approximately 0.2 m and 0.6 m below the ground surface existing at the time of the investigation reported herein (i.e. the existing ground surface).

All soils in the boreholes were carefully logged.

In situ undrained shear strength measurements were carried out, where possible, within the cohesive materials encountered in the boreholes, using hand held field shear vane equipment.

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) scala tests were undertaken from the surface adjacent to the boreholes.

The results of the DCP scala tests are also presented in Appendix A of this report.

The approximate locations of Boreholes H1 to H8 inclusive are shown on drawing G00676-01.

7.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

7.1 GENERAL

The subsoil information, presented in Appendix A of this report, indicates that the subject site is, in general, underlain by soils inferred to be alluvial sediments inferred to be of Pleistocene age.

It has been assumed that even though the various subsoil strata (depths, thicknesses, and locations of groundwater levels) have been determined only at the locations and within the depths of the various test positions recorded herein, these various subsurface features can be projected between the various test positions. Even though such inference is made, no guarantee can be given as to the validity of this inference or of the nature and continuity of these various subsurface features.

7.2 TOPSOIL

A surficial layer of topsoil, generally comprising sandy silts, was encountered to a depth of between approximately 0.2 m and 0.3 m below the existing ground surface, at the locations of the boreholes.

7.3 ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS

The results of the field investigations reported herein indicate that the surficial topsoil is generally underlain by material, inferred to comprise sandy gravels. These soils were generally encountered at depths ranging between approximately 0.2 m and 0.6 m below the existing ground surface, at the locations of the boreholes. The hand augered boreholes were not able to be progressed through these soils.

The results of the DCP tests undertaken in the sandy gravels, at the locations of the boreholes, generally obtained DCP blow counts of between approximately 7 and greater than 30 blows per 50 mm penetration, corresponding to a SPT 'N' value of generally greater than 50, corresponding to a very dense consistency.

The logs of existing water bore logs, put down in the vicinity of the subject site, have also been sourced from Environment Canterbury records. The existing water bore logs indicate that sandy gravels are generally located at shallow depths, which is consistent with the subsoil conditions encountered at the subject site. The bore logs indicate that these sandy gravels generally extend to depths in excess of approximately 36 m below the ground surface. Based on the foregoing, it is, in our opinion, likely that the gravel soils underlying the site extend to significant depths below the existing ground surface.

A thin layer of cohesive soils (100 mm to 300 mm thickness), generally comprising gravelly sandy silts, was also encountered at the locations of some boreholes, below the topsoil layer and on top of the underlaying sandy gravels.

In situ undrained shear strength values in excess of 200 kPa were generally measured in these sediments, using hand held shear vane equipment, corresponding to a hard consistency.

7.4 GROUNDWATER

Groundwater was not encountered at the locations of the hand augered boreholes, during the investigation reported herein. However, based on information obtained from the existing water bore logs in the vicinity of the subject site, the groundwater level is inferred to be at a depth in excess of approximately 10 m below the existing ground surface.

8.0 LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL ASSESSMENT

8.1 GENERAL

Liquefaction is defined as the phenomenon that occurs when soils are subject to a sudden loss in shear stiffness and strength associated with a reduction in effective stress due to cyclic loading (i.e. ground shaking associated with an earthquake).

The two main effects of liquefaction on soils are:

- (a) Consolidation of the liquefied soils,
- (b) Reduction in shear strength within the liquefied soils.

Liquefaction is considered to occur when the soils reach a condition of "zero effective stress". It is considered that only "sand like" soils can reach a condition of "zero effective stress" and therefore only "sand like" soils are considered to be liquefiable.

An indication that the underlying soils have been subject to liquefaction is the surface expression of ejected sand and water. This occurs as a result of the dissipation of excess pore water pressures generated within the liquefied soils as a result of the cyclic loading.

It should be noted that cohesive type materials or "clay like" soils are unlikely to be subject to liquefaction, as these soils (due to their nature) are unlikely to develop sufficient excess pore water pressures during cyclic loading to reach a condition of zero effective stress, i.e. the point of liquefaction.

However, "clay like" soils do develop some excess pore water pressures during cyclic loading which can result in consolidation settlement and a temporary reduction of the shear strength (i.e. softening) of the soils. Sensitive "clay like" soils are in particular susceptible to softening as a result of cyclic loading.

A liquefaction potential assessment has been undertaken for the soils underlying the subject site.

