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Dear Harry,

# SOIL BEARING INVESTIGATION LOT 663 RAPERE STREET, FALCONS LANDING, ROLLESTON

### **Testing & Results**

We confirm that a soil bearing investigation was completed on 21 September 2020 at the above property and now report as follows.

The section is located on the North-Western corner of Rapere Street and Branthwaite Drive in the new Falcons Landing subdivision. The section is a relatively flat, grass covered site.

The investigation consisted of four penetrometer tests and two Hand Augers to determine the underlying soil conditions and allowable bearing capacity. The locations and results of the scala penetrometer tests are recorded on the attached plan and 'soil investigation record' sheets.

The static water table was not encountered in the scala penetrometers at the time of this investigation.

Due to the gravels encountered, it was difficult to penetrate the ground to a significant depth with a scala penetrometer or hand auger. Hand augers at test location '1' and '4' revealed topsoil to approximately 100mm overlying dark brown silts on gravels. The scala penetrometer results were quite similar in all locations with medium bearing capacity at the surface, increasing with depth, and refusal at shallow depths.

The penetrometer results showed that an ultimate bearing capacity of **300kPa** is available at approximately **200mm** below existing ground level, beneath the topsoil layer.

#### **Other Information Reviewed**

The Aurecon report dated 16 February 2017 has classified the site as TC1, with reference to MBIE guidance document.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on the testing results and other information reviewed, the site complies with the "good ground" criteria of NZS3604:2011.

We would infer that normal NZS3604:2011 type foundation details can be utilised for this site provided that the construction of the proposed dwelling is in accordance with NZS3604:2011.

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All rubbish, noxious and organic matter as outlined in NZS3604:2011 Clause 3.5.1 should be removed from the building area and the ground brought back up to formation using compacted hardfill if required prior to pouring the foundation slab. An engineer should inspect the foundations at the time of excavation to ensure adequate bearing throughout.

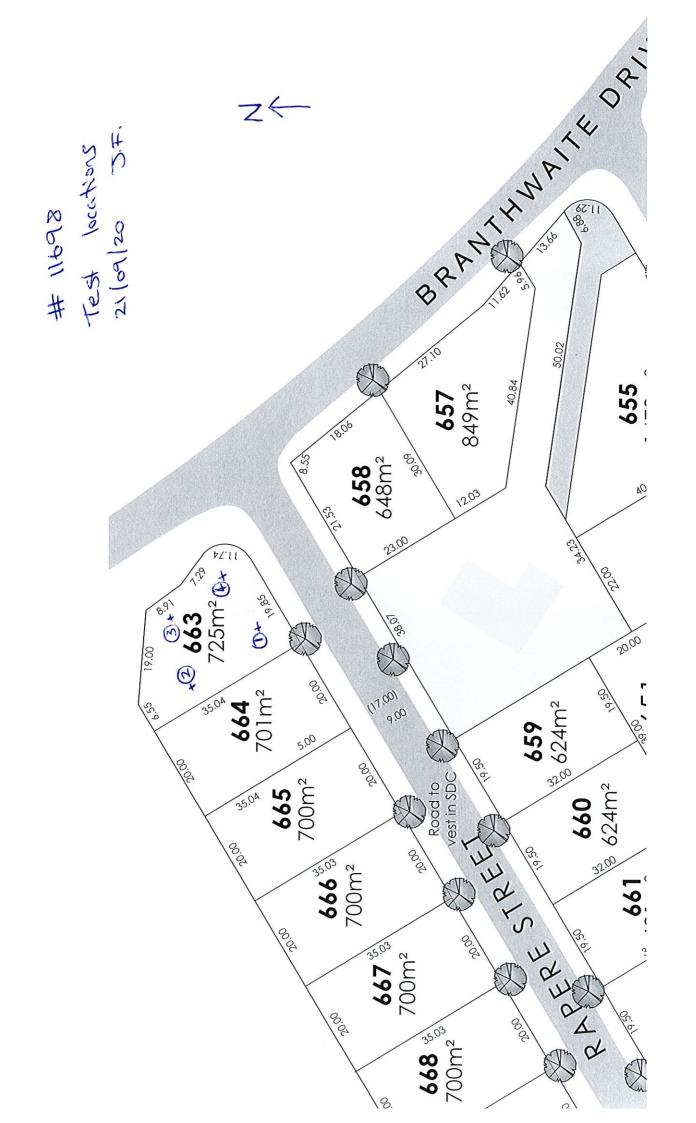
Please note that my recommendations are based on a limited number of penetrometer tests and the nature and continuity of subsoil conditions is inferred. It should be appreciated that actual conditions could vary from the tests results.

Please contact me should any further information be required.

