

## APPENDIX B

## IMPORTED MATERIAL CERTIFICATION



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Dear Sirs

**Topsoil Analysis Report: Hertfordshire Soils – Topsoil**

We have completed the analysis of the soil sample recently submitted, referenced *Hertfordshire Soils Topsoil*, and have pleasure reporting our findings.

The purpose of the analysis was to determine the suitability of the sample for general landscape purposes (trees, shrubs, amenity grass). In addition, this sample has been assessed to determine its compliance with the requirements of the British Standard for Topsoil (*BS3882:2015 – Specification for Topsoil – Table 1, Multipurpose Topsoil*).

This report presents the results of analysis for the sample submitted to our office, and it should be considered 'indicative' of the topsoil source. The report and results should therefore not be used by third parties as a means of verification testing, validation testing or waste designation purposes.

**SAMPLE EXAMINATION**

The sample was described as a dark brown (Munsell Colour 10YR 3/3), slightly moist, friable, moderately calcareous LOAMY SAND with a weakly developed, fine granular structure\*. The sample was slightly stony and contained a low proportion of organic fines and occasional fine woody fragments. No unusual odours, deleterious materials, roots or rhizomes of pernicious weeds were observed.

\*This appraisal of soil structure was made from examination of a disturbed sample(s). Structure is a key soil characteristic that may only be accurately assessed by examination in an in-situ state.

#### ANALYTICAL SCHEDULE

The sample was submitted to a UKAS and MCERTS accredited laboratory for a range of physical and chemical tests to confirm the composition and fertility of the soil, and the concentration of selected potential contaminants. The following parameters were determined:

- particle size analysis (sand, silt, clay);
- stone content (2-20mm, 20-50mm, >50mm);
- pH and electrical conductivity values;
- exchangeable sodium percentage;
- major plant nutrients (N, P, K, Mg);
- organic matter content;
- C:N ratio;
- heavy metals (As, B, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Hg, Ni, Se, Zn);
- total cyanide and total (mono) phenols;
- speciated PAHs (US EPA16 suite);
- aromatic and aliphatic TPH (C5-C35 banding);
- benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX).

The results are presented on the attached Certificate of Analysis and an interpretation of the results is given below.

#### RESULTS OF ANALYSIS

##### *Particle Size Analysis and Stone Content*

The sample fell into the *loamy sand* texture class, which is usually considered suitable for general landscape applications provided the soil's physical condition is satisfactory.

The stone content of the sample was low and, as such, stones should not restrict the use of the soil for general landscape purposes.

##### *pH and Electrical Conductivity Values*

The sample was strongly alkaline in reaction (pH 8.1). This pH value would be considered suitable for general landscape purposes providing species with a wide pH tolerance or those known to prefer alkaline soils are selected for planting, turfing and seeding.

The electrical conductivity (salinity) value (water extract) was low, which indicates that soluble salts were not present at levels that would be harmful to plants.

The electrical conductivity value by CaSO<sub>4</sub> extract (BS3882 requirement) fell below the maximum specified value (3300 µS/cm) given in BS3882:2015 – *Table 1*.

##### *Organic Matter and Fertility Status*

The sample was adequately supplied with organic matter and all major plant nutrients.

The C:N ratio of the sample was acceptable for general landscape purposes.

##### *Potential Contaminants*

With reference to BS3882:2015 - *Table 1*: Notes 3 and 4, there is a requirement to confirm levels of potential contaminants in relation to the topsoil's proposed end use. This includes human health, environmental protection and metals considered toxic to plants. In the absence of site-specific assessment criteria, the concentrations that affect human health have been compared with the *residential with homegrown produce* land use in the Suitable For Use Levels (S4ULs) presented in *The LQM/CIEH S4ULs for Human Health Risk Assessment (2015)* and the DEFRA SP1010: *Development of Category 4 Screening Levels (C4SLs) for Assessment of Land Affected by Contamination – Policy Companion Document (2014)*.

Of the potential contaminants determined, none was found at levels that exceeded their guideline values.

### ***Phytotoxic Contaminants***

Of the phytotoxic (toxic to plants) contaminants determined (copper, nickel, zinc), none was found at levels that exceeded the maximum permissible levels specified in *BS3882:2015 – Table 1*.

### ***CONCLUSION***

The purpose of the analysis was to determine the suitability of the topsoil sample for general landscape purposes. The analysis has also been undertaken to determine the sample's compliance with the requirements of the British Standard for Topsoil (*BS3882:2015 – Specification for Topsoil – Table 1, Multipurpose Topsoil*).

From the soil examination and subsequent laboratory analysis, the sample was described as a strongly alkaline, non-saline, moderately calcareous loamy sand with a weak structure and low stone content. The sample was adequately supplied with organic matter and all major plant nutrients. Of the potential contaminants determined, none exceeded their respective guideline values.