8.2 METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The New Zealand Geotechnical Society released Guidelines, in 2016, with the objective of summarising current best practice in earthquake geotechnical engineering with a focus on New Zealand conditions. The main purpose of the Guidelines is to promote consistency of approach to everyday engineering practice in New Zealand and, thus, improve geotechnical earthquake aspects of the performance of the built environment.

The Guidelines consists of six modules (identified as Modules 1 to 6 inclusive).

"Module 3: Identification Assessment and Mitigation of Liquefaction Hazards" of the Guidelines provides guidance on the identification of liquefaction hazards, and also provides details regarding different methodologies for determining theoretical liquefaction triggering.

The Module 3 guideline suggests a three-step process for the liquefaction assessment of sites, generally being:

(i) Step 1: Assessment of liquefaction susceptibility,

(ii) Step 2: Triggering of liquefaction,

(iii) Step 3: Consequences of liquefaction.

The Module 3 guideline refers to the methods suggested by "Liquefaction Resistance of Soils: Summary Report from the 1996 NCEER and 1998 NCEER/NSF Workshops on Evaluation of Liquefaction Resistance of Soils", dated October 2001. The guideline, among others, also refers to papers by Youd et al; Seed; Idriss; Boulanger; Robertson and Bray.

A liquefaction potential assessment of the soils underlying the subject site has been undertaken using the methods suggested by the Module 3 guideline.

8.3 ASSESSMENT OF LIQUEFACTION SUSCEPTIBILITY

The following soils are generally considered to be susceptible to liquefaction:

- (a) Young (typically Holocene age) alluvial sediments (typically fluvial deposits laid down in a low energy environment) or man-made fills,
- (b) Poorly consolidated/compacted sands and silty sands,
- (c) Areas with a high groundwater level.

As discussed in Section 4.0 of this report, the geological map for the Christchurch area indicates that the site is likely to be underlain by "brownish-grey river alluvium (Q2a)", of Pleistocene age.

As discussed in Section 7.3 of this report, the results of the hand augered borehole investigations indicate the site is generally underlain by very dense sandy gravels.

As discussed in Section 7.4 of this report, the groundwater level is inferred to be at a depth in excess of approximately 10 m below the existing ground surface.

Based on the foregoing, given the nature and consistency of the sediments underlying the subject site, i.e. unsaturated very dense sandy gravels, it is our opinion that the upper soils underlying the site are unlikely to be susceptible to liquefaction in response to a future large earthquake event and that the risk of any significant liquefaction induced ground deformation occurring at the site, in response to a large earthquake event, is considered to be low.

9.0 FOUNDATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 GENERAL

It is our opinion that the soils underlying the subject site will exhibit only a low compressibility under the relatively light static foundation loads associated with a residential building development constructed in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604: 2011, New Zealand Standard, Timber Framed Buildings.

It is, therefore, our opinion that settlement should not present a problem for future proposed residential development at the site, providing the inspection and design of foundations are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the relevant New Zealand Standard Codes of Practice, and in accordance with the recommendations presented in this report.

Notwithstanding, it is anticipated that a site specific geotechnical investigation will be required to be undertaken, for any new building proposed to be constructed at the subject site, in support of an application for building consent.

9.2 THE RISK OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY GROUND DEFORMATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LIQUEFACTION

As discussed in Section 8.3 of this report, it is our opinion that the surficial soils underlying the subject site are unlikely to be susceptible to liquefaction in response to a future large earthquake event and that the risk of any significant liquefaction induced ground deformation occurring at the site, in response to a large earthquake event, is considered to be low.

Based on the results of the investigations and appraisal reported herein, it is our opinion that an appropriate foundation solution for the site conditions would be a shallow foundation system designed in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604: 2011 (as modified by B1/AS1), and in accordance with the recommendations presented in this report.

It is recommended that any proposed shallow foundations be founded beneath the surficial topsoil into the underlying alluvial sediments.

Fraser Thomas Ltd should be engaged to inspect any foundation excavations, prior to the placement of any foundation materials, in order to confirm that the excavations are founded in competent alluvial sediments.

9.3 SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE EXISTING WATER RACE AT THE SITE

As discussed in Section 6.2 of this report, an existing shallow water race extends through the site. The water race banks are generally subvertical and approximately 0.3 m in vertical height. The water race is up to approximately 2.5 m wide. The approximate inferred location and extent of the water race, as it affects the subject site, is shown on the appended drawing G00676-01.

Recent alluvial sediments are likely to have been deposited in the base of the water race, and also possibly in the immediate vicinity of the water race.

Due to the likely variable nature of recent alluvial sediments and the likely presence of highly compressible sediments, there is, in our opinion, a risk that shallow building foundations founded on recent alluvial sediments may be subject to differential settlement.

