Proposed Smart Steel Shed

Size 10m x 12.3m x 4.8m

Foundation - Concrete slab

Address - Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way, Okiato 0272

Site overview



Summary

This Landscape and Visual Effects Compliance Review verifies compliance with the approved Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment and Recommendations dated 22nd April 2022 as pertains to RC 2220804 in respect of erecting a coloursteel Smart Steel Shed on Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way, Okiato 0272 (DP 595923).

The Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment for the subdivision is attached at Appendix A. The subdivision Landscape Plan is attached at Appendix B The Drawing Schedule for the proposed shed is attached at Appendix C

Applicable parts of the assessment are included in the body of this Compliance Review with appropriate detail of the proposed works demonstrating compliance with the recommendations of the approved Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment.

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Para 6.5 of Visual Effects Assessment

Viewpoints

Viewpoint 1

This view of the site is from Franklin Road within the residential area of Opua located approximately 1.6km away to the southwest of the site.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 1.

Viewpoint 2

This viewing position is located around the Opua wharf area next to the Opua Cruising Club. The site is located approximately 1.1km away and forms the backdrop view of the vegetated headland that is located next to the Coastal Residential area of Okiato.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 2.

Viewpoint 3

This viewing position is located on the Opua wharf and has a similar aspect as in Viewpoint 2. The assessment of potential adverse effects is the same as for the view from next to the Cruising Club.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 3.

Viewpoint 4

This viewing position is on the car ferry looking east towards the site. The view from the for the passengers on the ferry is constantly changing and momentary as they pass by. They have 360-degree views of the Veronica Chanel and the residential development located within the Opua and Okiato areas and the commercial area and wharf at Opua.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 4.

Viewpoint 5

This view depicts what passing motorist on Aucks Road approximately 400m to the east of the site see as they drive towards Okiato. Their view of the site is fleeting as they pass by.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 5.

Viewpoint 6

This view of the site is from a private driveway off Aucks Road, approximately 500m away to the east of the site. This location is the transition between the Coastal Living zone and the General Coastal zone.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 6.

Viewpoint 7

This viewing position is located on Aucks Road approximately 700m away to the east of the site. A fleeting view will be obtained as motorists pass by. The assessment of effects for this viewing position and viewer group is the same as for Viewpoint 5.

Comment;

The proposed shed on Lot 3 is not visible from Viewpoint 7.

Viewpoint 8 is a post subdivision position and is located along the main subdivision access way at the access to Lot 3. The upper half of the proposed shed will be temporarily, partially visible, until such time as the new native landscape plantings grow. Thereafter, all views of the proposed shed will be obscured.

Para 8 Building and Landscape Design Guidelines.

Para 8.1 Building Design Guidelines

Vegetation Clearance

The area of vegetation clearance on each lot is between 1,040m² and 1670m² as shown on the Williams & King Plan contained in Appendix 2.

The Shed is positioned within an existing cleared area of Lot 3.

Refer Appendix C. Drawing Schedule for the Proposed Shed - Sheet 2 of 10.

Sheet 2 shows the position of the proposed shed within the cleared area of Lot 3.

Building Form

Building style, colour and form play a significant role in determining how well a building fits into the landscape. Buildings of a similar size, scale and mass to each other and painted recessively appear to belong and are less visually obtrusive.

Similarly, buildings that reflect regional architectural styles appear to belong more readily than 'imported styles'.

Various building styles are possible; however, the following general guidelines will assist in diminishing the visual impact of structures in the landscape:

1. Building form shall flow with and follow the topography of the site.

Comment;

The proposed shed has a recessive blending IRONSAND colour scheme.

The proposed shed foundation pad is set down below the top of the hill and the shed roof line is below the surrounding tree line.

2. The form of larger buildings shall be broken up or indented to provide visual interest and shadows.

Comment;

The proposed shed is a single building with a footprint of 123m2. The shed has a hip at 4.8m and a gable roof at 10deg.

3. Stepping a building down a slope rather than constructing one single tall downhill façade shall be required.

Comment;

The proposed shed is positioned down slope on a levelled platform on natural ground. The slope above the proposed shed is retained by a specific design timber retaining wall. The proposed shed can be considered to blend with the site.

4. The maximum building height on Lots 3 - 10 shall be 8m above existing ground level.

Comment;

The proposed shed has a roof apex height of approximately 5.7m. The shed platform is 2.4m below the

hill giving a net above ground height of 3.3m

Building Materials and Finishes.

The visual effects of the building sites will be lessened if recessive colours from the A and B Group of the BS 5252 colour chart are used.

The light reflectance values for the exterior roof colours shall not exceed 30% and the exterior walls shall not exceed 40%.

It is recommended to use natural and textural materials, and make use of architectural features such as verandahs, pergolas and large eves to create shadow.

These will all cast shadows on windows and ranch sliders thus limiting the reflectivity of the facades of the house.

Comment;

The proposed shed is clad with IRONSAND with 5 rib .55thk Maxam coloursteel sheeting for both roof and walls and has an LRV of 9. The colour blends well with the environment and is considered recessive and is consistent with the other building colours of the adjacent Lot 1 (Harris Point Chalets) of the same subdivision.

All shed window frames are Ironsand colour on aluminium joinery with Low-E type glazing with an LVR of 8%

Ancillary Structures

All ancillary structures which are separate from the primary residence (such as guest quarters, garages, storage sheds) shall be designed to complement and integrate with the primary residence, especially in colour.

Comment;

The proposed shed will be an ancillary structure to a future house design on Lot 3 and as such its design, colouring and structure has been selected to compliment the future house design.

Other ancillary structures to the shed ie water tanks, retaining walls, car park, septic systems are all earthy colours.

Earthworks

Earthworks shall be graded gradually into adjacent contours. Earthworks that create sharp and large batters that are difficult to revegetate should be avoided.

Comment;

The earthworks east of the proposed shed platform fade into the continuing down slope. This area is part of the existing cleared area and will be landscaped and replanted with low height native plant species.

The earthworks immediately west of the shed platform are to be retained by a design specific timber retaining wall.

The carpark is an area of part cut / part fill with a metalled surface. The southern downhill side of the carpark is retained by a design specific timber retaining wall.

The area between the carpark timber retaining wall and the main access way will be landscaped with native trees and other plants.

Water tanks

Water tanks, if not placed underground, shall be designed to integrate with the overall design of the main structures. Tanks that are placed above ground shall be screened by the landscape amenity plantings.

Comment;

Two (2) Karaka green 30,000 ltr water tanks are to be located adjacent to the shed. The water tanks will be screened by landscape native plantings between the boundary of Lots 3 and 4.

The water tanks are accessible from the car park area specifically for Fire and Emergency. One water tank is dedicated for the purpose of fire suppression. The water tanks are supplied by roof rainwater collection. Storm water overflow from the water tanks is diverted to the site storm water drainage system as shown on Sheets 3 and 9 of Shed Drawings in Appendix C.

Driveways and Parking Areas

Parking areas shall be integrated with the overall design of the residence and landscaping.

If site contours would otherwise require extensive excavation to form parking spaces, vehicle and or boat storage should be separated from the house. Driveways should follow the natural contours of the land and avoid sharp angles or long straight sections.

Driveways shall be designed to suit rural character and formed with dark grey concrete oxide, or use chip seal or loose road metal. The use of swales to provide drainage should be encouraged.

Comment;

The parking area for the proposed shed is integrated in the longer term design and parking area for a future house on Lot 3.

The southern side of the car park is retained with a specific design timber retaining wall < 1.3m in height (max) tapering to 0.2m with integral drainage coil draining to the main stormwater drains for Lot 3 and the wider subdivision storm water drainage and swales.

The access way and carpark areas are formed with compacted metal.

Batters alongside the access way are supported by boulder style rock walls and swale drains.

Para 8.2 Landscape Design Guidelines

To assist with the appropriate landscaping of the outdoor living areas directly around the building footprints the following Landscaping Design Guidelines are recommended.

Landscaping

Any future landscaping by future owners on and around the building shall be compatible with and complementary to the existing natural landscape patterns and elements, and its bush setting.

Comment;

The landscaping and planting of native species for Lot 3 and around the proposed shed is consistent with the overall landscaping of the property and is complimentary to the existing natural landscape patterns as a whole.

Outdoor Living Areas

These areas shall be designed to integrate with the overall design of the new

residence and other structures around the main dwelling and provide a flow between indoor and outdoor living areas. The materials used for outdoor areas should be compatible with the materials used for the construction of the main buildings on the site. The use of natural materials such as wood or stone, which enhance the natural landscape are encouraged.

Comment;

The overall design and integration of the proposed shed into the future longer term consideration for the Lot take account of colours and materials selected and the wide use of boulder features.

Swimming Pools

Swimming pools, and any associated fencing and infrastructure, are permitted provided they are integrated in an unobtrusive way with the main residence and the rest of the landscaping, and their construction does not involve excessive grading or material alterations to the existing topography.

In addition, all swimming pools must comply with all applicable governmental and local authority regulations concerning swimming pool enclosure, particularly the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

Comment;

A swimming pool is not part of the proposed shed development.

Grading and Drainage

All grading and changes to the contours of the house site should blend with its natural form and disturb the existing topography as little as possible. Landscaping should avoid excessive cuts and fills and should not disturb existing natural drainage paths.

In relation to all areas which are graded or altered by landscaping work the new lot owner should control silt run off and the bare areas replanted following the grading or alteration.

Comment;

All site surface preparation ensures that all stormwater is directed into drainage channels, drains and swales which distribute stormwater as detailed in Sheets 3 and 9 of the Shed Drawing Schedule of Appendix C.

All stormwater drainage channels, drains and swales are consistent with and join to the stormwater drainage system of the subdivision. Ref Drawing Schedule, J3146, Sheets 400, 410, 420 and 421 Rev 3 AS BUILT plans (On file with FNDC)

Silt run off due to newly prepared / finished surfaces is minimal due to the long established nature of the site and minimal new earthworks. Any silt run off is controlled by established gahnia grasses and temporary catch pits in drains under construction.

Longer term, Landscape planting includes extensive use of flaxes and other wet rooted plants in areas of drains and catchpits.

Outdoor Lighting

All exterior lighting should be shielded from neighbouring properties. There should be no pole lights or floodlights used. Any lighting on accessways should be ground mounted and no more than 500mm high. Lighting should be subdued.

Where external lights are necessary, downward-facing lights with hoods should be

used to limit light spillage and limit adverse effects on nocturnal wildlife outside the site.

Comment;

Exterior lighting on the shed will be provided by low lux LED hooded wall mounted lights.

Any access way and car parking lighting will be at ground level with solar low lux LED hooded lights.

Conclusion

The proposed shed design and shed location on Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way has been designed such that it is sensitive to the coastal landscape character and blends with the local environment.

The proposal meets with the recommendations of the Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment of Appendix A.

Owners of Lot 3 have provided immediate neighbours with the proposed shed drawing set of appendix C. All immediate neighbours have signed sheet 1 of 10 indicating their approval of the proposal.

In respect of the positioning of the proposed shed at 5m off the boundary between Lot 3 and Lot 4. The owners of Lot 4 have also signed their agreement on sheet 4 of the Shed Drawing Set of Appendix C to the positioning of the shed on Lot 3.

Peter and Leanne Maloney Owners Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way

Attachments;

Appendix A – Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment – Subdivision at 319 Aucks Rd Okiato.

Appendix B – Landscape Plan for subdivision.

Appendix C – Drawing Schedule for Proposed Shed on Lot 3 DP 595923



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Prior References NA62/76

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Peter Maloney and Leanne Gaye Maloney

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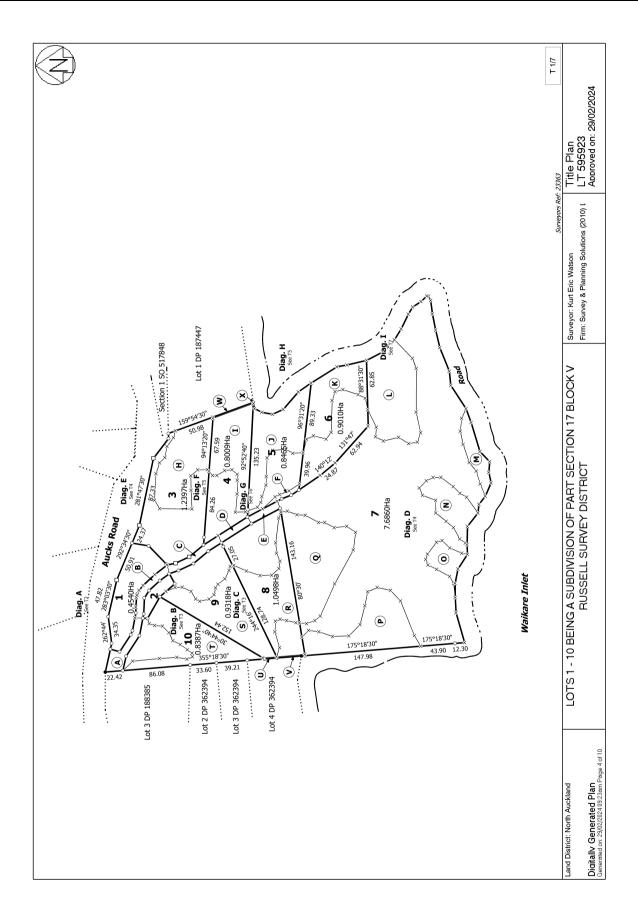
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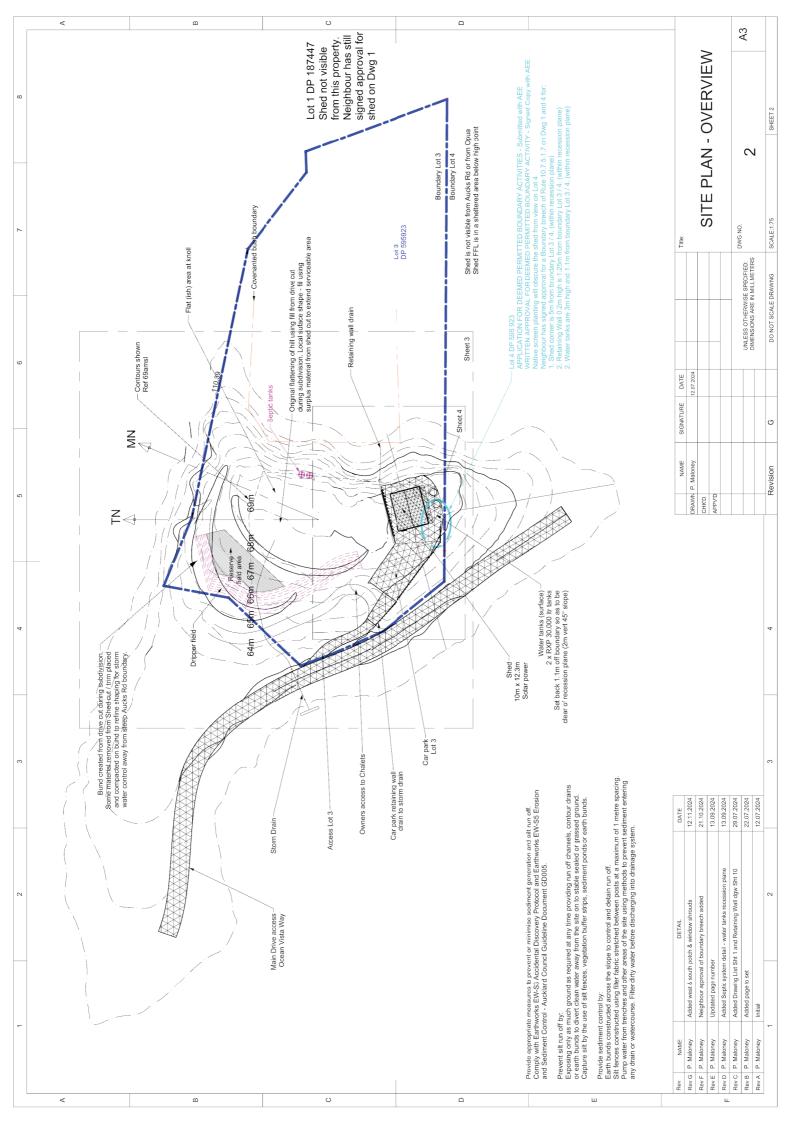
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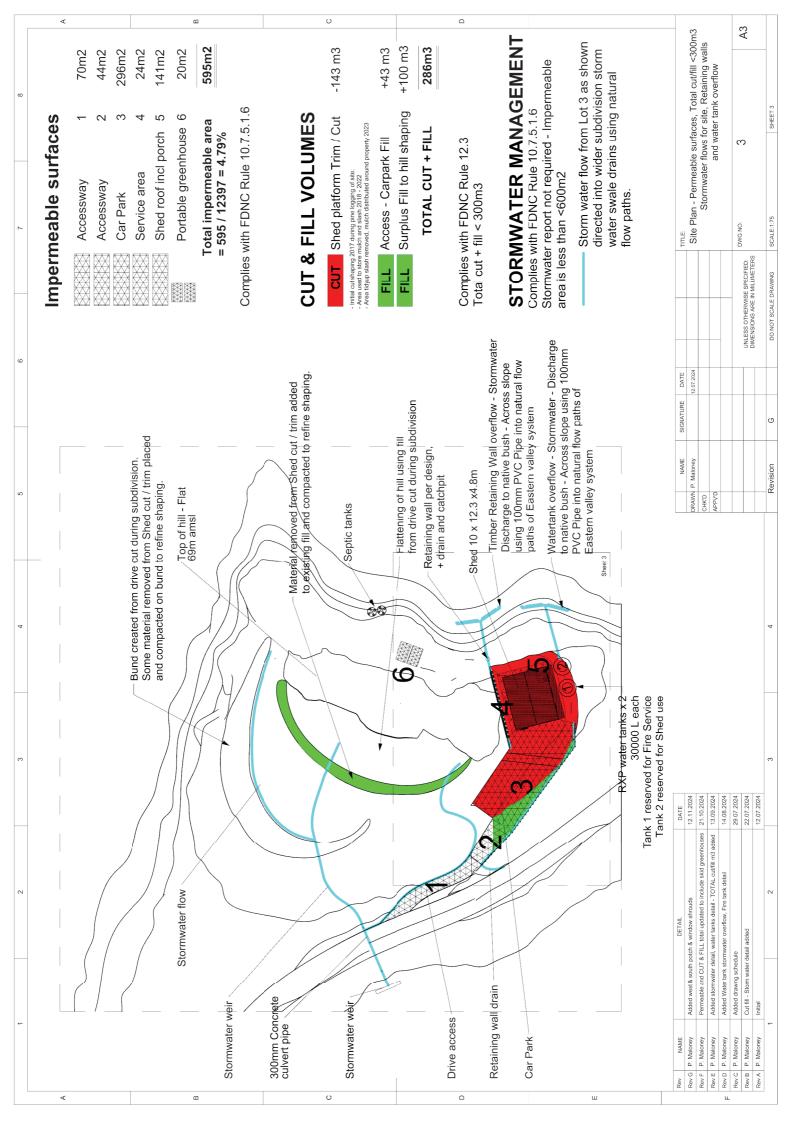
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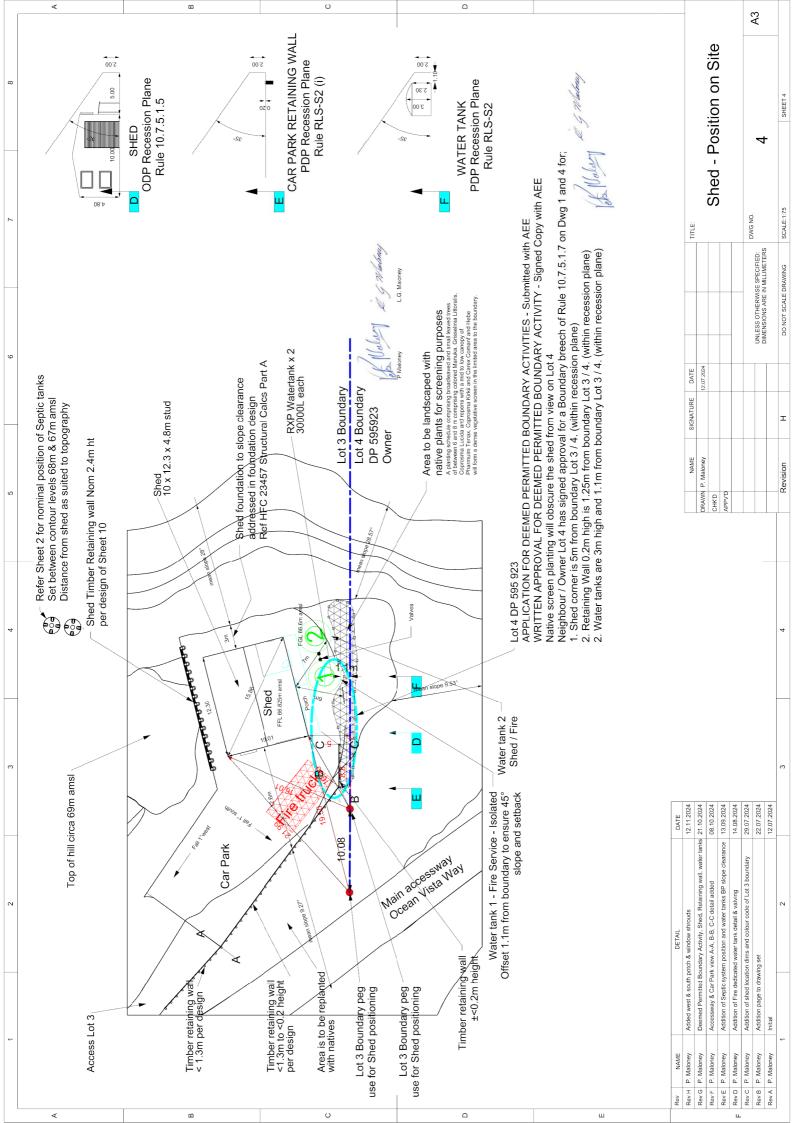


