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NEWTON HEATH,
GREATER MANCHESTER**

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CLIENT: CASSEL & FLETCHER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared in accordance with Purchase Order No. SC-91-001 dated 20 February 2020, from the Client.

The brief for a coal mining risk assessment was set out in our estimate, ref. E3955 and dated 19 February 2020, and comprises a geological and mining appraisal together with our conclusions and recommendations.

1.1 Site Location and Description

The site is located to the north west of Briscoe Lane in the Newton Heath district of Greater Manchester, as indicated on Figure 1. The approximate National Grid Reference of the centre of the site is SD. 8689 9950 (E.386920m, N.399500m).

As shown on Figure 2, the 'L' shaped about 0.46 hectare site is bounded to the south east by Briscoe Lane with a cemetery beyond, to the south west by the premises of Anglo-European, to the north west by the premises of Mont Blanc Coldstore Company with a triangular railway junction beyond, to the east by derelict industrial premises and to the south east by the premises of Basic Welding Services (former Public House) with the junction of Briscoe Lane and Riverpark Road beyond.

At the time of writing this report aerial photographs of the site indicate that the southern part of the existing derelict fire damaged factory building is standing whilst the northern part has been demolished.

1.2 Proposed Development and Purpose of the Desk Study

We understand that it is proposed to demolish and remove the existing factory building and foundations and construct a 'L' shaped industrial building, as shown on Figure 3.

The purpose of the desk study is to determine the geological structure, including the depth and thickness of coal seams, to determine the potential for mineworkings in these horizons based upon the available information and to provide our conclusions and recommendations.

2. DESK STUDY

2.1 Detailed Geological Appraisal

British Geological Survey (BGS) have published sheet, ref. SD.89.NE solid and drift edition at 1:10,000 or 1:10,560, but we do not have this sheet and the BGS are currently not posting out geological sheets. We have, however, obtained from BGS a GeoReport, ref. BGS_3081145/10906, which is appended.

Our desk study indicates that a previous ground investigation in the southern part of the site found Made Ground to 1.60 to 2.60 metres depth underlain by natural firm to stiff clays to 8.20 metres depth. The GeoReport indicates that the natural clays are cohesive glacial drift deposits (Diamicton Devensian Till).

Solid geological information given in our Desk Study Report, ref. 6921 dated March 2020, the GeoReport and the adjoining published geological sheet, ref SD.89.NW solid and drift edition at 1:10,560, has been combined to draft the geological plan at 1:10,000 scale and stratigraphical column at 1:5,000 scale. These are given as Figure 4.

Carboniferous Westphalian D Coal Measures (Ardwick Group) strata, normally comprising sandstones, siltstones and mudstones, are shown to be present beneath the site. This strata is indicated to be up to 28 metres thick but is thinning to zero at the north eastern site boundary. The previous ground investigation found sand/sandstone at 8.20 metres depth.

The Carboniferous Westphalian D Coal Measures strata are shown on the geological plan to be overlying Westphalian B Coal Measures strata. This indicates that part of the Westphalian B and all of the Westphalian C Coal Measures strata have been lost to erosion at this boundary.

At the boundary of the Westphalian D and Westphalian B Coal Measures strata the Duckinfield Marine Band also crops out in a north west to south east direction.

Westphalian B Coal Measures strata normally comprise interbedded mudstones, siltstones and subordinate sandstones with occasional economically important mineral seams of coal.

The stratigraphically higher Newton Heath Sandstone is shown to crop out to the north east of the Duckinfield Marine Band in an area which is relatively flat and hence the Westphalian D Coal Measures strata are down dipping at an unknown gradient to the north east. The rock strata in the area of the site are apparently unaffected by geological faulting.

Our calculation, using the horizontal distance between the Duckinfield Marine Band and the Newton Heath Sandstone and the vertical intervals between these strata on the stratigraphical column, indicate that the strata down dip to the north east at 1 in 2.30 (25.8°). The same calculation using the horizontal distance between the top and bottom of the Newton Heath Sandstone and the thickness of the Newton Heath Sandstone on the stratigraphical column, indicate that the strata generally down dip to the north east at 1 in 2.17 (27.4°). Given these calculations the strata in the area of the site down dip to the north east at about 26.6°.