In order to mitigate the risk of any proposed future shallow foundations being adversely affected by the settlement of recent alluvial sediments, it is recommended, unless further specific investigation and appraisal works are undertaken by a Chartered Professional Engineer experienced in geotechnical engineering, that shallow foundations associated with any proposed future dwellings at the site, be located no closer than a horizontal distance of 5 m from the crest of any water race side slopes at the site.

It should be noted, should the site be subject to residential development, that the subdivisional earthworks would likely involve the stripping of the water race and the backfilling of the water race with engineered fill material. Providing the earthworks are undertaken appropriately, the backfilling of the water race would result in the removal of the requirement for any horizontal offset from the ware race, for shallow foundation design purposes.

10.0 ALLOWABLE FOUNDATION BEARING PRESSURES

10.1 GENERAL

In this section of the report, ultimate bearing capacity values and strength reduction factors are provided in order to allow calculation of design (dependable) foundation bearing capacities, in accordance with the limit state design methods outlined in AS/NZS 1170: 2002, Structural Design Actions, by applying the appropriate strength reduction factors, as provided in this report, and the factored load combinations required by AS/NZS 1170. Allowable foundation bearing pressures are also provided, based on conventional factors of safety, for cases where unfactored load combinations are being considered.

10.2 SHALLOW PAD OR BEAM FOUNDATIONS

A minimum ultimate static bearing capacity value for vertical loading of 300 kPa is recommended for shallow concrete pads or beam foundations, founded in the underlying alluvial sediments. It is recommended that a strength reduction factor (Φ_{bc}) of 0.5 be adopted for limit state design in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 1170, resulting in a design (dependable) bearing capacity value of 150 kPa.

If unfactored load combinations are to be considered, the allowable foundation bearing pressures presented in Table 1 are recommended for shallow concrete pads or beam foundations, founded in the underlying alluvial sediments.

TABLE 1: ALLOWABLE FOUNDATION BEARING PRESSURES FOR SHALLOW CONCRETE PADS OR BEAM FOUNDATIONS FOUNDED IN THE UNDERLYING ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS

Load Case	Factor of Safety	Allowable Bearing Pressure (kPa)
Dead Load and Permanent Live Load	3.0	100
Dead plus Live plus Transient Load	2.0	150

11.0 EXISTING SERVICE LINES

It is recommended that the location and depth of any buried services should be verified at the site prior to the commencement of foundation construction.

It is expected that any service line trenches would have been backfilled by conventionally acceptable means, which did not involve specific compaction. It would therefore be expected that some consolidation settlement of the service trench backfill could occur, which could result in lateral and vertical deformation of the undisturbed ground on each side of the trench backfill. The deformation is caused by the soil wedge behind the side wall of the trench moving downwards and inwards with time, towards the trench backfill as the backfill consolidates. The geometry of the soil wedge defines the theoretical zone of influence of the service trench backfill.

Due to the risk of consolidation settlement of the trench backfill occurring, it is recommended that, if any foundations of any proposed new building are located within the zone of influence of any existing service line, either the trench backfill be excavated and replaced with compacted hardfill or the foundations and floor of the proposed new building be designed to span across the trench backfill and the adjacent zone of influence.

The zone of influence is defined by a theoretical line projecting upwards in both directions from the centreline of the pipeline at the invert level of the pipeline at an angle of 45° to the vertical. The zone of influence is defined by the zone between the intersection point of the theoretical line and the ground surface on each side of the pipeline.

12.0 DEVELOPMENTAL EARTHWORKS

It is recommended that, unless the stability of any developmental earthworks (i.e. constructed for an access driveway, building platform or landscaping) is considered in detail by a chartered professional engineer experienced in geotechnical engineering, and particularly slope stability considerations, permanent fill end and cut slopes should be constructed to a maximum batter slope of 26° (1V:2H) with maximum batter heights of approximately 1.0 m. Any proposed higher permanent batter slopes should be subject to specific stability appreciation so as to determine stable limiting batter slopes.

It is recommended that any temporary excavated slopes be constructed to a maximum batter slope of 45° (1V:1H), with a maximum batter height of approximately one meter. It is recommended that any temporary excavation slopes not be left unsupported for a period exceeding one month. It is also recommended that stormwater run-off be diverted away from the crest of any proposed temporary excavation slopes.

13.0 STORMWATER AND EFFLUENT DISPOSAL

It is understood that issues relating to stormwater discharge and effluent disposal will be addressed by others.

14.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following conclusions and recommendations should be read together and not be taken in isolation.