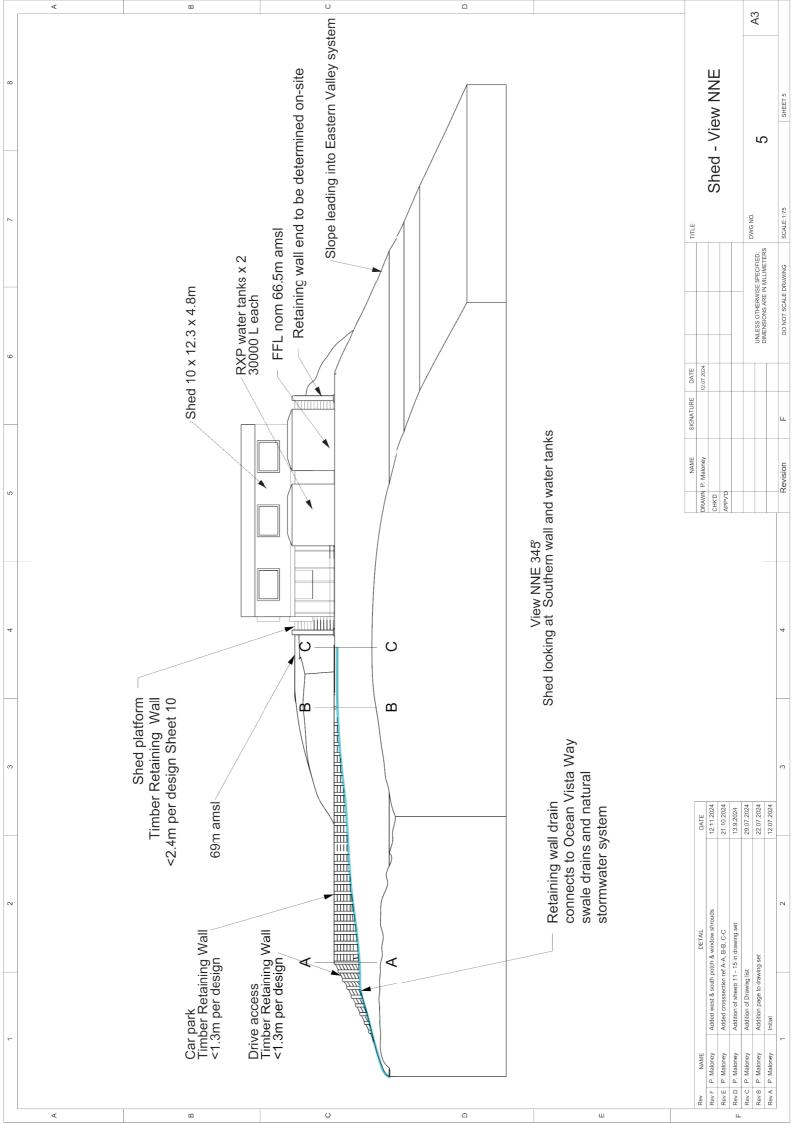


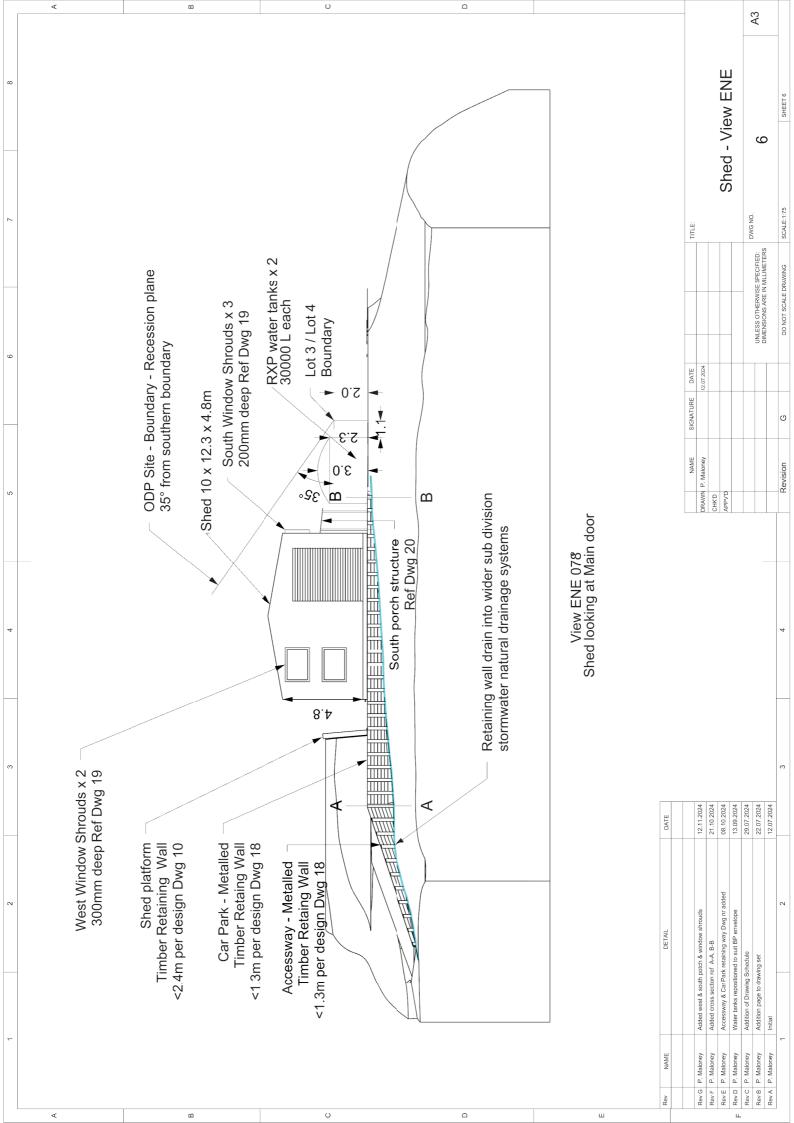
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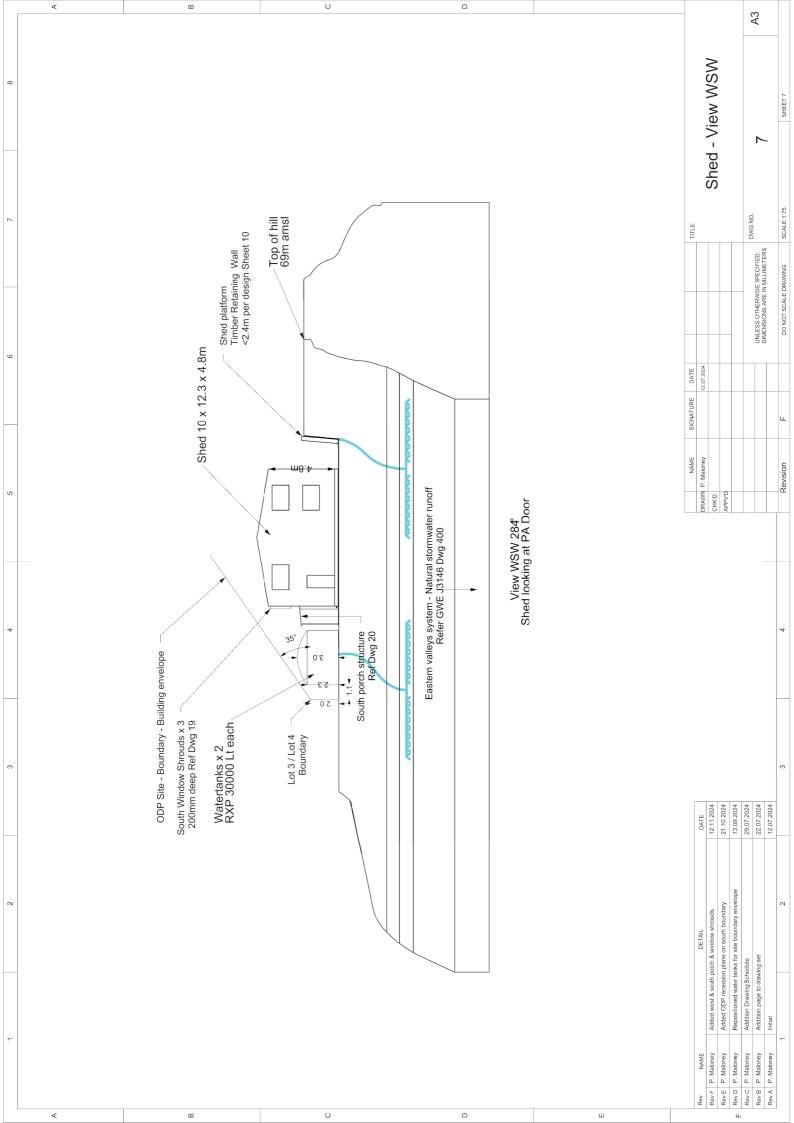


