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1.0 INTRODUCTION

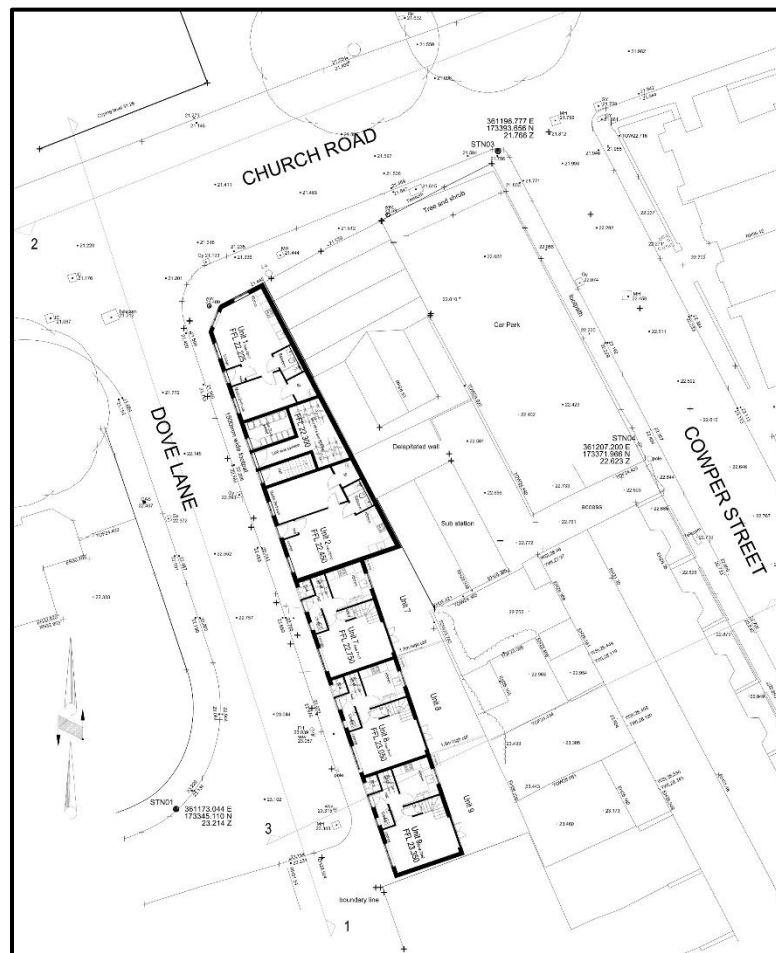
Appointment

- 1.1 Earth Environmental & Geotechnical (Southern) Ltd was commissioned by David Cahill, acting on behalf Mr. H. Cockram (the 'Client'), to undertake a Coal Mining Risk Assessment for a proposed residential development at 66 Church Road in Redfield, Bristol.
- 1.2 A Coal Mining Risk Assessment is required to support a planning application and to assist with the site design process.

Proposed Development

- 1.3 It is proposed to build new residential development on the site. The proposed development details are shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Proposed Development Details



Objective

- 1.4 The purpose of the Coal Mining Risk Assessment is to collate available geological, mining and historical data in order to assess the potential for the site to be affected by underground mining. This report has been drafted in accordance with the Coal Authority Coal Mining Risk Assessment Template, January 2011.