14.1 CONCLUSIONS

Our conclusions based on the field data obtained from the site and as presented in this report, our visual appraisal of the site, our study of the geological maps relating to the area and our professional judgement and opinions, are as follows:

(a) In general terms and within the limits of the investigation as outlined and reported herein, no unusual problems, from a geotechnical perspective, are anticipated with residential development at the subject site.

The site is, in general, considered suitable for its intended use, with satisfactory conditions for future residential building development, subject to the recommendations and qualifications reported herein, and provided the design and inspection of foundations are carried out as would be done under normal circumstances in accordance with the requirements of the relevant New Zealand Standard Codes of Practice.

In arriving at this conclusion and expressing this opinion, reliance has been based on the various topographical data as discussed herein and on subsoil information which has only been obtained at the locations and within the depths of the test positions reported herein. It has been assumed that this subsoil information can be projected between the various test positions. Even though such inference is made and forms the basis of the conclusions and opinions expressed herein, no guarantee can be given as to the validity of this inference or of the nature and continuity of the subsoils underlying the proposed subdivision.

- (b) The purpose of the geotechnical investigation reported herein was to determine the subsoil conditions beneath the subject site as they may affect future residential development, with particular regard to foundation design considerations, and to determine the suitability of the subject site for the residential development, in support of a submission to generally rezone the area from "General Rural" to "General Residential".
- (c) The results of the field investigations reported herein indicate that the surficial topsoil is generally underlain by material, inferred to comprise very dense sandy gravels. These soils were generally encountered at depths ranging between approximately 0.2 m and 0.6 m below the existing ground surface, at the locations of the boreholes. The hand augered boreholes were not able to be progressed through these soils.

The logs of existing water bore logs, put down in the vicinity of the subject site, have also been sourced from Environment Canterbury records. The existing water bore logs indicate that sandy gravels are generally located at shallow depths, which is consistent with the subsoil conditions encountered at the subject site. The bore logs indicate that these sandy gravels generally extend to depths in excess of approximately 36 m below the ground surface. Based on the foregoing, it is, in our opinion, likely that the gravel soils underlying the site extend to significant depths below the existing ground surface.

- (d) Groundwater was not encountered at the locations of the hand augered boreholes, during the investigation reported herein. However, based on information obtained from the existing water bore logs in the vicinity of the subject site, the groundwater level is inferred to be at a depth in excess of approximately 10 m below the existing ground surface.
- (e) Given the nature and consistency of the sediments underlying the subject site, i.e. unsaturated very dense sandy gravels, it is our opinion that the upper soils underlying the site are unlikely to be susceptible to liquefaction in response to a future large earthquake event and that the risk of any significant liquefaction induced ground deformation occurring at the site, in response to a large earthquake event, is considered to be low.
- (f) It is our opinion that the soils underlying the subject site will exhibit only a low compressibility under the relatively light static foundation loads associated with a residential building development constructed in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604: 2011, New Zealand Standard, Timber Framed Buildings.
 - It is, therefore, our opinion that settlement should not present a problem for future proposed residential development at the site, providing the inspection and design of foundations are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the relevant New Zealand Standard Codes of Practice, and in accordance with the recommendations presented in this report.
- It is our opinion that an appropriate foundation solution for the site conditions would be a shallow foundation system designed in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604:
 2011 (as modified by B1/AS1), and in accordance with the recommendations presented in this report.

14.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Our recommendations based on the field data obtained from the site and as presented in this report, our visual appraisal of the site, our study of the geological maps relating to the area and our professional judgement and opinions, are as follows:

- (a) It is recommended that any proposed shallow foundations be founded beneath the surficial topsoil into the underlying alluvial sediments. Fraser Thomas Ltd should be engaged to inspect any foundation excavations, prior to the placement of any foundation materials, in order to confirm that the excavations are founded in competent alluvial sediments.
- (b) In order to mitigate the risk of any proposed future shallow foundations being adversely affected by the settlement of recent alluvial sediments, it is recommended, unless further specific investigation and appraisal works are undertaken by a Chartered Professional Engineer experienced in geotechnical engineering, that shallow foundations associated with any proposed future dwellings at the site, be located no closer than a horizontal distance of 5 m from the crest of any water race side slopes at the site.

It should be noted, should the site be subject to residential development, that the subdivisional earthworks would likely involve the stripping of the water race and the backfilling of the water race with engineered fill material. Providing the earthworks are undertaken appropriately, the backfilling of the water race would result in the removal of the requirement for any horizontal offset from the ware race, for shallow foundation design purposes.