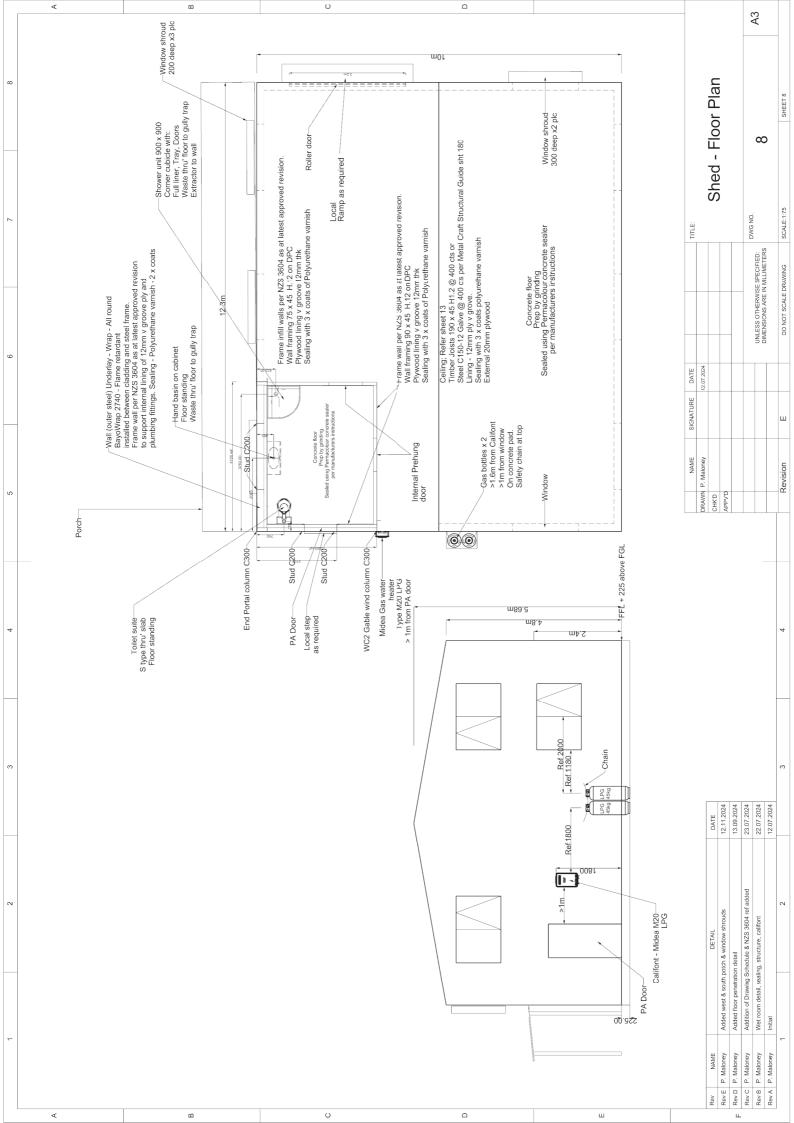


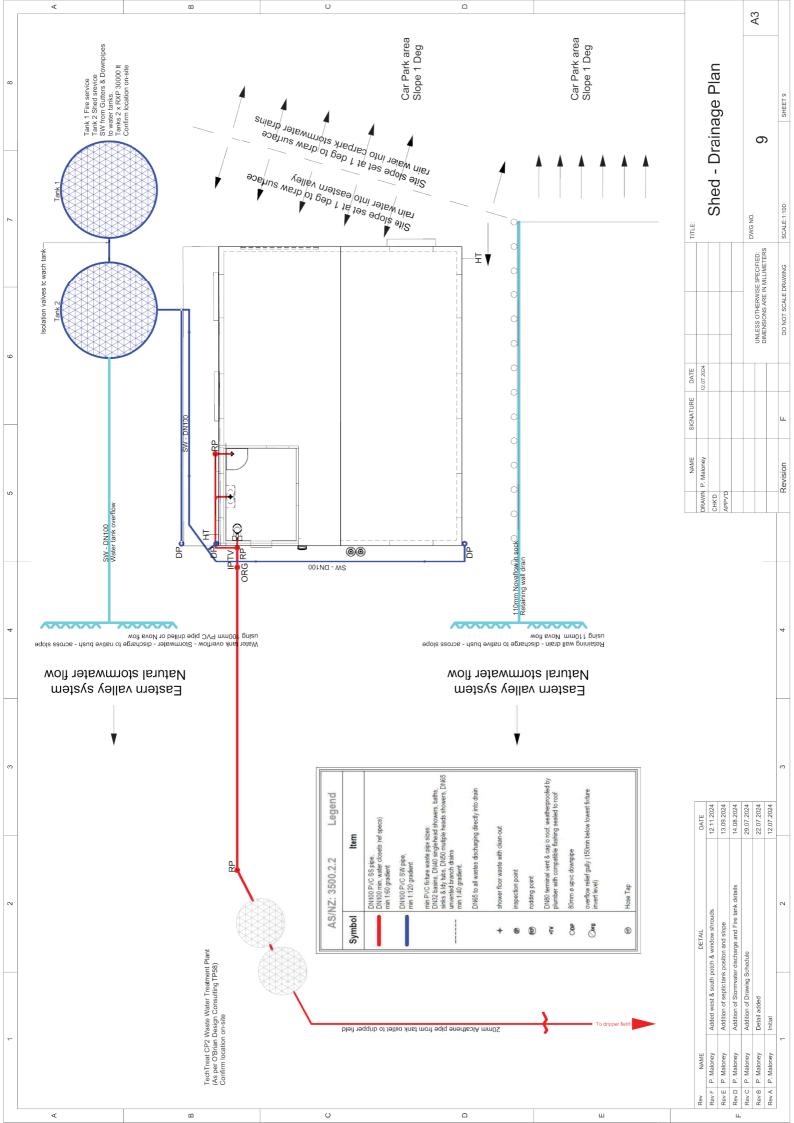


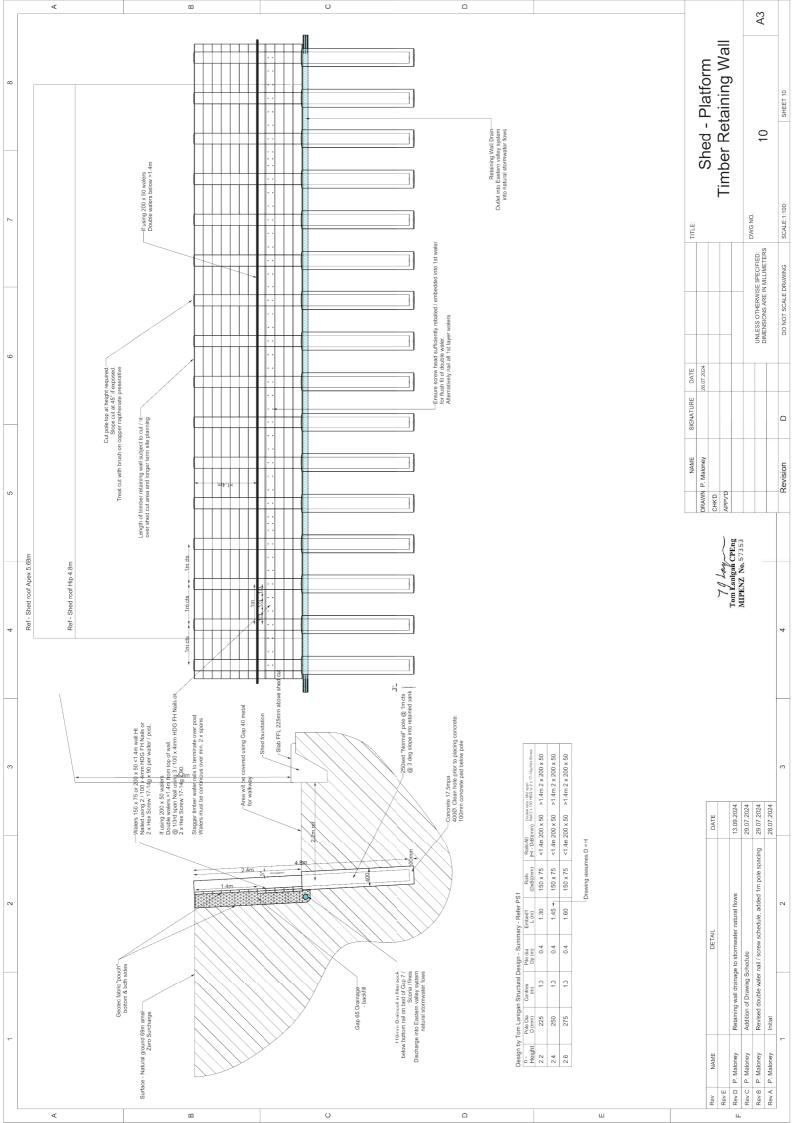


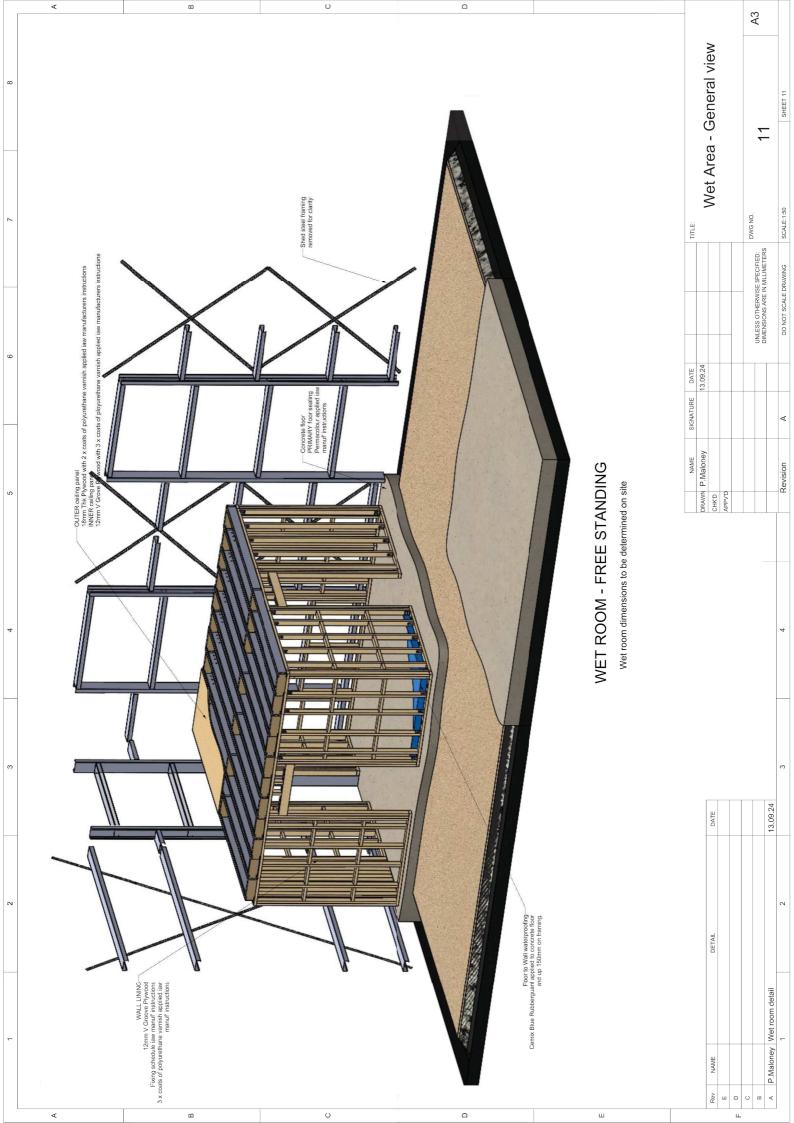


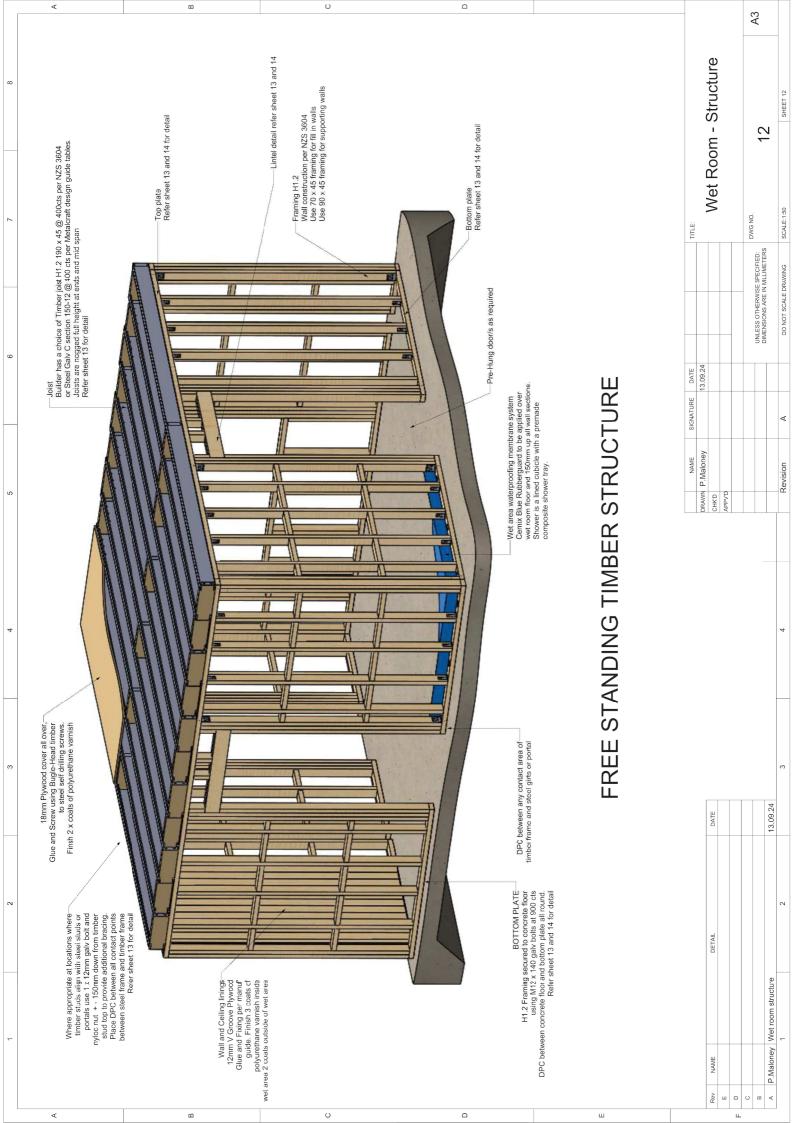


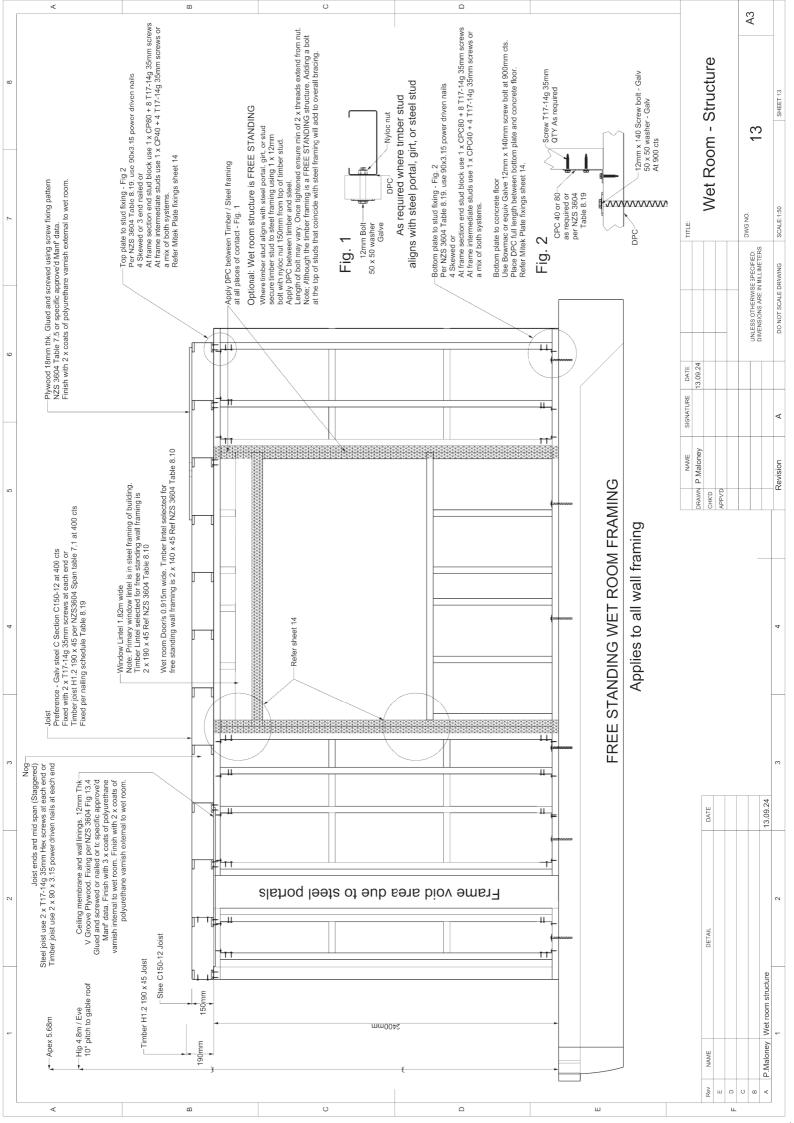


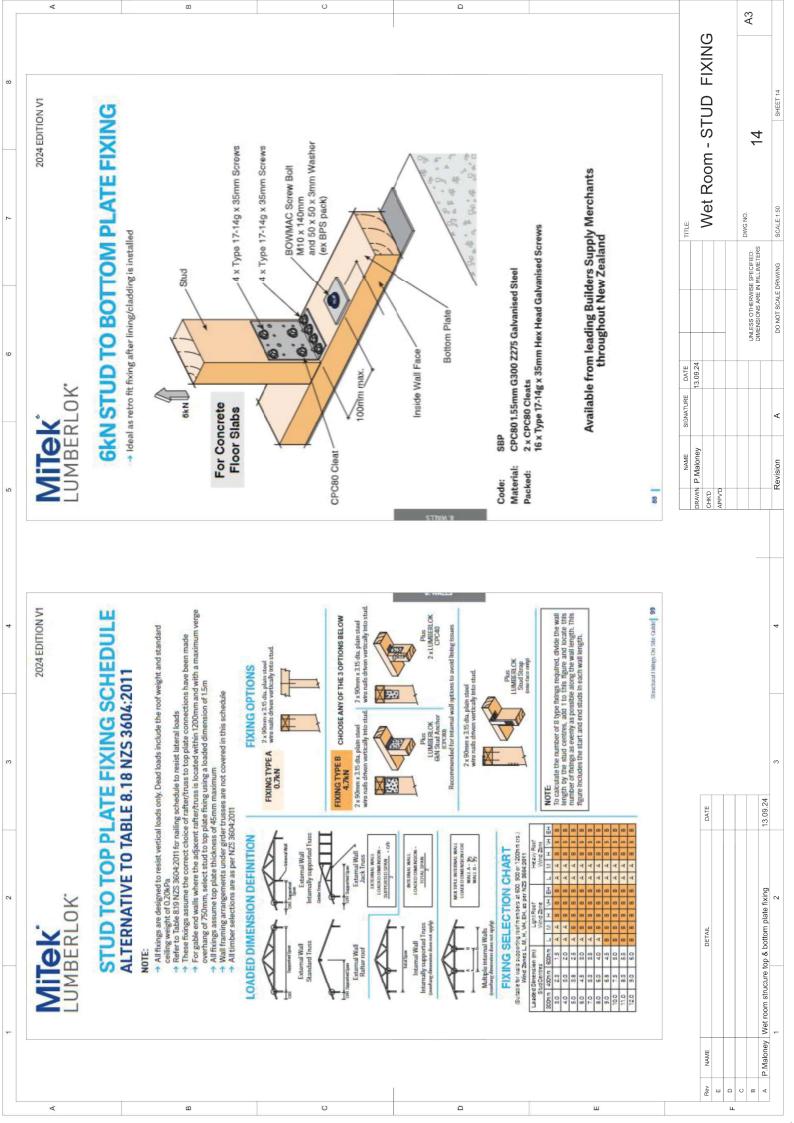


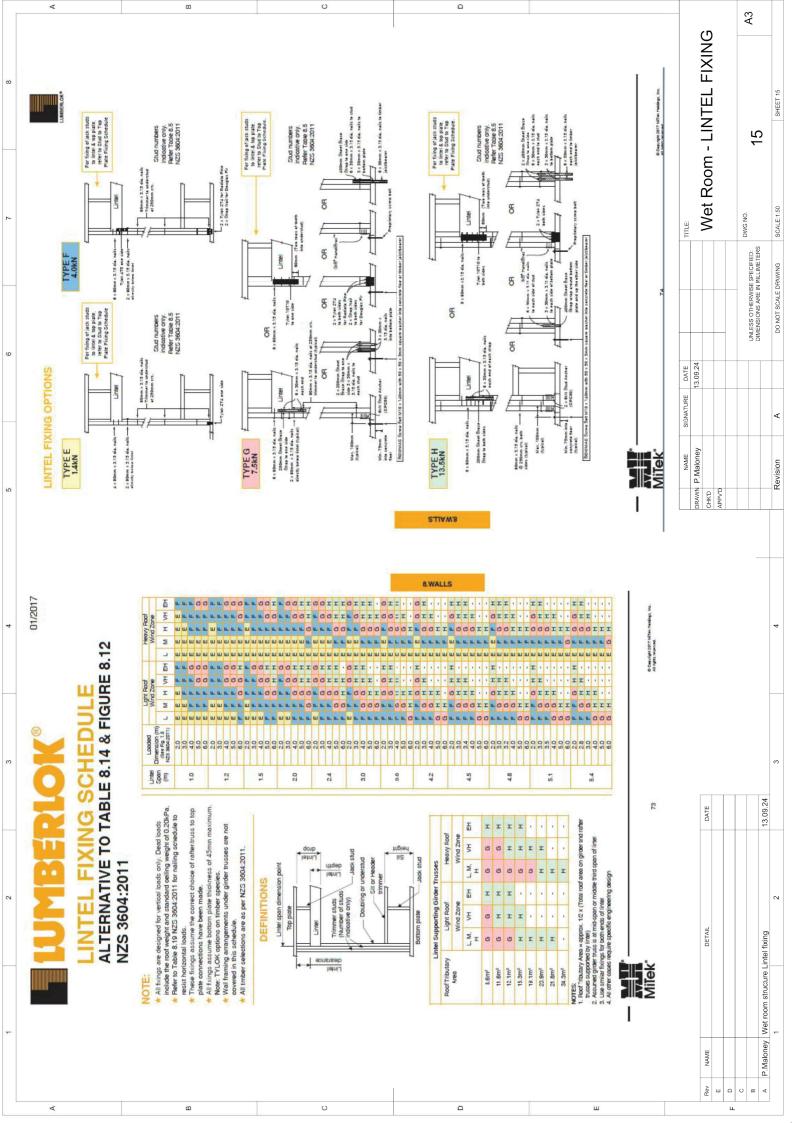


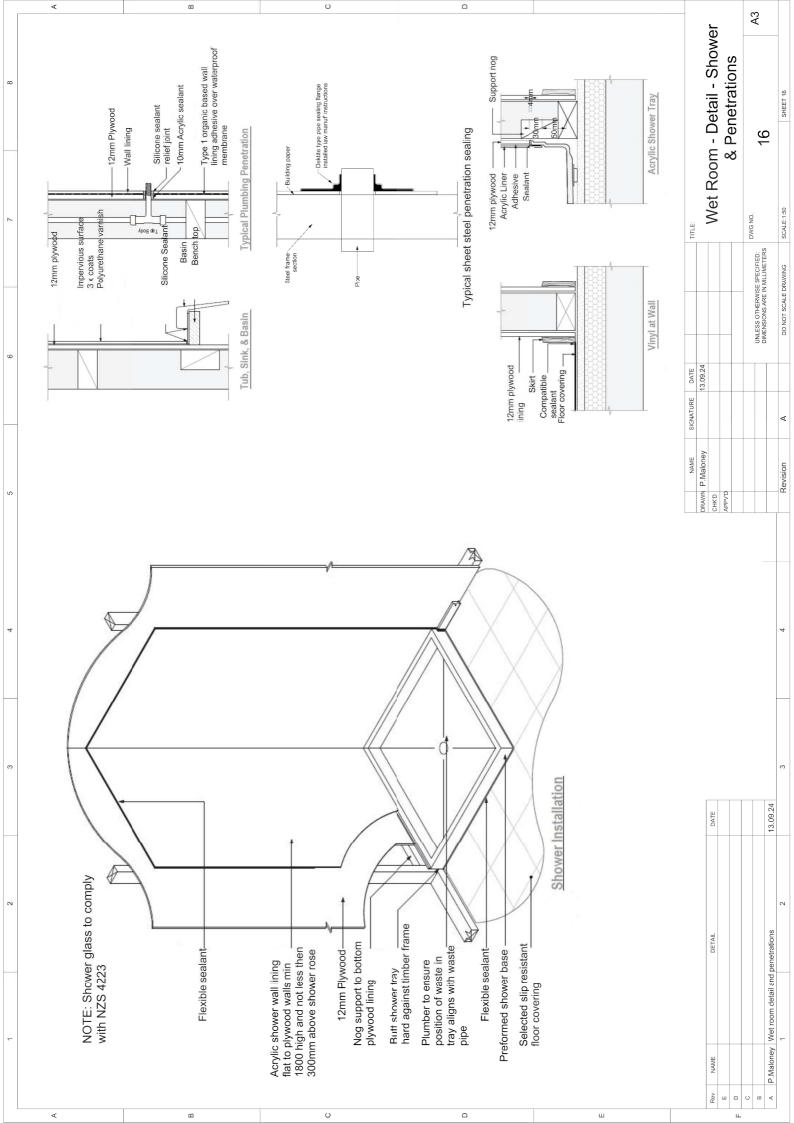


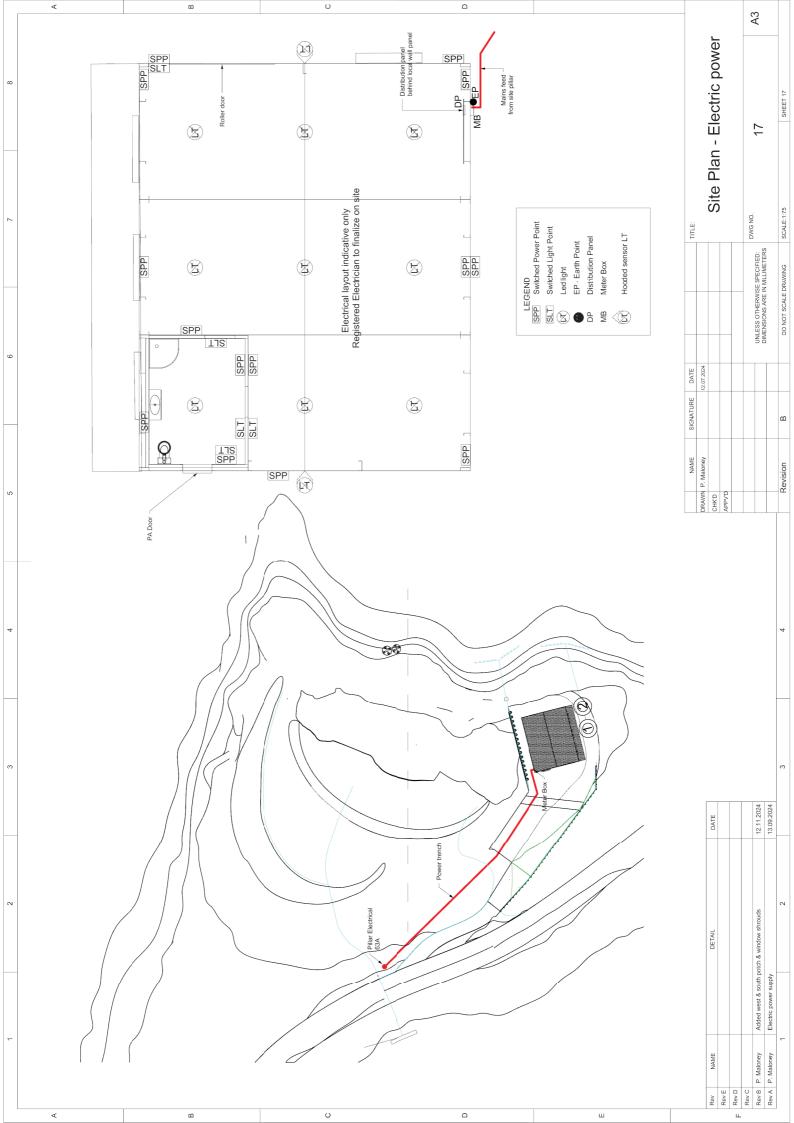


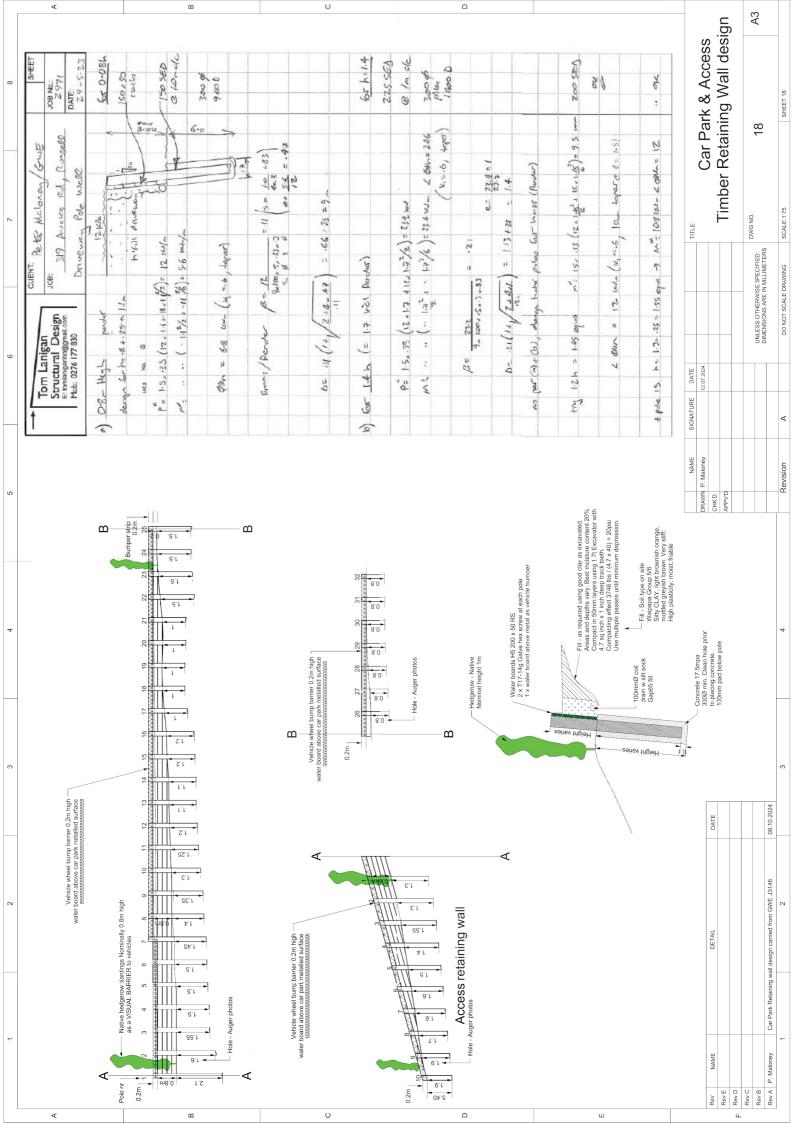


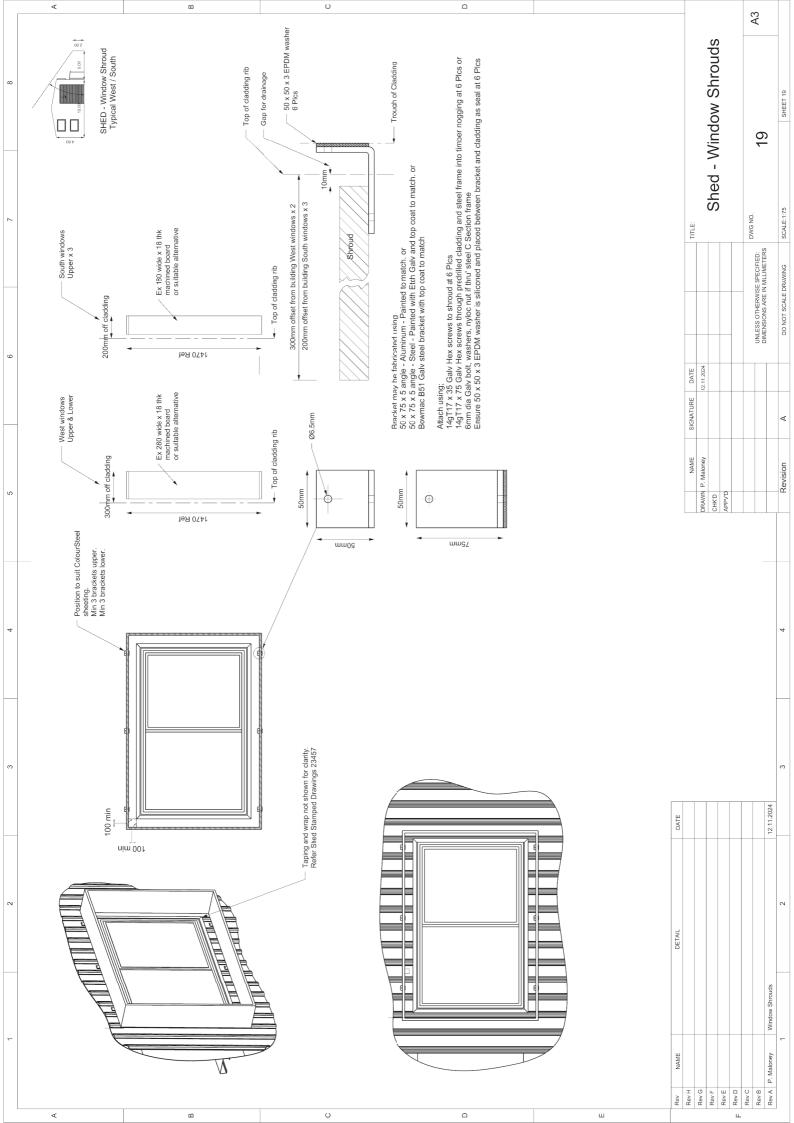


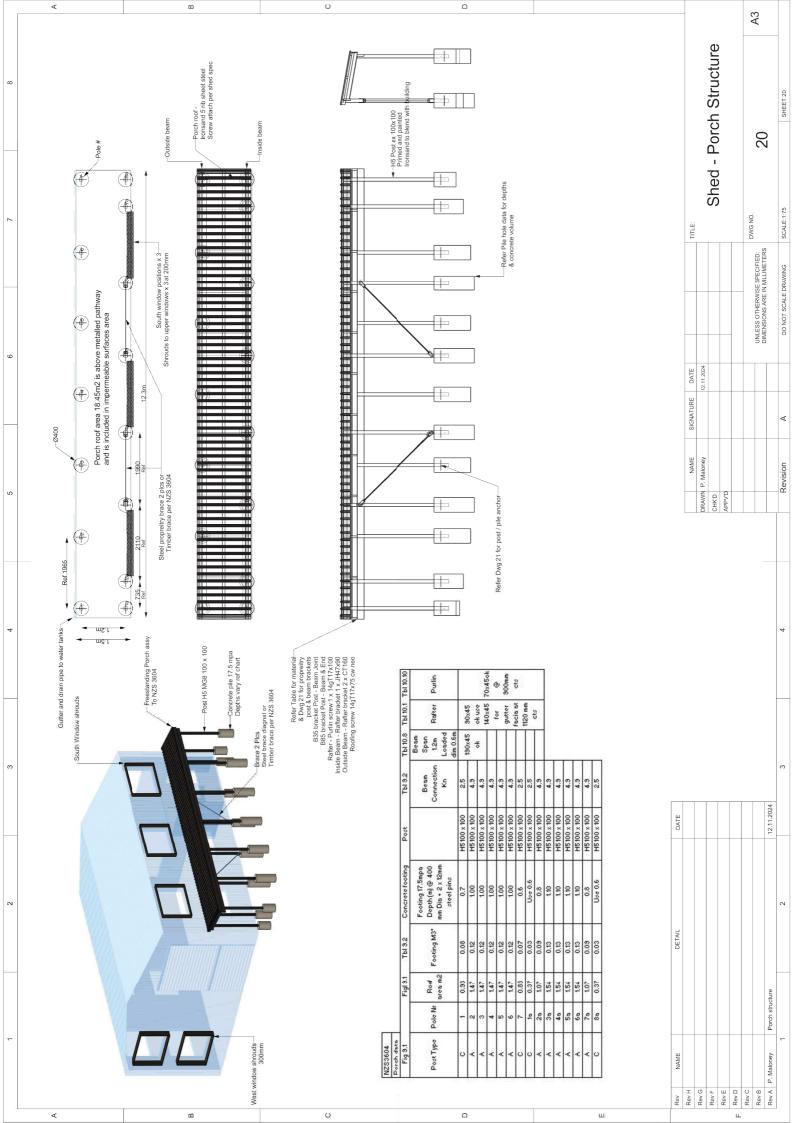


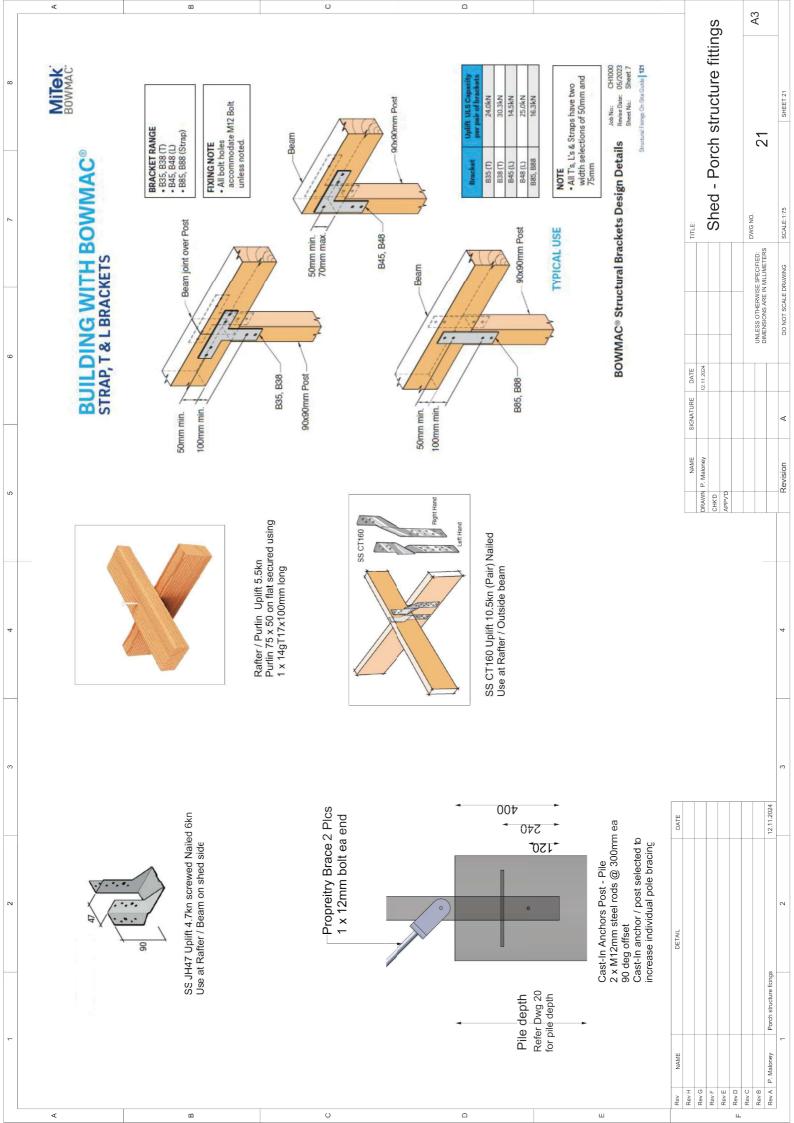














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APPLICATION FOR DEEMED PERMITTED BOUNDARY ACTIVITIES Pursuant to Section 87AAB & 87AAD of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

To qualify to be a deemed permitted boundary activity, a proposed activity must meet the following criteria:

- The proposal must require resource consent due to the infringement of one or more boundary rules in a **district plan**
- The proposal must not infringe any other district rules
- The infringement must not relate to **public boundaries**
- The owners of all allotments with an infringed boundary have given written approval to the proposal, including signing the site plans

Prior to, and during, completion of this application form, please refer to Resource Consent Guidance Notes and Schedule of Fees and Charges – both available on the Council's web page.

1. Pre-Lodgement Meeting

Have you met with a Council Resource Consent representative to discuss this application prior to lodgement? Yes / Noc Liz Searle - Senior Planner

2. Applicant Details:

Name/s:	Peter and Leanne Maloney
Electronic Address for Service (E-mail):	petecompheli@gmail.com
Phone Numbers:	Work: 0274836952 Home: 0274836952
Postal Address: (<i>or</i> alternative method of service under	Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way , Okiato 0272
section 352 of the Act):	Post Code:0272
3. Address for 0 their details here	Correspondence: Name and address for service and correspondence (if using an Agent write e).
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All correspondence will be sent by email in the first instance. Please advise us if you would prefer an alternative means of communication.

4. Details of Property Owner/s and Occupier/s: Name and Address of the Owner/Occupiers of the land to which this application relates (where there are multiple owners or occupiers please list on a separate sheet if required)

Name/s:	Peter and Leanne Maloney
Property Address/:	Lot 3 DP 595923
Location	Ocean Vista Way, Okiato 0272

5. Application Site Details:

Location and/or Property Street Address of the proposed activity:

Site Address/ Location:	Lot 3 DP 595923 Ocean Vista Way, Okiato 0272		
Legal Description:	Lot 3 DP 595923	Val Number:	00413-11206
Certificate of Title:	1151162		
	Please remember to attach a copy of your Certific consent notices and/or easements and encumbra		
Site Visit Requirements Is there a locked gate	nts: e or security system restricting access by Counc	il staff?	Yes / No

Is there a locked gate or security system restricting access by Council staff? Yes / Not Is there a dog on the property? Yes / Not Please provide details of any other entry restrictions that Council staff should be aware of, e.g. health and safety, caretaker's details. This is important to avoid a wasted trip and having to re-arrange a second visit.

Owners occupy Managers Cottage in neighboring Chalet Park of Lot 1. Owners will open the gate ahead of appointment time of site visit

6. Description of the Boundary Activity:

(Insert description of the activity in sufficient detail for the consent authority to be satisfied that the activity is a permitted boundary activity under section 87AAB of the Act)

Owners wish to erect an ironsand colored 10m x 12.3m steel shed on Lot 3 DP595923. The proposed shed is not visible from Aucks Rd or Opua or from any point off site. Once native plantings have grown the shed will no longer be visible from the accessway, Ocean Vista Way. The south eastern corner of the shed is offset 5m with the boundary of Lot 3 and Lot 4. Refer Maloney - Shed Drawing Schedule sheets 1 thru' 18.

The only affected adjacent property owner is at 291 Aucks Rd Okiato 170m away to the east. The Owners of 291 Aucks Rd, Okiato have signed Sheet 1 of 18 of the Maloney - Shed Drawing Schedule giving their approval for the shed. The applicants are also the owners of Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the balance of the subdivision and accordingly give permission as immediate neighboring Owners for the shed on Lot 3.

Additionally, although not an adjoining Lot, the Owners of Lot 10 of the subdivision have signed their permission for the shed on Lot 3.

7. Other Consent required/being applied for under different legislation(more than one circle can be ticked): Visual Amenity Rule due to shed size

