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CLIENT: Summit Group

JOB DESCRIPTION: Provide limited site investigation & site classification for the allotment.

PROJECT: Lot 11 Baltimore Avenue, Hamilton Valley

JOB NO.: 43454A-7

REPORT SUMMARY:

The site classification is **Class ‘M-D’** due to the extent of controlled filling across the site ranging in depth from 300mm to 500mm. There are trees adjacent to the allotment that may have to be taken into account in the footing design depending on the position of the dwelling.

1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION:

1.1 The allotment is part of the “Sienna Ridge Estate” Hamilton Valley, Stages 1 and 2. At the time of the investigation there was a patchy cover of vegetation across the surface and there was five newly planted trees (approx. 2.5m in height) growing in the front nature strip. Also there are a number of native trees (approx. 8m -12m high) were positioned in the road reserve along the northern boundary. The area allocated for the house has good fall across the block, sloping towards the front northwest corner. The land slope of the building footprint is the order of 1 in 20. To provide a level building pad, cut and fill earthworks may have to be undertaken. Site drainage should be further enhanced with landscaping works at the completion of construction.



Existing site conditions for proposed dwelling.

1.2 Geological Survey Maps for Victoria (Sheet SJ 55-2) of 1:250,000 scale show that the area is within Recent Quaternary fine grained alluvium of the Shepparton Formation. These are deposits of varying clay, silt and sand content laid down in discontinuous lens-like structures. There can be varying combinations and layer thicknesses of these soil types across small areas.

2.0 SITE INVESTIGATION:

2.1 Boreholes of 3000mm and 2000mm were mechanically drilled using 100mm diameter continuous flight auger at two locations across the site. Their locations and logs are shown on the attached borehole log sheet.

2.2 **Borehole Description:** The soil properties established in each borehole were very similar if not identical. There is **controlled** brown silty sand / sandy clay **filling** to a depth between 300mm to 500mm. After the filling, there is brown sand continuing to 700mm and light brown sand following to 1500mm below the existing surface. Clayey sand and silty clay soils varying in colour extend to the end of the boreholes. Soils were observed in the field to be uniform over the depth of the profile. Dry soils were found and ground water was not encountered in the boreholes.

2.3 Selected filling has been spread over the site as part of the subdivisional earthworks. Testing for density and moisture content during construction has been performed and certified by Civil Test Albury Wodonga as controlled filling.

2.4 The underlying natural soils are of low to medium plasticity and there is potential for seasonal ground movement between 20mm and 30mm. Consideration should be given to clause 3.6 of this report when positioning the house due to the proximity of the trees located in the nature strip and along the northern boundary.

2.5 The natural soils, located immediately below the filling (i.e. 500mm below the surface), have an estimated bearing capacity of at least **130kpa**. Soil bearing capacities have been estimated for the underlying soils and these values are listed below:

Depth	Allowable Bearing Capacity
100mm	100 kPa
500mm	130 kPa
1000mm	150 kPa
1500mm	180 kPa

2.6 The site classification is **Class 'P'** in accordance with AS 2870 - 2011, with allowance made in the footing design for up to 500mm of fill and given the proximal trees on neighbouring land to the north.

3.0 FOOTING DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS:

The footing system should be designed for a M-D site with all load bearing elements extending through any disturbed soils. Design and construction should comply with AS 2870 – 2011 and AS 3600.

3.1 The construction envelope is to have the surface stripped and cleared nominally 50mm to 100mm of all grass, vegetation and any top soil across the surface. Proof roll prior to construction and prepare the site as per section 6 of AS 2870 – 2011. (Proof rolling refers to thorough trafficking of the area by the earthmoving equipment until there are no indentations left by the wheel tracks)

3.2 It is recommended the design engineer be contacted should soft spots or areas of undetected fill be encountered during footing excavation. If site conditions are altered in the course of construction then this report may require review.

3.3 Both the edge beams and internal beams will be required to be increased in depth to found through the filling or alternatively blinding is to be used to backfill any over-excavation.