- (c) A minimum ultimate static bearing capacity value for vertical loading of 300 kPa is recommended for shallow concrete pads or beam foundations, founded in the underlying alluvial sediments. It is recommended that a strength reduction factor (Φ_{bc}) of 0.5 be adopted for limit state design in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 1170, resulting in a design (dependable) bearing capacity value of 150 kPa.
 - If unfactored load combinations are to be considered, the allowable foundation bearing pressures presented in Table 1 are recommended for shallow concrete pads or beam foundations, founded in the underlying alluvial sediments.
- (d) It is recommended that the location and depth of any buried services should be verified at the site prior to the commencement of foundation construction.
 - Due to the risk of consolidation settlement of the trench backfill occurring, it is recommended that, if any foundations of any proposed new building are located within the zone of influence of any existing service line, either the trench backfill be excavated and replaced with compacted hardfill or the foundations and floor of the proposed new building be designed to span across the trench backfill and the adjacent zone of influence.
- (e) It is recommended that, unless the stability of any developmental earthworks (i.e. constructed for an access driveway, building platform or landscaping) is considered in detail by a chartered professional engineer experienced in geotechnical engineering, and particularly slope stability considerations, permanent fill end and cut slopes should be constructed to a maximum batter slope of 26° (1V:2H) with maximum batter heights of approximately 1.0 m. Any proposed higher permanent batter slopes should be subject to specific stability appreciation so as to determine stable limiting batter slopes.
- (f) It is recommended that any temporary excavated slopes be constructed to a maximum batter slope of 45° (1V:1H), with a maximum batter height of approximately one meter. It is recommended that any temporary excavation slopes not be left unsupported for a period exceeding one month. It is also recommended that stormwater run-off be diverted away from the crest of any proposed temporary excavation slopes.

15.0 LIMITATIONS

The professional opinion expressed herein has been prepared solely for, and is furnished to our client, Dunweavin 2020 Ltd, and Selwyn District Council for their purposes only with respect to the particular brief given to us, on the express condition that it will not be relied upon by any other person or for any other purposes without our prior written agreement, and relates to the conditions that exist up to and at the time of this report.

No liability is accepted by this firm or by any principal, or director, or any servant or agent of this firm, in respect of the use of this report by any other person, and any other person who relies upon any matter contained in this report does so entirely at its own risk. This disclaimer shall apply notwithstanding that this report may be made available to any person by any person in connection with any application for permission or approval, or pursuant to any requirement of law.

This report does not comment on stormwater management, flooding, root effects and land uses outside the specific site, which may be required to be assessed to complete a foundation design for building consent application purposes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the circumstances at the subject site change with respect to topography or the proposed development concept, or the buildings are subject to further damaging earthquakes, or if a period of more than three years has elapsed since the date of this report, this report should not be used without our prior review and written agreement.

The conclusions and recommendations expressed herein should be read in conjunction with the remainder of this report and should not be referred to out of context with the remainder of this report.

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Appendix A

Field Investigation Results

Hand Augered Boreholes



BOREHOLE AND TEST PIT LOGS SYMBOLS AND TERMS

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Wf Field water content RL Reduced Level Wp Plastic limit (%) EOH End of Hole WL Liquid Limit (%) Shear vane test result RQD Rock Quality Designation UTP Unable to Penetrate SG Specific Gravity

TDTA Too Difficult to Auger SG Specific Gravity

Percentage fines (<75 microns)

SPT Standard Penetration Test PSD Particle size distribution

N SPT blows as 200mm penetration

CONS Consolidation test

35/90 35 blows per 90mm penetration after seating for SPT

(s) Inclusive of seating blow count for SPT

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(c) Consolidation test

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GWL Ground Water Level

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K Permeability coefficient (m/s)

LS Linear Shrinkage (%)

OC Organic Content (%)

SOIL **CONSISTENCY TERMS RELATIVE DENSITY** Non-cohesive SPT "N" Value Cohesive TOPSOIL COBBLES **Undrained Shear** Description Description Strength (kPa) BOULDERS <4 CLAY Very Soft <12 Very Loose 4 - 10 Soft 12 - 25 Loose SILT PEAT 10 - 30 Firm 25 - 50 Medium Dense 30 - 50 Stiff 50 - 100 Dense SAND > 50 Very Stiff 100 - 200 Very Dense GRAVEL Hard >200

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SANDSTONE	BASALT	Weak	5 - 20	CW - Completely Weathe	red
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				Moderately widely spaced	200 - 600
				Closely spaced	60 - 200
				Very closely spaced	20 - 60
				Extremely closely spaced	<20