Building Consent (BC ref # if known)

Other (please specify)

8. National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health:

The site and proposal may be subject to the above NES. In order to determine whether regard needs to be had to the NES please answer the following (further information in regard to this NES is available on the Council's planning web pages):

Is the piece of land currently being used or has it historically ever been used for an activity or industry on the Hazardous Industries and Activities List (HAIL)? O Yes O No O Don't Know

9. Boundary Activity details:

Refer Maloney - Shed Drawing Schedule sheets 1 thru' 18

- Plan (drawn to scale) of the site at which the activity is to occur, showing the height, shape, and location on site of the proposed activity*
- Full name and address of each owner (other than the applicant) of the site to which the proposed activity relates*
- K Full name and address of each owner of an allotment with an infringed boundary to which the proposed activity relates*
- X Written approval and a signed plan from each owner of an allotment with an infringed boundary*
- Site photos Google image of site and Drawing Schedule *denotes mandatory information

Please attach the above to this application.

10. Billing Details:

This identifies the person or entity that will be responsible for paying any invoices or receiving any refunds associated with processing this resource consent. Please also refer to Council's Fees and Charges Schedule.

Name/s:	Peter and Leanne Maloney		
Electronic Address for Service (E-mail):	Igmaloney0@gmail.com		
	Work: 0274836951 Home: 0	0274836951	
Postal Address: (or alternative method of service under	70 Ocean Vista Way, Okiato 0272		
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Prepared by:

Reviewed by:

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Joel Scheepens BSc (Geology)

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Approved for Release by:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REPORT APPLICABILITY and PLAN REVIEW

Specifically, on this site, this report is provided to accord solely with the Client development proposal and the information made available to CES at the time of report writing.

No building plans (only indicative) have been provided at the time of report writing. We strongly recommend that CES be engaged to undertake a review of both this report and finalised plans (when available), to confirm appropriateness and alignment with the recommendations provided therein, or otherwise.

See Section 6

GROUND CONDITIONS

The investigated site consists of very stiff; Silty CLAY and Clayey SILT, with up to approximately 0.7m FILL (comprised very stiff; CLAY minor organic material and Silty CLAY) overlying. Refer: 'BH Logs' in the report appendices.

The natural soils on-site are assessed as Moderately Sensitive to Sensitive and in terms of expansiveness are classified as **CLASS** *M*, **Moderately Expansive**.

No groundwater was encountered in the boreholes during investigations.

At the time of report writing, CES are unaware of any mapped stability hazards associated with the property. The FNDC GIS Liquefaction Hazards map indicates the property is within a "Liquefaction damage is Unlikely" area.

Based on the results of our investigation, we consider the site to be Class C in accordance with NZS1170.5:2004

FOUNDATIONS and RETAINING	See Section 7		
All foundations will require Specific Engineering Design (SED) to account for expansive soils in accordance with AS2870:2011 and the NZ Building Code (NZBC).			
	nin 5m of a slope at or exceeding 18° should be designed to resist up to		
1.0m of lateral soil creep.			
Soil parameters for foundation design as per Section 7.1.	1.		
Reinforced Concrete Slab / Raft Type Slab on Engineered Fill	Design in accordance with Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2.		
Excavated Shallow Footings	Design in accordance with Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.3.		
Retaining Structures	Designed and constructed in accordance with Section 7.2.		

CONSTRUCTION and STORMWATER

- All works must be undertaken in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
- Services Present. The Development Designer will need to confirm the locations of all on-site / adjacent services prior to the commencement of design / any construction works, etc.
- It is strongly recommended that no construction works are undertaken until the appropriate Consent / Approvals, etc. have been granted.
- All earthworks should be undertaken in accordance with both the District and Regional rules.
- Site Specific Inspection Requirements (at the time of report writing) are provided in Section 7.4.2.
- Site Specific Earthworks Requirements are provided in Section 7.5.2.
- Stormwater run-off from the development should be appropriately controlled and managed on-site both in accordance with the New Zealand Building Code and as per Council requirements.