3.4 The use of brickwork articulation joints to TN61 is recommended throughout.

3.5 The following are recommended founding levels for articulated masonry veneer construction below cleared surface:

<u>Stiffened Raft</u>	Nominally 100mm below stripped surface.
<u>Load Bearing Beams:</u>	
<u>Internal Beams:</u>	Maybe founded on stripped surface or the compacted sand fill.
<u>Waffle Raft:</u>	Waffle slab to be setup on the 50mm to 100mm stripped and proof rolled surface. Edge beams founded a minimum of 100mm .
<u>Strip Footings:</u>	625mm minimum and at least 300mm into natural underlying soils.
<u>Stump - Pad Footings:</u>	800mm minimum and at least 200mm into natural underlying soils.

Note: Where cut/fill earthworks are carried out to form a level platform, extend beams through filling and found in natural ground or support beams in filled zone on bored concrete piers, founded through the imported filling and extending a minimum depth of 400mm into natural ground.

3.6 The planting of trees close to the building should be avoided. Minimum distance from the building should be at least three quarters of the mature height. Where the building is to be positioned such that trees are planted or any existing trees located at an offset distance that is less than three quarters of the mature height, the design engineer will need to consider additional measures to protect the footing system from trees impacting the stability of the soils within the zone of influence.



Existing trees along northern boundary.

4.0 LIMITATIONS OF REPORT:

The frequency of borehole sites and the intensity of the testing program have been formulated to reflect the significance of the proposed structure. The testing and reporting is considered reasonable and comprehensive for this project and results correlate to other testing carried out by this company in the region. It is possible that there may be variations in the geotechnical conditions from those described in this report, as no geotechnical investigation can be considered exhaustive. The results and recommendations are therefore a reasonable platform upon which to base subsequent design decisions with flexibility to change course should there be variations in the conditions at the time of construction.

5.0 SITE MAINTENANCE:

In addition to the following, reference should be made to the CSIRO information sheet “Guide to Home Owners On Foundation Maintenance and Performance.”

5.1 During the works, provide a drainage system as soon as the footings are constructed. It must prevent ponding against, near or beneath the footings in order to maintain stable moisture content within the foundation. Grading the surfaces (1 in 20 for at least 2.0 metres) away from footings and their excavations to collection points will be necessary.

At the completion of the construction the drainage system must also prevent ponding against, near or beneath the finished building. Interception of moisture flow paths toward and under the building is critical.

5.2 Preferably pave or grade the natural surface away from the building at a slope of 50mm in 1.0m.

5.3 Plumbing trenches should be sloped away from the building. The first 1.5m of trench from the building should be backfilled with clay in the top 300mm.

5.4 Subsurface drains near footings should be avoided. If they are necessary, the trench must be capable of providing drainage if blockage occurs.

5.5 Plumbing problems that could cause changes to foundation's moisture content should be rectified immediately.

5.6 The planting of trees close to the building should be avoided. Minimum distance from the building should be equal to three quarters of their mature height.

