

POROSITY REPORT



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT FORDD GLANFFYNNON LLANRUG



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

- 1.1.1 Cadarn Consulting Engineers Ltd have been appointed to provide a drainage strategy for surface water discharge of the proposed development at the site adjacent to Ffordd Glanffynnon at Llanrug, Gwynedd, LL55 4PP. (National Grid Reference SH SH 53618 63026). The site location plan is contained within APPENDIX A.
- 1.1.2 As part of the surface water drainage design the method of surface water disposal should be undertaken in line with the SuDS Hierarchy outlined within CIRIA C753 'The SuDS Manual 2015' and the Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems in Wales 2018. This hierarchy indicates that disposal into the ground via infiltration is the second priority level following re-use of water. To determine whether this is a viable means of surface water disposal, infiltration testing on site is required. This report contains the results and findings of the testing undertaken on site.

1.2 Scope of Porosity Report

- 1.2.1 This porosity report aims to provide knowledge and understanding of the soil infiltration characteristics encountered on site.
- 1.2.2 The purpose of the calculations and accompanying details provided are to determine the infiltration value for the soil to produce a drainage layout that complies with the relevant legislation of TAN 15 and the SuDS hierarchy.



2.0 General Overview

- 2.1.1 The main purpose of the investigation was to undertake soil infiltration tests, in accordance with BRE Digest 365, to determine if the underlying strata is suitable for utilising infiltration systems for the disposal of surface water runoff generated from the proposal.
- 2.1.2 On the 26th of June 2024, an intrusive site investigation was carried out to undertake porosity testing on the site of the proposal, which consisted of 5 No. trial holes, 2 of which were porosity tested. TP-2 was taken to a depth of 1.060m and TP-4 was taken to a depth of 2.100. Infiltration testing was conducted within the trial holes in order to assess the infiltration characteristics of the ground.
- 2.1.3 The trial pit was located as per the attached trial pit location plan drawing contained within **APPENDIX C.**



3.0 Design Criteria

3.1 Test Results

3.1.1 The soil infiltration calculations are summarised within **Table 1** below. Refer to the porosity test calculation sheet contained within **APPENDIX D** for further information.

Table 1 – *Test Results*

Ref	Test Nº	Depth	Ground Water Depth	Soil Infiltration Rate
TP-2	01	1.060m	N/A	ABANDONED
TP-4	05	2.100	2.100m	N/A

3.2 Result Discussion

- 3.2.1 **TP-2** was excavated to a depth of 1060mm and filled to within 310mm of the existing surface level. One test was carried out at this depth
 - 1) Water level filled to within 310mm of the existing surface level. Water level dropped by 240mm over 95 minutes. Following this, water failed to infiltrate further. As a result, porosity testing within this trial pit was abandoned.
- 3.2.2 **TP-4** was excavated to a depth of 2.100, where groundwater was encountered during the excavation of the hole at this depth. As a result, porosity testing was not undertaken within this trial pit.





Figure 1 – Trail pit 2



4.0 Conclusion

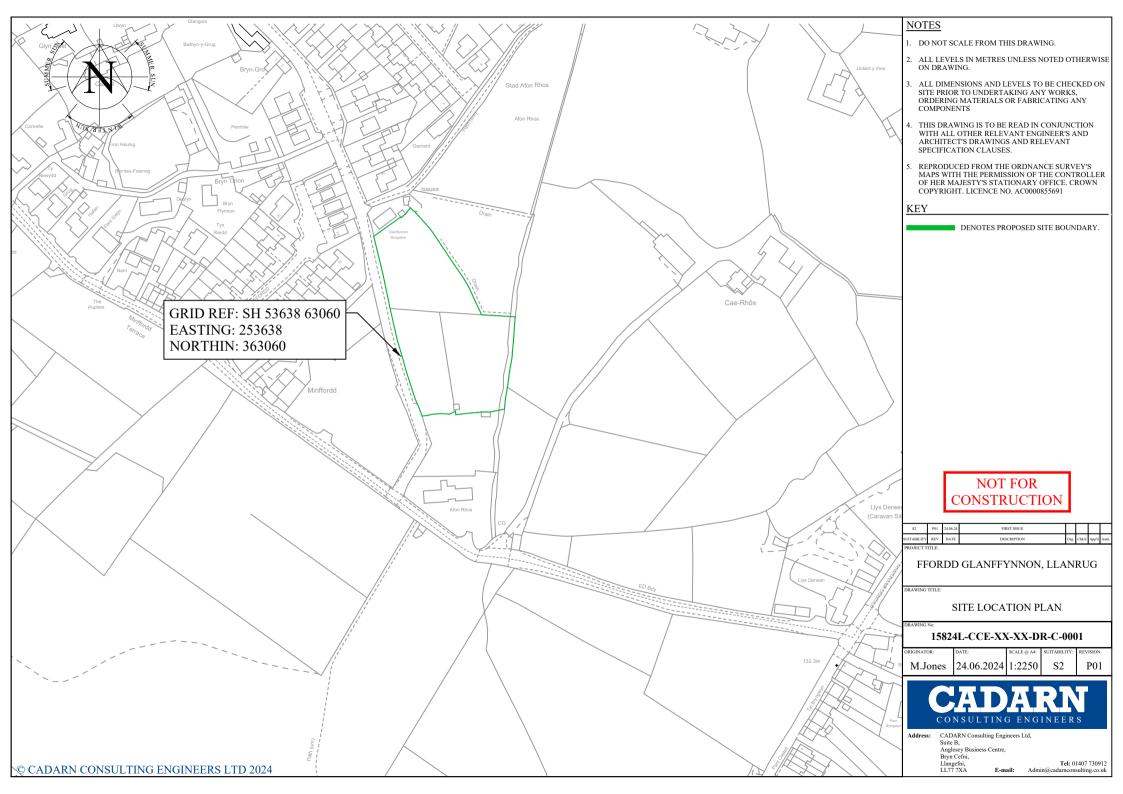
4.1.1 The results of the testing undertaken on the 26th of June 2024 indicate that the use of soakaways as a method of surface water disposal is not considered to be a suitable method of discharge, and an alternative method of discharge should be investigated.