Sources of Information

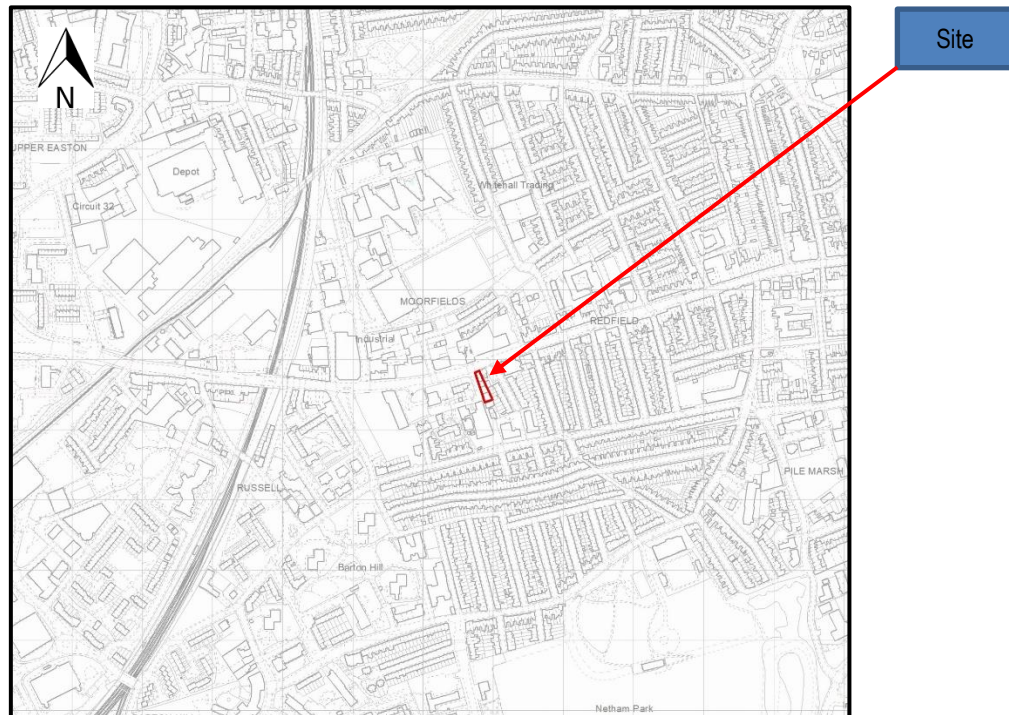
1.5 The Coal Mining Risk Assessment comprises of a review of the following information sources:

- Online British Geological Survey maps and data.
- Coal Authority Report reference 510034937443001 dated 24th April 2025.
- Coal Authority Interactive Map Viewer.
- British Geological Survey online borehole records.
- Google Earth imagery.
- Geology of the Bristol District, London HMSO 1993.
- Site Investigations in Areas of Mining Subsidence, FG Bell, 1975.
- The threat of abandoned mines on the stability of urban areas, [REDACTED], IAEG2006 Paper Number 379, The Geological Society of London, 2006.
- Construction over abandoned mineworkings, CIRIA Special Publication 32, 2002.
- Abandoned Mineworkings, CIRIA 758.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The site is located at 66 Church Road in the Redfield area of Bristol and is centred on National Grid Reference 361190, 173361 with a nearest postcode of BS5 9NQ. The site location is shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2 – Site Location Plan



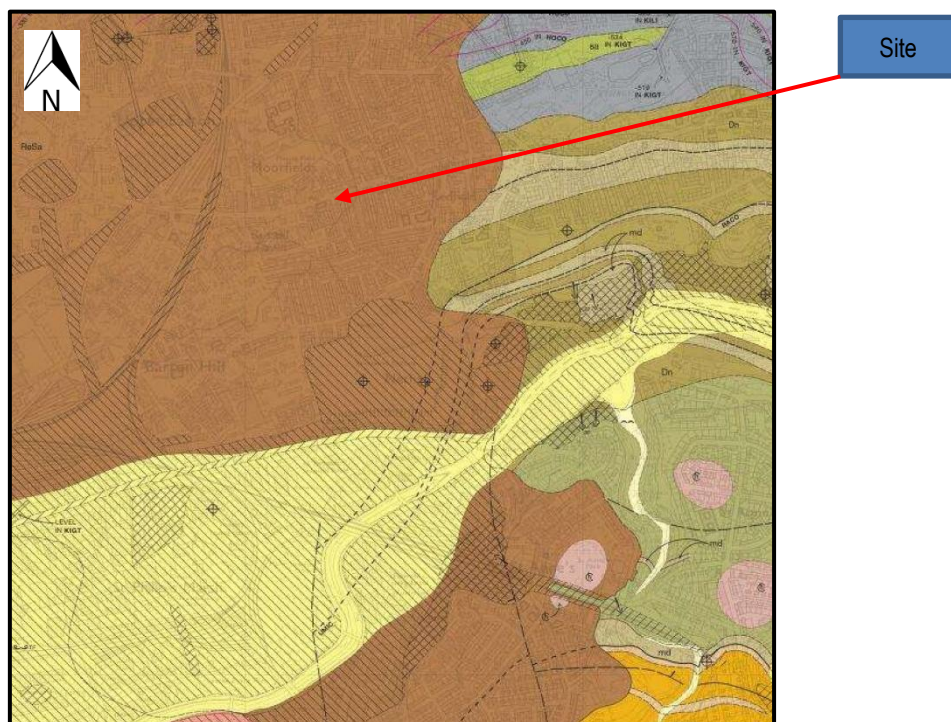
- 2.2 The site is located within a residential area. At the time of writing this report, the site was occupied by existing derelict properties.