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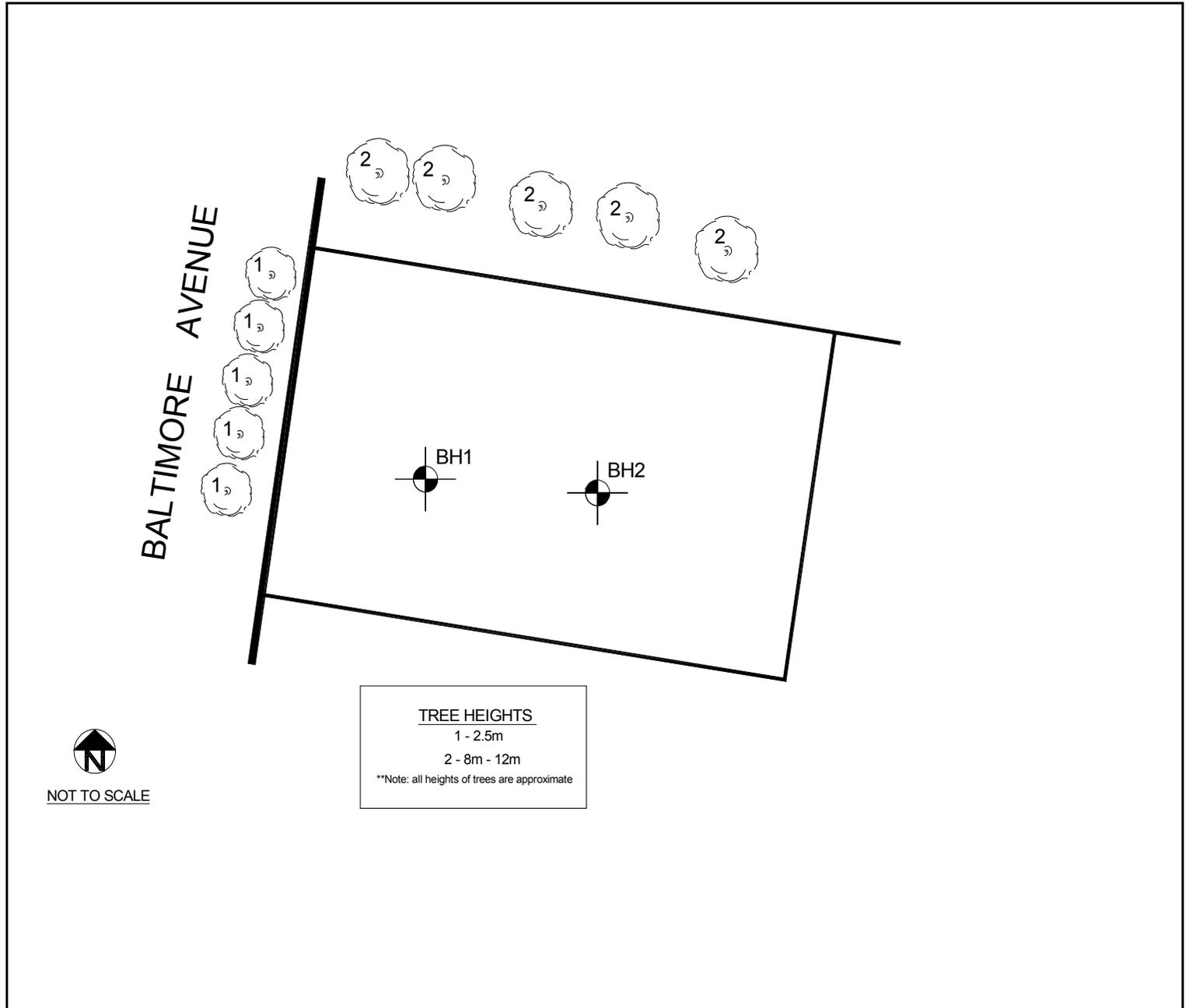
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Borehole No.: **1**

Depth	Description	Plasticity	Cohesion Density	Moisture	
100	CONTROLLED FILLING silty sand / sandy clay mix				
200					
300					
400					
500					
600	brown SAND	LP	MD	D	
700	light brown SAND	LP	MD	D	
800					
900					
1000					
1100	light brown clayey SAND	LP	MD	D	
1200					
1300					
1400					
1500					
1600	yellow clayey SAND	LP	MD	D	
1700					
1800					
1900					
2000					
2100					
2200	light orange brown clayey SAND	LP	MD	D	
2300					
2400					
2500					
2600	brown silty CLAY	MP	ST	D	
2700					
2800					
2900					
3000	EOB				
3100					
3200					
PLASTICITY		LP- LOW	MP- MEDIUM	HP- HIGH	
CONSISTENCY		COHESIVE SOILS VS- very soft S-soft F-firm ST - stiff VST - very stiff H-hard			
		NON COHESIVE SOILS VL very loose L- loose MD-medium dense DS-dense VD-very dense			
MOISTURE CONDITION		D-dry M- moist W-wet SA-saturated			
DRILLING METHOD		continuous flight auger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	hand auger	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Depth	Description	Plasticity	Cohesion Density	Moisture	
100	CONTROLLED FILLING silty sand / sandy clay mix				
200					
300					
400	brown SAND	LP	MD	D	
500					
600					
700					
800					
900	light brown SAND	LP	MD	D	
1000					
1100					
1200					
1300					
1400	yellow light brown clayey SAND	LP	MD	D	
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