1 INTRODUCTION

This Geotechnical Report (GR) has been prepared by Core Engineering Solutions Ltd. (CES) for Peter Maloney (the "Client") in accordance with instructions received from them with regard to the above property, and in accordance with the short form agreement dated 09 May 2024.

The purpose of CES's work was to evaluate the surface and subsurface conditions at the site by undertaking a geotechnical investigation to determine the suitability of the site for the proposed development.

This report presents the results of the geotechnical investigation, describes the existing conditions, details any identifiable geological hazards affecting the site and provides geotechnical recommendations against the requirements of NZS3604:2011 where appropriate.

This report is provided to accord solely with both the Client development proposal and the information available to CES at the time of report writing. Unless specified in the above SFA, no design works, or construction inspections are included.

Throughout this report, the term 'Engineer' means a Chartered Professional Geotechnical Engineer or their Agent, unless otherwise stated.

The geotechnical assessment is based on site conditions as observed during the site walkover and site investigation fieldworks carried out by CES on 10 May 2024.

Should you have any queries concerning this report, please send as an email to: jobs@coreeng.nz ensuring the subject line has the Report "Job Number" followed by the "property address".

1.1 CLIENT SUPPLIED & OTHER INFORMATION

In preparing this GR, we have also reviewed the following information:

Client Supplied Information				
Document Type Reference				
Site Suitability Report (SSR)	TMC Consulting Engineers. (07/04/2017). Site Suitability Report – 319 Aucks Road, Russell. Job Ref: S0216 – J00497.			
Subdivision Suitability Report	GWE Consulting Engineers. (01/09/2021). Site Suitability Assessment Preliminary Geotechnical Report - 319 Aucks Road, Russell. Job Ref: J3146.			
Draft Site Plan	Proposed shed site marked on the following site plan: Reyburn & Bryant. (20/03/2017). <i>Proposed Access & Building Platforms over Part Section 17 Block V Russell Sd.</i> Job Ref: E14162.			
Draft Site Plan Marked up aerial image showing the location of the proposed shed and poten dwelling structures, provided by the client on 06/05/2024.				
Other Information	·			
Document Type	Reference			
Lidar dem	Northland Regional Council (NRC) provided Digital Elevation Model (DEM), captured by RPS Group between December 2018 to February 2020.			
FNDC GIS Hazard Mapping	FNDC GIS Liquefaction Hazard Map			
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This report must be read in conjunction with the above documentation and is based solely on our fieldwork assessment and the supplied $/ 3^{rd}$ party available information to CES at the time of report writing. CES cannot warrant the accuracy, validity, etc. of any of the supplied $/ 3^{rd}$ party available information.

1.2 DEVELOPMENT CHANGES

Should any additional relevant information become available, or the development proposals, plans, etc. change, then CES must be contacted in the first instance to review the changes. The purpose of the review being to ensure that this report and the geotechnical recommendations contained therein remain appropriate, or advise otherwise.

1.3 FINAL PLANS

We strongly recommend as follows:

- i. Once the final plans for the proposed development is known, that the plans be reviewed by CES, to;
- Verify that the recommendations contained in this report remain valid, and;
- That with regard to geotechnical aspects only, that the proposed foundation design both aligns satisfactorily with the recommendations provided in the CES GR and is appropriate.



2 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The Client has indicated that an approximate 123 m^2 shed is to be constructed at the western end of the section.

We understand that the shed is to be supported on a reinforced concrete slab with shallow load bearing footings.

In addition, the design proposal includes the construction of an engineered cut/fill building platform to accommodate the shed foundation.

Refer; 'Site Plan' in the report appendices.

3 SITE DESCRIPTION

The property (legally described as Lot 3 DP 595923) is located to the south of Aucks Road. The property is sized at approximately 12,397 m² and is irregular in shape.

The property is currently accessed via a shared right of way (ROW) to the south of Aucks Road.

The property has general fall to the east of between approximately 0-40°. The ground in the area of the proposed shed has a slope to the east of between approximately 0-10°. There is an approximately 20-25° southern facing slope approximately 1.0 m to the south of the proposed shed location, and an approximately 20-40° eastern facing slope approximately 5.0 m to the east of the proposed shed location.

The property is generally covered in native bush and small to medium sized trees. The area of the proposed shed has been mostly cleared of vegetation and generally consists of exposed soil and patches of long grass.

Other than two steel shipping containers, at the time of report writing the property was clear of any permanent dwellings or structures.

Earthworks on site. The area of the proposed shed and the immediate surrounds have previously been cut and filled to create platforms and access ways. During the site investigation, the owner stated that the proposed shed site was previously used as a filling area / dumping ground for material from logging operations that were previously undertaken on the property.

At the time of report writing, no records of the design, construction and certification of these earthworks has been provided.

Stormwater run-off currently exhibits sheet flow behaviour.

The walkover of the proposed building site undertaken at the time of the site fieldworks provided no evidence of recent or historic ground movement on or adjacent to the proposed shed site.

All service locations, depths, etc. will need to be confirmed by the Development Designer prior to both the design of the foundations, etc. and construction works. Design to allow both for any disturbance or surcharge on the services and comply with Asset Owners off-set, etc. requirements.

Approval is required from Council / Asset Owners to construct within the minimum required offsets or over Council / other services.

Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 595923	
Area	12,397 m ²	
District Council	Far North District Council	
Potable Water Rainwater tanks		
Stormwater Disposal	Onsite disposal	

Table 2: Property Details





Figure 1 – View of proposed shed site facing north-east.



Figure 2 – View of proposed building site facing south-east.



4 DESKTOP STUDY

4.1 GEOLOGY

Local geology at the property is noted on the GNS Science New Zealand Geology Web Map, Scale 1: 250,000 as; *Waipapa Group sandstone and siltstone (Waipapa terrane).*

Key name	Waipapa Group sandstone and siltstone (Waipapa terrane)	
Simple name	Basement (Eastern Province) sedimentary rocks	
Main rock name	greywacke	
Stratigraphic age	Y-J	
Description	Massive to thin bedded, lithic volcaniclastic metasandstone and argillite, with tectonically enclosed basalt, chert and silceou	
Subsidiary rocks	argillite chert basalt	
Key group	Waipapa composite terrane	
Stratigraphic lexicon name	Waipapa Group	
Terrane equivalent	Waipapa composite terrane	
Absolute age (min)	154.0 million years	
Absolute age (max)	270.0 million years	
Rock group	greywacke	
Rock class	clastic sediment	
Code	TrJ.sst	
QMAP sheet name	Whangarei	

Table 3 - Geology Type

Tonkin and Taylor undertook a report and stability analysis of the Whangarei region titled: "Coastal Structure Plan Slope Instability Hazard Potential And Effluent Disposal Potential Oakura To Langs Beach." August 2005. The report stated the following regarding Waipapa Group:

The Waipapa Group of rocks predominantly comprises shattered Triassic to Jurassic age (140 to 200 million years old) greywacke and argillite. In their unweathered form these rocks are dark bluish grey, and strong (typically with unconfined compressive strength greater than 50 MPa), due to low-grade metamorphism of the sediments.

Waipapa Group rockmass generally comprises very closely to extremely closely spaced (<20 mm to 60 mm) joints, present in numerous joint sets at various orientations. The greywacke rockmass also tends to contain many sheared and crushed zones. However, despite the rock being very fractured, the high intact rock strength gives the Waipapa Group a relatively high overall rockmass shear strength.

The Waipapa Group usually has a deep weathering profile ranging from unweathered greywacke and argillite at 10 m to 20 m below the surface; through to highly weathered to completely weathered rock close to the surface. The latter materials typically form a soil mass (i.e. a regolith) of very stiff to hard light brown gravelly and clayey silts. Residual soil derived from these materials typically comprises very stiff silty clays and clayey silts, typically containing predominantly non-swelling kaolinitic clays (i.e. not subject to large changes in volume due to changes in moisture content).



These soils are generally only present in the top 2 m on low gradient slopes, such as ridgelines and flats, and in the top 1 m on steep slopes. Groundwater is usually deeper than 5 m due to the relatively high fracture permeability of the rockmass, the steepness and relatively high relief of the slopes.

Slopes that are underlain by Waipapa Group materials are generally characterised by moderate to steep sided slopes (15° to >30°) with minor shallow seated slippage and gully erosion within the soil mantle generally only within the steepest slopes (i.e. >30°). The slopes can generally stand at moderately steep gradients due to the relatively high strength of the rockmass and overlying soil mass.

The geology at the building site is to be confirmed as part of site investigations.

4.2 NATURAL HAZARDS

4.2.1 Site Stability

At the time of report writing, CES are unaware of any mapped stability hazards associated with the property.

4.2.2 Liquefaction

The FNDC GIS Liquefaction Hazards map indicates the property is within a "Liquefaction damage is Unlikely" area.



4.3 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

From a review of the aerial photography dating back to 1971, no significant signs of land movement were visible. It is noted that the property used to covered in dense bush and was cleared sometime between 2016 and 2018, according to Google Earth Imagery.



Figure 3 – Historic aerial photograph dated 1971, showing the property (Source Retrolens). Please note that the boundary locations marked are approximate.





Figure 4 - Historic aerial photograph dated 1981, showing the property location (Source Retrolens). Please note that the boundary locations marked are approximate.



Figure 5 - Historic Google Earth photograph dated 2018, showing the property location (Source Google Earth). Please note that the boundary locations marked are approximate.



4.4 DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL

A review has been undertaken of the Northland Regional Council (NRC) provided Digital Elevation Model (DEM), captured by RPS Group between December 2018 and February 2020. The property has general fall to the east of between approximately 0-40°. The ground in the area of the proposed shed has a slope to the east of between approximately 0-10°.

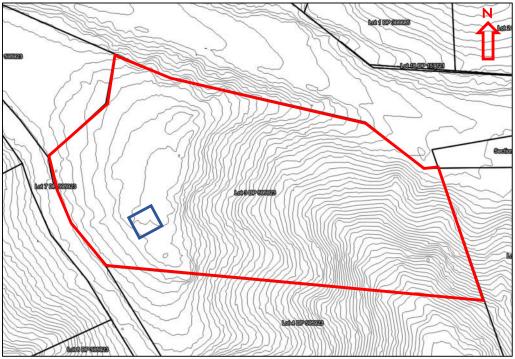


Figure 6 – NRC DEM LiDAR of site, showing the property boundaries and approximate proposed shed location.



5 SITE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

The purpose of the following intrusive fieldworks investigation was to provide information on the general soil profile, the variability, relative density and strength of soils together with any observed groundwater levels within the proposed building site area.

CES undertook a shallow ground investigation comprising 2 hand auger boreholes (BH) of 50 - 75 mm diameter to depths of up to 3.0 m below ground level (bgl).

Scala Penetrometer tests (SP) were undertaken commencing from ground level adjacent to the boreholes to a depth of up to 1.5 m. SP tests were restarted in the base of the boreholes to depths of up to 3.9 m to assess the strength and consistency of the strata beyond the depth of the boreholes.

Two further SP tests were carried out to a depth of 1.5 m to determine if homogeneous and uniform soil conditions exist across the investigated building site.

Refer, 'Borehole Logs & Scala Penetrometer Data' and for the approximate locations of the BH and SP tests that are shown on the 'Site Plan' in the report appendices.

Where possible, in cohesive materials, in-situ hand undrained shear vane tests were carried out at 0.3 m depth intervals in accordance with the New Zealand Geotechnical Society (NZGS); Guidelines for Hand Held Shear Vane Testing, August 2001, and classified for soil sensitivity in accordance with the NZGS Field Classification Guidelines; Table 2.10, December 2005.

Classification of the recovered soil borehole arisings was carried out in accordance with the "Field Description of Soil and Rock", NZGS, December 2005.



6 FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6.1 GROUND CONDITIONS

The ground conditions encountered during the shallow ground investigation have been interpreted from the recovered arisings, BH logs, shear vane and Scala Penetrometer testing undertaken.

The natural subsurface conditions encountered are considered to be generally consistent with the published geological information.

The investigated site consists of very stiff; Silty CLAY and Clayey SILT, with up to approximately 0.7m FILL (comprised very stiff; CLAY minor organic material and Silty CLAY) overlying. Refer: 'BH Logs' in the report appendices.

Similar natural soils were encountered during both the TMC and GWE site investigations.

During the site investigation soil moisture conditions encountered ranged from dry to wet.

It should be noted that actual ground conditions may vary across the investigated development site, and in some locations may differ from those described.

A summary of our field investigations is below.

Test (BH)	Location	Termination Depth (m)	Fill Depth Overlying (m)	Groundwater depth (m)	In-situ Shear Strengths / Remould Strengths (kPa)
BH1	Eastern corner of shed	3.0	0.7	-	190 kPa (46 kPa) to >213kPa
BH2	Western corner of shed	1.8	0.6	-	182kPa (58 kPa) to >213kPa

Table 4: Summary of hand augered boreholes conducted

Test (SP)	Location	Starting Depth (m)	Termination Depth (m)	Blows per 100mm
D111	Eastern corner of	0	1.2	1-20+
BH1	shed	3.0	3.9	2-11
5110	Western corner	0	1.5	1-10
BH2	of shed	1.8	2.9	3-8
SP3	Southern corner of shed	0	1.5	3-9
SP4	Northern corner of shed	0	1.5	2-12

Table 5: Summary of Scala Penetrometer testing undertaken

Refer to appendices for Site Plan, Bore Logs and CPT data.



6.2 SOIL SHEAR STRENGTHS

Uncontrolled FILL soils

Shear vane dial readings (corrected) of the FILL soils tested in the Boreholes ranges from 173 kPa (61 kPa remoulded) to in excess of 213 kPa.

Where the shear vane refused within the FILL soils, it was noted as unable to penetrate (UTP).

Where measurable, the average of peak and remoulded shear strength ratio for the site soils investigated was 2.8 indicating that these soils are Moderately Sensitive as per the NZGS Guidelines.

Natural Soils

Shear vane dial readings (corrected) of the natural soils tested in the Boreholes ranges from 182 kPa (58 kPa remoulded) to in excess of 213 kPa.

Where the shear vane refused within the natural soils, it was noted as unable to penetrate (UTP)

Where measurable, the average of peak and remoulded shear strength ratio for the site soils investigated ranged between 3.0 to 4.1 indicating that these soils are generally Moderately Sensitive as per the NZGS Guidelines.

Similar shear strengths within the natural soils were noted during both the TMC and GWE site investigations.



6.3 EXPANSIVE SOILS

6.3.1 General

The GWE Subdivision Suitability Report conservatively categorised the soils onsite as Class H1 (Highly Expansive). However, the TMC Site Suitability Report categorises the soils onsite as Class M (Moderately Expansive) in terms of AS2870:2011.

Based on the results of our fieldwork investigation, along with our knowledge and experience with these soils, we concur with the TMC soil expansiveness classification and therefore, classify the investigated site as CLASS M, Moderately Expansive in terms of AS2870:2011.

A Characteristic Surface Movement (y_s) of 40 mm should be used in foundation design.

Reworking or exposure of these soils during wet weather or winter months can damage these soils resulting in much lower bearing capacities, the potential for seasonal shrinkage / swelling and slab cracking.

These soils do not meet the NZS3604:2011 definition of 'Good Ground'. Foundations / structures will therefore need to be designed accordingly and care must be taken when both planning and undertaking the site earthworks. Refer, 'Notes' in the report appendices and Section 7.

6.3.2 Effects of Tree Roots

A wide range of tree and shrub species have high groundwater demands during summer months. The effect of such moisture demands on expansive soils can be substantial and can lead to differential building settlement, or conversely foundation construction too soon after their removal can result in soil swelling and raising foundations and/or slabs as the soils rehydrate.

Particularly high-water demand species include, but not limited to;

Gum, Willow, Cypress/Radiata Pine, Oak, Poplar, Ficus (Fig trees), Elm, Norfolk Pine.

Planting of trees should be avoided near the foundation of a building on expansive soils as they can cause damage due to drying of the clay at substantial distances. To reduce, but not necessarily eliminate, the possibility of damage, tree planting should be restricted to a minimum distance from the building as follows:

- i.) 1.5 x mature height of tree for Class E; Extremely Expansive soil sites.
- ii.) 1 x mature height of tree for Class H; Highly Expansive soil sites.
- iii.) 0.75 x mature height of tree for Class M; Moderately Expansive soil sites.

Where groups or rows of trees are involved, the planting distance from the building should be increased. Removal of existing trees from the site can also produce similar problems.



In addition to the above, care should be taken to avoid:

- having significant trees positioned where their roots could migrate beneath foundations, and
- constructing foundations on soils that have been differentially excessively desiccated by nearby trees, whether still existing, or recently removed.

The level to which these measures are implemented depends on the expansivity of the site soils. The above planting distances and measures apply mainly to masonry buildings and masonry veneer buildings. For frame buildings clad with timber or sheeting, lesser precautions *may* be appropriate.

Alternatively, the foundation system may be designed for the effect of trees in accordance with Appendix H of AS2870:2011.

6.3.3 Effects of Engineered Hardfill on Soil Expansivity

To aid in mitigating the effects of expansive soils at the building site, compacted hardfill can be placed beneath the building footprint. The purpose of the non-expansive hardfill is to reduce the characteristic surface movement (y_s) across the building footprint and therefore reduce the design forces on the foundation.

The existing cleared ground level should be undercut, extending a minimum of 1m outside the building footprint, and then replaced with engineered compacted, tested and approved hardfill. Specific Engineering Design (SED) will be required to calculate the specific surface movement reduction for varying depths of engineered hardfill.

6.3.4 Soil Creep

As Expansive Clay soils exhibit a shrink/swell behaviour, where there is movement within the depth of soil affected by (typically seasonal) changes in soil moisture and soil temperature.

Where this occurs on slopes (generally exceeding 18°) this can result in slow surface movement downslope within the upper clay soil profile, known as "surface creep".

Based on our site observations, there is potential for soil creep on the steeper slopes to the south and east of the proposed shed site. Accordingly, foundations located within 5m of slopes over 18° will need to account for this creep movement in the upper soil layer (up to approximately 1.0m bgl). Refer Section 6.6.1 and 7.1.



6.4 GROUNDWATER

Groundwater was not encountered during the intrusive fieldwork investigation.

During the site investigation soil moisture conditions encountered ranged from dry to wet.

Groundwater levels may rise during wet winter conditions or following periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall / other events. and potentially due to tidal conditions.

Considering both the investigated site topography and ground conditions, along with the proposed development, the use of drainage control measures is generally not anticipated during construction works.

No ground water was encountered during both the TMC and GWE site investigations.

6.5 SCALA PENETROMETER TEST RESULTS

Scala Penetrometer test values in terms of (number of blows /100mm ground penetration) were noted commencing adjacent to, and at the base of BH: 1-2 and two other locations.

This testing was undertaken to provide an indicative allowable bearing capacity of the site soils encountered with depth and to determine any uniformity in ground conditions across the investigated site, refer; 'Scala Penetrometer Resistance Test Results' in the report appendices.

- The blow counts: 1 blow being the lowest and 20+ blows being the highest- all after initial equipment seating blows.
- Blow counts within the natural soils generally increased with depth.
- Blow counts within the FILL soils were variable and didn't follow a general trend.
- Refusal (20+ blows/100mm) was encountered at 1.2m bgl in BH1 within natural soils.

In general terms of soil bearing capacity, NZS3604:2011 for the Construction of Timber-Framed Buildings defines 'Good Ground' as having an allowable bearing capacity of at least 100 kPa: indicatively 5 blows per 100 mm.



6.6 NATURAL HAZARDS

6.6.1 Site Stability

The property is not currently mapped for stability risk.

