

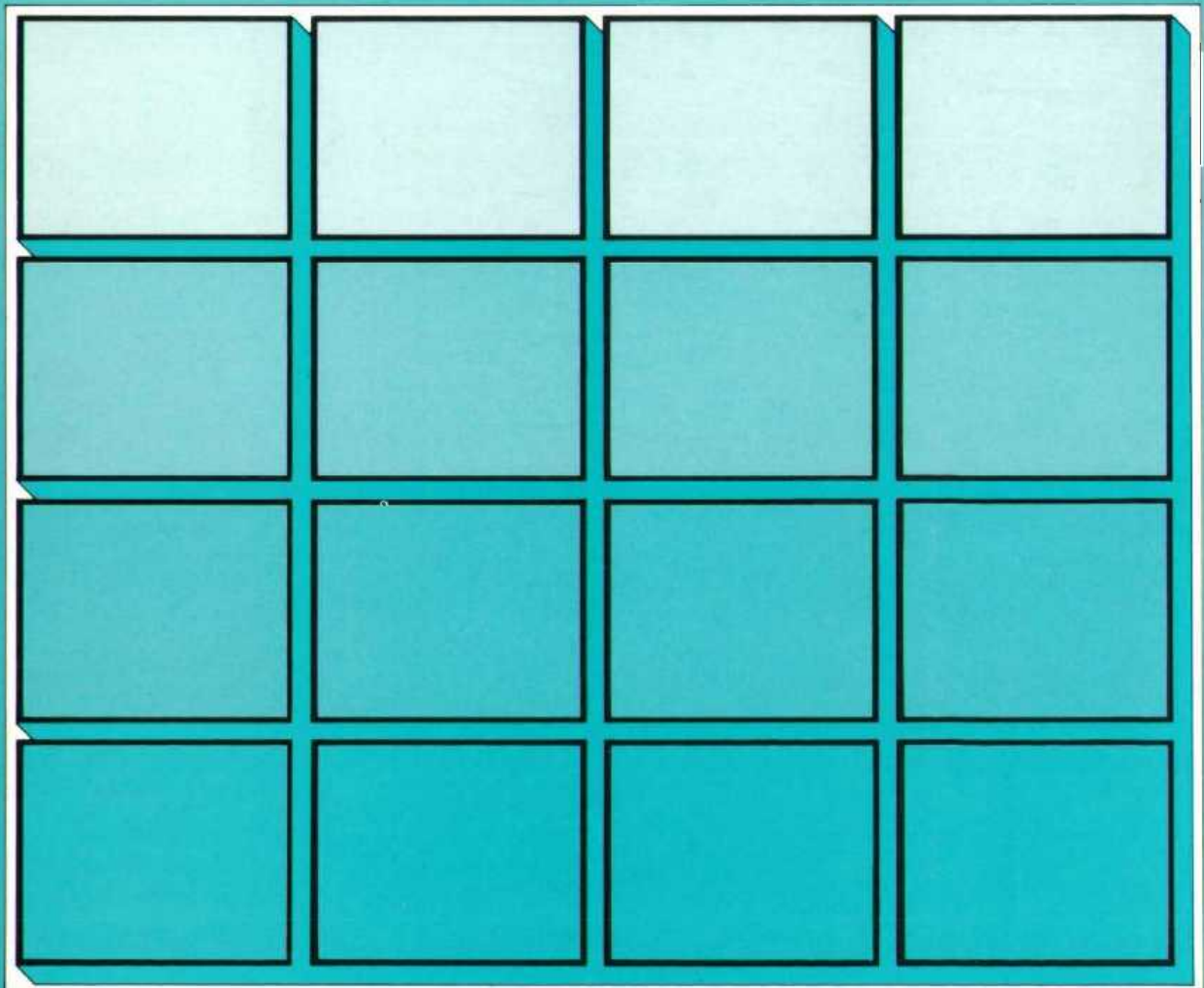
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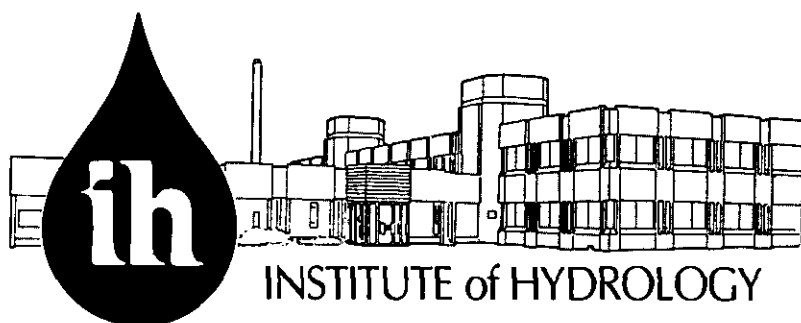


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Hydrological implications of proposed mineral
extraction and landfill on Burnham Beeches
– a preliminary site investigation study.

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Hydrological implications of proposed gravel extraction on Burnham Beeches

Summary of advice given to the Corporation of The City of London by the Institute of Hydrology at Guildhall 13th March 1989 (14.30 - 16.00)

1. The results of our preliminary site investigation study undertaken during November 1988 indicate that a hydraulic connection exists between the gravels underlying the Beeches and the gravels comprising the eastern part of the proposed gravel pit.
2. If the gravel were to be worked dry and therefore dewatered there is a slight risk that the drawdown of the watertable could extend to the Beeches, given a sufficient period without recharge and providing the inferred hydraulic connection represents permanent saturated flow conditions through the gravels. If this connection is temporary and/or through the Reading Beds sand, this risk is reduced. If unsaturated flow conditions prevail between the two gravel bodies then there is no risk.
3. Protection measures could be undertaken to ensure that any drawdown effects associated with dewatering do not extend to the Beeches (e.g. through the use of a recharge ditch).
4. As there is a slight risk that groundwater levels will be affected by the proposed gravel extraction, it is advised that further work should be undertaken in order to gain a better understanding of the existing hydrogeology. This work would be necessary to:-
 - a) assess the effectiveness of protective measures which the developer may propose
 - b) form the basis of any predictive numerical modelling should it be required
 - c) provide a pre-extraction baseline of hydrological conditions against which the results of continued monitoring during extraction could be assessed.
5. The proposed further work is as follows:-
 - a) The drilling and installation of about 12 observation wells in order to improve the definition of the regional water table configuration with infill within the area between Crown Lane, Allerds Road, Crow Piece Lane and the watershed on the Beeches. These wells would also enable the definition of possible boundaries in case numerical modelling is required to quantitatively predict the effect of extraction on groundwater levels.
 - b) The drilling and installation of a line of at least 3 observation wells between the gravel pit and Burnham Beeches to supplement existing wells. These would be used to investigate the drawdown effects of the existing pit and the monitoring of the pumped discharge from the pit.
 - c) An EM31 geophysical survey, isotopic analysis, geological mapping and the drilling of about 5 boreholes to ascertain the nature of the inferred hydraulic connection between the gravel under the Beeches and the gravel which is proposed to be dug. One of these boreholes should be a deep hole near Juniper Cottage to prove the sequence of the Reading Beds in the area.
 - d) The submission of an interim report following the work outlined in 5a)-c).
6. Following the installation of the observation wells in 5a)-c), groundwater levels should be monitored for a minimum of 1 year, preferably 2 years.

7. All observation wells (both the Corporation's and the developer's wells) should be monitored on the same day on a weekly basis.
8. Rainfall records should be continued.
9. The recommended further work could be carried out after the granting of conditional planning permission with a condition being that the further work would be undertaken and that water levels under the Beeches would not be altered. The Institute has been involved in cases elsewhere (e.g. Yarnton and Pixey Meads SSSI, Oxon and Stoke Common SSSI) where conditional planning permission was granted following a preliminary investigation and before further work was undertaken.
10. If extraction were to start at the western part of the application site where there was no evidence of any hydraulic connection between the gravels under the Beeches and the gravels which are proposed to be dug, this would give time to undertake the necessary further work and pre-extraction monitoring in the eastern part of the application site.
11. The overall study can be considered to comprise 4 phases:-
 - Phase I Preliminary site investigation - November 1988 (completed)
 - Phase II Hydrogeological study comprising work outlined in paras 5-8.
 - Phase III (Optional) Numerical modelling to be undertaken if the results of Phase II suggest it is required.
 - Phase IV Continued monitoring during extraction (and updating of any optional Phase III modelling)
12. Estimated costs for the recommended further work (Phase II) will be sent to the Corporation as soon as possible.

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14th March 1989

Dear Mr. Dixon,

Gravel Extraction Application - Burnham Beeches.

Further to your meeting with my Deputy and Assistant Miss Wells
on 13th March 1989, I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Minutes.

As agreed, I look forward to receiving the Letter which is ^{to} accompany
your Report, together with a summary of your advice.

Yours sincerely,

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CITY OF LONDON

13th March 1989

Meeting - Gravel Extraction, Burnham Beeches

In attendance:-

Mr A. Dixon - Institute of Hydrology

Mr L. Terrington)
) Town Clerk's Department
Mr D. Milnes)

Mr I. Turney - Superintendent of Kent and Surrey
Commons

Mr. G. Karger)
) Comptroller and City Solicitor's
Miss V. Wells) Department

1. Mr Dixon was informed that the Corporation intended to release the Institute of Hydrology's report to Summerleaze, but that they would like it to be released with an accompanying letter from Mr Dixon to the effect that the report is a preliminary study and that more work is required to be carried out. Mr Dixon agreed to write the same.
2. Mr Dixon indicated that the next stage is the pre-extraction/pre-public inquiry stage which will involve further monitoring of the bore wells for a minimum of one year, but preferably two.
3. Mr Turney explained that since November 1988 his staff have been

monitoring the existing bore holes and all findings have been recorded. The Institute will be asked to collate this data. Mr Dixon indicated that monitoring should take place on the Corporation's land, the applicant's land and the area of land in between these two areas. Summerleaze are collecting data from their own site but until recently had been taking readings on a different day to the Corporation, therefore reducing the usefulness of the data.

Mr Dixon recommends exchanging the data collected since November and said that links can be established in a dry season, this winter having been particularly dry.

4. Mr Dixon indicated that there is a link between the two sites but he does not know the nature of the link. From the information he has at present he believes there is a slight risk to the Beeches but the hydrology here is difficult.

One remedy in respect of the slight risk to the Beeches is a re-charge ditch between the two sites, the bore holes being monitored at the same time to check that the ditch is working effectively.

To further establish the extent of the risk Mr Dixon suggested digging some 20 more bore wells, one of these being a deep one. This would involve around 2-3 weeks' work at a cost of approximately £200 per hole (shallow). These extra bore holes would enable Mr Dixon to ascertain the nature of the redding bed and would define boundaries to the system. (Redding bed - limits the extent of the draw down) The deep bore well would establish if there is a redding bed connection.

Mr Dixon suggested that 3 to 4 bore wells in the vicinity of the existing pit (ie. in the land immediately to the north of the hole) would give an idea of the drawdown occurring at the moment.

Mr Dixon did not think that the readings taken by the Corporation

since November 1988 would add much to what he already knows. What is needed are more monitored bore wells which would give an adequate network prior to extraction or inquiry. The minimum period of monitoring would be one year.

5. Mr Dixon believes that remedial measures are possible, encompassed in a conditional planning permission. Two examples of sites where remedial measures are being implemented are:-

(i) Walton Rectory Farm (Oxfordshire County Council) - a site of European importance where the hydrological risk was greater than the risk to the Beeches yet remedial measures were implemented.

(ii) Stoke Common (Buckinghamshire County Council) where ^{subject to conditions. This site is only 5-6 miles} planning permission was granted from the Beeches and is similar is geology. Conditional planning permission was granted following a preliminary study in 1984 by the Institute of Hydrology. Again the risk to the Common was greater than the risk to the Beeches, yet a re-charge ditch was implemented, the effect of which is still being monitored.

Mr Dixon felt it would be helpful to pool resources with the developers at Stoke Common, but these developers apparently do not want to hold back Summerleaze.

For the Beeches, Mr Dixon felt that remedies might be a re-charge ditch, or sealing with clay making it impermeable, or both. So far as a ditch is concerned, the worry would be de-watering.

Mr. Dixon compared Stoke Common with the Beeches. In the former case the water table was established before extraction, whereas here the water table has not been established in any great detail. Therefore, it is worth digging more bore holes to ensure the risk to the Beeches is slight. The slight risk to the Beeches of say 10% now might increase to 20%.