3.0 ASSESSMENT OF DATA

Geological Information

- 3.1 The geology of the site has been determined from acquisition of geological maps for the area and examination of Coal Authority records.
- 3.2 The British Geological Survey (BGS) map indicates the site is directly underlain by the Redcliffe Sandstone Member of Triassic age, which unconformably overlies Coal Measures strata at depth. The Redcliffe Sandstone Member is described as distinctive fine to medium grained, deep red, calcareous and ferruginous sandstone, commonly decalcified at shallow depths below the surface, giving rise to an uncemented sand.

Figure 3 – Geological Map Extract



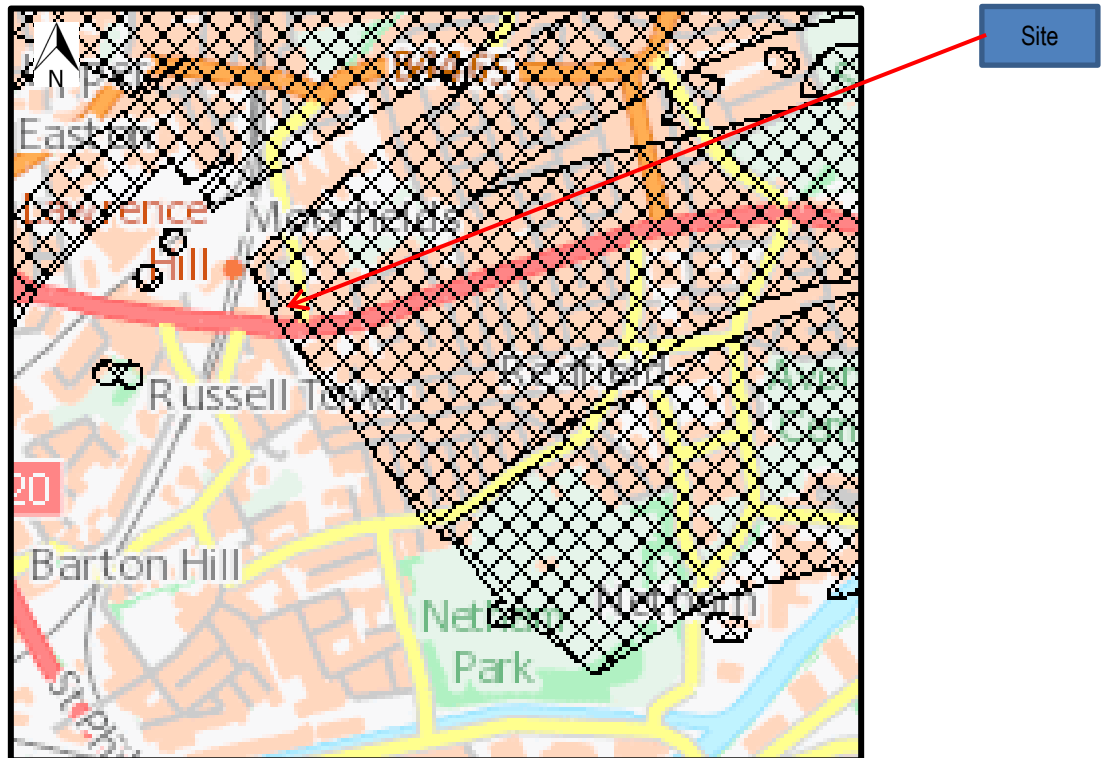
- 3.3 There are no faults indicated close to the site.
- 3.4 Two boreholes (ST67SW81 & ST67SW45), close to the site, shown on the BGS database, reveal Triassic sandstones near to the surface to a depth of 11.25m and 18.36m respectively.

Coal Authority Records

- 3.5 A Coal Ming Report has been obtained from the Mining Remediation Authority (formerly the Coal Authority) and is included in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 The site is within an area that could be affected by past underground mining in 4 seams of coal between depths of 323m to 508m, last worked in 1878. Any movement in the ground due to coal mining activity associated with these workings should have stopped by now.