Notes

^{1.} Based on New Zealand Geotechnical Society "Field Description of Soil and Rock, Guideline for the Field Classification and Description of Soil and Rock for Engineering Purposes" December 2005

^{2.} Composite soil types are signified by combined symbols



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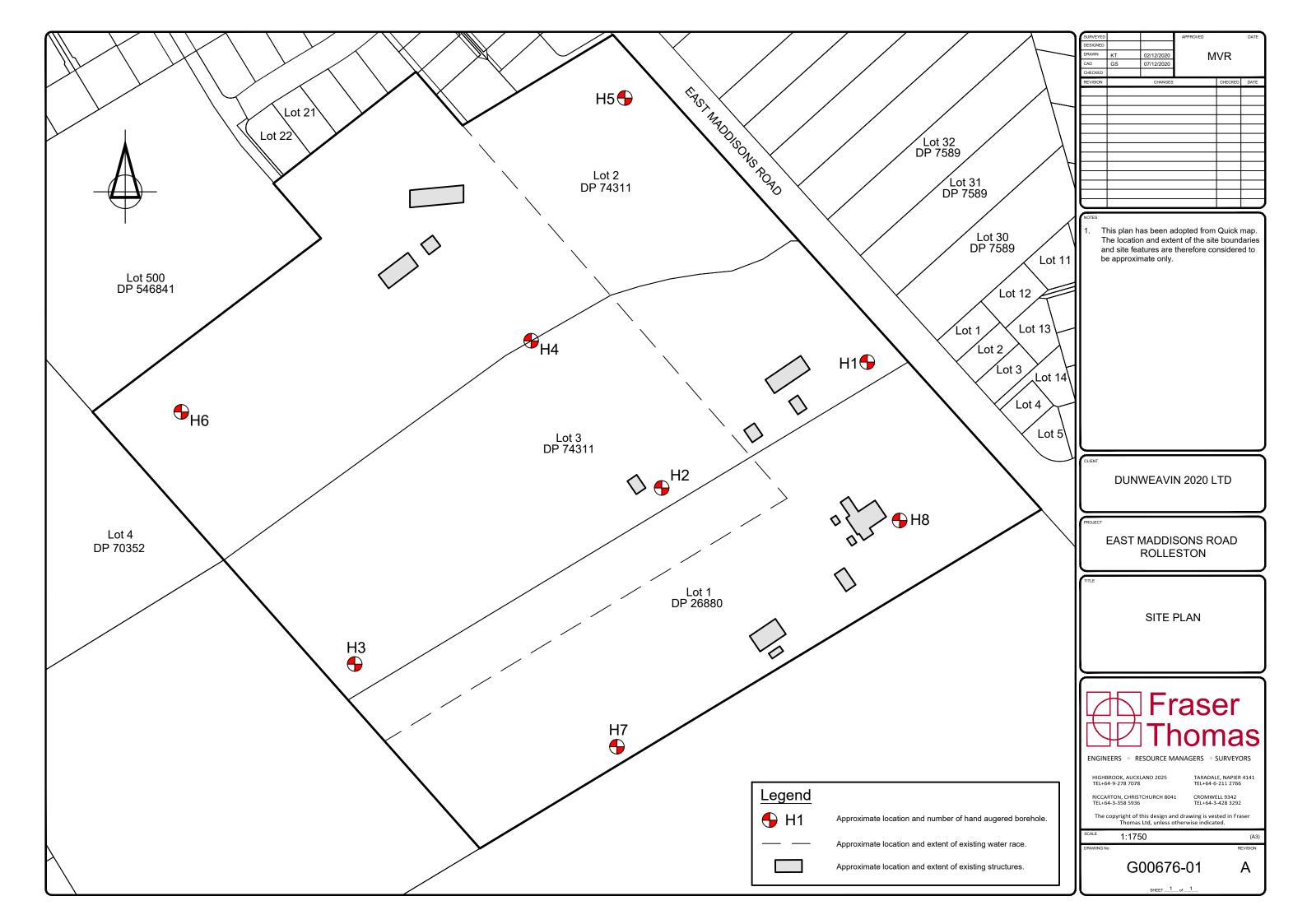
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22 February 2021 CH00676

Selwyn District Council PO Box 90 Rolleston

Attention: Ms Jocelyn Lewes

Dear Madam,

PC200076: PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST FROM DUNWEAVIN 2020 LTD- RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

This letter has been prepared in response to a letter, sent by Selwyn District Council (SDC), dated 11 February 2021, requesting further information relating to a submission on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan, and a private plan change request to the Operative Selwyn District Plan, seeking rezoning of some East Maddisons Road properties from "General Rural" to "General Residential".