Local geology at the property both mapped and as investigated is: Waipapa Group (TJw).

The site soils encountered are also considered to be generally consistent with the published geological information.

Based on our experience and recent soil stability mapping undertaken in the Northland Region with the: Waipapa Group (TJw), indicative soil instability potential ranges are as follows:

Low <18°; Medium 18-45° and High >45°.

The ground in the area of the proposed shed has a slope to the east of between approximately 0-10° and is proposed to be excavated near level. There is an approximately 25° southern facing slope within 1.0 m to the south of the proposed shed location.

A review of historical aerial photography commencing from 1971 provides no clear evidence of previous instability at the property, refer also; 'Section 4.3.'

No recent or historic natural ground movement was evident at the proposed building site or in the immediate surrounds at the time of the fieldwork investigation. However, based on our site observations, there is potential for soil creep on the steeper slopes to the south and east of the proposed shed site.

No evidence of natural ground movement was provided by the fieldworks and ground investigation testing.

We have therefore provided our foundation recommendations to align with both the soil instability ranges and the above observations.

Please refer also, report Sections: 'Foundations', 'Earthworks', 'Retaining' and 'Stormwater and Drainage'.

Site Stability: Summary

Based on our observations and findings as described herein, we believe on reasonable grounds that the investigated site is considered stable for the currently proposed development on the basis that all recommendations provided in this report are followed and correctly implemented.



6.6.2 Liquefaction and Seismic Setting

There are no active faults currently mapped within the Northland region (refer; NZS 1170.5:2004 Table 3.3), while the whole Northland peninsula is generally regarded as tectonically stable.

Earthquake risk in Russell is therefore considered to be relatively low.

Considering the:

- Regional seismic risk,
- depth of any groundwater (not encountered),
- lack of active faults near the property, and
- the cohesive soil types encountered,

Based on the information currently available and our findings, it is our current opinion that there is a low risk of ground rupture and liquefaction induced settlement at the property.

Proposed structures will need to be designed to account for seismic shaking and ground motions.

Based on the results of our investigation, we consider the site to be **Class C** in accordance with NZS1170.5:2004.

Natural Hazards: Summary

No shed plans provided.

Specifically on this site: Once the final arrangement, design, details, etc. of the proposed development have been finalised, CES should be engaged to review the plans, advise accordingly and thereafter provide comments with regard to the Building Act 2004.



7 <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

7.1 FOUNDATIONS

7.1.1 General

FILL / other onsite. All excavations will require inspection and testing by Chartered Professional Geotechnical Engineer or their Agent who is familiar with this site and the contents of this suitability report. Where unsuitable materials are encountered, they should in general, be undercut and replaced with Engineer approved compacted fill, or as otherwise recommended by the Engineer.

The results of our investigation indicate that the soils onsite <u>do not meet</u> the NZS3604:2011 definition of 'Good Ground'. All foundations will require Specific Engineering Design (SED), and to account for Moderately Expansive soils (CLASS M) in accordance with AS2870:2011.

Any proposed foundations / structures located on or within 5m of a slope at or exceeding 18° should be designed to resist up to 1.0m of lateral soil creep. Alternatively, foundations / structures should be setback a minimum of 5.0m away from any slope exceeding 18°.

The final depth of foundations, etc. may be governed by structural loads. This aspect can be addressed during the foundation design process.

From the site soil investigation and assessment, the following soil parameters are considered appropriate for design purposes for the foundation, subject to onsite confirmation by the Inspecting Engineer:

		Drained Soil Parameters			Undrained Soil Parameters
Soil Type	Layer Depth	Internal soil friction angle,	Soil cohesion, c'	Soil Unit Weight, γ	Undrained Shear Strength, Cu
FILL	0.0 – 0.7 m bgl	25°	2 kPa	17 kN/m³	50 kPa
Natural Silty CLAY & Clayey SILT	0.7 – 3.0 m bgl	32°	5 kPa	18 kN/m³	100 kPa

Table 6: Soil parameters for Foundation Design

Based on the information provided to CES at the time of report writing we understand that the new dwelling is to be supported on a reinforced concrete slab with shallow load bearing footings.

A description of the foundations follows with design parameters and Engineer Inspection requirements as above.



7.1.2 Reinforced Concrete Slab / Raft Type Slab on Engineered Fill

A Characteristic Surface Movement (y_s) of 40 mm should be used in the design of the slab foundation for CLASS M (Moderately Expansive) soils. Alternatively, load bearing footings should be embedded the minimum depth as specified in Section 7.1.3 below.

Alternatively, the slab can be placed on Engineer approved compacted hardfill that also extends a minimum of 1.0 m out beyond the building footprint to reduce the value of y_s (see Section 6.3.3). The depth of the above hardfill layer is to be confirmed by the Designer during the detailed design process.

Once all unsuitable Organic, etc. material has been removed and replaced with approved Engineered hardfill, an Uncorrected Ultimate Bearing Capacity of 300 kPa may then be assumed.

For filling to form a final subgrade for the slab, it is recommended that clean, well graded compacted hardfill is used such as; GAP 20 to GAP 65, or as otherwise approved by the Engineer.

7.1.3 Excavated Shallow Footings

The soil parameters provided above should be used in the foundation design. Provided foundations are embedded in Engineer approved competent natural soils, an Uncorrected Ultimate Bearing Capacity of 300 kPa may then be assumed. In addition to the parameters and requirements, etc. provided above, for shallow foundations in expansive soils:

- The detailed design of the foundations will determine the final foundation depths, etc. and provide an appropriate embedment depth to minimise ground swelling and shrinkage effects in alignment with the soil expansivity class. A minimum founding depth of 0.6 m below cleared ground levels into Engineer approved competent soils is recommended to mitigate against the shrink-swell effects of CLASS M (Moderately Expansive) soils.
- Embedment into competent materials and as above, etc. to be checked and approved by the Inspecting Engineer.

Specifically, on this site, pile holes / footings and arisings will need to be inspected by an Engineer familiar with both the contents of this report and the site to ensure that all piles are sufficiently embedded in the appropriate materials.



7.1.4 Foundations Adjacent to or Above Services

Subsequent to confirmation of all services by Development Designer:

Foundations / structures adjacent to or above any underground services such as Council sanitary sewer, stormwater lines and other assets must be supported on piles to both a design specification and embedment to meet both the Council / Asset owners and Design Engineers requirements.

Foundations within the line of influence from the services should comprise bored piles that both extend to well below the invert level of the pipe and with side clearances to the pipe in accordance with the above requirements.

If driven piles are to be used, these must be pre-drilled to the level of the pipe invert prior to driving to the design sets, and / or as per the Council / Asset Owners requirements.

The bearing capacities provided above are considered appropriate for bridging pile design.

7.1.5 Foundation Care and Maintenance

The recommendations provided in Section 6.3 to mitigate the risk from the effects of expansive soils do not necessarily remove the other risks of external influences affecting, the moisture in, and the potential behaviour, etc. of these foundation soils.

In addition to the effects of tree roots and moisture, etc. summarised in Section 6.3., we recommend that Homeowners familiarise with the "Homeowners Guide" published by CSRIO, with particular attention to the maintenance of drains, water pipes, gutters and downpipes, etc.



7.2 RETAINING STRUCTURES

7.2.1 General

For any proposed retaining structures on site, we recommend as follows.

Retaining structures exceeding 1.5 m and/or supporting any surcharge loads will need to be designed by a Chartered Professional Engineer and constructed in a safe manner.

Factors of safety and surcharge loadings appropriate to the conditions should be in accordance with the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and New Zealand Geotechnical Society (NZGS) guidelines titled 'Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering Practice: Module 6 – Earthquake Resistant Retaining Wall Design'.

Due consideration to surcharges, retained heights and levels, etc. must be undertaken for each retaining structure throughout the design process. In addition, retaining design will need to be in accordance with Council surcharge requirements by boundaries.

All retaining walls / structures should be constructed with appropriate toe drainage and should be backfilled to within 0.3m of their full height with lightly tamped, free draining granular backfill material. Toe drainage: Proprietary perforated pipe drain / strip drain should be installed at a basal location behind all retaining walls to provide appropriate drainage and avoid the risk of a build-up of hydrostatic pressures / water levels.

All drainage should be connected into an approved stormwater disposal system, or as otherwise appropriate. If required, all waterproofing details should be specified by the building Designer.

Subsequent to construction of retaining structure(s), a programme of regular monitoring must be initiated to assess the continuance of both effective retention and drainage functions. Thereafter, if necessary, any maintenance required can be undertaken to ensure fully effective drainage, function, etc.



7.2.2 Soil and Retaining Design Parameters

Soil and design parameters for wall types are provided in the Table below, all being subject to confirmation by Engineering inspection during construction. The provided figures make no allowances for any surcharges e.g. ground slopes and / or applied loads, hence all retaining design should also accommodate all anticipated upslope surcharges as well as toe support reduced by existing or proposed excavations and/or slopes.

Retaining Wall Type	Natural Soil Parameters		Design Parameters and Notes
Timber Pole	Soil cohesion c' =	5 kPa	Passive resistance in front of the retaining wall poles can be determined using Broms Method generally
	Internal soil friction angle Φ =	32°	assuming an undrained shear strength Cu = 100 kPa.
	Soil unit weight γ =	18 kN/m ³	Where any ground is sloping >18° in front of the wall, pile embedment is to be designed for up to 1.0m of soil creep.
Cantilevered: Free Standing or Propped	As Above		For design, soil pressures may be determined for active pressure conditions using a Ka value of no less than 0.3.
Rigid Retaining	As Above		For the design of retaining walls integrated into the building structure which are relatively rigid and unyielding, soil pressures should be determined for at- rest pressure conditions using an earth pressure coefficient K ₀ of no less than 0.5.

Table 7: Soil parameters for retaining wall design



7.3 SAFETY IN DESIGN, SUSTAINABILITY, AND CONSTRUCTION RISK MANAGEMENT

7.3.1 Safety in Design

In addition to the prevailing Health and Safety legislation, the CES recommendations provided in this report have also been made with regards to Safety in Design, which should be considered during the design phase.

'Health and Safety by Design' is the process of managing health and safety risks throughout the lifecycle of structures, plant, substance or other products. Designers are in a strong position to make work healthy and safe from the start of the design process. Health and Safety by Design is not a separate concept from good design – they are the same thing.

Aside from statutory Healthy and Safety requirements, CES recommend that all design should be undertaken in full accordance with the following good practice guidelines (and any successor publications), in particular:

Health and Safety by Design, An Introduction: August 2018.

Refer for download the above Worksafe documentation as below:

https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/health-and-safety-by-design/health-and-safety-by-design-gpg/

7.3.2 Sustainability

Please consider sustainability when assessing the options available for your project. Where appropriate; we recommend prioritising the use of sustainable building materials (i.e. timber as against concrete or steel), locally sourced materials readily available to Contractors as against imported materials, and environmentally friendly installation to minimise carbon emissions and contamination.



7.3.3 Construction Risk Management

Any and all works including (but not limited to); design, construction, operations and maintenance must be undertaken in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

The Development Designer will need to confirm the locations of all on-site / adjacent services including for site access prior to the commencement of design / any construction works, etc.

Any open excavations should be fenced off or covered, and/or access restricted as appropriate.

With all excavation and construction work there is a risk of collapse. Whenever ground conditions are suspect, bad weather conditions are forecast or when there is a risk of damage to adjacent property, excavations should all be carried out in a "hit and miss" pattern and / or temporary ground support, cover protection used.

The Contractor is responsible for determining the width of each excavation to suit his plant and construction programme.

Cut faces should not be left unsupported. Similarly, cut faces should not be left uncovered for any length of time, especially during periods of rain.

The Contractor is responsible at all times for ensuring that all necessary precautions are taken to protect all aspects of the works, adjacent structures and services, etc.



7.4 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

7.4.1 General

It is usual for the Building Consent Authorities' (BCA) to require a Producer Statement; PS4, this is an important document. The purpose of the PS4 is to confirm the Engineers' professional opinion to the BCA that aspects of a building's design comply with the Building Code, or that elements of construction have been completed satisfactorily in accordance with the approved Building Consent (BC).

If you require CES to issue a PS4 we will need to carry out inspection of the work at the key construction stages as per the BC, any SED, and Council requirements. <u>CES must have a PDF copy of the BC and the relevant associated documentation provided to us prior to attending any site construction inspection.</u>

Specific designs / SED will likely require an Engineer to inspect that aspect of the work and confirm satisfactory completion.

During construction, site inspections also allow the timely provision of solutions and recommendations should any engineering problems arise.

Prior to works commencement, the Engineer should be contacted to confirm the construction methodologies, inspection, and testing frequency.

Upon satisfactory completion of all the inspected work aspects, CES would then be in a position to issue the PS4 as required by Council.

We require at least 48 hours' notice for construction inspections and fees will apply. An additional call out fee will apply if a requested inspection is undertaken at short notice.

To request a PS4 from CES: ensure all works have been satisfactorily completed and checked, and all documentation complete. Send an email and a PDF copy of the Building Consent to: jobs@coreeng.nz ensuring the subject line has: "PS4 request", followed by the "property address". A minimum fee of \$200 + gst for PS4 processing, review and issue will apply.



7.4.2 Site Specific Inspection Requirements

Based on our ground investigation and site assessment, together with the information provided to CES at the time of report writing, we recommend the following Engineer inspections during construction as a minimum (where applicable):

- Site cut check;
- Compaction Fill;
- Bored pile holes and drilling tailings;
- Footings;
- Reinforced Concrete Slab (pre-pour).

It should be noted that additional construction inspections will likely be required by the; Structural Engineer, BCA, etc. as part of the Building Consent compliance and other Quality Assurance processes.

7.5 EARTHWORKS

7.5.1 General

All earthworks should be undertaken in accordance with both the District and Regional rules.

In addition, we recommend that all earthworks activities be carried out in full accordance with the following technical publications, in particular:

- i. Erosion and Sediment Control Guide for Land Disturbing Activities in the Auckland Region June 2016 Guideline Document 2016/005.
- ii. Auckland Council; Building on small sites Doing it right. BC5850.
- New Zealand Standard Code of Practice for Earthfill for Residential Development, NZS 4431:2022.
- iv. Code of Practice for Urban Land Subdivision NZS 4404:2010.
- v. Any other relevant publications, including any of the above as superseded.

Some general recommendations are provided below, however where possible site-specific advice should be sought from an appropriately experienced Engineer.

We strongly recommend that earthworks are not undertaken during wet or extreme dry conditions, etc.



7.5.2 Site Specific Earthworks Requirements

We strongly recommend to the Designer of any site works that involve cutting or filling, that the proposal be discussed with a Chartered Professional Geotechnical Engineer or their Agent at an early design stage.

Preceding any site development works, the above Engineer or their Agent should be contacted to discuss the earthworks methodology, inspection requirements and testing frequency.

Subject to prior Engineer approval and advice, some of the excavated sub-soils <u>may</u> be suitable for utilisation as engineered fill. Alternatively, imported NZS 3604 compliant earthfill and / or hardfill should be utilised for all proposed fills.

On this site; All earthworks and foundation excavations should be inspected by a Chartered Professional Geotechnical Engineer or their Agent, who is familiar with this site and the contents of this suitability report to confirm ground conditions encountered are as anticipated or advise otherwise.

Where any filling on slopes is proposed, a Chartered Professional Geotechnical Engineer should be contacted prior for advice and approval in the first instance.

We recommend where filling is to be undertaken on slopes in excess of 15 degrees it should be limited to no greater than 0.5 m in depth unless an Engineer approved proprietary light weight fill such as Polyrock or equivalent is used.

Engineer approved horizontal benching should be undertaken across all sloping ground prior to the placement of any fill material.

Cuts and fills within 3 m of buildings / structures and in excess of 0.5 m should be suitably retained or battered at safe angles not exceeding 1V:3H unless approved otherwise by an Engineer.

Appropriate drainage should be installed as required, above and at the toe of all unretained cuts.

Any fill placement within 3.0 m of the building envelope will be subject to controlled filling operations, with fill placement inspection, testing and approval by an Engineer.

Measures must be taken to protect the exposed moist soils from drying out. Maintaining the natural moisture content of the subgrade soils may be achieved by fine spraying with water. An impermeable membrane or similar should be placed immediately above the subgrade after the excavation of the topsoil, etc.

Thereafter; All exposed soils should be re-grassed, planted, covered, or paved as soon as practicable to reduce the risk of erosion, scour, etc.



7.5.3 Site Clearance and Preparation

All deleterious material including any uncontrolled fill, vegetation, topsoil, etc. should be removed from all proposed foundation / construction areas.

Wherever any deposits of soft, or other unsuitable material is encountered at the surface cut / foundation level at the building site, it should in general, be undercut and replaced with Engineer approved compacted fill, or as otherwise recommended by the Engineer.

If cut and / or imported materials are stockpiled on site, stockpiles must be located well clear of the works and formed in an appropriate manner so that land stability and / or existing structures, etc. are not compromised.

7.5.4 Temporary and Permanent Earthworks

Particular care should be taken during the construction phase with respect to excavations to form the benches for building platforms, access driveways, retaining walls, etc.

The building site should be shaped to assist in stormwater run-off. Any excavation left open should be protected and or left in a state as to not pond water. Saturating site soils may result in a reduction of bearing capacities.

Depending on the ground conditions and groundwater levels, etc. at the time of construction, temporary support may be required to stabilise any cuts that are excavated. In addition, all cuts / exposed soils should be adequately protected to prevent inclement moisture changes to the exposed soils.



7.6 STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE

7.6.1 Stormwater and Surface Water Control

Stormwater run-off from the development should be appropriately controlled and managed on-site both in accordance with the New Zealand Building Code and as per Council requirements.

Stormwater flows must not be allowed to run onto or over site slopes, or to saturate the ground to adversely affect slope stability or foundation conditions, etc.

As a minimum, runoff from any higher ground should be intercepted by means of shallow surface drains or small bunds to ensure protection of the building platform from both saturation and erosion.

Water collected in interceptor drains should be diverted away from the building site to a disposal point as appropriate.

Concentrated stormwater flows from driveways, tanks, roofed and paved areas, etc. must be collected and carried in sealed pipes or drains and discharged in a controlled manner to a disposal point as appropriate.

After drainage construction, a programme of regular monitoring must be initiated to ensure the continued effectiveness of drainage function and if necessary, the instigation of maintenance required to ensure fully effective drainage, etc.

The Development Designer will need to confirm the drainage proposals compliance with all of the above requirements.



8 <u>LIMITATIONS</u>

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Recommendations and opinions in this report are based on factual evidence that has been obtained solely from boreholes, shear vanes and Scala Penetrometer tests which by their nature only provide information about a relatively small volume of subsoils at that exact location. Consequently, there may be special conditions pertaining to this site which have not been disclosed by the investigation and which have not been taken into account in our report.

Inferences are made about the nature and continuity of subsoils away from and beyond the testing locations but cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, it must be appreciated that actual conditions could vary considerably from those assumed in the report model.

The soil descriptions detailed on the exploratory bore logs provided are based on the field descriptions of the soils encountered.

During the processes of site development and construction, an Engineer competent to judge whether the ground conditions encountered are compatible with the assumptions made in this report, should inspect the site. In all circumstances, if any variations in the ground conditions occur which differ from those described or are assumed to exist, then it is essential that the matter be referred to CES immediately to advise accordingly as any variation may affect the design parameters, etc. recommended in the report.

The soil performance behaviour outlined by this report is dependent on the construction activity and actions of the builder/contractor. Inappropriate actions before or during the construction phase may cause behaviour outside the limits provided in this report.

All future owners of this property should seek professional geotechnical advice to satisfy themselves as to its ongoing suitability for their intended use.