6. Mr Dixon said that our concern should be to insist that the water levels under the Beeches are not altered, not to think up remedial measures. 20 boreholes, plus monitoring over a period of 1 year, would establish the hydrology, and subsequently would enable a suitable design for remedial measures.

For example, a conditional planning permission for staged working and monitoring during extraction would not be ^{an} unreasonable condition to ask for. Extraction could begin at the western end where no water has been found in the gravels. This would then give the Corporation ample time to collect data over a 1 year period and to continue to monitor the eastern end to establish the hydrology of the area and to establish the degree of risk to the Beeches. From this one could deduce numerical modelling i.e. a Computer model.

7. Other possible measures ^{the} Corporation could take:-

(i) Geophysics - EM31 on the inter-terrace bluff to establish the link between the Beeches and the lower terrace. If anything of interest ~~is~~ found then boreholes could be sunk in these particular target areas. EM31 goes to a depth of 5 metres and indicates the difference between gravel and clay.

(ii) Isotopes - Can indicate whether the water is fresh. i.e. a water sample is taken and would establish whether the link between the 2 terrace levels is through gravels and would give you an isotopic signature. The merit of this action would therefore be to prove whether there is a redding bed or gravel connection and the speed the water comes through. If there is a gravel connection then the risk is greater.

8. To advise the Corporation upon remedial proposals to safeguard Burnham Beeches, the Institute requires more information. The extra data which is necessary could be obtained from assessing the data taken from the Corporation's bore wells, those 4 ^{borewells} of

Summerleaze if they are prepared to release this information and

from data collected from extra boreholes. A hydrological contour map should then be able to be drawn up.

9. Mr Dixon agreed to let the Corporation have a Summary of the advice given at this meeting.

Time taken - 2.30-4.00pm.

HYDROLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS OF
PROPOSED MINERAL EXTRACTION AND
LANDFILL ON BURNHAM BEECHES -
A PRELIMINARY SITE INVESTIGATION
STUDY.

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1. Introduction

This report has been prepared following a request from the Corporation of London, the owners and managers of Burnham Beeches Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) to the Institute of Hydrology. The Corporation requested a rapid, initial assessment of the hydrological implications for the Beeches of a planning application to win sand and gravel from land nearby to the Beeches. In response to this request the Institute submitted a proposal, on the 26 October 1988 for a preliminary site investigation in the Burnham Beeches area to be undertaken during November 1988, essentially to determine the existing groundwater flow configuration. In this proposal it was also stated that whereas the Institute would advise the Corporation on possible effects of gravel extraction and landfilling on groundwater flow, it would not be concerned with the possible effects of landfill on water quality and methane production.

Subsequently at a meeting on 4 November 1988 with the applicant, Summerleaze Gravel Co. Ltd., Buckinghamshire County Council and the Corporation, it became evident that there were few scientific facts upon which any conclusions could be made about the existing groundwater flow configuration at Burnham Beeches, let alone any possible hydrological effects of gravel extraction in the area. It was therefore agreed that the applicant would undertake an investigation to collect data on groundwater levels, in particular on their own land, acting on recommendations from the County Council. It was also recognised that the Institute would pursue the proposed investigation within the boundaries of the Beeches and on private land between the Beeches and the application site.

The study area in this report is shown in Fig. 1. Only the southern parts of the Beeches have been investigated, where there may be a risk of any hydrological impact from the proposed gravel extraction. Included in the study area is the application site which comprises a gross area of 52 ha and lies to the south of the Beeches separated by a minimum distance of 200 m. Data collected by the applicant has been used in this report. Privately owned land between the application site and the Beeches has also been investigated and we gratefully acknowledge the co-operation of these owners.

2. Existing data and field investigations

2.1 EXISTING DATA

Data made available for this study consisted of the following:

1. Wright, P.S. 1970. The study of associations between soils, topography and vegetation in the Burnham Beeches. Unpublished MSc thesis, University of Reading.

Location map

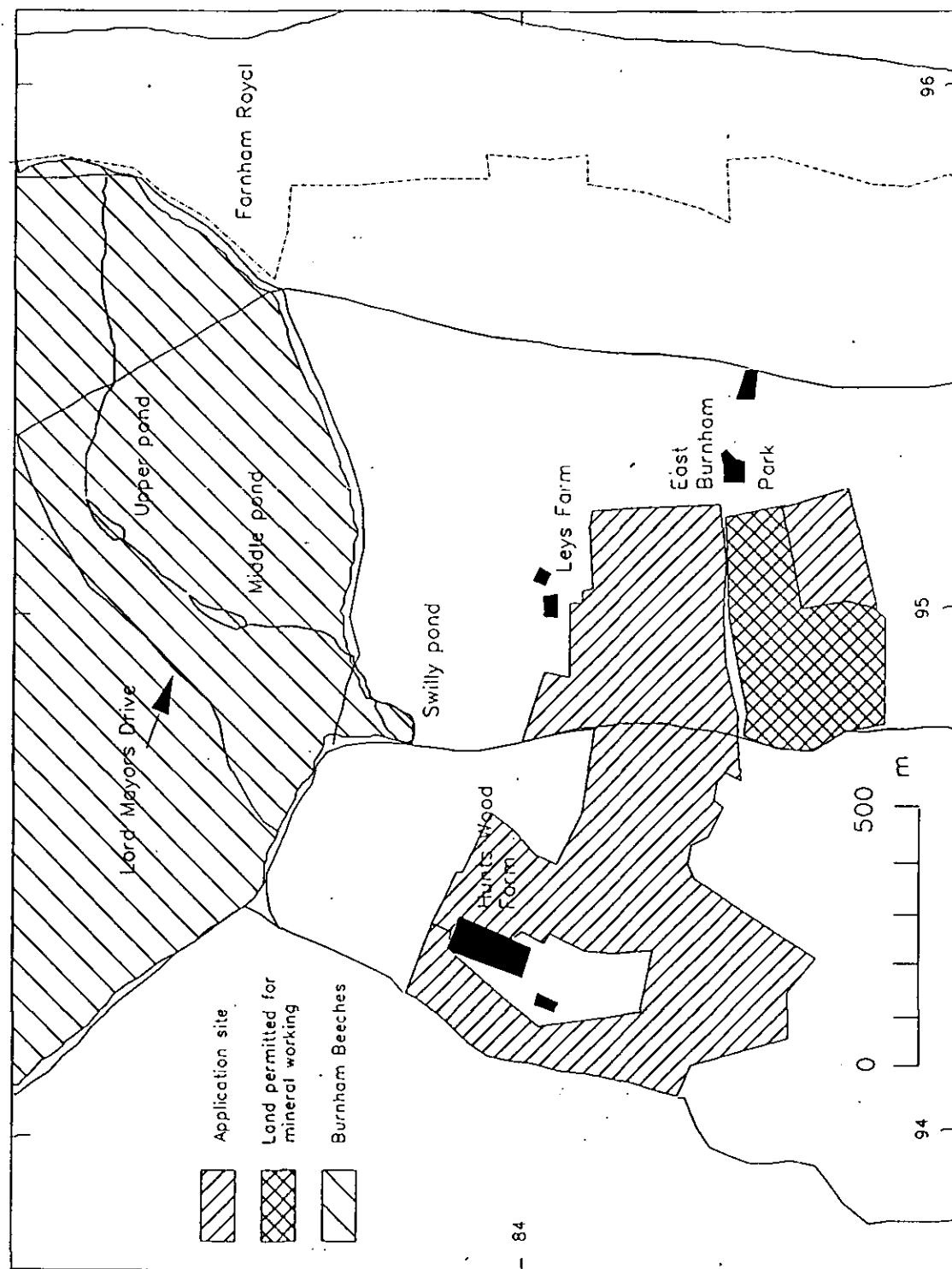


Figure 1

2. Hare, F.K. 1947. The geomorphology of a part of the Middle Thames. Proc. Geol. Assoc., Vol. 58, pp294-339.
3. Squirrell, H.C. 1974. The sand and gravel resources of the country around Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire: description of parts of 1:25000 resource sheets SU98, SU99, TQ08 and TQ09. Rep. Inst. Geol. Sci., No.74/14, 169 pp.
4. Well records for wells SU98/47, 48, 58, 90 and 96, Hydrogeological Records Dept., British Geological Survey, Wallingford.
5. Hydrogeological map of the area between Cambridge and Maidenhead 1984. British Geological Survey.
6. Applicant's borehole records comprising:-
 - B1-B3 Bishops Nurseries boreholes, Sept. 1986
 - H1-12 Hunts Wood Farm boreholes, Sept. 1982
 - H~~g~~-n Hunts Wood trial pits
 - Hy-z Hunts Wood Farm boreholes, Oct 1988
 - MH1-6 Hunts Wood Farm boreholes, Sept. 1985
 - L1-4 Leys Farm boreholes, Oct. 1986
 - L5-6 Leys Farm boreholes, April 1987
 - L7-L12 Leys Farm boreholes, Nov. 1988.
7. Rainfall data was obtained from the Meteorological site at the Institute of Hydrology, Wallingford. Up-to-date records from a nearer station were unavailable.
8. Aerial photographs (stereoscopic pair)

2.2 FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

A visit was made by the Institute with Mr J. O. Mountford of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology on 17 October 1988. The purpose of the visit was to identify ecologically sensitive parts of the beeches which were within the defined area of the Beeches potentially at risk. Details of this visit are given in Appendix I of this report.

Boreholes drilled for this study by the Institute have been given numbers prefixed with the letters BB (see Fig. 2). Full details of these boreholes and the lithological logs can be found in Appendix II of this report.

The Institute drilled nineteen boreholes between 3 November 1988 and 18 November 1988. Twelve boreholes were drilled with a Marlow hydraulic hammer system at diameters of 54 mm reducing to 35 mm (BB1-12). Cores were taken more or less continuously for lithological logging. Seven boreholes were drilled with a Pilcon Traveller rig with continuous flight augers at a diameter of 150 mm (BB13-19). Ten of the total nineteen boreholes were completed with steel standpipe piezometers for water level monitoring. Six piezometers were at nominal 50 mm diameter with 0.5 m perforated drive tips (BB4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 19). Four of the piezometers were at nominal 25 mm

Borehole locations

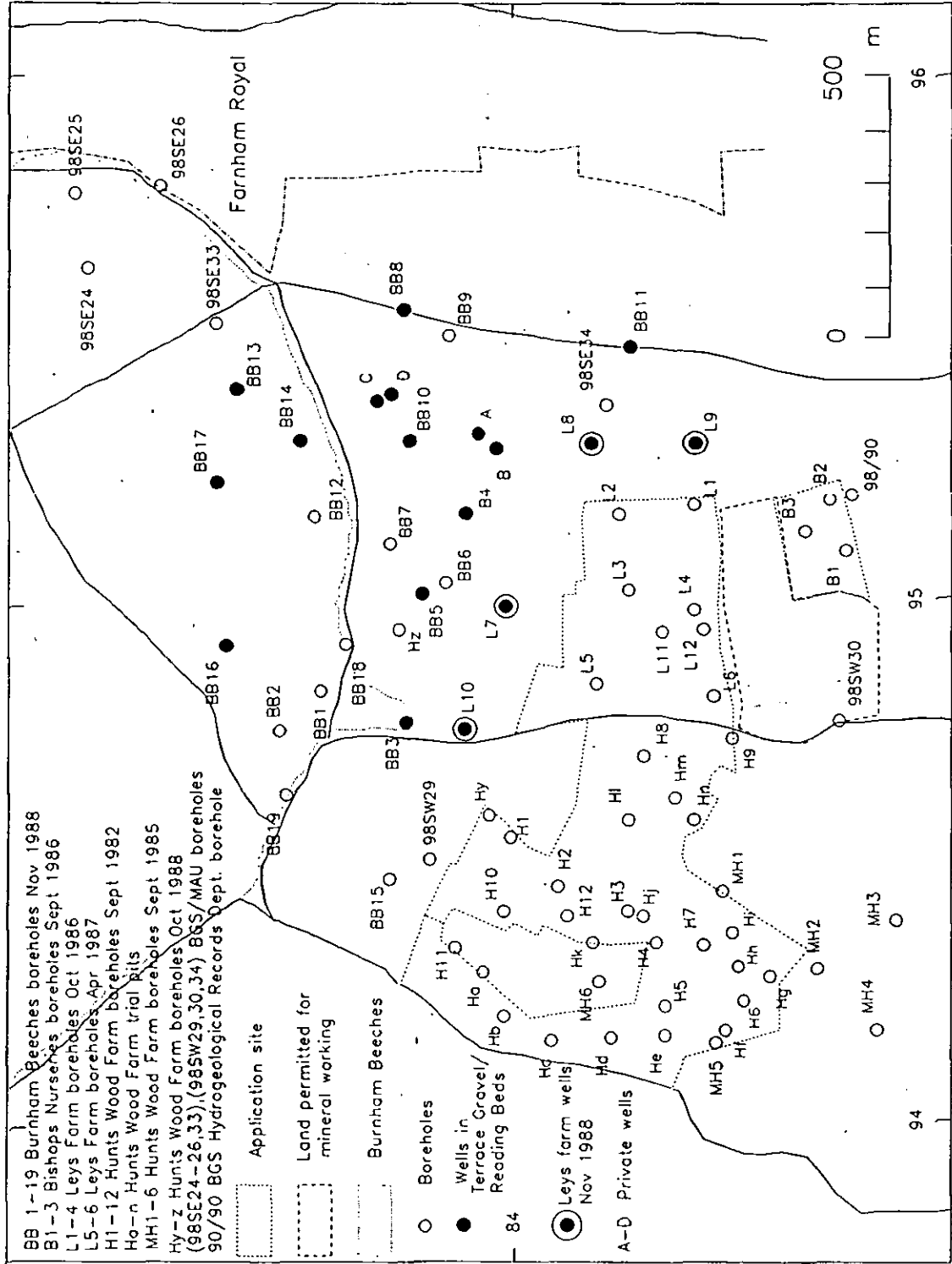


Figure 2

diameter with 0.3 m perforated drive tips with a porous plastic element (BB3, 5, 9, 10). Four of the 50 mm piezometers were developed with compressed air (BB16 and 17 were screened in Reading Beds sand and were wrapped in Terram and were therefore not developed).