Fraser Thomas previously prepared a Geotechnical Investigation Report, dated 10 December 2020, for the subject site, in support of a submission on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan, for a private plan change.

The SDC letter has requested further clarification on two geotechnical matters, identified as Items 28 and 29. This letter addresses those items.

Item 28- Various matters

Item 28 of the SDC letter, requests:

"It is requested that, in order to provide a better basis for accepting the geotechnical suitability of the site for the purposes of the plan change, the following is required:

- provide data of the well logs (the well reference number and location relative to the site) used to verify the shallow gravel found in the site is continuous for many metres.
- confirmation that the equivalent Foundation Technical Category is TC1
- An outline of whether any hazards identified in s106 of the RMA are present or not and, if they are, how they may be mitigated."

Sub-Item (a)- water bore logs

The logs of existing water bore logs, put down in the vicinity of the subject site, sourced from Environment Canterbury (ECan) records, used for the FTL geotechnical report, dated 10 December 2020 are identified as follows:

- M36/0038
- M36/4291
- M36/5041
- M36/5042
- M36/5268

The logs of the relevant existing water bore logs are appended to this letter.

The approximate inferred location and extent of the relevant water bores are shown on the appended Fraser Thomas Ltd drawing G00676-02.

Sub-Item (b)- TC1 confirmation

Section 8.3 of the December 2020 geotechnical report, states the following:

"...given the nature and consistency of the sediments underlying the subject site, i.e. unsaturated very dense sandy gravels, it is our opinion that the upper soils underlying the site are unlikely to be susceptible to liquefaction in response to a future large earthquake event and that the risk of any significant liquefaction induced ground deformation occurring at the site, in response to a large earthquake event, is considered to be low."

The December 2020 report goes on to state the following:

"It is our opinion that an appropriate foundation solution for the site conditions would be a shallow foundation system designed in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604: 2011 (as modified by B1/AS1), and in accordance with the recommendations presented in this report."

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the subject site, for the purposes of the submission on the Selwyn District Plan Review and the private plan change request, should be assumed to be within Foundation Technical Category 1 (TC1), as defined by the MBIE guidance document, and that it is unlikely that liquefaction induced ground deformation could occur within the area in response to a large earthquake event, and that the ground settlements within the area in response to seismic loading should be considered to be "within normally accepted tolerances" as defined by the MBIE December 2012 guidance document.

Sub-Item (c)- RMA Section106

It should be noted that the Fraser Thomas Ltd report, dated 10 December 2020, has been prepared in support of a submission on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan, for a private plan change, and has not been prepared in support of an application for subdivision consent.

It is our opinion that the "opinion statement" as to the suitability of the subject site for future residential development, is well summarised in Section 14.1(a) of our report, which states:

"In general terms and within the limits of the investigation as outlined and reported herein, no unusual problems, from a geotechnical perspective, are anticipated with residential development at the subject site.

The site is, in general, considered suitable for its intended use, with satisfactory conditions for future residential building development, subject to the recommendations and qualifications reported herein, and provided the design and inspection of foundations are carried out as would be done under normal circumstances in accordance with the requirements of the relevant New Zealand Standard Codes of Practice."

Nevertheless, in order to satisfy the peer reviewer's request, we confirm that the Fraser Thomas Ltd geotechnical report, dated 10 December 2020, includes recommendations which will appropriately avoid, remedy or mitigate potential geotechnical hazards on the land subject to the application, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Resource Management Act.

Item 29- Paragraph 56

Item 29 of the SDC letter, requests:

"At paragraph 56, please clarify which recommendations, from which report, are being referred to. Please advise if any recommendations requires specific measure to be incorporated into the District Plan to support those recommendations."

The foregoing "paragraph 56" appears to be within a document prepared by Aston Consultants, titled "Application for Private Plan Change", dated December 2020. Paragraph 56 appears to be referring to the Fraser Thomas geotechnical report, dated 10 December 2020, which is discussed in the preceding "paragraph 55".

Paragraphs 55 and 56 of the Aston Consultants document appear to, in general, state that the subject site, from a geotechnical perspective, is suitable for future residential development, provided that the various recommendations presented in the Fraser Thomas Ltd geotechnical investigation report are adopted.