APPENDICES



APPENDIX A - Site Location Plan



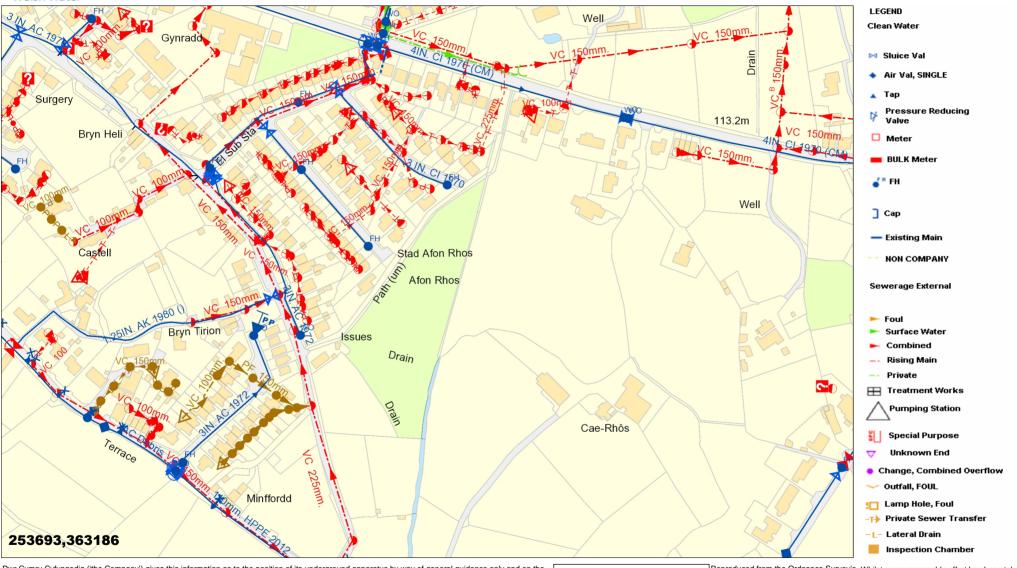


APPENDIX B - DCWW Apparatus Map





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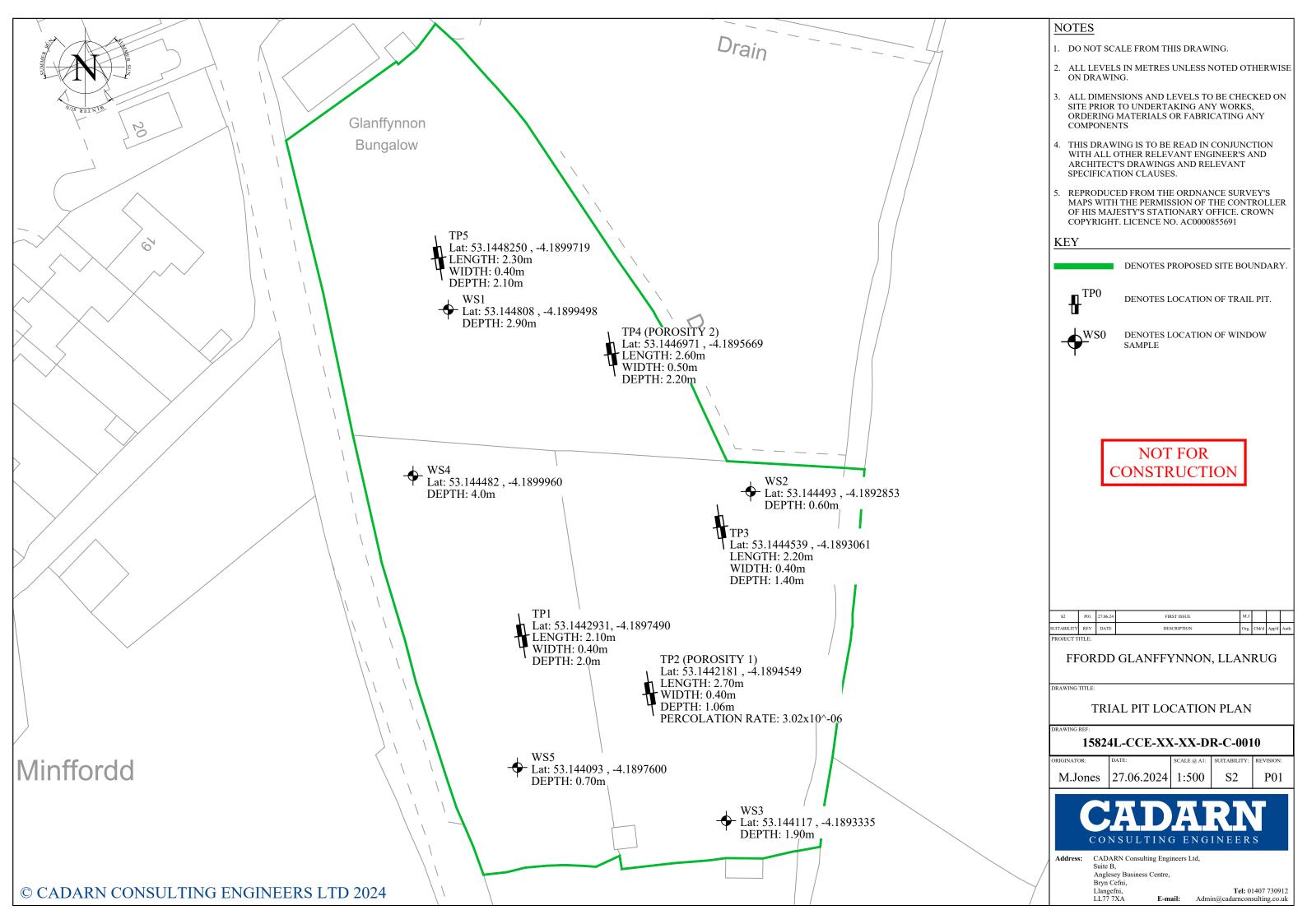
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EXACT LOCATION OF ALL APPARATUS TO BE DETERMINED ON SITE

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APPENDIX C - Trail Pit Location Plan





APPENDIX D - Trail Porosity Test Calculations



TP1 - INFILTRATION CALCUALTIONS

Site: Ffordd Glanffynnon, Llanrug

Doc Ref: 15824L TP2 - Test 1

Trial Pit Dimensions: Length (m) 2.700 Width (m) 0.400 Depth (m) 1.060

Depth of Groundwater from GL (m): N/A

Thus Effective depth (m) =

0.750

Time	Depth of water from	Rate of change
(mins)	(m)	(m/min)
0	0.310	
10	0.370	0.0060
15	0.400	0.0060
20	0.415	0.0030
25	0.430	0.0030
30	0.450	0.0040
35	0.465	0.0030
40	0.470	0.0010
45	0.480	0.0020
50	0.490	0.0020
55	0.510	0.0040
60	0.515	0.0010
65	0.515	0.0000
70	0.520	0.0010
75	0.530	0.0020
80	0.540	0.0020
85	0.550	0.0020
90	0.550	0.0000
95	0.550	0.0000

Volume Outflow, Vp75-25	0.130 m ³
Surface Area, ap50	3.033 m ²
Time Taken, tp75-25	40.00 min

Soil Infiltration Rate, f	N/A
Over Effective depth of	0.750 m
Part H Vp	20.00 s/mm

depth (%Full)	depth (m)	time (min)
0	0.550	0
	0.550	95.00
25	0.490	0.00
	0.490	50.00
50	0.430	0
	0.430	25.00
75	0.370	0
	0.370	10.00
100	0.310	0
	0.310	0.00