Boreholes were surveyed to Ordnance Datum and the elevations of ground level and well top are given in Appendix III. Water levels were monitored on 28 November 1988 and 30 November 1988 in all 10 piezometers, together with privately owned wells (at sites A, B and C and D on Fig. 1) and the applicants wells L7-L10.

An estimate of stream discharge was made at the outlet from Middle Pond on 17 November 1988.

3. Ecological sensitivity to changes in water levels

Within the Beeches the habitats most vulnerable to changes in water levels are those associated with shallow groundwater and poorly drained land. Such areas have given rise to the development of wetland plant communities which would be threatened by any significant lowering of water levels associated with any dewatering during gravel extraction. Three wetland areas have been identified.

1. Upper, Middle and Swilly Ponds (see Fig. 1) and along the stream that links these ponds.
2. Upstream of Upper Pond, where the Corporation has recently cleared birch woodland and established a managed bog.
3. In the birch and pine woodland to the east of Middle Pond (Classes 6 and 7 in Fig. 3).

Many of the wetland species listed in Appendix 1 are restricted to these three areas and are rare in southeast England, having declined markedly over the last century.

Elsewhere beech, oak and mixed woodland predominate (see Fig. 3). These associations (Classes 1-4 in Fig. 3) are adapted to free-draining ground and deeper groundwater levels and are therefore not particularly at risk from any drawdown effect of dewatering.

4. Geology

The map which accompanies the IGS mineral assessment report (Squirrell 1974) represents the most up-to-date available geological survey of the area.

The map displays the Burnham Beeches area with various land types and planning designations. A scale bar indicates distances from 0 to 500 meters. The map is oriented with North at the top. The following legend items are present:

- Application site (indicated by a dotted line)
- Land permitted for mineral working (indicated by a dashed line)
- Burnham Beeches (indicated by a solid line)
- Beech woodland (diagonal lines from top-left to bottom-right)
- Mixed common oak woodland (cross-hatch pattern)
- Sessile oak woodland (diagonal lines from top-right to bottom-left)
- Mixed oak woodland (diagonal lines from top-left to bottom-right, with a different pattern than Beech woodland)
- Young birch woodland (diagonal lines from top-right to bottom-left, with a different pattern than Sessile oak woodland)
- Mixed birch woodland (diagonal lines from top-left to bottom-right, with a different pattern than Beech woodland)
- Pine stands (solid black)
- Open land (white)

Geographical labels include 'Farnham Royal' and 'Burnham Beeches'. The map is bounded by coordinates 94 and 95 on the horizontal axis and 96 on the vertical axis.

Figure 3

Most of the boundaries were mapped by the Geological Survey between 1902-1920 with only minor revision by Squirrell. Within the study area, this map shows most of the ground to be underlain by gravel (see Fig. 4). The gravel underlying the Beeches is mapped as "Glacial Sand and Gravel (including undifferentiated Head)". This is distinguished from the 'Boyn Hill Terrace' gravel on which the application site is located.

A more detailed classification of the terraces in this area was undertaken by Hare (1947). This classic work on the geomorphology of the Thames terraces identified the terrace gravel under the Beeches as being associated with the Winter Hill Terrace of the Thames (see Fig. 5). Hare mapped only areas of relatively flat ground as a terrace remnant; steeper facets were either classed as 'inter-terrace bluffs' or as 'recent minor valleys' (see Fig. 6). In Hare's map much of the ground within the Beeches and on land to the south is mapped as inter-terrace bluff or recent minor valleys. Hare, therefore, omitted the gravels which had been subsequently subjected to mass movement from his area of terrace remnants, whereas Squirrell chose to incorporate them within the mapped terrace gravel.

The nature and extent of the gravels which have been subjected to mass movement is of crucial importance in this study. The gravels underlying the Beeches and the application site are both in parts, waterbearing. If there is a hydraulic connection between these two different gravels then there is a possibility that changes in water levels in the vicinity of the application site could effect water levels within the Beeches. This possibility is more likely if a mass moved or soliflucted gravel of high permeability bridges the two distinct terrace gravels. Indeed, Hare gives a geological cross section across the inter-terrace bluff at the southern boundary of Burnham Beeches (reproduced in Fig. 7) which shows 'trail' and 'solifluction gravel' connecting the Winter Hill and Boyn Hill terrace gravels.

As the geological map (Fig. 4) is based on old survey (mapping techniques having improved since the period 1902-1920) and as Hare's map differs from Squirrell's map, a number of boreholes were drilled to specifically investigate the ground between the Winter Hill (Glacial Sand and Gravel of Squirrell's map) and the Boyn Hill terrace gravels. These boreholes (BB1, 2, 7, 8, 10 and 19) indicated that where gravel was present, it was thin. Other boreholes drilled near to the area of mapped bedrock on the inter-terrace bluff also proved thin gravel overlying bedrock (BB5 and 9) or bedrock (BB6). Table 1 below summaries the thicknesses of gravels in the inter-terrace bluff area.

Table 1 also shows the nature and thickness of proved bedrock. All these boreholes east of Swilly Pond proved clay bedrock. However BB1 proved sand underlying 1.2 m of clay and BB19 proved 3.0 m of chalk underlying 7.0 m of silt.

Geology (after Squirrell 1974)

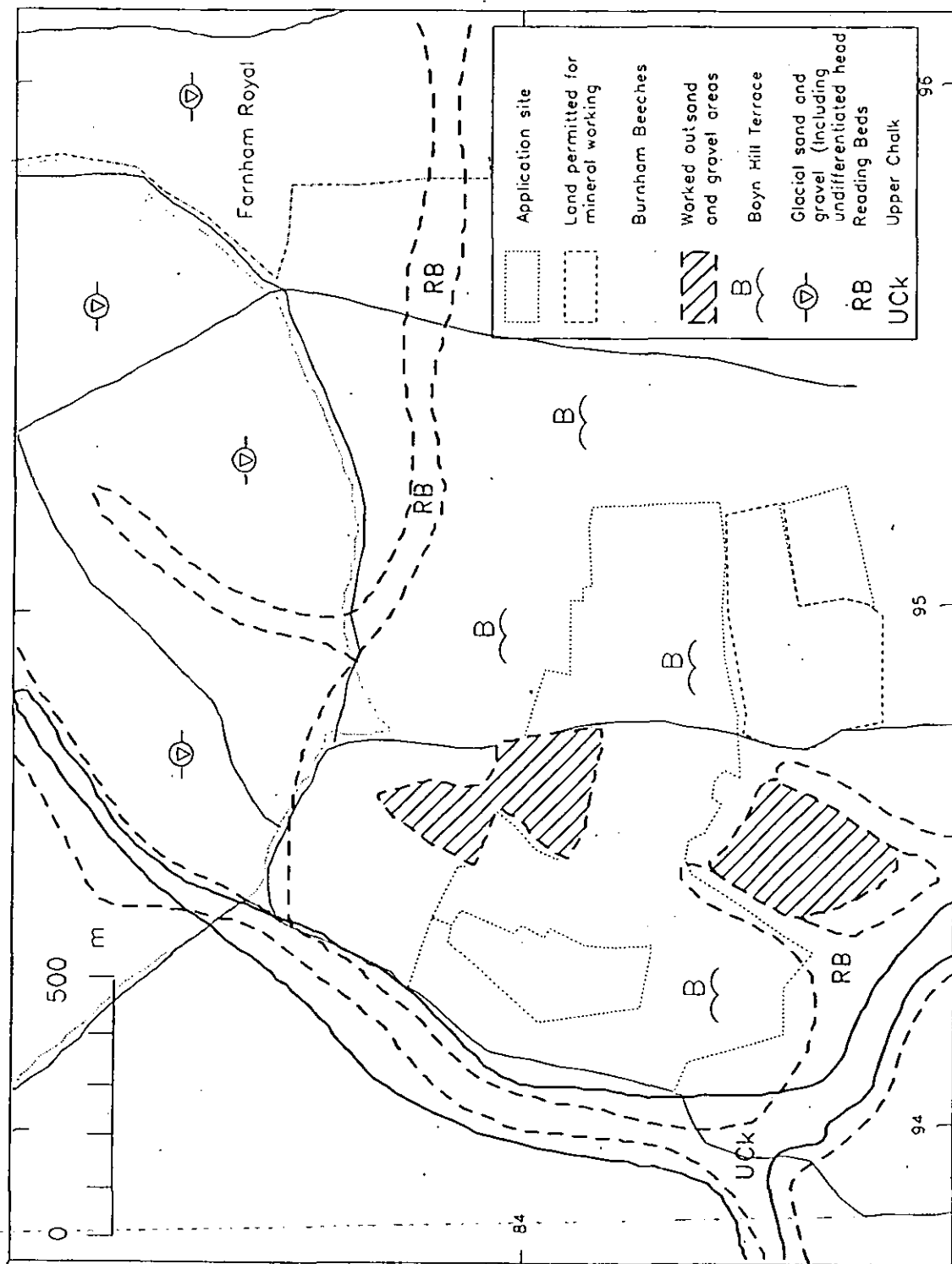


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Geomorphology (after Hare 1947)