- 3.7 The site is within an area where the Coal Authority believes there is coal at or close to the surface which may have been worked at some time in the past. The potential presence of coal workings at or close to the surface should be considered, particularly prior to any site works or future development activity, as ground movement could still be a risk.
- 3.8 Examination of the Coal Authority online interactive map viewer indicates the site is located on the margin of a Development High Risk Area (DHRA), associated with unrecorded shallow depth working.

Figure 4 – Drawing Showing Site Location and Development High Risk (Hatched) Area



- 3.9 There are no recorded mine entries, coal outcrops, geological faults, fissures or breaklines, opencast sites, or Coal Authority managed tips close to the site.
- 3.10 There are no records of subsidence within 50m of the site since 31st October 1994, caused by coal mine workings. There is no record of any request having been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked.
- 3.11 The Coal Authority has no record of mine gas emissions within 500m of the site.

4.0 COAL MINING RISK ASSESSMENT

Scope of Coal Mining Risk Assessment

- 4.1 Objectives of the coal mining risk assessment are to provide a desk-based assessment of available geological and mining information relating to the site (and wider area) and to use this information so as to identify risks present to the development from the legacy of mining.
- 4.2 As part of the risk assessment potential mitigation measures (if required) should be considered, including any necessary remedial works.
- 4.3 The outcome of the risk assessment should demonstrate to the Local Authority that the proposed development is or can be made safe (and stable) to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Data Limitations

- 4.4 It should be appreciated that it did not become a legal requirement to deposit coal mining abandonment plans until the 1870's and that this requirement was not rigorously enforced for some time after. Many shallow coal seams were worked prior to the introduction of first edition Ordnance Survey Maps and information on these workings is often not available. Therefore, if coal seams were accessible then invariably, they could have been worked by formal or informal means.
- 4.5 It is also possible that if unrecorded workings are present then unrecorded mine entries may be present.

Coal Mining Risks

- 4.6 The risks associated with coal mining are as follows:
- Collapse of relict workings beneath buildings causing damage to the building fabric and infrastructure.
 - Migration of mine gases from old mine works and mine entries resulting in build-up of flammable and asphyxiating gases in confined areas.
 - Consolidation of relict workings and overlying strata causing structural defects in building fabric and infrastructure.
 - Failure of mine entries causing loss of ground beneath building and external areas.
 - Spontaneous combustion of old mineworkings.

Summary of Risk

- 4.7 The site is within an area that could be affected by past underground mining in 4 seams of coal between depths of 323m to 508m. These workings are sufficiently deep enough to not influence any development at the surface and are considered low risk.
- 4.8 The site area is located on a sequence of Triassic sandstone underlain by coal measures strata. Borehole records suggest that the coal measures strata were not encountered within local boreholes drilled to a depth of 11m and 18m.
- 4.9 There is reference to potential unrecorded workings to a depth of 25m below the surface.
- 4.10 Coal mining at depths shallower than 30m beneath ground level can typically pose challenges to ground stability at the surface. The magnitude of this effect depends upon the exact depth of any workings, the thickness of competent rock cover and the extraction. Given the anticipated thickness of superficial deposits and competent bedrock, it is considered that even if seams were present at this depth, sufficient competent cover would exist above any workings in these seams.
- 4.11 The table below summarises the potential risks associated with coal mining legacy for the proposed development site, identified from the above sources of information.

Table 1 - Summary of Potential Risks Associated with Coal Mining Legacy

Coal Mining Issue	Yes	No	Risk Assessment
Underground coal mining (recorded at shallow depths)		N	Low
Underground coal mining (probable at shallow depths)	Y		Low
Coal Outcrops		N	Low
Mine entries (shafts and adits)		N	Low
Coal mining geology (fissures)		N	Low
Record of past mine gas emissions		N	Low
Recorded coal mining surface hazard		N	Low
Surface mining (opencast workings)		N	Low

Proposed Mitigation Strategy

- 4.12 In developing the mitigation strategy it has been recognised that the planning application involves the demolition of existing buildings (which have no existing stability issues) and construction of a residential units. The buildings have existed on the site since at least 1884.
- 4.13 Due to the absence of any proven workings within the area, the local geology comprising of competent sandstones with no structural distress of the existing buildings, no further site investigation works are considered necessary.