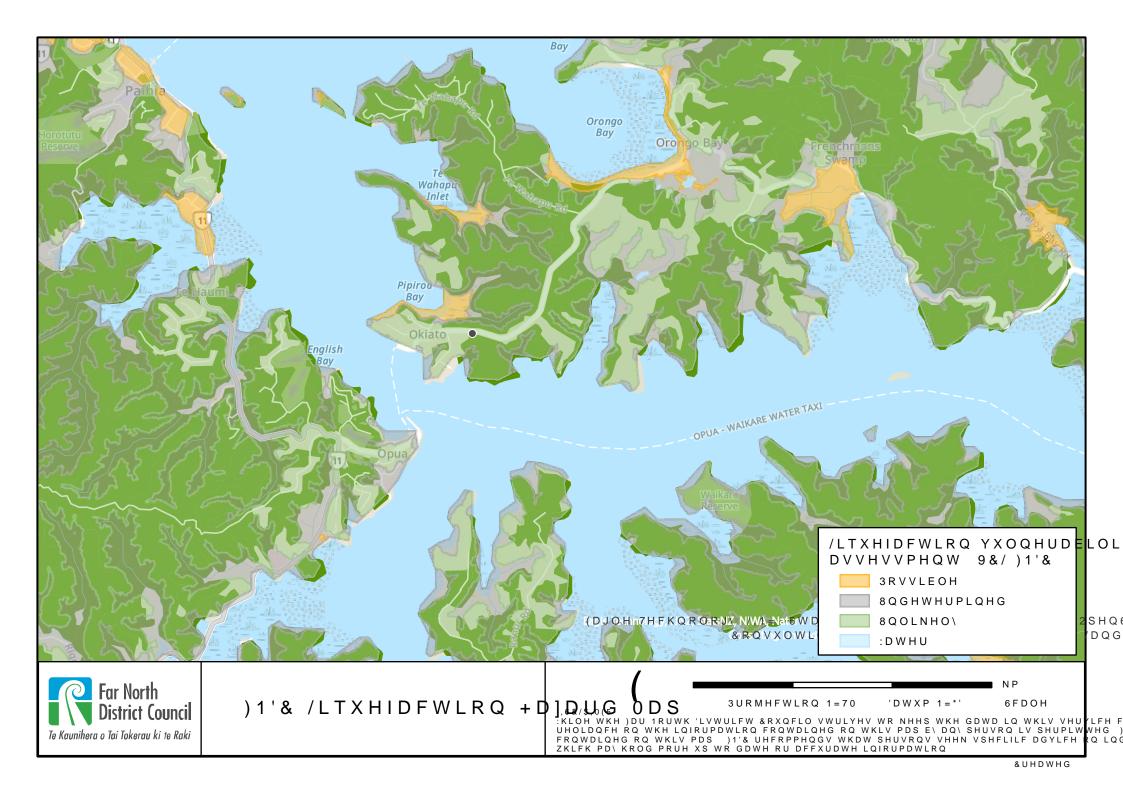


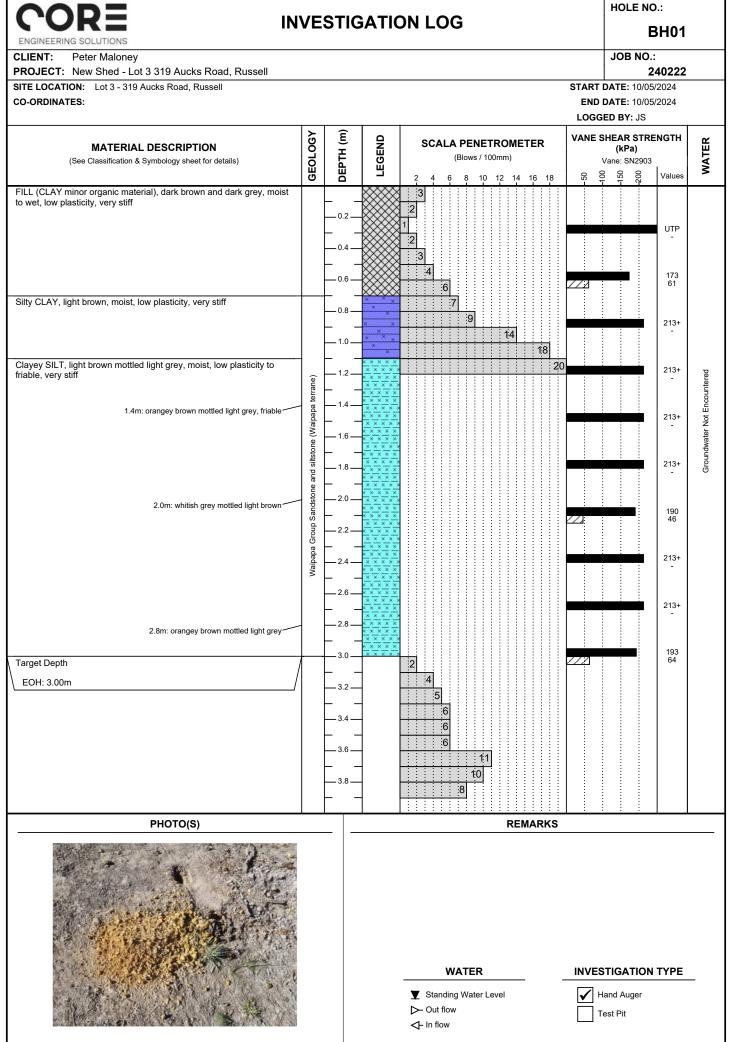
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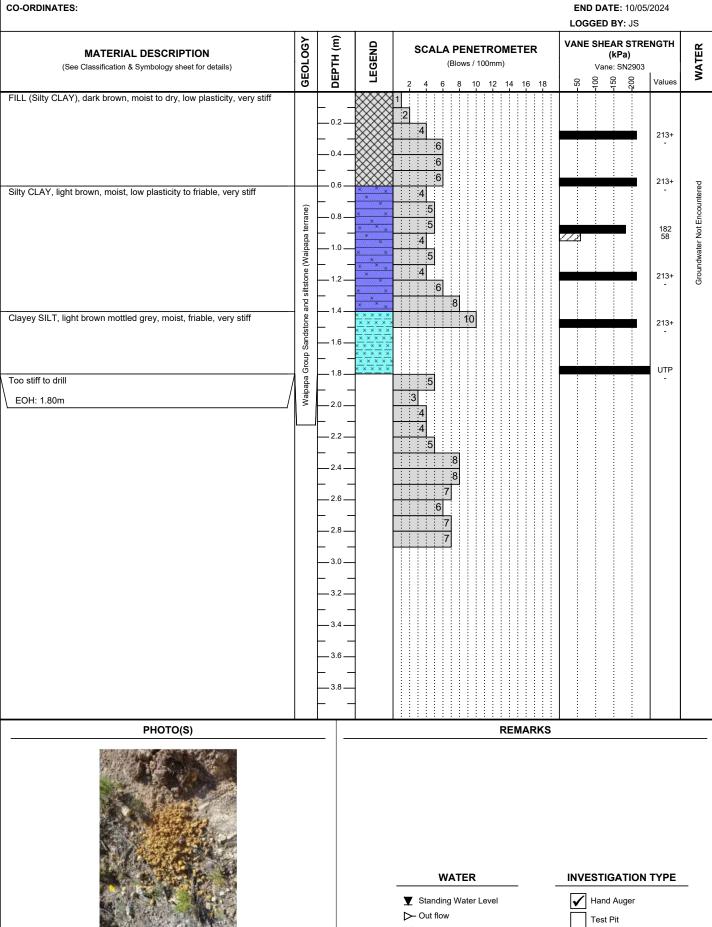
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PROJECT: New Shed - Lot 3 319 Aucks Road, Russell

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CO-ORDINATES:



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PROJECT: New Shed - Lot 3 319 Aucks Road, Russell

SITE LOCATION: Lot 3 - 319 Aucks Road, Russell

CO-ORDINATES:

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Proposed House site

Aucks Rd

- 40ft containers

ucks Rd

- Proposed shed 10m x 12.3m

2 x Greenhouses now removed elsewhere on site

Proposed Guest House

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NOTES:

Expansive Soils

Expansive soils are soils which experience volume changes upon wetting and drying. Expansion and swelling appears to be the dominant factor under certain conditions with fine grained soil containing considerable amounts of clay. Expansion and swelling may cause distress which is often experienced in light buildings.

In many parts of New Zealand there is a significant hazard to foundations for light buildings including homes with concrete slab floors. The volumetric expansion and contraction can cause houses and other structures to heave or settle resulting in damage that is sometimes severe. Soil movement can occur in both directions (vertical and horizontal) at different rates which results in distress and subsequent damage to the structure.

The extent of the damage varies from relatively minor brick veneer cracking and internal cracking on wall corners with attendant door and windows jamming, through to extensive and severe cracking including cracking of driveways, sidewalks, etc.

Expansive soils such as clay, claystone, mudstone, argillaceous rocks and shale all contain clay minerals. These minerals are very sensitive to changes in humidity. When expansive clayey soils get wet, these minerals absorb water molecules and consequently expand. When dry they shrink, leaving large voids in the soil which result in a reduction in bearing capacity of the soil.

Apart from seasonal moisture changes (wet winters/ dry summer), other factors can influence soil moisture such as:

- Irrigation of garden close to the dwelling foundation.
- Site drainage close to the structure.
- Plantation of large trees close to building foundations on expansive soils. A wide range of tree and shrub species have high groundwater demands during summer months. The effects of such demands on expansive soils can be substantial and can lead to differential building settlements. Accordingly, it is good housekeeping measure to ensure that high water demand species (such as gum, willow, cypress, etc.) are not planted close to buildings.
- Plumbing leaks.
- Prevalent or initial moisture conditions at construction time.

It should be also noted that the shear strength of expansive soil also changes with variations in humidity, and a stability problem may arise.

Expansive soils cause major damage to light foundations and associated structures. Heavy foundations and structures can resist the swelling uplift pressure.

Damage is dependent on the amount of movement experienced by the foundation, the nonuniformity in movement, which are all related to percentage of clay in the expansive soil, variation in moisture content, type of foundation, building construction and materials, etc.

Foundation Maintenance and Footing Performance: A Homeowner's Guide



BTF 18 replaces Information Sheet 10/91

Buildings can and often do move. This movement can be up, down, lateral or rotational. The fundamental cause of movement in buildings can usually be related to one or more problems in the foundation soil. It is important for the homeowner to identify the soil type in order to ascertain the measures that should be put in place in order to ensure that problems in the foundation soil can be prevented, thus protecting against building movement.

This Building Technology File is designed to identify causes of soil-related building movement, and to suggest methods of prevention of resultant cracking in buildings.

Soil Types

The types of soils usually present under the topsoil in land zoned for residential buildings can be split into two approximate groups – granular and clay. Quite often, foundation soil is a mixture of both types. The general problems associated with soils having granular content are usually caused by erosion. Clay soils are subject to saturation and swell/shrink problems.

Classifications for a given area can generally be obtained by application to the local authority, but these are sometimes unreliable and if there is doubt, a geotechnical report should be commissioned. As most buildings suffering movement problems are founded on clay soils, there is an emphasis on classification of soils according to the amount of swell and shrinkage they experience with variations of water content. The table below is Table 2.1 from AS 2870, the Residential Slab and Footing Code.

Causes of Movement

Settlement due to construction

There are two types of settlement that occur as a result of construction:

- Immediate settlement occurs when a building is first placed on its foundation soil, as a result of compaction of the soil under the weight of the structure. The cohesive quality of clay soil mitigates against this, but granular (particularly sandy) soil is susceptible.
- Consolidation settlement is a feature of clay soil and may take place because of the expulsion of moisture from the soil or because of the soil's lack of resistance to local compressive or shear stresses. This will usually take place during the first few months after construction, but has been known to take many years in exceptional cases.

These problems are the province of the builder and should be taken into consideration as part of the preparation of the site for construction. Building Technology File 19 (BTF 19) deals with these problems.

Erosion

All soils are prone to erosion, but sandy soil is particularly susceptible to being washed away. Even clay with a sand component of say 10% or more can suffer from erosion.

Saturation

This is particularly a problem in clay soils. Saturation creates a boglike suspension of the soil that causes it to lose virtually all of its bearing capacity. To a lesser degree, sand is affected by saturation because saturated sand may undergo a reduction in volume – particularly imported sand fill for bedding and blinding layers. However, this usually occurs as immediate settlement and should normally be the province of the builder.

Seasonal swelling and shrinkage of soil

All clays react to the presence of water by slowly absorbing it, making the soil increase in volume (see table below). The degree of increase varies considerably between different clays, as does the degree of decrease during the subsequent drying out caused by fair weather periods. Because of the low absorption and expulsion rate, this phenomenon will not usually be noticeable unless there are prolonged rainy or dry periods, usually of weeks or months, depending on the land and soil characteristics.

The swelling of soil creates an upward force on the footings of the building, and shrinkage creates subsidence that takes away the support needed by the footing to retain equilibrium.

Shear failure

This phenomenon occurs when the foundation soil does not have sufficient strength to support the weight of the footing. There are two major post-construction causes:

- Significant load increase.
- Reduction of lateral support of the soil under the footing due to erosion or excavation.
- In clay soil, shear failure can be caused by saturation of the soil adjacent to or under the footing.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS OF SITE CLASSES		
Class	Foundation	
А	Most sand and rock sites with little or no ground movement from moisture changes	
S	Slightly reactive clay sites with only slight ground movement from moisture changes	
М	Moderately reactive clay or silt sites, which can experience moderate ground movement from moisture changes	
Н	Highly reactive clay sites, which can experience high ground movement from moisture changes	
E	Extremely reactive sites, which can experience extreme ground movement from moisture changes	
A to P	Filled sites	
Р	Sites which include soft soils, such as soft clay or silt or loose sands; landslip; mine subsidence; collapsing soils; soils subject to erosion; reactive sites subject to abnormal moisture conditions or sites which cannot be classified otherwise	

Tree root growth

Trees and shrubs that are allowed to grow in the vicinity of footings can cause foundation soil movement in two ways:

- · Roots that grow under footings may increase in cross-sectional size, exerting upward pressure on footings.
- Roots in the vicinity of footings will absorb much of the moisture in the foundation soil, causing shrinkage or subsidence.

Unevenness of Movement

The types of ground movement described above usually occur unevenly throughout the building's foundation soil. Settlement due to construction tends to be uneven because of:

- Differing compaction of foundation soil prior to construction.
- · Differing moisture content of foundation soil prior to construction.

Movement due to non-construction causes is usually more uneven still. Erosion can undermine a footing that traverses the flow or can create the conditions for shear failure by eroding soil adjacent to a footing that runs in the same direction as the flow.

Saturation of clay foundation soil may occur where subfloor walls create a dam that makes water pond. It can also occur wherever there is a source of water near footings in clay soil. This leads to a severe reduction in the strength of the soil which may create local shear failure

Seasonal swelling and shrinkage of clay soil affects the perimeter of the building first, then gradually spreads to the interior. The swelling process will usually begin at the uphill extreme of the building, or on the weather side where the land is flat. Swelling gradually reaches the interior soil as absorption continues. Shrinkage usually begins where the sun's heat is greatest.

Effects of Uneven Soil Movement on Structures

Erosion and saturation

Erosion removes the support from under footings, tending to create subsidence of the part of the structure under which it occurs. Brickwork walls will resist the stress created by this removal of support by bridging the gap or cantilevering until the bricks or the mortar bedding fail. Older masonry has little resistance. Evidence of failure varies according to circumstances and symptoms may include:

- Step cracking in the mortar beds in the body of the wall or above/below openings such as doors or windows.
- Vertical cracking in the bricks (usually but not necessarily in line with the vertical beds or perpends).

Isolated piers affected by erosion or saturation of foundations will eventually lose contact with the bearers they support and may tilt or fall over. The floors that have lost this support will become bouncy, sometimes rattling ornaments etc.

Seasonal swelling/shrinkage in clay

Swelling foundation soil due to rainy periods first lifts the most exposed extremities of the footing system, then the remainder of the perimeter footings while gradually permeating inside the building footprint to lift internal footings. This swelling first tends to create a dish effect, because the external footings are pushed higher than the internal ones.

The first noticeable symptom may be that the floor appears slightly dished. This is often accompanied by some doors binding on the floor or the door head, together with some cracking of cornice mitres. In buildings with timber flooring supported by bearers and joists, the floor can be bouncy. Externally there may be visible dishing of the hip or ridge lines.

As the moisture absorption process completes its journey to the innermost areas of the building, the internal footings will rise. If the spread of moisture is roughly even, it may be that the symptoms will temporarily disappear, but it is more likely that swelling will be uneven, creating a difference rather than a disappearance in symptoms. In buildings with timber flooring supported by bearers and joists, the isolated piers will rise more easily than the strip footings or piers under walls, creating noticeable doming of flooring.



As the weather pattern changes and the soil begins to dry out, the external footings will be first affected, beginning with the locations where the sun's effect is strongest. This has the effect of lowering the external footings. The doming is accentuated and cracking reduces or disappears where it occurred because of dishing, but other cracks open up. The roof lines may become convex.

Doming and dishing are also affected by weather in other ways. In areas where warm, wet summers and cooler dry winters prevail, water migration tends to be toward the interior and doming will be accentuated, whereas where summers are dry and winters are cold and wet, migration tends to be toward the exterior and the underlying propensity is toward dishing.

Movement caused by tree roots

In general, growing roots will exert an upward pressure on footings, whereas soil subject to drying because of tree or shrub roots will tend to remove support from under footings by inducing shrinkage.

Complications caused by the structure itself

Most forces that the soil causes to be exerted on structures are vertical - i.e. either up or down. However, because these forces are seldom spread evenly around the footings, and because the building resists uneven movement because of its rigidity, forces are exerted from one part of the building to another. The net result of all these forces is usually rotational. This resultant force often complicates the diagnosis because the visible symptoms do not simply reflect the original cause. A common symptom is binding of doors on the vertical member of the frame.

Effects on full masonry structures

Brickwork will resist cracking where it can. It will attempt to span areas that lose support because of subsided foundations or raised points. It is therefore usual to see cracking at weak points, such as openings for windows or doors.

In the event of construction settlement, cracking will usually remain unchanged after the process of settlement has ceased.

With local shear or erosion, cracking will usually continue to develop until the original cause has been remedied, or until the subsidence has completely neutralised the affected portion of footing and the structure has stabilised on other footings that remain effective.

In the case of swell/shrink effects, the brickwork will in some cases return to its original position after completion of a cycle, however it is more likely that the rotational effect will not be exactly reversed, and it is also usual that brickwork will settle in its new position and will resist the forces trying to return it to its original position. This means that in a case where swelling takes place after construction and cracking occurs, the cracking is likely to at least partly remain after the shrink segment of the cycle is complete. Thus, each time the cycle is repeated, the likelihood is that the cracking will become wider until the sections of brickwork become virtually independent.

With repeated cycles, once the cracking is established, if there is no other complication, it is normal for the incidence of cracking to stabilise, as the building has the articulation it needs to cope with the problem. This is by no means always the case, however, and monitoring of cracks in walls and floors should always be treated seriously.

Upheaval caused by growth of tree roots under footings is not a simple vertical shear stress. There is a tendency for the root to also exert lateral forces that attempt to separate sections of brickwork after initial cracking has occurred.

Trees can cause shrinkage and damage

The normal structural arrangement is that the inner leaf of brickwork in the external walls and at least some of the internal walls (depending on the roof type) comprise the load-bearing structure on which any upper floors, ceilings and the roof are supported. In these cases, it is internally visible cracking that should be the main focus of attention, however there are a few examples of dwellings whose external leaf of masonry plays some supporting role, so this should be checked if there is any doubt. In any case, externally visible cracking is important as a guide to stresses on the structure generally, and it should also be remembered that the external walls must be capable of supporting themselves.