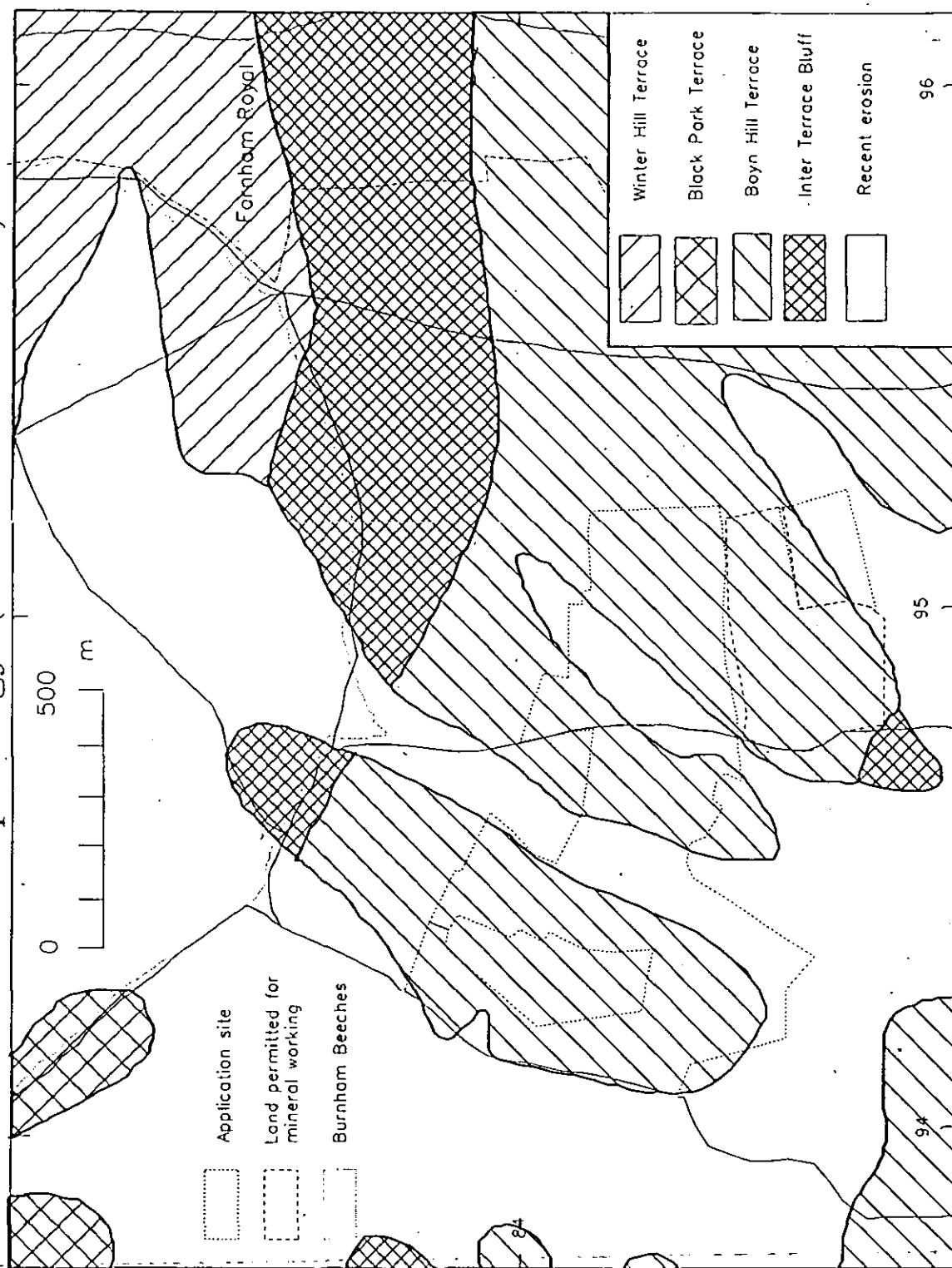


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Topography

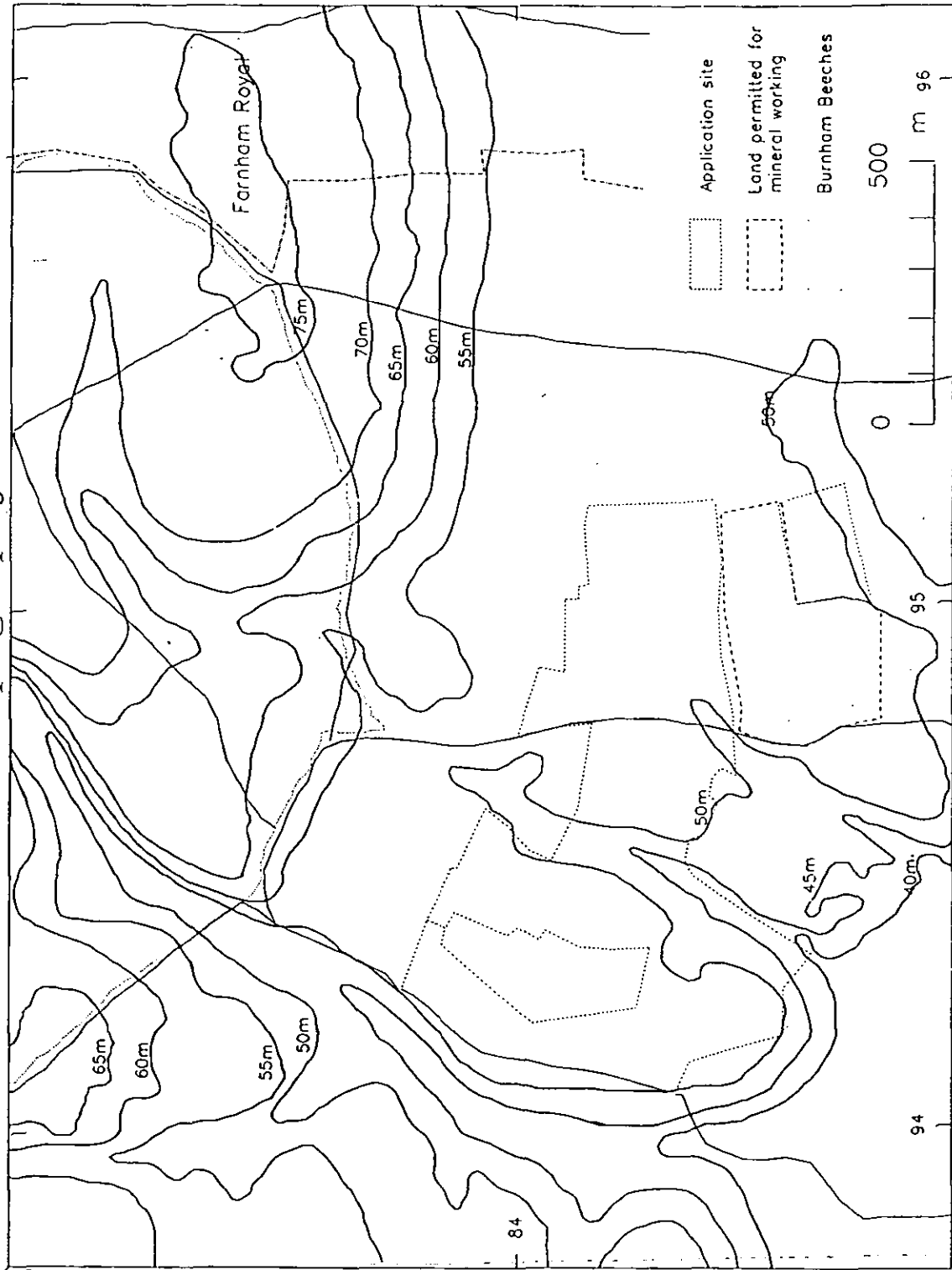


Figure 6

Section across the bluff above the Boyn Hill Terrace
 at Burnham Beeches (approx. along Lord Mayors Drive)
 (after Hare 1947)

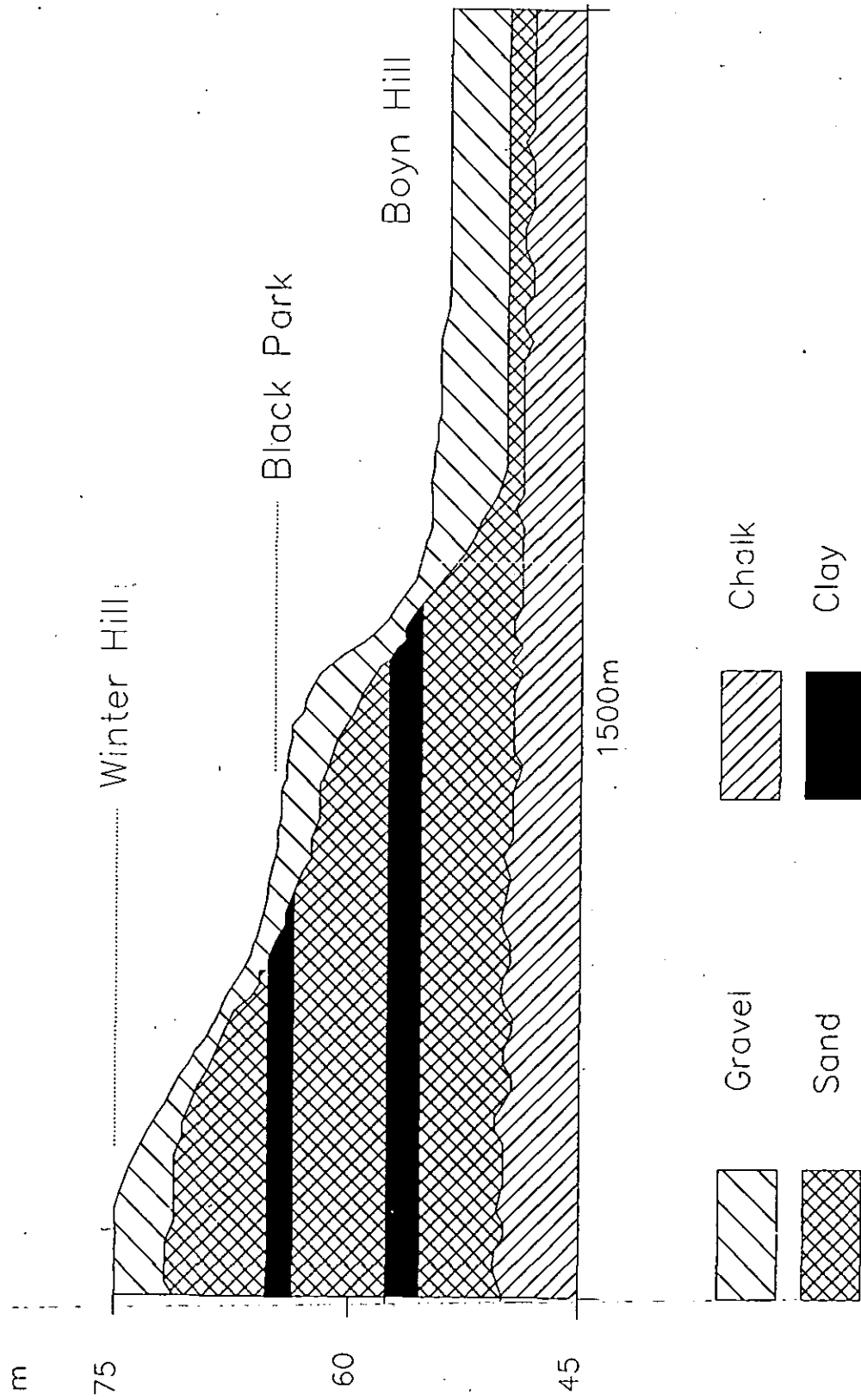


Figure 7

Table 1 Thickness (m) of gravel and proved bedrock of boreholes in inter-terrace bluff area.

	Thickness of gravel	Nature and thickness of bedrock proved
BB1	0.6	Clay (1.2) over sand (1.2+)
BB2	0.5+	-
BB5	1.5	Clay (1.1+)
BB7	-	Clay (3.2+)
BB8	1.5	Clay (1.4+)
BB9	0.5	Clay (2.0+)
BB10	0.8	Clay (2.7+)
BB19	-	Chalk (3.0+)

Elsewhere the gravel is of variable thickness (see Fig. 8). The thickest gravel proved in the area, is within the application site at L6 where 9.9 m of gravel underlies 4.8 of clay and soil. This exceptionally thick drift sequence (15.7 m) is probably associated with the existence of a Boyn Hill 'fossil' sinkhole or a recent solution/collapse feature. Thicknesses of up to 6 m occur at Huntswood Farm and on the high ground in the Beeches to the east of Middle Pond. A hoggin or soft silty clay commonly overlies the gravel and is sometimes found interlayered within or below it.

Bedrock within the study area is generally Reading Beds clay. However, in the west in the vicinity of Hunts Wood Farm, chalk was proved underlying gravel in the applicant's boreholes (H11 and Hy) and, as already mentioned, underlying silt at BB19. The proximity of the chalk to the base of the gravel in the west of the study area, is of hydrogeological significance, inasmuch as these gravels are likely to be dry, as water will percolate down into the unsaturated zone of the chalk until it reaches the chalk watertable at depth. Interlayered within the Reading Beds clays are bands of sand. At BB16, 5.7 m of sand were proved underlying gravel (which was damp at the base). Assuming a dip of 1:80 this band sub-crops beneath the gravel at East Burnham Park, where sand was proved in the applicants boreholes L1, B2 and B3. Reading Beds sand was also encountered at BB17 (where it was water-bearing) which assuming a dip of 1:80, sub-crops under the Boyn Hill Terrace east of Farnham Royal where it was proved in the MAU boreholes SU98/36 and 38. The Reading Beds sands are of hydrogeological significance as they provide a possible connection between the Winter Hill and Boyn Hill terrace gravel aquifers. The Reading Beds sands at BB17 are particularly important in the context of this study, as water in this formation, together with the overlying gravels, appears to feed the wetland immediately to the west.