APPENDIX 1

MINING REMEDIATION AUTHORITY REPORT

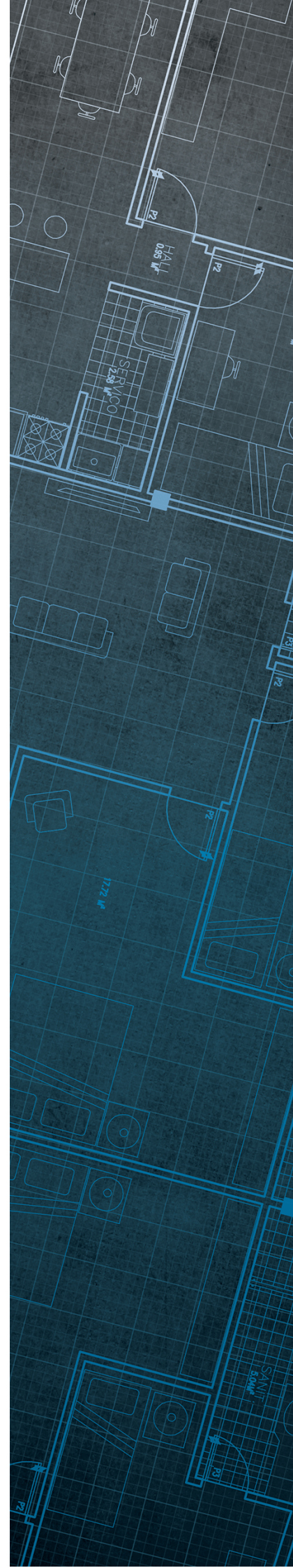


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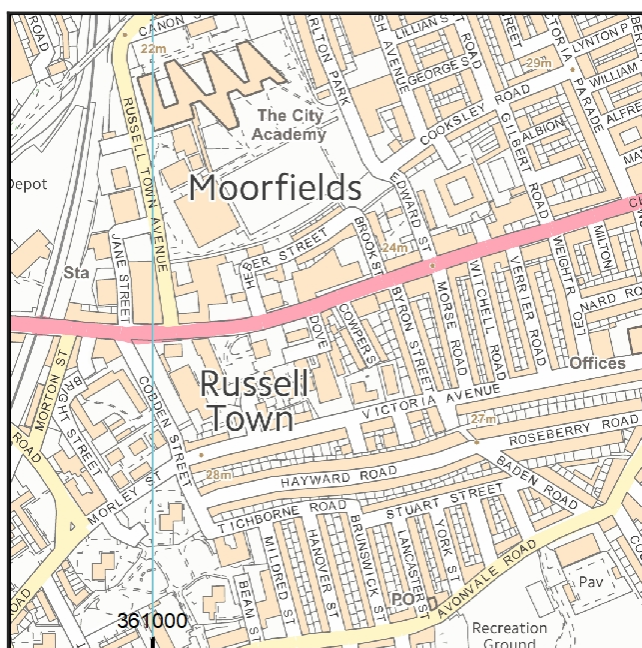
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Approximate position of property



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Section 1 – Mining activity and geology

Past underground mining

Colliery	Seam	Mineral	Coal Authority reference	Depth (m)	Direction to working	Dipping rate of seam worked (degrees)	Dipped direction of seam worked	Extraction thickness (cm)	Year last mined
unnamed	FOUR FEET	Coal	3VD9	323	North-West	11.2	South-East	152	1878
unnamed	STRAP LITTLE	Coal	3BU1	343	North-West	29.3	South	76	1873
unnamed	BUTE TOP LEAF	Coal	3B7T	411	North-West	39.6	South-East	50	1870
unnamed	BUTE TOP LEAF	Coal	3B75	508	North-West	18.5	South-East	60	1870

Probable unrecorded shallow workings

Yes.

Spine roadways at shallow depth

No spine roadway recorded at shallow depth.

Mine entries

None recorded within 100 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers

The following abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers intersect with some, or all, of the enquiry boundary:

PO0	SWR3422	2962A
2962		

Please contact us on 0345 762 6848 to determine the exact abandoned mine plans you require based on your needs.