Six coal seams (in green) are shown to be cropping out in a north west to south east direction beneath the Westphalian D Coal Measures strata on the geological plan. The six coal seams underlying the Duckinfield Marine Band in the adjoining area are the 1.1 metre Bin Mine Coal, the 1.1 metre Shuttle Mine Coal, the 1.4 metre Crumbouke or Roger Mine Coal, the 1.5 metre Rams Mine Coal, the 0.7metre White Mine Coal and the 2.8 metre Doe Mine Coal. If the six coal seams (in green) are the above six coal seams the vertical intervals apparently vary significantly.

The nearest and shallowest coal seam beneath the site is cropping out beneath the Westphalian D Coal Measures strata about 150 metres to the south west of the centre of the site. For rock strata down dipping to the north east at 26.6° the base of the coal seam would be at about 75 metres below the base of the Westphalian D Coal Measures strata.

The anticipated succession of strata at the centre of the site is as tabulated below. The approximate thicknesses and depths given are the best that can be determined from the above information.

TABLE 1 STRATIGRAPHICAL SUCCESSION

Strata	Maximum Unworked Thickness (m approx.)	Vertical Interval (m approx.)	Depth of Base below Surface (m approx.)
MADE GROUND	1.6 to 2.6		2
GLACIAL DRIFT DEPOSITS			8
WESTPHALIAN D COAL MEASURES	28		* 13
WESTPHALIAN B COAL MEASURES: measures		75	
Bin Mine Coal?	1.1		88
measures with coal seams			

* Thinning to zero at the north eastern site boundary, 5 metres assumed at the centre of the site.

2.2 Detailed Mining Appraisal

The presence of mineral seams, including coal, which might have been mined beneath the site has been determined from the above geological appraisal and the Coal Authority Mining Report, ref. 51002229593001 and dated 21 February 2020, a copy of which is appended.

The Coal Authority indicates that according to their probably incomplete records the site surface could be affected by underground mineworkings in three seams of coal at between 280 to 620 metres depth; the last mineworkings being in 1964. In addition, the Coal Authority indicates that any ground movement from coal mining should have stopped by now.

It should be noted that it did not become a statutory requirement to maintain and preserve plans of abandoned mines until the Mines (Coal) Regulations Act of 1872, by which date much unrecorded mining had taken place and of those plans which were made it is likely that not all will have survived.

The Coal Authority also indicates that there is no current mining or proposals to mine coal beneath the site, although reserves of coal exist which could be mined in the future subject to feasibility, licences and planning consents. It should be noted that on 23 December 2015 all underground coal mining ceased in the UK.

The Coal Authority are not aware of any recorded abandoned mine entries within the site or within 20 metres of the site boundary.

In any old mining area such as this, where records are generally incomplete, the existence of unrecorded mine entries should not be discounted. However, from the anticipated geological and comparatively deep mining structure, it is our opinion that the possibility is relatively small and need not be given special attention.

2.3 Conclusions and Recommendations

Surface instability arises when the collapse of mineworkings migrates upwards through the roof strata and back to the surface or near surface level. There is considered to be a potential for this if there is less than ten times the unworked thickness of the coal seam in intact rock strata above the mined coal seam. In addition residual settlement of abandoned mineworkings is not possible to predict, and although the risk may be increased by the stresses imposed by a surface load, settlement can and does occur irrespective of ground surface loads.

The geological appraisal indicates that the site is underlain by a number of coal seams, the base of the shallowest coal seam (1. 1 metre thick Bin Mine Coal?) being at about 88 metres depth. The mining appraisal indicates that there are no records of mining in the shallowest coal seam although unrecorded mineworkings may be present.

Given the findings of the geological and mining appraisal we consider that the risk to surface stability is negligible and no further investigation is recommended. In addition no special precautions need to be taken for the proposed development.

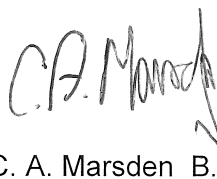
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We trust that this report fulfils your present requirements but if you have any queries or we can be of further assistance please contact the undersigned or Miss Anna Marsden at our Preston office.