Thickness of Gravel (m)

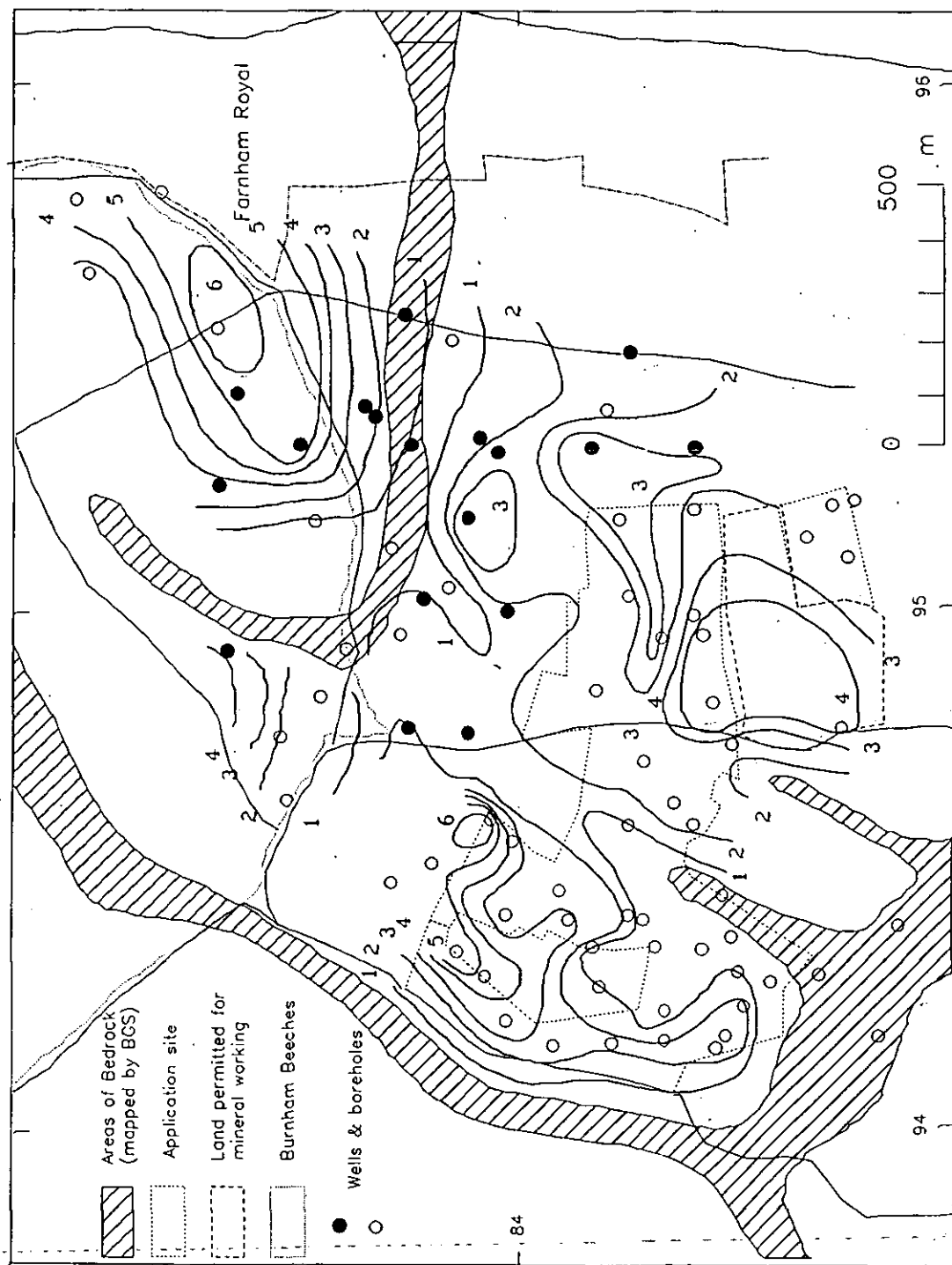


Figure 8

5. Hydrogeological conditions

5.1 SETTING

Rainfall figures for Wallingford are given in Appendix V (up-to-date rainfall data was not available from any station nearer to Burnham Beeches). At Wallingford the rainfall over the previous 12 months (December 1987-November 1988) was slightly below the 25 year mean. July was unusually wet and the period August-November was below average. November was fairly dry up to 28 November when the monitoring of groundwater levels was undertaken. More data must be obtained to evaluate any departure of the November water levels from the average low water levels in the area. The second monitoring of groundwater levels was undertaken on the 30 November after 12 mm had fallen at Wallingford between 0900 on 29 November and 0900 on 30 November in order to investigate the response of groundwater levels to a recharge event.

5.2 GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

The study area can be divided into two, along a line running slightly to the east of the Upper Pond/Swilly Pond valley. To the west of this line, groundwater was not encountered in the gravels during this investigation. To the east of this line, groundwater was recorded in thirteen wells.

In the eastern area, although water was not recorded in the gravels, the Reading Bed sand proved at BB16 became damp at 9.5 m B.G.L. indicating that the watertable was not far below. Elsewhere the applicant recorded water levels in the deeper chalk aquifer. The applicants trial pits (Hc, Hd, He, Hf, Hj, Hk and Hm) all struck water at depths ranging from 1.6 m B.G.L. at Hk to 3.5 B.G.L. at Hm. Unfortunately the records do not specify the date these holes were dug but these records indicate that there is at least groundwater under Hunts Wood Farm at certain times of the year.

Surprisingly the well at Swilly Pond (BB3) was dry, even though the pond was wet and 2.1 m of gravel was proved. The 1.6 m of clay which overlies this gravel must act as a natural seal to keep the pond wet through much of the year. The absence of water in the gravel below Swilly Pond and in the area to the west, in general can be attributed to the proximity of the unsaturated zone of the chalk bedrock. The Reading Beds are thin (Hz proved 0.8 m) or not present (Hy) providing areas where water can percolate down to the chalk aquifer. Thus the valley below Swilly Pond is dry, as is the deep valley which runs to the west of Hunts Wood Farm and Lord Mayor's Drive.

There is a possibility that there may be a narrow alluvial aquifer associated with the stream which feeds Swilly Pond. Borehole BB18 was drilled to investigate this but unfortunately was abandoned at 1.5 m due to exceptionally hard ground. Lack of time prevented re-siting this borehole. Certainly, immediately downstream from Middle Pond gravel can be seen exposed in the stream banks.

In the eastern side of the study area the groundwater contour map for 28 November 1988 (Fig. 9) shows flow essentially from the Beeches, southwards towards the application site.

At the Beeches in the vicinity of BB17, there is a flow to the southwest towards the wet ground that lies between BB17 and BB18. At BB17 groundwater was only 1.9 m B.G.L. and it can be inferred that this water gives rise to wetland further down the slope. Indeed, at BB12, Reading Beds clay was proved to outcrop, which presumably accounts for the spring between BB12 and BB14 (shown to the Institute by the Keeper of the Beeches on 27 October 1988).

On the inter-terrace bluff, groundwater was proved at BB10 (see Fig. 10). At this well only 0.13 m of the 0.8 m of gravel were saturated on 28 November 1988, rising to 0.26 m on 30 November 1988. However, further down slope on the Boyn Hill Terrace at BB4, there is clear evidence in Fig. 9, of a recharge mound, suggesting, in the absence of any surface water in the immediate vicinity, a significant groundwater link between the land under the Beeches and the Application site. This link could be via gravels or Reading Beds sands.

On the Boyn Hill Terrace, Fig. 9 shows groundwater flow spreading out southeast, south and southwest from BB4. The absence of water at L8 could be accounted for by a local steepening of gradient immediately northeast of L8 (as suggested in Figs. 9 and 10).

The differences in groundwater levels between the 28 and 30 November show a variable response. On the Beeches, BB13 and BB14 together with BB11 at the extreme southeast part of the well network, showed no response. The greatest response was at BB4, which showed a rise of 0.35 m. This indicates that groundwater rapidly moves down through the steep inter-terrace bluff after a rainfall event.

5.3 RELATIONSHIPS WITH SURFACE WATER

The only surface water of concern in the study area is the stream that feeds Upper Middle and Swilly Ponds. During November the flow in this stream was very low. On 17 November 1988 the discharge at the outlet pipes from Middle Pond was $2.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3 \text{secs}^{-1}$. South of BB18 the stream bed was dry. The Corporation have, however, observed substantial flows during wet periods. As mentioned above, the valley to the west of Hunts Wood Farm and Lord Mayor's Drive is dry up to some swallets.

The stream which feeds the ponds is recharged in part by groundwater from gravel underlying the Beeches. This is indicated in Fig. 9 which shows a groundwater flow direction towards the stream and reference has already been made to the spring between BB12 and BB14. Although there are no wells to the north of BB17 it is likely that there is some ground water flow northwards from BB17 recharging the Corporation's managed bog upstream of Upper Pond. The absence of any recorded groundwater in the gravels west of Middle Pond during November infer that little recharge occurs from these gravels during a low water period. Elsewhere recharge from any terrace gravel

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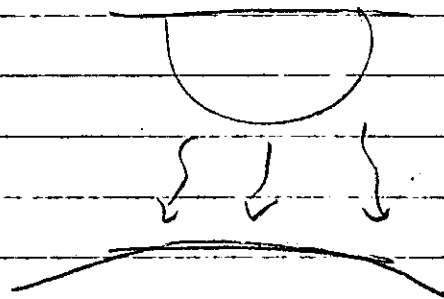
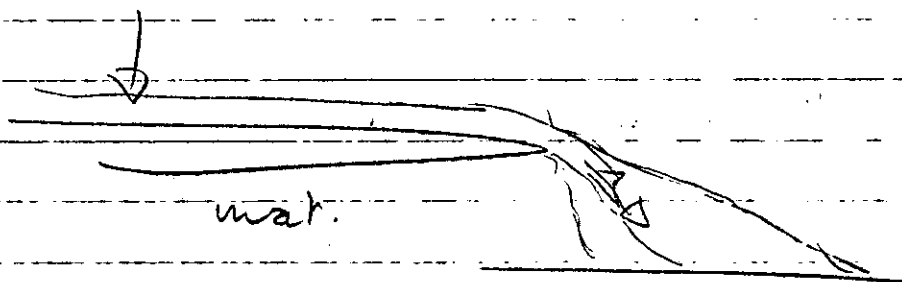
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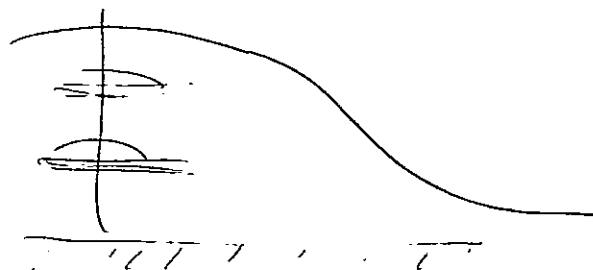
2 sites

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18 sites
(~20)

say 150.





20 avail.
but 17 'wells'

- further definition of hydrogeol sitⁿ.

'regional' { : water levels &
: extent of 'saturation'

{ : physical geol - (RB.
of terrace { Gravel connection.

modelling

- further definition around 'risk' areas

local { : water levels
- highlight interconnectⁿ.