Outcrops

No outcrops recorded.

Geological faults, fissures and breaklines

No faults, fissures or breaklines recorded.

Opencast mines

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Coal Authority managed tips

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Section 2 – Investigative or remedial activity

Please refer to the 'Summary of findings' map (on separate sheet) for details of any activity within the area of the site boundary.

Site investigations

None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Remediated sites

None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Coal mining subsidence

The Coal Authority has not received a damage notice or claim for the subject property, or any property within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary, since 31 October 1994.

There is no current Stop Notice delaying the start of remedial works or repairs to the property.

The Coal Authority is not aware of any request having been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

Mine gas

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Mine water treatment schemes

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Section 3 – Licensing and future mining activity

Future underground mining

None recorded.

Coal mining licensing

None recorded within 200 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Court orders

None recorded.

Section 46 notices

No notices have been given, under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991, stating that the land is at risk of subsidence.

Withdrawal of support notices

The property is not in an area where a notice to withdraw support has been given.

The property is not in an area where a notice has been given under section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994, cancelling the entitlement to withdraw support.

Payments to owners of former copyhold land

The property is not in an area where a relevant notice has been published under the Coal Industry Act 1975/Coal Industry Act 1994.

Section 4 – Further information

The following potential risks have been identified and as part of your risk assessment should be investigated further.

Future development

If development proposals are being considered, technical advice relating to both the investigation of coal and former coal mines and their treatment should be obtained before beginning work on site. All proposals should apply specialist engineering practice required for former mining areas. No development should be undertaken that intersects, disturbs or interferes with any coal or coal mines without first obtaining the permission of the Coal Authority.

MINE GAS: Please note, if there are no recorded instances of mine gas within 500m of the enquiry boundary, this does not mean that mine gas is not present within the vicinity. The Coal Authority Mine Gas data is limited to only those sites where a Mine Gas incident has been recorded. Developers should be aware that the investigation of coal seams, mine workings or mine entries may have the potential to generate and/or displace underground gases. Associated risks both to the development site and any neighbouring land or properties should be fully considered when undertaking any ground works. The need for effective measures to prevent gases migrating onto any land or into any properties, either during investigation or remediation work, or after development must also be assessed and properly addressed. In these instances, the Coal Authority recommends that a more detailed Gas Risk Assessment is undertaken by a competent assessor.

Development advice

The site is within an area of historical coal mining activity. Should you require advice and/or support on understanding the mining legacy, its risks to your development or what next steps you need to take, please contact us.

For further information on specific site or ground investigations in relation to any issues raised in Section 4, please call us on 0345 762 6848 or email us at groundstability@coal.gov.uk.

Section 5 – Data definitions

The datasets used in this report have limitations and assumptions within their results. For more guidance on the data and the results specific to the enquiry boundary, please **call us on 0345 762 6848** or **email us at groundstability@coal.gov.uk**.

Past underground coal mining

Details of all recorded underground mining relative to the enquiry boundary. Only past underground workings where the enquiry boundary is within 0.7 times the depth of the workings (zone of likely physical influence) allowing for seam inclination, will be included.

Probable unrecorded shallow workings

Areas where the Coal Authority believes there to be unrecorded coal workings that exist at or close to the surface (less than 30 metres deep).

Spine roadways at shallow depth

Connecting roadways either, working to working, or, surface to working, both in-seam and cross measures that exist at or close to the surface (less than 30 metres deep), either within or within 10 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Mine entries

Details of any shaft or adit either within, or within 100 metres of the enquiry boundary including approximate location, brief treatment details where known, the mineral worked from the mine entry and conveyance details where the mine entry has previously been sold by the Authority or its predecessors British Coal or the National Coal Board.

Abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers

Plan numbers extracted from the abandoned mines catalogue containing details of coal and other mineral abandonment plans deposited via the Mines Inspectorate in accordance with the Coal Mines Regulation Act and Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act 1872. A maximum of 9 plan extents that intersect with the enquiry boundary will be included. This does not infer that the workings and/or mine entries shown on the abandonment plan will be relevant to the site/property boundary.

Outcrops

Details of seam outcrops will be included where the enquiry boundary intersects with a conjectured or actual seam outcrop location (derived by either the British Geological Survey or the Coal Authority) or intersects with a defined 50 metres buffer on the coal (dip) side of the outcrop. An indication of whether the Coal Authority believes the seam to be of sufficient thickness and/or quality to have been worked will also be included.