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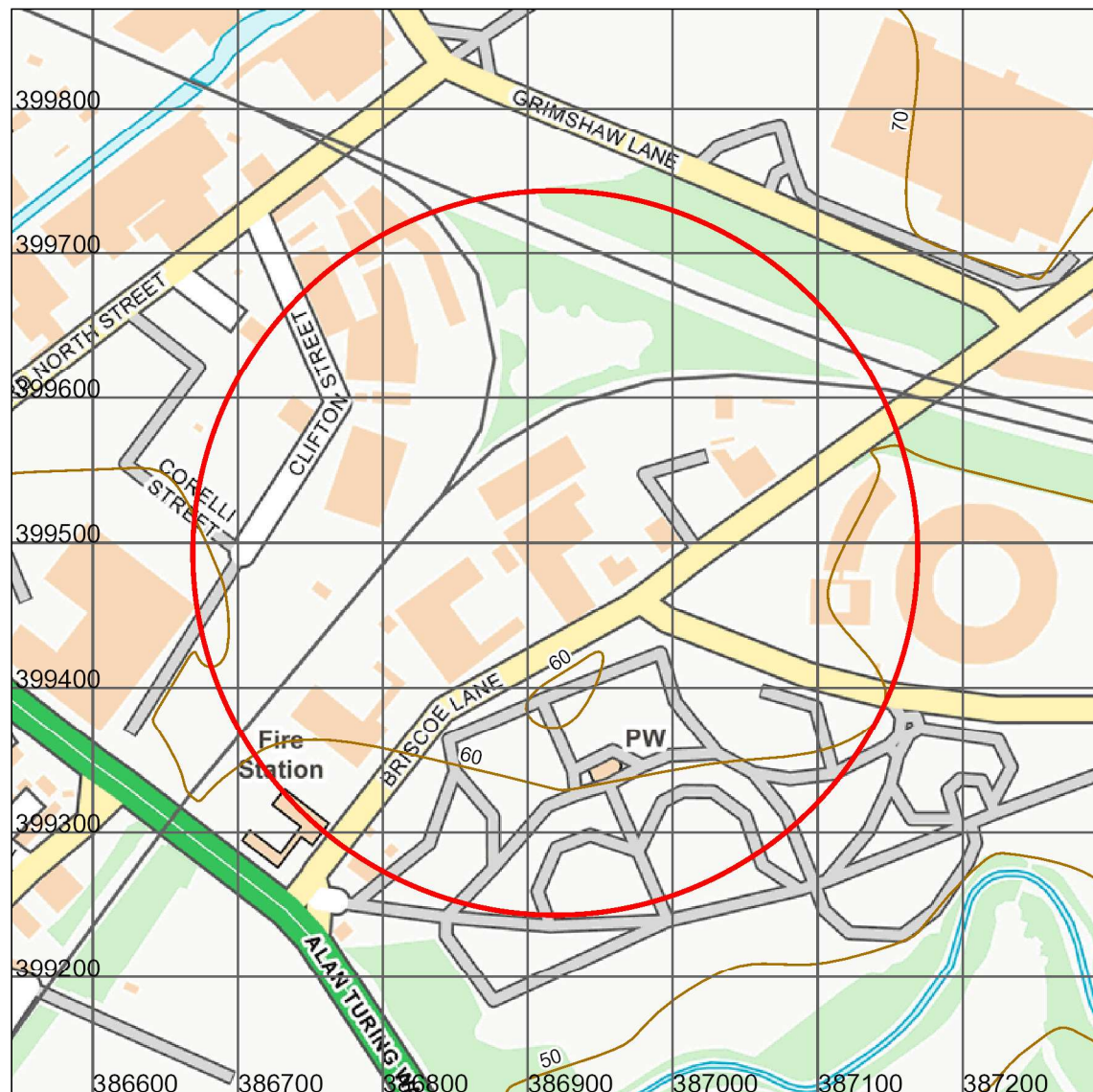
This report is designed for users carrying out preliminary site assessments who require geological maps for the area around their site, as well as for those who have a general interest in their local geology.

The report contains geological map extracts taken from the BGS Digital Geological Map of Great Britain at 1:10,000 scale (BGS Geology 10k) where available, otherwise at 1:50,000 scale (BGS Geology 50k). The various geological layers – artificial (man-made), landslip, superficial and solid (bedrock) geology - are displayed separately as 10 by 10cm extracts.