- probable need to install monitoring on 'regional' scale

- need to provide more detailed network between
pit & BB. pre-extractⁿ

1-2-4

① Areas 4, 5 1 strat hole each 2 for ≤ 60 .
+ & perched aq.
general auger survey along outcrop re. clay

A

② WL defⁿ. 7-(8) sites : towards area 1 / ≤ 40 .
+ & re. satⁿ of grav on W side }

③ Re is around N. of ex pit - in abnⁿ with ②
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④ Re Switty Pond area (risk 2) - 2 sites ≤ 10 .
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Water level contours(m) 28th Nov. 1988

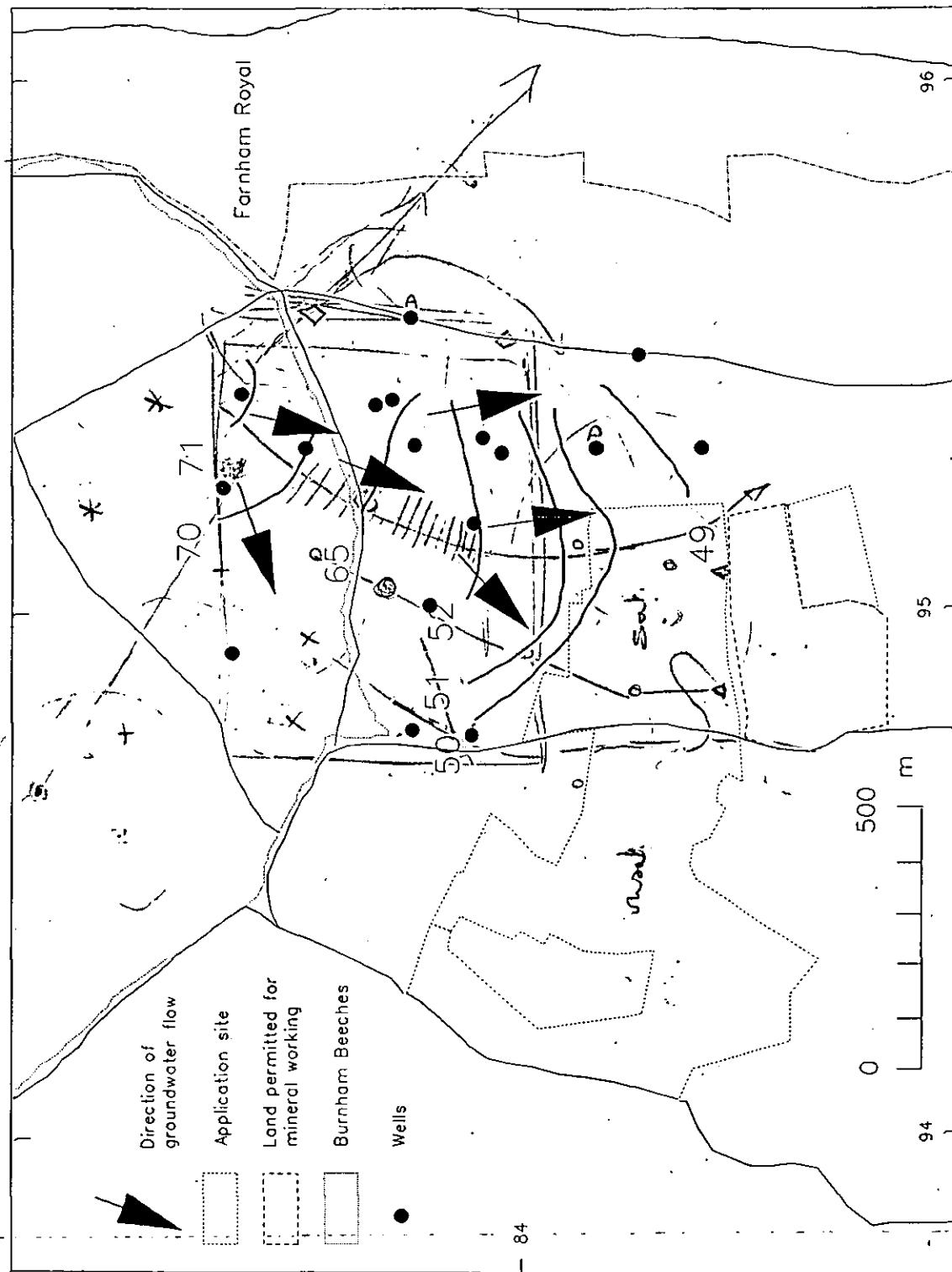


Figure 9

Section from BB17 to L9 Showing lithology and water levels (28/11/88)

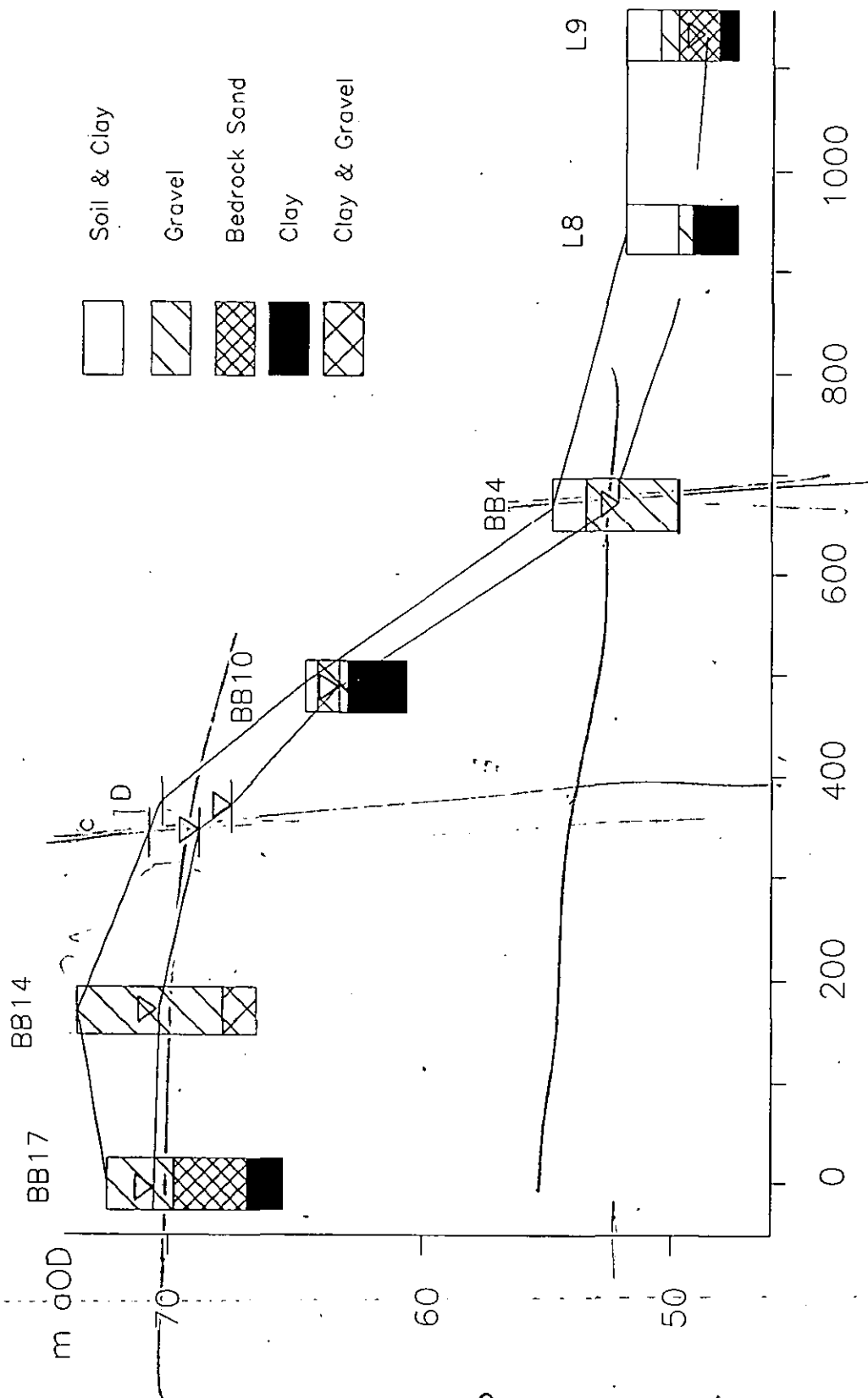


Figure 10

aquifer to the stream is outside the defined area of potential risk. Geological mapping and more boreholes would be needed to assess the role of the Reading Beds sand in recharging surface water.

6. Risk assessment

There are two aspects which must be considered in assessing the impact of the application on surrounding water levels. These are:

1. Assuming the proposed extraction will be undertaken by dry working, then surrounding ground water levels will be lowered during de-watering.
2. If the pit is to be lined and filled with landfill, then as groundwater has been shown to flow from the Beeches towards the application site in the eastern half of the study area (at least at the time of well monitoring), it is likely that groundwater levels will rise under land surrounding the northeast part of the site.

Without a more detailed investigation involving monitoring extreme high and low water levels, collection of data on aquifer properties (permeability and storage) and a much better understanding of boundary conditions, it is not possible to quantitatively predict the extent of these likely effects.

An initial assessment of potential risk can, however, be made in the light of the findings of this investigation. Five categories of potential risk have been identified in the Beeches within the study area (see Fig. 11). Area 1 represents the highest and Area 5 the lowest risk. These areas have been identified on the basis of both ecological sensitivity to water level changes, together with the likelihood of any such water level changes occurring due to the proposed gravel extraction.

Each area is briefly discussed below:

Area 1. This area represents the mixed birch woodland and pine stands classified by Wright (1970) and identified as the third area of wetland in Section 3 of this report. The ground here was waterlogged in parts, even during the dry month of November 1988. Plants such as *Molinia* and *Sphagnum* were recorded (Appendix I). It is therefore an area which is sensitive to any lowering of the watertable. Figure 9 suggests that this wetland area is maintained by water from the gravels lying upslope, in the vicinity of BB13, BB14 and BB17. In Section 5 of this report, it was suggested that these gravels were in hydraulic connection with the lower gravels at the application sites at the time of well monitoring. It is therefore on this basis that this ecologically sensitive area fed by groundwater in hydraulic connection with the application site that it is identified as the area at most risk. As yet there is insufficient data to establish whether this hydraulic connection is direct or indirect.

Area 2. Upper, Middle and Swilly ponds together with the intervening wet valley bottom and a small triangular piece of land adjacent to Swilly Pond

Risk classification

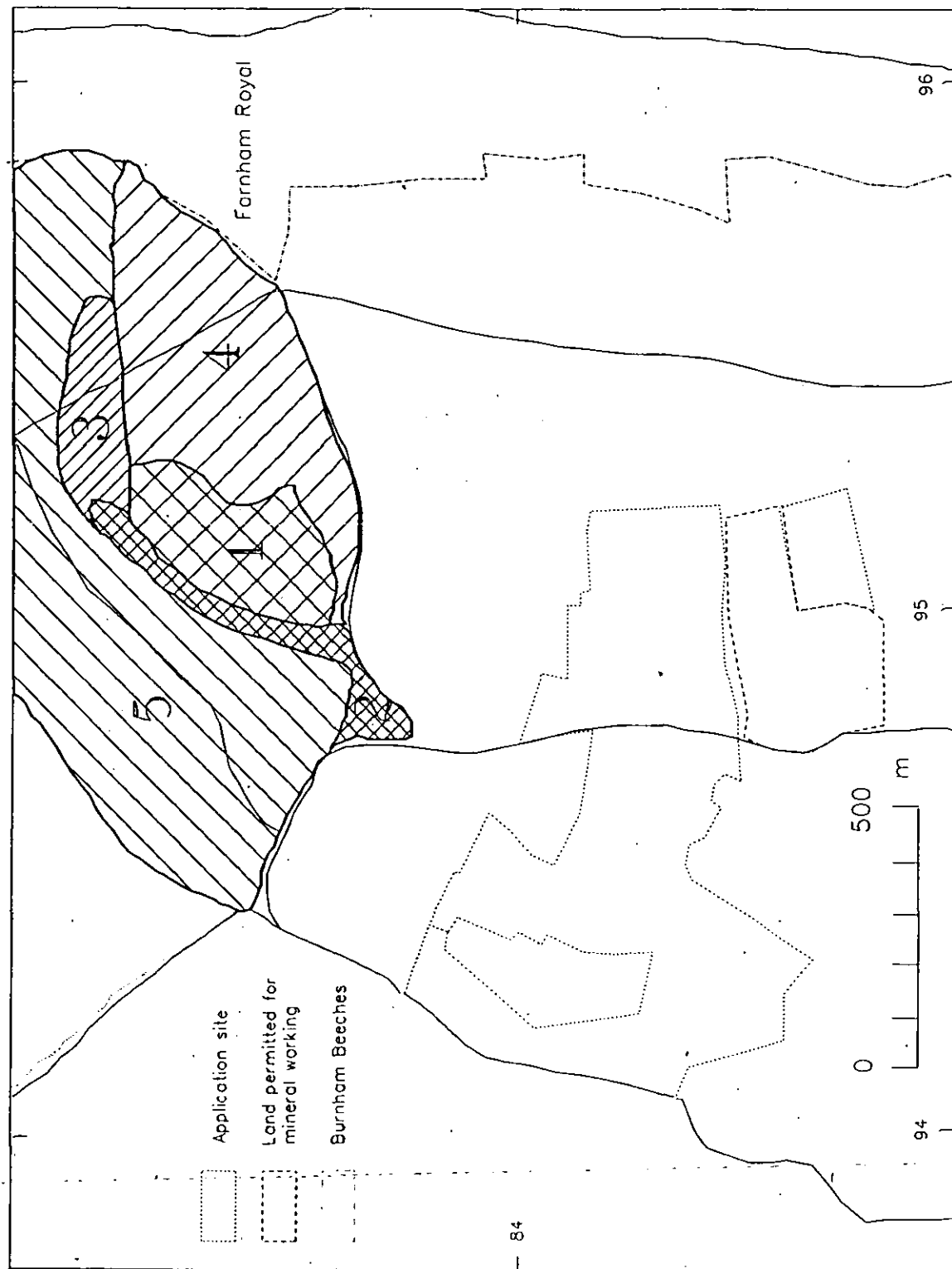


Figure 11

comprise Area 2. It includes the first wetland area referred to in Section 3 and is therefore sensitive to any lowering of water levels (see Appendix 1). However, during November 1988 the gravel at BB3 which underlies Swilly Pond, was dry. This considerably lowers the risk in this area. There could be a hydraulic connection via bedrock sands which presents a slight risk. Also if the well at BB3 becomes wet, and there is an indication that the water levels in the ponds and any alluvial aquifer are in direct hydraulic connection with the application site, then this area becomes the area at most risk.