Geological faults, fissures and breaklines

Geological disturbances or fractures in the bedrock. Surface fault lines (British Geological Survey derived data) and fissures and breaklines (Coal Authority derived data) intersecting with the enquiry boundary will be included. In some circumstances faults, fissures or breaklines have been known to contribute to surface subsidence damage as a consequence of underground coal mining.

Opencast mines

Opencast coal sites from which coal has been removed in the past by opencast (surface) methods and where the enquiry boundary is within 500 metres of either the licence area, site boundary, excavation area (high wall) or coaling area.

Coal Authority managed tips

Locations of disused colliery tip sites owned and managed by the Coal Authority, located within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Site investigations

Details of site investigations within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary where the Coal Authority has received information relating to coal mining risk investigation and/or remediation by third parties.

Remediated sites

Sites where the Coal Authority has undertaken remedial works either within or within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary following report of a hazard relating to coal mining under the Coal Authority's Emergency Surface Hazard Call Out procedures.

Coal mining subsidence

Details of alleged coal mining subsidence claims made since 31 October 1994 either within or within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary. Where the claim relates to the enquiry boundary confirmation of whether the claim was accepted, rejected or whether liability is still being determined will be given. Where the claim has been discharged, whether this was by repair, payment of compensation or a combination of both, the value of the claim, where known, will also be given.

Details of any current 'Stop Notice' deferring remedial works or repairs affecting the property/site, and if so the date of the notice.

Details of any request made to execute preventative works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991. If yes, whether any person withheld consent or failed to comply with any request to execute preventative works.

Mine gas

Reports of alleged mine gas emissions received by the Coal Authority, either within or within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary that subsequently required investigation and action by the Coal Authority to mitigate the effects of the mine gas emission. Please note, if there are no recorded instances of mine gas reported, this does not mean that mine gas is not present within the vicinity. The Coal Authority Mine Gas data is limited to only those sites where a Mine Gas incident has been recorded.

Mine water treatment schemes

Locations where the Coal Authority has constructed or operates assets that remove pollutants from mine water prior to the treated mine water being discharged into the receiving water body.

These schemes are part of the UK's strategy to meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. Schemes fall into 2 basic categories: Remedial – mitigating the impact of existing pollution or Preventative – preventing a future pollution incident.

Mine water treatment schemes generally consist of one or more primary settlement lagoons and one or more reed beds for secondary treatment. A small number are more specialised process treatment plants.

Future underground mining

Details of all planned underground mining relative to the enquiry boundary. Only those future workings where the enquiry boundary is within 0.7 times the depth of the workings (zone of likely physical influence) allowing for seam inclination will be included.

Coal mining licensing

Details of all licenses issued by the Coal Authority either within or within 200 metres of the enquiry boundary in relation to the under taking of surface coal mining, underground coal mining or underground coal gasification.

Court orders

Orders in respect of the working of coal under the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Acts of 1923 and 1966 or any statutory modification or amendment thereof.

Section 46 notices

Notice of proposals relating to underground coal mining operations that have been given under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

Withdrawal of support notices


Published notices of entitlement to withdraw support and the date of the notice. Details of any revocation notice withdrawing the entitlement to withdraw support given under Section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994.