Effects on framed structures

Timber or steel framed buildings are less likely to exhibit cracking due to swell/shrink than masonry buildings because of their flexibility. Also, the doming/dishing effects tend to be lower because of the lighter weight of walls. The main risks to framed buildings are encountered because of the isolated pier footings used under walls. Where erosion or saturation cause a footing to fall away, this can double the span which a wall must bridge. This additional stress can create cracking in wall linings, particularly where there is a weak point in the structure caused by a door or window opening. It is, however, unlikely that framed structures will be so stressed as to suffer serious damage without first exhibiting some or all of the above symptoms for a considerable period. The same warning period should apply in the case of upheaval. It should be noted, however, that where framed buildings are supported by strip footings there is only one leaf of brickwork and therefore the externally visible walls are the supporting structure for the building. In this case, the subfloor masonry walls can be expected to behave as full brickwork walls.

Effects on brick veneer structures

Because the load-bearing structure of a brick veneer building is the frame that makes up the interior leaf of the external walls plus perhaps the internal walls, depending on the type of roof, the building can be expected to behave as a framed structure, except that the external masonry will behave in a similar way to the external leaf of a full masonry structure.

Water Service and Drainage

Where a water service pipe, a sewer or stormwater drainage pipe is in the vicinity of a building, a water leak can cause erosion, swelling or saturation of susceptible soil. Even a minuscule leak can be enough to saturate a clay foundation. A leaking tap near a building can have the same effect. In addition, trenches containing pipes can become watercourses even though backfilled, particularly where broken rubble is used as fill. Water that runs along these trenches can be responsible for serious erosion, interstrata seepage into subfloor areas and saturation.

Pipe leakage and trench water flows also encourage tree and shrub roots to the source of water, complicating and exacerbating the problem.

Poor roof plumbing can result in large volumes of rainwater being concentrated in a small area of soil:

 Incorrect falls in roof guttering may result in overflows, as may gutters blocked with leaves etc.

- Corroded guttering or downpipes can spill water to ground.
- Downpipes not positively connected to a proper stormwater collection system will direct a concentration of water to soil that is directly adjacent to footings, sometimes causing large-scale problems such as erosion, saturation and migration of water under the building.

Seriousness of Cracking

In general, most cracking found in masonry walls is a cosmetic nuisance only and can be kept in repair or even ignored. The table below is a reproduction of Table C1 of AS 2870.

AS 2870 also publishes figures relating to cracking in concrete floors, however because wall cracking will usually reach the critical point significantly earlier than cracking in slabs, this table is not reproduced here.

Prevention/Cure

Plumbing

Where building movement is caused by water service, roof plumbing, sewer or stormwater failure, the remedy is to repair the problem. It is prudent, however, to consider also rerouting pipes away from the building where possible, and relocating taps to positions where any leakage will not direct water to the building vicinity. Even where gully traps are present, there is sometimes sufficient spill to create erosion or saturation, particularly in modern installations using smaller diameter PVC fixtures. Indeed, some gully traps are not situated directly under the taps that are installed to charge them, with the result that water from the tap may enter the backfilled trench that houses the sewer piping. If the trench has been poorly backfilled, the water will either pond or flow along the bottom of the trench. As these trenches usually run alongside the footings and can be at a similar depth, it is not hard to see how any water that is thus directed into a trench can easily affect the foundation's ability to support footings or even gain entry to the subfloor area.

Ground drainage

In all soils there is the capacity for water to travel on the surface and below it. Surface water flows can be established by inspection during and after heavy or prolonged rain. If necessary, a grated drain system connected to the stormwater collection system is usually an easy solution.

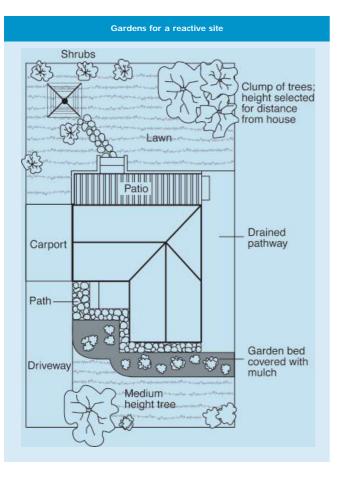
It is, however, sometimes necessary when attempting to prevent water migration that testing be carried out to establish watertable height and subsoil water flows. This subject is referred to in BTF 19 and may properly be regarded as an area for an expert consultant.

Protection of the building perimeter

It is essential to remember that the soil that affects footings extends well beyond the actual building line. Watering of garden plants, shrubs and trees causes some of the most serious water problems.

For this reason, particularly where problems exist or are likely to occur, it is recommended that an apron of paving be installed around as much of the building perimeter as necessary. This paving

CLASSIFICATION OF DAMAGE WITH REFE	RENCE TO WALLS	
Description of typical damage and required repair	Approximate crack width limit (see Note 3)	Damage category
Hairline cracks	<0.1 mm	0
Fine cracks which do not need repair	<1 mm	1
Cracks noticeable but easily filled. Doors and windows stick slightly	<5 mm	2
Cracks can be repaired and possibly a small amount of wall will need to be replaced. Doors and windows stick. Service pipes can fracture. Weathertightness often impaired	5–15 mm (or a number of cracks 3 mm or more in one group)	3
Extensive repair work involving breaking-out and replacing sections of walls, especially over doors and windows. Window and door frames distort. Walls lean or bulge noticeably, some loss of bearing in beams. Service pipes disrupted	15–25 mm but also depend on number of cracks	4



should extend outwards a minimum of 900 mm (more in highly reactive soil) and should have a minimum fall away from the building of 1:60. The finished paving should be no less than 100 mm below brick vent bases.

It is prudent to relocate drainage pipes away from this paving, if possible, to avoid complications from future leakage. If this is not practical, earthenware pipes should be replaced by PVC and backfilling should be of the same soil type as the surrounding soil and compacted to the same density.

Except in areas where freezing of water is an issue, it is wise to remove taps in the building area and relocate them well away from the building – preferably not uphill from it (see BTF 19).

It may be desirable to install a grated drain at the outside edge of the paving on the uphill side of the building. If subsoil drainage is needed this can be installed under the surface drain.

Condensation

In buildings with a subfloor void such as where bearers and joists support flooring, insufficient ventilation creates ideal conditions for condensation, particularly where there is little clearance between the floor and the ground. Condensation adds to the moisture already present in the subfloor and significantly slows the process of drying out. Installation of an adequate subfloor ventilation system, either natural or mechanical, is desirable.

Warning: Although this Building Technology File deals with cracking in buildings, it should be said that subfloor moisture can result in the development of other problems, notably:

- Water that is transmitted into masonry, metal or timber building elements causes damage and/or decay to those elements.
- High subfloor humidity and moisture content create an ideal environment for various pests, including termites and spiders.
- Where high moisture levels are transmitted to the flooring and walls, an increase in the dust mite count can ensue within the living areas. Dust mites, as well as dampness in general, can be a health hazard to inhabitants, particularly those who are abnormally susceptible to respiratory ailments.

The garden

The ideal vegetation layout is to have lawn or plants that require only light watering immediately adjacent to the drainage or paving edge, then more demanding plants, shrubs and trees spread out in that order.

Overwatering due to misuse of automatic watering systems is a common cause of saturation and water migration under footings. If it is necessary to use these systems, it is important to remove garden beds to a completely safe distance from buildings.

Existing trees

Where a tree is causing a problem of soil drying or there is the existence or threat of upheaval of footings, if the offending roots are subsidiary and their removal will not significantly damage the tree, they should be severed and a concrete or metal barrier placed vertically in the soil to prevent future root growth in the direction of the building. If it is not possible to remove the relevant roots without damage to the tree, an application to remove the tree should be made to the local authority. A prudent plan is to transplant likely offenders before they become a problem.

Information on trees, plants and shrubs

State departments overseeing agriculture can give information regarding root patterns, volume of water needed and safe distance from buildings of most species. Botanic gardens are also sources of information. For information on plant roots and drains, see Building Technology File 17.

Excavation

Excavation around footings must be properly engineered. Soil supporting footings can only be safely excavated at an angle that allows the soil under the footing to remain stable. This angle is called the angle of repose (or friction) and varies significantly between soil types and conditions. Removal of soil within the angle of repose will cause subsidence.

Remediation

Where erosion has occurred that has washed away soil adjacent to footings, soil of the same classification should be introduced and compacted to the same density. Where footings have been undermined, augmentation or other specialist work may be required. Remediation of footings and foundations is generally the realm of a specialist consultant.

Where isolated footings rise and fall because of swell/shrink effect, the homeowner may be tempted to alleviate floor bounce by filling the gap that has appeared between the bearer and the pier with blocking. The danger here is that when the next swell segment of the cycle occurs, the extra blocking will push the floor up into an accentuated dome and may also cause local shear failure in the soil. If it is necessary to use blocking, it should be by a pair of fine wedges and monitoring should be carried out fortnightly.

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Peter Maloney, Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way, Russell, 0272

29 October 2024

CES Ref: 24-0222

Dear Peter,

PLAN REVIEW OF PROPOSED FOUNDATIONS FOR NEW SHED, AT: LOT 3 DP 595923, OCEAN VISTA WAY, RUSSELL

1. INTRODUCTION

Core Engineering Solutions Ltd (CES) have previously undertaken a Geotechnical investigation and report (GR) for the above proposed development.

A key recommendation of the GR was for CES to be engaged to undertake a plan review of both the GR and finalised plans (when available), to confirm appropriateness and alignment with the recommendations provided therein, or otherwise.

Hence, the main purpose of this correspondence is to report on the CES plan review undertaken, this being to ensure that the GR recommendations have been correctly interpreted in the proposed foundation design.

CES have been instructed by the Client to undertake the above review, and comment thereon.

Accordingly, we have reviewed the plan documentation provided against the requirements of the GR as follows:

1.1 RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

Document Type	Reference
Geotechnical Report	Core Engineering Solutions Ltd. (23/05/2024). <i>Geotechnical</i> Investigation and Assessment Report for a Proposed New Shed Build, at: Lot 3 DP 595923, 319 Aucks Road, Russell. Job Reference: 24-0222.
Structural Design Drawings	Smart Steel Buildings. (01/07/2024). <i>Site: 319 Aucks Road, Okiato. Customer: Peter Maloney.</i> Project No. P926Q3.
Structural Calculations	HFC Group. (07/2024). <i>Project: Peter Maloney, 319 Aucks Road.</i> Project No. 23457.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the above documentation.

2. <u>SITE CONSIDERATIONS</u>

The property has general fall to the east of between approximately 0-40°. There is an approximately 20-25° southern facing slope to the south of the proposed shed site, and an approximate 20-40° eastern facing slope to the east of the site. The CES GR provided foundation recommendations, accordingly, including as follows.

3. <u>SUMMARY: CES FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS</u>

3.1 GENERAL FOUNDATIONS / STRUCTURES

- The results of our investigation indicate that the soils onsite <u>do not meet</u> the NZS3604:2011 definition of 'Good Ground'. All foundations will require Specific Engineering Design (SED), and to account for Moderately Expansive soils (CLASS M) in accordance with AS2870:2011.
- Any proposed foundations / structures located on or within 5m of a slope at or exceeding 18° should be designed to resist up to 1.0m of lateral soil creep.
- Provided foundations are embedded in Engineer approved competent natural soils, an Uncorrected Ultimate Bearing Capacity of 300 kPa may then be assumed.

3.2 **HFC: PROPOSED FOUNDATIONS**

Engineering	Comments	
	100mm reinforced concrete on compacted hardfill.	
Shed foundations	Non-load bearing reinforced concrete perimeter footing embedded 450mm below ground level.	
	Isolated pad footings supporting load-bearing portals.	
	Reinforced concrete piles embedded 2m bgl along eastern edge of building to resist potential soil creep in this area due to nearby slope.	

The proposed design of these engineering elements is summarised and tabulated as below:

Table: Summary – HFC Structures Ltd: Engineering Elements

Further to the above, correspondence between CES and HFC confirmed that all foundation elements were designed for Class M expansivity as per AS2870.

4. CONCLUSION

CES have been engaged to undertake a plan review of the proposed foundations for the new shed at Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way, Russell, as provided, and in conclusion, confirm alignment with the recommendations of the CES Geotechnical Report.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In addition to the requirements of the HFC Structures Ltd. design, etc. documentation, all the recommendations provided in the CES GR should be followed and correctly implemented.

In addition to the above, CES have been engaged by the Client to undertake the following Engineer inspections during construction as a minimum:

- Site cut check;
- Compaction Fill
- Footing Excavations / bored pile holes and tailings;
- Reinforced concrete slab pre-pour

It should be noted that additional construction inspections will likely be required by the; Structural Engineer, BCA, etc. as part of the Building Consent compliance and other Quality Assurance processes.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact our Whangarei office directly.

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WATGUNLOW Architects Ltd.

Architects Design Statement

This statement is prepared solely for The Far North District Council in the assessment of a resource consent application for the following:

Proposal:	A new shed, water tanks and retaining wall
Address:	Lot 3 Ocean Vista Way, Okaito
Owners:	Peter and Leanne Maloney
Author:	Hamish Gunns of WATGUNLOW Architects Ltd NZRAB 3160

We have been engaged by the owners to review the proposal and comment on the interpretation and adherence to the approved design guidelines: Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment (by Hawthorn Landscape Architects) dated 22nd April 2022

The documents presented for our review:

- 1. The general arrangement drawing set ; Maloney Shed Lot 3 DP595923 Dwgs 1 thru 21 Neighbours signed 18.11.2024.pdf (21 pages)
- 2. The shed construction drawing set ; 23457 Peter Maloney Shed Stamped Drawings 2024-07-12.pdf (22 pages)
- 3. Appendix 1 Location Plan
- 4. Appendix 3 On site Viewpoint photos Lot 3
- 5. Appendix 4 Off site Viewpoint photos Lot 3
- 6. Appendix 5 Landscape Plan
- 7. Appendix 6 Landscape plan Chalets

Our assessment is limited to that of section 8.1; Building Design Guidelines as it pertains to an architectural assessment of the built proposal only. Our comments (in black) follow the guidelines (in blue).

8.1 Proposed Shed Building Design

A set of building design guidelines are referenced for future built development upon the lots to assist with enabling future development to be set into the landscape with the least amount of visual intrusion therefore minimising potential visual amenity effects.

The building design guidelines controls aspects such as building height, colours, reflectivity, design style, form and scale.

Vegetation Clearance

The existing area of vegetation clearance on Lot 3 is as shown on the Landscape Plan contained in Appendix 5.

Not considered in this assessment.

Building Form

Building style, colour and form play a significant role in determining how well a building fits into the landscape. Buildings of a similar size, scale and mass to each other and painted recessively appear to belong and are less visually obtrusive.

Similarly, buildings that reflect regional architectural styles appear to belong more readily than 'imported styles'.

Various building styles are possible; however, the following general guidelines will assist in diminishing the visual impact of structures in the landscape:

- 1. Building form shall flow with and follow the topography of the site, The shed is to be sited in a modest cut in the adjacent hillside to reduce the visible height and contrast of the form. The slope of the gabled roof and the lean-to porch to the south are both angled to reflect the slope and angle of the surrounding topography. 2 above ground water tanks have been positioned to the south of the shed to continue the collective form and to minimise the visual impact. A retaining wall to the north is largely concealed behind the shed and a new retaining wall to the parking area is mostly below 1m in height and will be well concealed by the proposed planting.
- 2. The form of larger buildings shall be broken up or indented to provide visual interest and shadows. The proposed shed is a simple rectangular floor plan topped with a symmetrical gable roof. A lean-to porch has been added to the south at mid height of the outer wall to break up the height and shade the base of the shed. Additionally projecting shrouds have been added to windows to the west and south. These aluminium shrouds are to be colour matched to the cladding and help provide the desired visual interest, break up the elevations and provide shading across the window openings of the most visible portions of the proposal.
- 3. Stepping a building down a slope rather than constructing one single tall downhill façade shall be required. From the the limited locations along Ocean Vista Way where the shed will be visible the form of the shed will be broken up by being cut into the slope to the north and the porch to the south side. The porch extends from roughly midpoint of the exterior walls to create a stepped profiled rather than a tall vertical face.
- 4. The maximum building height on Lots 3 10 shall be 8m above existing ground level. With a ridge height of 5.7m above the reduced ground level the shed complies. The maximum height above the existing ground level is closer to 4m.

Building Materials and Finishes

The visual effects of the building sites will be lessened if recessive colours from the A and B Group of the BS 5252 colour chart are used.

The light reflectance values for the exterior roof colours shall not exceed 30% and the exterior walls shall not exceed 40%.

The proposed shed roof, cladding and spouting are to be finished in Coloursteel Ironsand. These colours are distinct from the BS5252 paint finishes but very similar to Resene Baltic Sea (A Group LRV 10). Ironsand has a light reflectance value (LRV) of 8%.

It is recommended to use natural and textural materials, and make use of architectural features such as verandas, pergolas and large eves to create shadow. These will all cast shadows on windows and ranch sliders thus limiting the reflectivity of the facades of the house.

The proposed shed is to be clad in a dark grey trapezoidal profiled steel. The recessive colour will help the form blend into the shadow tones of the surrounding bush while the deep profile of the cladding brings further shading and texture to the facade and reduces reflection. As above the most visible windows have been surrounded with projecting shrouds to further increase shading and a verandah has been added to the southern facade to shade the lower windows.

Ancillary Structures

All ancillary structures which are separate from the primary residence (such as guest quarters, garages, storage sheds) shall be designed to complement and integrate with the primary residence, especially in colour.

As the primary residence is yet to be proposed these works have been assessed on their own merits according to these rules. The primary residence will be assessed in a similar manner in due course.

Earthworks

Earthworks shall be graded gradually into adjacent contours. Earthworks that create sharp and large batters that are difficult to revegetate should be avoided.

Earthworks surrounding the proposal have been retained rather than battered or contoured to allow for a maximum area of planting to remain and avoid steep areas that are difficult to plant and may become unstable over time.

The plans note that several areas around the proposal including to the downhill edge of the carpark retaining wall are to be replanted with natives and hedging for screening purposes. This screening will help the proposal blend into the landscape over time.

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Water tanks

Water tanks, if not placed underground, shall be designed to integrate with the overall design of the main structures. Tanks that are placed above ground shall be screened by the landscape amenity plantings.

As noted on drawing 4 the two above ground 30kl tanks are to be screened to the south and west with native planting. The tanks themselves are specified as dark green 'karaka' colour to help blend in with this planting. A planting schedule would be useful t to ensure that appropriate plants are installed and maintained in the limited area to the boundary.

Driveways and Parking Areas

Parking areas shall be integrated with the overall design of the residence and landscaping.

If site contours would otherwise require extensive excavation to form parking spaces, vehicle and or boat storage should be separated from the house. Driveways should follow the natural contours of the land and avoid sharp angles or long straight sections.

Driveways shall be designed to suit rural character and formed with dark grey concrete oxide, or use chip seal or loose road metal. The use of swales to provide drainage should be encouraged.

The proposed parking area is at a higher level than Ocean Vista Way and once the leading edge is planted will be well screened from view.

The 35m long driveway from the main access road follows the contour of the land to help further disguise the proposal and the parking area beyond.

The main parking area is to be established on a flat contour with little earthworks required.

Both driveway and parking area are to be finished in a loose gravel with a swale controlling the stormwater to the downslope edge.

Conclusion

It is our conclusion that the proposed ancillary shed structure has been sensitively designed in close adherence to the building design guidelines of the approved Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment. In accommodating the above controls the proposal will effectively mitigate any effect of the development and the maintain the existing amenity and natural character of the site.

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