The adoption of any of the site specific geotechnical recommendations, into the District Plan, is a planning matter, which is outside my expertise, however, it is my opinion that the recommendations provided in the Fraser Thomas geotechnical report (dated 10 December 2020) should be considered to be specific to the subject site, and should not be assumed to apply to neighbouring sites (without further site specific geotechnical investigation and appraisal works being undertaken).

I trust the foregoing satisfies the requirements of SDC.

Kind regards

MASON REED

Director

CPEng (Geotechnical Engineer)

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Water Bore Logs, sourced from Environment Canterbury records

Grid Reference (NZTM): 1549908 mE, 5170191 mN

Location Accuracy: 50 - 300m

Ground Level Altitude: 40.0 m +MSD Accuracy: < 2.5 m Driller: J W Horne (& Co) Drill Method: Unknown

Borelog Depth: 28.7 m Drill Date: 07-Jul-1975



Formation

Scale(m)	Water Level	Depth(m)		Full Drillers Description	Formation Code
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		6.40m	202000		
10		10.70m	00000000 00000000 00000000 000000000 0000	Tight Brown gravel	RI
84			000000000	Loose gravel	RI
Н		12.20m _	000000000	Very hard gravel with large stones	RI
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		24.40m	200000		51
25		25.90m	000000000	Loose Brown gravel	RI
			000000000	Alternate tight and loose Brown gravel	RI
		27.10m	000000000		
		28.70m		Yellow clay	BR?
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Borelog for well M36/4291 Environment Grid Reference (NZTM): 1549798 mE, 5170371 mN Location Accuracy: 50 - 300m Ground Level Altitude: 41.5 m +MSD Accuracy: < 2.5 m Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha Driller: Canterbury Drilling Company Drill Method: Cable Tool Borelog Depth: 36.0 m Drill Date: Water Depth(m) Scale(m) Level Full Drillers Description Medium to large gravels and sand 12.50m

10 Smaller gravel and sand, some stone 13.00m Medium gravels and sand, water 13.50m Larger gravels and sand, water 16.50m Clay bands with larger gravels 16.79m Claybound gravels, water locked out, 17.50m Claybound gravels 000000 18.50m Loose gravels, medium to large, water 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000

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Grid Reference (NZTM): 1549508 mE, 5169991 mN



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			000000000	Small medium gravel siltbound	
5		5.40m _	000000000	Small medium gravel sand	
		8.19m	20000000000000000000000000000000000000	Small medium graver sand	
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H		12.80m _	000000000	Small medium gravel silt wash gravel brown	
5		15 70	000000000		
0		16.79m _	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	Small medium gravel sand traces of yellow silt	

Small medium gravel sandy driving

Small medium gravel traces silt water

Small medium gravel gravel small

Small gravel siltbound ...water

almost sand

dropping off

Location Accuracy: 50 - 300m Ground Level Altitude: 40.5 m +MSD Accuracy: < 2.5 m

32.50m

Grid Reference (NZTM): 1549378 mE, 5170191 mN

Location Accuracy: 50 - 300m

Ground Level Altitude: 42.0 m +MSD Accuracy: < 2.5 m Driller: Dynes Road Drilling Environment
Canterbury
Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

Driller: Dynes Road Drilling Drill Method: Cable Tool Borelog Depth: 32.5 m					
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		8.39m	0:0::0:	Small medium gravel, sandy, wet	
			000	yellow silt	
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		14.40m	000000000 0000000000000000000000000000	Small medium gravel siltbound very tight	
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		22.00m	0:.0::0:. :.0::0::0		
			0.0.0.0.0	Small medium gravel sandy	
		24.20m	0.000000000000000000000000000000000000	Small medium gravel brown stain clean	
		27.60m	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	Small medium gravel	

Grid Reference (NZTM): 1549878 mE, 5170291 mN

Location Accuracy: 50 - 300m

Ground Level Altitude: 40.8 m +MSD Accuracy: < 2.5 m

Driller: Canterbury Drilling Company Drill Method: Cable Tool

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Borelog Depth: 37.0 m Drill Date: 14-Feb-1997						
Scale(m)	Water Level	Depth(m)		Full Drillers Description	Formation Code	
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20		20.00m _	0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.	Small, rare medium sandy gravel	RI	
		23.00m _	0.0.0.0.0			
25		26.00m _	:0::0::0::0::0::0::0::0::0::0::0::0::0:	Small to large sandy gravel	RI	
				Brown/yellow mottled silt	BR	
1		28.20m _ 28.60m =	0.0.0.0.0	Small, rare medium sandy gravel	LI	
30		26.0UM -		Grey small, rare medium sandy gravel	LI	
		37.00m	0.0.0.0.0			