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Area centred at: 386919,399493

Radius of site area: 250 metres



Geological Map Extracts 1:10,000 Scale

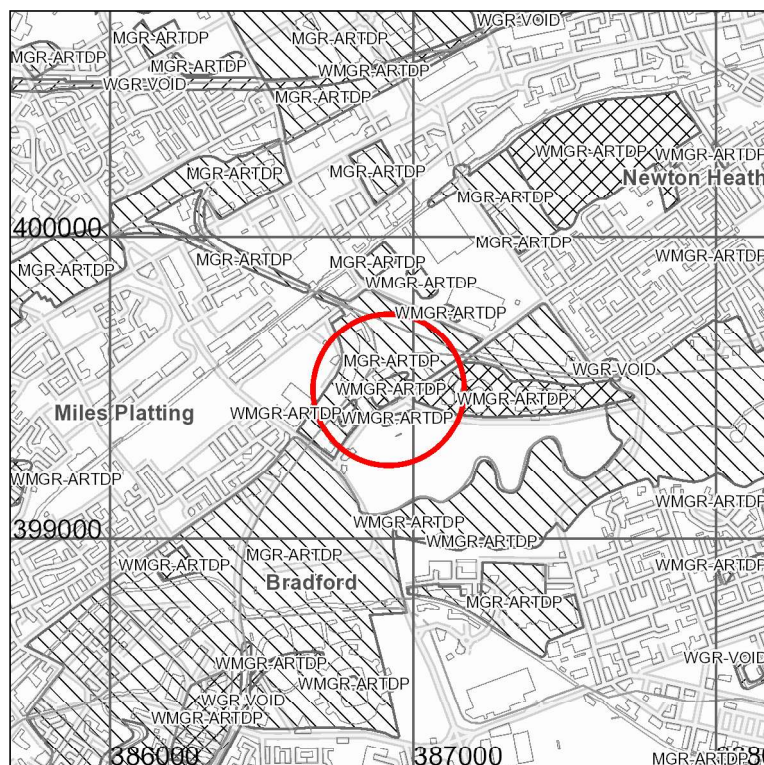
This part of the report contains extracts of geological maps taken from the 1:10 000 scale BGS Digital Geological Map of Great Britain (BGS Geology 10k). The geological information in BGS Geology is divided into four themes: artificial ground, landslide deposits, superficial deposits and bedrock, shown here in separate maps. The fifth 'combined geology' map superimposes all four of these themes, to show the uppermost geological formations.

More information about BGS Geology 10k is available here http://www.bgs.ac.uk/products/digitalmaps/DiGMapGB_10.html and information on the BGS geological classification schemes here <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/bgsrscs/>. The maps are labelled with two-part computer codes that indicate the name of the geological unit and its composition. Descriptions of the units listed in the map keys may be available in the BGS Lexicon of Named Rock Units (<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/lexicon/>). If available, these descriptions can be found by searching against the first part of the computer code used on the maps. Please consult the legend and the codes on the map in areas of complex geology. If in doubt, please contact BGS Enquiries for clarification.

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Artificial ground

This is ground at or near the surface that has been modified by man. It includes ground that has been deposited (Made Ground) or excavated (Worked Ground), or some combination of these: Landscaped Ground or Disturbed Ground.