Payment to owners of former copyhold land

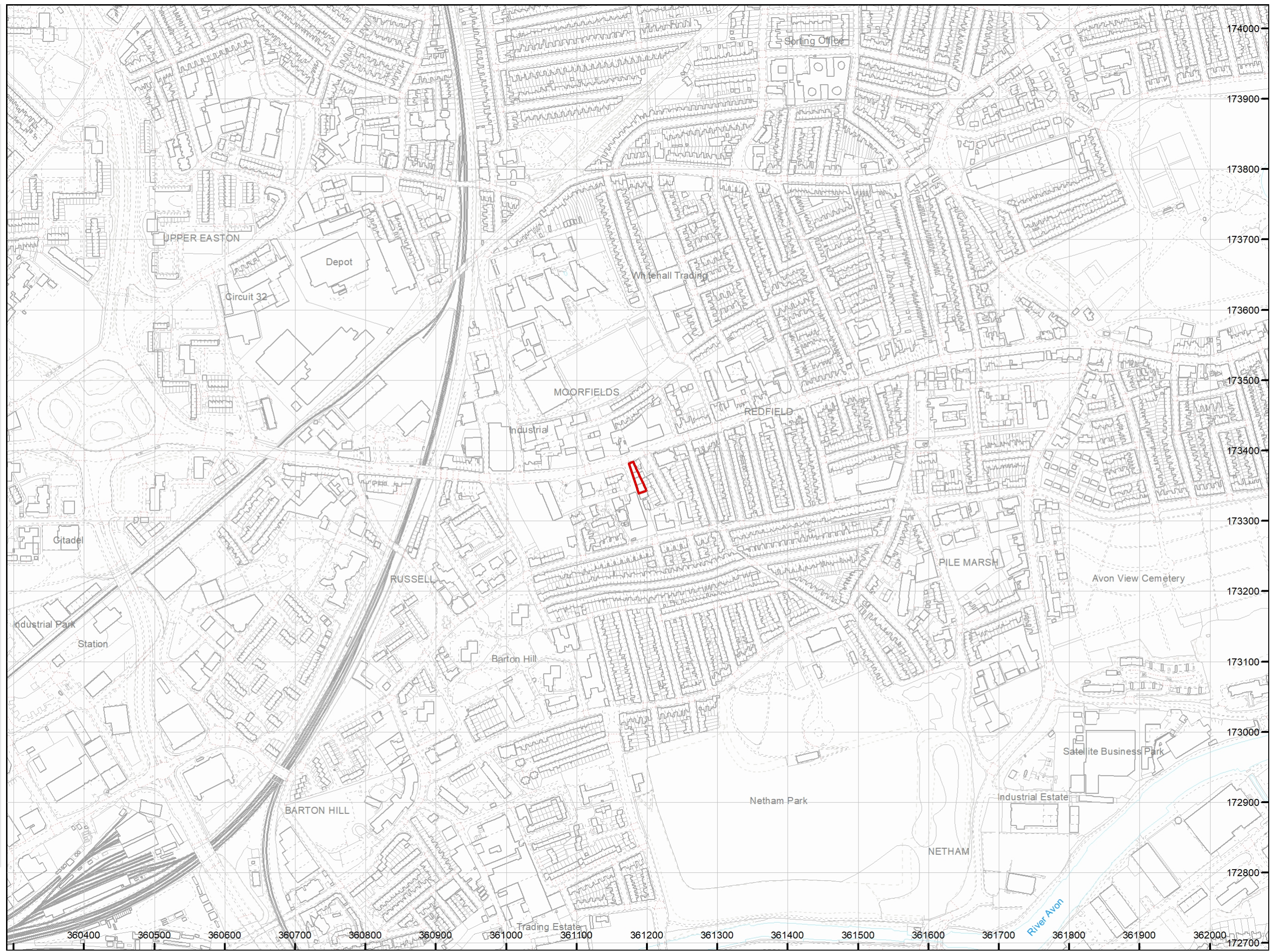
Relevant notices which may affect the property and any subsequent notice of retained interests in coal and coal mines, acceptance or rejection notices and whether any compensation has been paid to a claimant.

The map highlights any specific surface or subsurface features within or near to the boundary of the site.

Key

Approximate position of the enquiry boundary shown 

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APPENDIX 2

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Where field investigations have been carried out these have been restricted to a level of detail required to achieve the stated objectives of the work. Ground conditions can also be variable and as investigation excavations only allow examination of the ground at discrete locations. The potential exists for ground conditions to be encountered which are different to those considered in this report. The extent of the limited area depends on the soil and groundwater conditions, together with the position of any current structures and underground facilities and natural and other activities on site. In addition, chemical analysis was carried out for a limited number of parameters [as stipulated in the contract between the client and Earth Environmental & Geotechnical Ltd] based on an understanding of the available operational and historical information, and it should not be inferred that other chemical species are not present.

The groundwater conditions entered on the exploratory hole records are those observed at the time of investigation. The normal speed of investigation usually does not permit the recording of an equilibrium water level for any one water strike. Moreover, groundwater levels are subject to seasonal variation or changes in local drainage conditions and higher groundwater levels may occur at other times of the year than were recorded during this investigation.

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