To conclude, based on our findings, the topsoil represented by this sample would be considered suitable for general landscape purposes (trees, shrubs and amenity grass), provided species with a wide pH tolerance or those known to prefer alkaline soils are selected and the physical condition of the soil is satisfactory.

The topsoil was also fully compliant with the requirements of the British Standard for Topsoil (*BS3882:2015 – Specification for Topsoil – Table 1, Multipurpose Topsoil*).

### ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

#### ***Soil Handling Recommendations***

It is important to maintain the physical condition of the soil and avoid structural damage during all phases of soil handling (e.g. stockpiling, respreading, cultivating, planting, seeding or turfing). As a consequence, soil handling operations should be carried out when soil is reasonably dry and non-plastic (friable) in consistency.

It is important to ensure that the soil is not unnecessarily compacted by trampling or trafficking by site machinery, and soil handling should be stopped during and after heavy rainfall and not continued until the soil is friable in consistency. If the soil is structurally damaged and compacted at any stage during the course of soiling or landscaping works, it should be cultivated appropriately to relieve the compaction and to restore the soil's structure prior to any planting, turfing or seeding.

Further details on soil handling are provided in Annex A of *BS3882:2015*.

Further guidance on the management, preparation and handling of soils is provided in the DEFRA publication *Construction code of practice for the sustainable use of soils on construction sites*, 2009.

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We hope this report meets with your approval and provides the necessary information. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if we can be of further assistance.

Yours faithfully

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Project:	Hertfordshire Soils
Job:	Topsoil Analysis (BS3882:2016)
Date:	30/03/2020
Job Ref No:	TOHA/20/9454/88

Sample Reference		Accreditation	
Clay (<0.002mm)	%	UKAS	6
Silt (0.002-0.053mm)	%	UKAS	8
Sand (0.053-2.0mm)	%	UKAS	86
Texture Class (UK Classification)	--	UKAS	LS
Stones (2-20mm)	% DW	GLP	2
Stones (20-50mm)	% DW	GLP	2
Stones (>50mm)	% DW	GLP	0

pH Value (1:2.5 water extract)	units	UKAS	8.1
Electrical Conductivity (1:2.5 water extract)	µS/cm	UKAS	766
Electrical Conductivity (1:2 CaSO <sub>4</sub> extract)	µS/cm	UKAS	2649
Exchangeable Sodium Percentage	%	UKAS	3.2
Organic Matter (LOI)	%	UKAS	4.8
Total Nitrogen (Dumas)	%	UKAS	0.17
C : N Ratio	ratio	UKAS	16
Extractable Phosphorus	mg/L	UKAS	31
Extractable Potassium	mg/L	UKAS	629
Extractable Magnesium	mg/L	UKAS	107

Total Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	MCERTS	9
Total Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.2
Total Chromium (Cr)	mg/kg	MCERTS	10
Hexavalent Chromium (Cr VI)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 4.0
Total Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	MCERTS	15
Total Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	MCERTS	19
Total Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.3
Total Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	MCERTS	10
Total Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 1.0
Total Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	MCERTS	46
Water Soluble Boron (B)	mg/kg	MCERTS	1.2
Total Cyanide (CN)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 1
Total (mono) Phenols	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 1.0

Naphthalene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Acenaphthylene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Acenaphthene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Fluorene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Phenanthrene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Anthracene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Fluoranthene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Pyrene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Benz(a)anthracene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Chrysene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Benz(b)fluoranthene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Benz(k)fluoranthene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Benz(a)pyrene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Benzol(g,h,i)perylene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.05
Total PAHs (sum USEPA 16)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.80

Aliphatic TPH >C5 - C6	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Aliphatic TPH >C6 - C8	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Aliphatic TPH >C8 - C10	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Aliphatic TPH >C10 - C12	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 1.0
Aliphatic TPH >C12 - C16	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 2.0
Aliphatic TPH >C16 - C21	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 8.0
Aliphatic TPH >C21 - C35	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 8.0
Aliphatic TPH (C5 - C35)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 10
Aromatic TPH >C5 - C7	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Aromatic TPH >C7 - C8	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Aromatic TPH >C8 - C10	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Aromatic TPH >C10 - C12	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 1.0
Aromatic TPH >C12 - C16	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 2.0
Aromatic TPH >C16 - C21	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 10
Aromatic TPH >C21 - C35	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 10
Aromatic TPH (C5 - C35)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 10

Benzene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Toluene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
Ethylbenzene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
p & m-xylene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
o-xylene	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001
MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether)	mg/kg	MCERTS	< 0.001

LS = LOAMY SAND

## Visual Examination

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Results of analysis should be read in conjunction with the report they were issued with

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## APPENDIX C

## IMPORTED MATERIAL RECEIPTS



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Hi Gulam,

We have finished processing your order.

**[Order #5240] (21st November 2022)**

Product	Quantity	Price
All purpose topsoil loose	40	£1,400.00

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## Thank you for your order

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