Area 3. Within this area is the managed bog lying upstream from Upper Pond. It contains species sensitive to any lowering of the water levels but is some distance from the application site. However, as there may be some recharge from the gravel lying north of BB13, there may be a slight risk.

Area 4. This area is mapped by Wright (see Fig. 3) as mainly young birch woodland with an area of sessile oak woodland lying to the south of Area 1. Although the southern part of this area is underlain by gravels, which are in hydraulic connection with the application site, as no wetland area was encountered in this investigation, the area has been designated at a lower risk category.

Area 5. Land lying to the west of the Upper, Middle Swilly Ponds, comprising mainly beech and mixed woodland (Fig. 3) is in the western area where groundwater was not encountered or suggested to be at depth (BB16). Providing these conditions prevail, this area is at no risk.

Conclusions and recommendations

dry || This study has indicated that underlying parts of the Beeches are in hydraulic connection with the gravels which it is proposed to extract. This connection can be inferred from the watertable contour map (Fig. 9) for 28 November 1988. The exact nature of the connection is unknown. However, some small amount of water was monitored at BB10, a well located on the 'inter-terrace' bluff and mapped as bedrock by the British Geological Survey. It is recommended that more boreholes should be drilled and wells installed to improve our understanding of the piezometry in this area. In particular, deeper wells in the inter-terrace bluff area would establish whether the connection is via the gravel or the Reading Beds sand layers.

monitoring || Elsewhere, towards the west, groundwater was not found. One or two more wells should be installed in the area between the application site and the Beeches (as both BB15 and BB19 failed to find gravel). Furthermore, the alluvial aquifer upstream from Swilly Pond should be investigated (as BB18 had to be abandoned). Wells in this area, together with wells in the whole study area, should be monitored on a weekly basis (preferably at extreme dry and wet periods) in order to collect data on extreme high and low water levels. It is recommended that the Corporation undertakes this monitoring and that the Institute of Hydrology enters the data on our Groundwater Information Processing System.

Appendix I

ACCOUNT OF VISIT TO BURNHAM BEECHES - 27 OCTOBER 1988

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A. Species lists for individual sites

(i) Swilly Pond - SU948842

Pond Proper:	<i>Glyceria fluitans</i>	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>
	<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i> *
	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	<i>Salix atrocinerea</i>
	<i>Salix fragilis</i>	<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>
	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>
(reported):	<i>Lythrum portula</i>	

*Some species approached *P. minus*.

Woodland adjacent:	<i>Carex remota</i>	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	<i>Hedera helix</i>
	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	<i>Prunus avium</i>
	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	
	<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i> - in stream into pond	

The pond is dominated by mixed *Glyceria fluitans* and *Agrostis stolonifera* with no other species more than occasional. The upper shores have *Agrostis stolonifera* giving way to *A. capillaris* in a species-poor grass-heath. The surrounding woodland is beech over a holly understorey with some thorn bushes and occasional oak. The ground cover is sparse with *Mnium hornum* significant among the mosses. Some areas of bracken fern exist.

(ii) Middle Pond etc. - SU949845

Pond and banks:	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
	<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i>	<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>
	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	<i>Juncus bulbosus</i>
	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	<i>Juncus tenuis</i>
	<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>
	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	<i>Nuphar lutea</i>
	<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>	<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>
	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
	<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i> s.l. (<i>U. neglecta</i> reported)	
	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.	

Woodland between here and road towards Swilly Pond contains many of the species listed under (i) with the following noted by the stream connecting the two ponds:

<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>	<i>Carex demissa</i>
<i>Carex remote</i>	<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	<i>Glyceria fluitans</i>
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	

The pond has a large emergent stand of horsetail with water-lilly in the deeper water near the outlet. Areas of emergent Reedmace etc. occur near the north end and water-logged shorelines have *Myosotis* and *Ranunculus flammula*. The southern bank by the stream inlet has a patch of *Molinia* and *Sphagnum* with *Juncus bulbosus* and *Utricularia* in the water adjacent. Trampled areas have large populations of the alien rush *Juncus tenuis*. The woodland is largely like that in (i) but the streamside vegetation is richer and good areas of *bryophytes* exist on steep eroding earth slopes.

(iii) Upper pond and cleared bog to east - SU952848:

Cleared bog:	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	<i>Epilobium palustre</i>
	<i>Juncus bulbosus</i> *	<i>Juncus conglomeratus</i>
	<i>Juncus effusus</i> *	<i>Juncus acutiflorus</i>
	<i>Molinia caerulea</i> *	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
	<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i> *	<i>Viola palustris</i>
	<i>Potamogeton polygonifolius</i>	
	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp*	
	<i>Polytichum</i> spp	
Reported:	<i>Narthecium ossifragum</i>	

Pond those from bog marked *, plus:

<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	<i>Juncus tenuis</i>
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i> s.l.	

Woodland between pond and bog and immediately around both is much wetter with large areas of *Molinia/Sphagnum* along the stream line. Other species of note are:

<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	<i>Castanea sativa</i>
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	

Where drier:	<i>Festuca gigantea</i>	<i>Sorbus aria</i> s.l.
	<i>Hieracium perpropinquum</i>	

The pond is very similar to Middle pond with no horsetail and a very large bed of *Utricularia*. The bog is dominated by mixed mosses, rushes and *Molinia*, with pools well formed and covered in pondweed. *Juncus tenuis* is very common along paths here and *Agrostis capillaris* dominates open areas in the woodland.

(iv) North of Stag P.H. - SU954844

Dry grass heath near car-park and locally within woodland:

<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>
<i>Carex binervis</i>	<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	<i>Galium saxatile</i>
<i>Danthonia decumbens</i>	<i>Nardus stricta</i>

Woodland, mostly secondary and less than 30 years old:

<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	<i>Juniperus communis</i> *
<i>Molinia caerulea</i> **	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	<i>Sorbus x thuringiaca</i>

*Juniper grows here in a population of approximately 20 bushes which are being encouraged by woodland clearance.

**Spring areas support *Molinia/Sphagnum* with a little *Juncus* n.b. *Sorbus x thuringiaca* is the name given to the very rare natural and native hybrid between *S. area* s.l. (whitebeam) and *S. aucuparia* (rowan).

(v) Victory cross - SU951450

Woodland and pathsides near swallow-holes to the N, NW and W of Upper Pond:

<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	<i>Carex binervis</i>
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> *	<i>Frangula alnus</i>
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>
<i>Hedera helix</i>	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Juncus tenuis</i> **	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
<i>Luzula pilosa</i>	<i>Melampyrum pratense</i>
<i>Melica uniflora</i>	<i>Mentha arvensis</i>
<i>Populus x canescens</i> ***	<i>Prunus avium</i>
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	<i>Sorbus aria</i> s.s.
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i> ****	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>
<i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i> (probably this)****	

*Many beeches are old and hollow pollards.

**This rush dominates some paths.

***Six very well grown, apparently native, trees near swallow-holes.

****The alien skunk cabbage and the native brooklime grow in the water-logged areas near the swallow-holes.

B. Comments on rare or uncommon species recorded.

- (a) *Lythrum portula* (water purslane) is relatively common south of the

Thames and in Wales but is generally an uncommon species of wet open (e.g. trampled or exposed mud) sites on acid soils. It was not seen during the visit but suitable habitats exist and within Bucks it must be counted an uncommon plant.

(b) *Prunus laeocerasus* (cherry laurel) an uncommon alien tree or shrub here naturalised in beech understorey. Of no conservation significance - except as a potential pest.

(c) *Utricularia vulgaris* s.l. (bladderwort) is an uncommon species nationally with concentrations in East Anglia, the New Forest, east Kent, etc. Whether this plant is *U. vulgaris* in the strict sense or *U. neglecta* as reported is irrelevant, either species rarely has such good populations as that in Upper Pond, and the site must be counted as valuable.

(d) *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor-grass) and *Sphagnum* spp (bog-moss) are both abundant components of bog, wet-heath and other water-logged communities in the north and west of Britain, but in the Home Counties, the combination of wetness and acidity is rare and these plants must be counted as important in terms of the habitat they represent.

(e) *Juncus tenuis* (slender rush) is a North American alien spreading rapidly in areas where drainage is impaired through soil compaction as along paths. Though still local and something of a botanical curiosity, it is of no conservation significance.

(f) *Carex demissa* (common yellow-sedge) has a similar distribution to those species dealt with in (d) but is hardly ever a dominant and is more typical of wet peaty places with some mineral flushing, though not in true fens usually. An interesting species to have and to be looked for in the Upper Pond Bog.

(g) *Potamogeton polygonifolius* (bog pondweed), *Narthecium ossifragum* (bog asphodel), *Viola palustris* (bog violet) and *Juncus bulbosus* (bulbous rush) are all plants primarily of acid bogs. They are hence all much commoner in the north and west. The pondweed and the rush occur in and around bog-pools and are widespread in the southeast but local. The asphodel is much less common, more typical of the bog surface and almost absent from England east of the Solent-Humber line except for small populations on the Surrey heaths, in the Weald and in west Norfolk. The plants here are a very valuable outlier of the Surrey populations. Bog violet grows in a wide variety of water-logged acid sites but is nonetheless uncommon in this region.

(h) *Frangula alnus* (alder buckthorn) is an important component of wet woodland and carr on peat in southern England. It is still widespread south of the Thames-Severn line and in the Vale of York and Cheshire/Shropshire plain. Not uncommon near here it is however a species of increasingly threatened habitats.

(i) *Nardus stricta* (mat-grass) and *Carex binervis* (green-ribbed sedge) are typical of heaths where there may be somewhat impeded drainage. They occur commonly on moors in the north and west of Britain but are local in southeast England.

(j) *Juniperus communis* (juniper) is still relatively common in the Scottish Highlands and the Lake District. The plant was once common on chalk downs in southern England, but has declined considerably over the last 50 years (see L. k. Ward's research). Populations off the chalk are almost extinct in this area and the group here is of great importance. It is interesting to note the growth form resembling that of Speyside woodlands.

(k) *Sorbus x thuringiaca* (rowan-whitebeam hybrid) is very rarely seen because the two parents are usually ecologically distinct, rowan on acid heaths and woods, whilst whitebeam grows on the chalk. This tree is thus of considerable interest.

(l) *Populus x canescens* (grey poplar) is much rarer as a native than as a planted tree. Its origin as a probable hybrid between aspen and white poplar further complicates matters, since the common cultivation of the latter parent in shelter belts in recent years has allowed grey poplars in places well outside their putative native distribution. It is probably only a true native in England east of the Wash-Solent line, and these fine trees in natural woodland towards the west edge of the "native range" must be considered of great interest.