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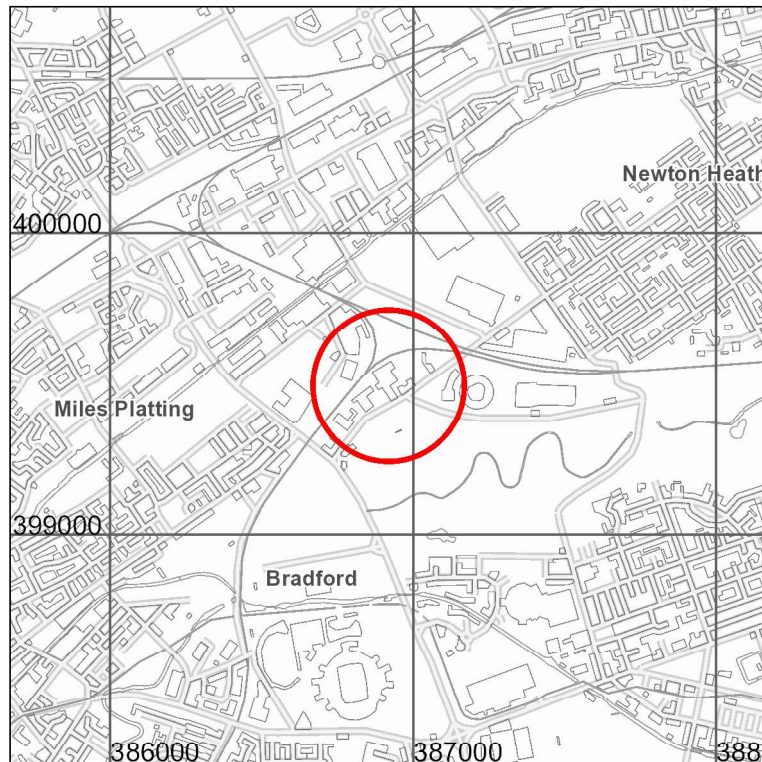
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Key to Artificial ground:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Composition
	WMGR-ARTDP	INFILLED GROUND	ARTIFICIAL DEPOSIT
	MGR-ARTDP	MADE GROUND (UNDIVIDED)	ARTIFICIAL DEPOSIT
	WGR-VOID	WORKED GROUND (UNDIVIDED)	VOID

Landslide deposits

These are deposits formed by localised mass-movement of soils and rocks on slopes under the action of gravity. Landslides may occur within the bedrock, superficial deposits or artificial ground; and the landslide deposits may themselves be artificially modified.



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Key to Landslide deposits:

No deposits found in the search area

Superficial deposits

These are relatively young geological deposits, formerly known as 'Drift', which lie on the bedrock in many areas. They include deposits such as unconsolidated sands and gravels formed by rivers, and clayey tills formed by glacial action. They may be overlain by landslide deposits or by artificial deposits, or both.



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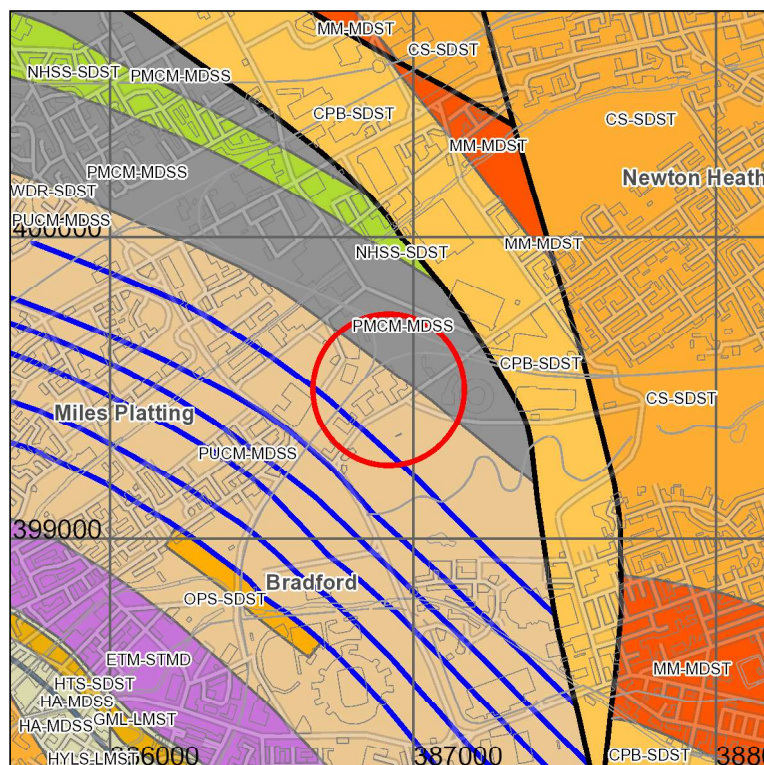
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Key to Superficial deposits:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Composition
	ALV-XCZSV	ALLUVIUM	CLAY, SILT, SAND AND GRAVEL
	GFDUD-XSV	GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS, DEVENSIAN	SAND AND GRAVEL
	TILLD-DMTN	TILL, DEVENSIAN	DIAMICTON

Bedrock

Bedrock forms the ground underlying the whole of an area, commonly overlain by superficial deposits, landslide deposits or artificial deposits, in any combination. The bedrock formations were formerly known as the 'Solid Geology'.