Yours faithfully

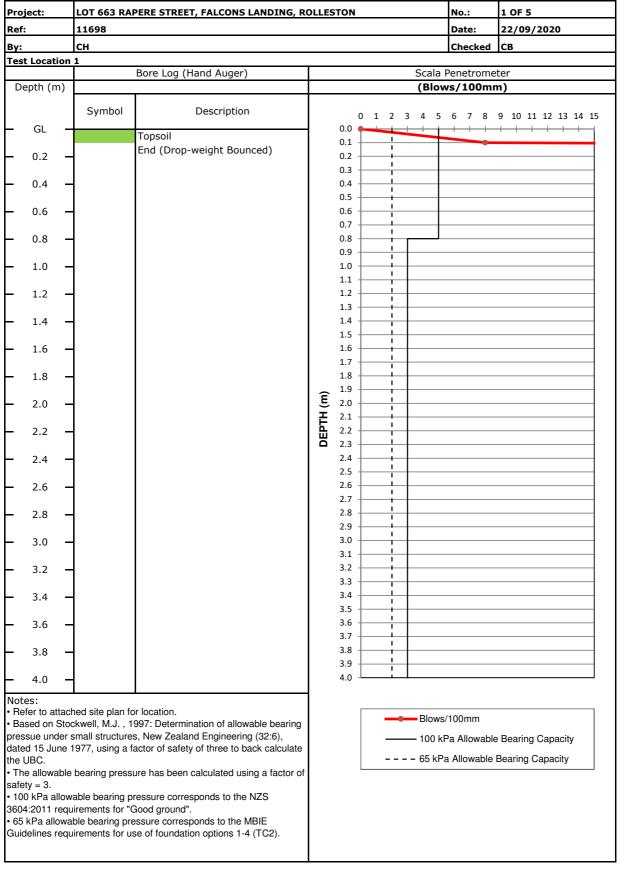
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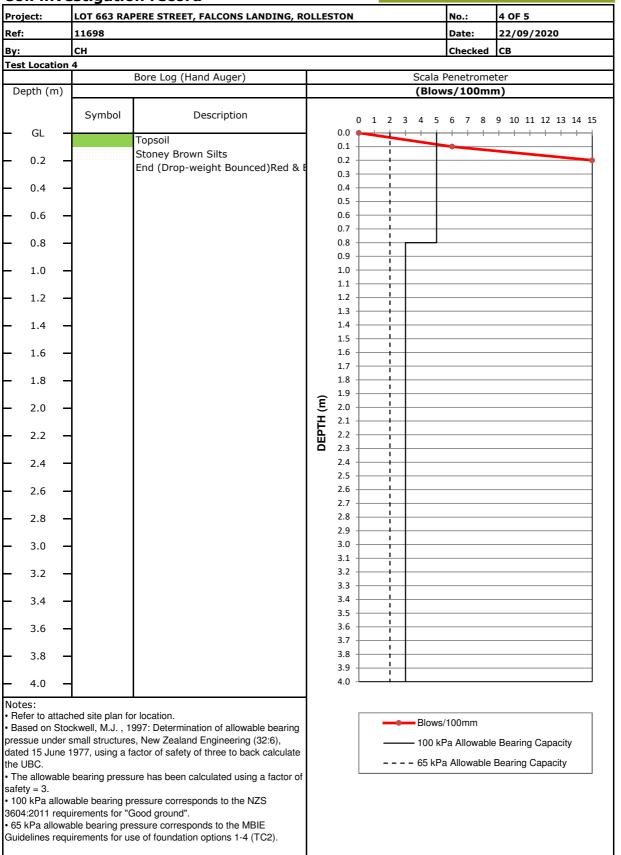




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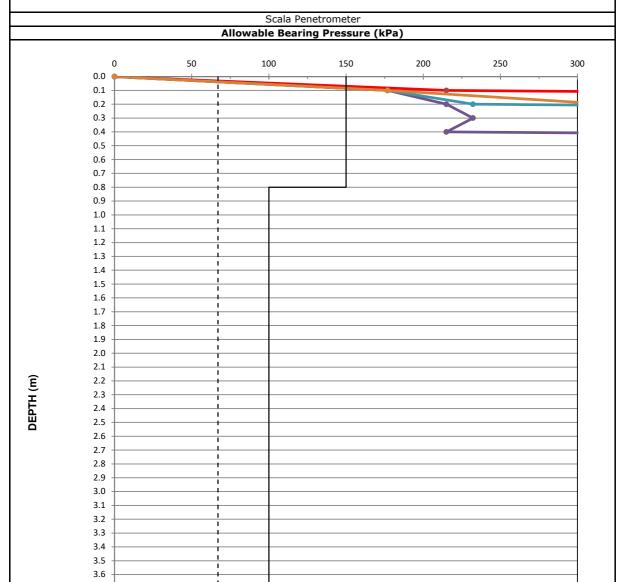








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