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-  Fault
-  Coal, ironstone or mineral vein

Note: Faults are shown for illustration and to aid interpretation of the map. Because these maps are generalised from more detailed versions not all such features are shown and their absence on the map face does not necessarily mean that none are present. Coals, ironstone beds and mineral veins occur only in certain rock types and regions of the UK; if present here, they will be described under 'bedrock' below.

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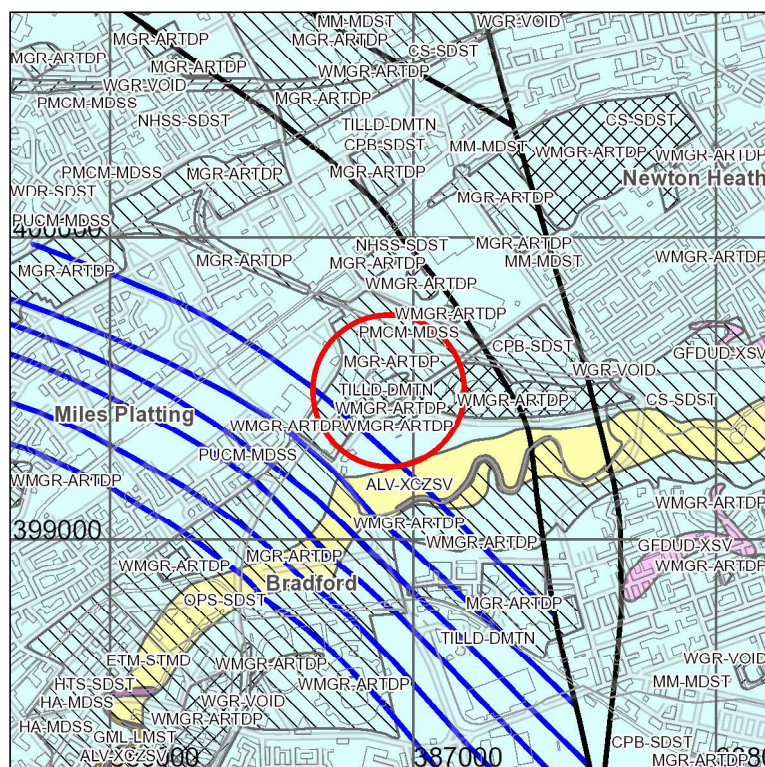


Key to Bedrock geology:

Map colour	Computer Code	Name of geological unit	Rock type
	CPB-SDST	CHESTER PEBBLE BEDS FORMATION	SANDSTONE
	MM-MDST	MANCHESTER MARLS FORMATION	MUDSTONE
	CS-SDST	COLLYHURST SANDSTONE FORMATION	SANDSTONE
	GML-LMST	GREAT MINE LIMESTONE	LIMESTONE
	HA-MDSS	HALESOWEN FORMATION	MUDSTONE, SILTSTONE AND SANDSTONE
	HYLS-LMST	HALF YARD LIMESTONE	LIMESTONE
	HTS-SDST	HOLT TOWN SANDSTONE BED	SANDSTONE
	NHSS-SDST	NEWTON HEATH SANDSTONE	SANDSTONE
	OPS-SDST	OPENSHAW SANDSTONE	SANDSTONE
	PUCM-MDSS	PENNINE UPPER COAL MEASURES FORMATION	MUDSTONE, SILTSTONE AND SANDSTONE
	WDR-SDST	WORSLEY DELF ROCK	SANDSTONE
	PMCM-MDSS	PENNINE MIDDLE COAL MEASURES FORMATION	MUDSTONE, SILTSTONE AND SANDSTONE
	ETM-STMD	ETRURIA FORMATION	SANDSTONE AND MUDSTONE

Combined 'Surface Geology' Map

This map shows all the geological themes from the previous four maps overlaid in order of age.



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Please see the Keys to the Artificial, Landslide, Superficial and Bedrock geology maps.



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No further reports from the Coal Authority are required. Further information on any next steps can be found in our Professional opinion.

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Professional opinion

According to the official mining information records held by the Coal Authority at the time of this search, evidence of, or the potential for, coal mining related features have been identified. It is unlikely that these features will impact on the stability of the enquiry boundary.

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