Appendix II

Borehole logs

PROJECT: Burnham Beeches		BOREHOLE NO: BB1	
DRILLING METHOD		LOCATION	
Power auger FROM 0.0 M. TO 2.8 M.		Hawthorn Dell	
Hyd. hammer FROM 2.8 M. TO 5.2 M.		63m E of junction of Hawthorn Lane with Crop Piece Lane along Hawthorn Lane & 45 m N of Hawthorn Lane.	
WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.		G. REF.: 9481 8448	
Water not struck		START DATE: 3/11/88	
.....M.BGL.M.BGL.		COMPLETION DATE: 3/11/88	
.....M.BGL.M.BGL.		CONTRACTOR IH	
TOTAL DEPTH: 5.2 M.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:	
DRILLED DIAMETER	MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE	
.....75.....MM. FROM 0.0 M. TO 2.8 M.	MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE	
.....54....." " 2.8 " 4.0 "		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:	
.....35.....MM. FROM 4.0 M. TO 5.2 M.	MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)	
.....35.....MM. FROM 4.0 M. TO 5.2 M.	MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)	
SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS		LITHOLOGY	
Elevation of Q.L. = 57.93 m AOD <td colspan="2">Sandy GRAVEL </td>		Sandy GRAVEL	
Firm, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) sandy silty CLAY with occasional pebbles. <td colspan="2">Firm, pale yellow (2.5Y 7/4), Variagated, laminated, sandy silty CLAY. </td>		Firm, pale yellow (2.5Y 7/4), Variagated, laminated, sandy silty CLAY.	
DEPTH (M.BGL)		DEPTH (M.BGL)	
GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack))	
ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD		DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL	
SYMBOLIC LOG		SYMBOLIC LOG	
ELEVATION M. AOD		ELEVATION M. AOD	
DEPTH M. BGL.		DEPTH M. BGL.	
STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS		STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS	
57.93		57.93	
54.92		54.92	
Head		Head	
Reading Back.		Reading Back.	

BOREHOLE NO. BB1

DEPTH (M. BCL)	GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)	DEPTH (M. BCL)	BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (casing/screen/gr. pack)	ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD	DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL	SYMBOLIC LOG	ELEVATION M. AOD	DEPTH M. BCL	STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS
4	BB/13 3.7-4.0								
5	BB/14 4.0-4.5	Medium dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) fine-med. SAND becoming light grey (2.5Y7/2) at about 4.5m.					537.4.0		
6	BB/15 4.5-5.2	dark, light yellowish brown (10YR6/4) very sandy GRAVEL.					537.5.0		
7		End of borehole.					537.5.2		

PROJECT: Burnham Beeches		BOREHOLE NO: BB2	
DRILLING METHOD Hyd. hammer FROM 0 M. TO 2.0 M. FROM M. TO M.		LOCATION Hawthorn Dell 94m along path NE of Herrys Night Club.	
WATER STRUCK. Water not struck M.BGL. M.BGL. M.BGL. M.BGL.		ROSE TO. M.BGL. M.BGL.	
TOTAL DEPTH: 2.0 M.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE: MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE	
DRILLED DIAMETER 35 MM. FROM 0 M. TO 2.0 M. MM. FROM M. TO M.		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE: MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM) MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)	
SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS Drilling terminated because of hard gravel.			
LITHOLOGY			
DEPTH (M.BGL.) GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		DEPTH (MBGL) BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack)	
0.0-0.5 BB2/10-05		0.0 Humus.	
0.5-0.8 BB2/10-08		0.1 Firm, brown (75R4/4) gravelly, sandy silty CLAY	
0.8-1.3 BB2/13		0.8 Firm, yellowish brown (10R5/6) clayey SILT with occasional pebbles becoming gravelly below 1.5m	
1.3-2.0 BB2/4		2.0 End of borehole.	
		Head.	

PROJECT: Burnham Beaches "						BOREHOLE NO: BB3					
DRILLING METHOD Hyd. hammer						LOCATION At Swilly Pond near Crow Piece Lane.					
FROM ... M. TO ... M. ... FROM ... M. TO ... M.						G. REF.: 94758423					
WATER STRUCK. Water not struck						ROSE TO.					
... M.BGL. ... M.BGL.						START DATE: 7/11/88					
... M.BGL. ... M.BGL.						COMPLETION DATE: 7/11/88					
TOTAL DEPTH: 5.2 M.						CONTRACTOR I#					
CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:											
... 25 MM FROM 0 M. TO 3.7 M., TYPE 3/4" gal pipe.											
... MM FROM ... M. TO ... M., TYPE											
SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:											
... 25 MM FROM 3.7 M. TO 4.0 M; TYPE/SLOT(MM) Perf drive point with porous element											
... MM FROM ... M. TO ... M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)											
SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS											
Elevation of Well top = 50.74 m AOD Elevation of GL = 50.94 m AOD Stick up = 0											
LITHOLOGY											
Topsoil, very dark grey (SYR3/1) rooty humic loam											
Sandy GRAVEL											
Soft, pale brown (10YR6/7) sandy silty CLAY											
Firm, reddish yellow (7.5YR6/8) silty CLAY with light grey mottling (2.5Y7/2) at depth becoming light grey (N7) with reddish yellow (7.5YR6/8) towards base											
Firm, light grey (2.5Y7/2) silty sandy CLAY becoming reddish yellow & 7.5YR6/8 at 2.1											
Med. dense, brown (7.5YR5/4) muddy very sandy GRAVEL											
DEPTH (M.BGL.)											
GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)											
BB3/1 0-5.08											
BB3/2 0.8-2.0											
BB3/3 2.2-4.2											
DEPTH (MBGL) BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack)) ELEVATION OF WATER M.AOD DEPTH TO WATER M.BGL SYMBOLIC LOG ELEVATION M. AOD DEPTH M. BGL. STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS											
50.4 0.3											
50.2 0.5											
49.9 0.8											
48.7 2.0											
48.5 2.2											
River Terrace Deposit (Bay Hill)											

PROJECT: Burnham Beeches		BOREHOLE NO: 884	
DRILLING METHOD		LOCATION	
Hpd: transverse FROM 0.0 M. TO 5.0 M. FROM . . . M. TO . . . M.		In N.E corner of paddock immediately S. of East Burnham House.	
WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.		G. REF.: 9516 8410	
2.4 . . . M. BGL. M. BGL.		START DATE: 8/11/88	
. M. BGL. M. BGL.		COMPLETION DATE: 8/11/88	
TOTAL DEPTH: 5.0 M.		CONTRACTOR 1st.	
DRILLED DIAMETER		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:	
54 . . . MM. FROM 0.0 M. TO 4.2 M.		50 . . . MM FROM 0 . . . M. TO 2.5 . . . M., TYPE 2" gal pipe	
35 . . . MM. FROM 4.2 M. TO 5.0 M.	 MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE	
SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:	
50 . . . MM FROM 2.5 M. TO 3.0 M; TYPE/SLOT(MM) Perf. drive tip.	 MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)	
SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS		LITHOLOGY	
Elevation of well top = 55.30 AOD Elevation of G.L. = 54.81 AOD Stick up = 0.49		Topsoil	
Firm, yellowish red (5YR5/8) clayey SILT with some pebbles and light grey (N7) mottled laminae towards base.		Dense, brown (7.5YR5/4) muddy sandy GRAVEL	
Dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/4) sandy GRAVEL becoming very sandy GRAVEL at 2.7 m and reddish yellow (7.5YR6/8) at 3.0		Dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/4) sandy GRAVEL becoming very sandy GRAVEL at 2.7 m and reddish yellow (7.5YR6/8) at 3.0	
DEPTH (M.BGL)		DEPTH (M.BGL)	
GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack))	
884/1 0-1.5		ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD	
884/2 1.7-2.7		DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL	
884/3 1.7-5.8		SYMBOLIC LOG	
		ELEVATION M. AOD	
		DEPTH M. BGL.	
		STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS	
		54.6 0.2	
		53.3 1.5	
		53.1 1.7	
		52.4 2.4	
		2.0	
		River Terrace Deposit (Bognor Hill Terrace)	

PROJECT:

Burnham Beechey

BOREHOLE NO:

BB5

DRILLING METHOD

Hyd. Hammer FROM 0 M. TO 3.2 M.
..... FROM M. TO M.

LOCATION

On south side of old drive to
East Burnham House at old
entrance to Thompkins Lane

G. REF.: 950 2419

START DATE: 9/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 9/11/88

CONTRACTOR: IH.

WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.

Water not struck.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

25 MM FROM 0 M. TO 1.9 M. TYPE 3/4" gal. pipe

..... MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 3.2 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

54 MM FROM 0 M. TO 3.2 M.

..... MM FROM M. TO M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

25 MM FROM 1.9 M. TO 3.2 M; TYPE/SLOT (MM) Ref. drive tip
with porous element

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT (MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of well top = 55.97 AOD
Elevation of G.L. = 55.85
Stick up = 1.12

LITHOLOGY

Topsoil, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2)
silt loam

Soft-firm, brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) SILT

Dense, strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) very muddy
sandy GRAVEL

Firm-stiff, reddish yellow (7.5Y 6/8) thinly
laminated, silty CLAY with light grey (5Y 7/2)
mottling

End of borehole

DEPTH (M. BGL.)
GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

BB5/1 06-2-1

BB5/2 2.1-3.2

DEPTH (M. BGL.)
BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL.

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

55.5 0.3

55.2 0.6

53.7 2.1

52.6 3.2

Riverine deposit / Head.

Bedding Bed

PROJECT:

Burnham Beaches

BOREHOLE NO: BB6

DRILLING METHOD

Hyd. Hammer FROM 0 M. TO 6.5 M.
 FROM M. TO M.

LOCATION

In S. corner of field where
 path from Hawthorn Lane to
 Leys Farm cross Thompkins Lane.

G. REF.: 95028413

START DATE: 9/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 9/11/88

CONTRACTOR: I.H.

WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.

Water not struck

M.BGL. M.BGL.

M.BGL. M.BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE

MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 6.5 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

54 MM. FROM 0 M. TO 5.2 M.

35 MM. FROM 5.2 M. TO 6.5 M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of G.L. = 54.37

LITHOLOGY

Topsoil, dark greyish brown silty CLAY

Soft, yellowish red (5YR 5/6) silty CLAY

Soft, brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) sandy silty CLAY

DEPTH (M.BGL)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

DEPTH (MBGL)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

BB6/1 02-2.2

BB6/2 02-7.5

54.20.2

52.2.22

50.9.35

BOREHOLE NO. 88-6

DEPTH (M. BCL)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		DEPTH (M. BCL)	BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (casing/screen/gr. pack)	ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD	DEPTH TO WATER M. BCL	SYMBOLIC LOG	ELEVATION M. AOD	DEPTH M. BCL	STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS
10	1	886/14 4.2-5.2	886/14 5.2-6.0	886/14 6.0-6.5							
		Soft, light yellowish brown (10YR6/4) silty CLAY with yellowish red (5YR5/8) mottles, slightly laminated.							50.0	4.2	
		Soft-firm, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) silty CLAY.									
		Med dense, strong brown (7.5YR4/6) gravelly clayey SAND becoming clayey SAND below 6.0m and pinkish grey (7.5YR6/2) sandy CLAY at base.							49.2	5.2	
		End of borehole							47.9	6.5	Leaky Reel.

PROJECT:

Burnham Beeches

BOREHOLE NO:

B177

DRILLING METHOD

Hyd. hammer FROM 0 M. TO 3.2 M.
 FROM M. TO M.

LOCATION

46m from north east corner
 of field along path that runs
 from Hawthorn Lane to Leys Farm

G. REF.: 9510 8424

START DATE: 9/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 9/11/88

CONTRACTOR: H.

WATER STRUCK.
 Water not struck.

ROSE TO.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.
 M. BGL. M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

..... MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

..... MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 3.2 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

54 MM. FROM 0 M. TO 3.2 M.

..... MM. FROM M. TO M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

..... MM FROM M. TO M.; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

..... MM FROM M. TO M.; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of GL = 59.45 m AOD

LITHOLOGY

Topsoil, very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2)
 strong silty CLAY.

Soft-firm, strong brown (7.5YR5/8) silty CLAY
 with bright light grey mottling

Firm, yellowish red (5YR5/8) sandy silty CLAY
 with gravel and bright light grey (N7)
 mottling

Firm - stiff, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) sandy
 silty CLAY

Firm - stiff, yellowish brown (10YR5/8) clayey
 sandy SILT

End of borehole

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)B177/1
03-0.7B177/2
0.7-1.8B177/3
1.8-2.2B177/4
2.2-3.2

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DEPTH (M. BGL.)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL.

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

59.1 0.3

58.7 0.7

57.6 1.8

57.2 2.2

56.2 3.2

Reading Beds

PROJECT:

Burnham Beaches

BOREHOLE NO:

BB8

DRILLING METHOD

Hyd. hammer FROM 0. M. TO 3.2 M.
..... FROM M. TO M.

LOCATION

In field E of Keensacre
'Stables' 35m N of gate
on S. boundary, at boundary
with Crown Lane.

G. REP.: 9555 8421

START DATE: 10/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 10/11/88

CONTRACTOR IH.

WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.

Water not struck

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

25 MM FROM 0 M. TO 0.7 M., TYPE 3/4" gal. pipe.

..... MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 3.2 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

64 MM. FROM 0 M. TO 3.2 M.

..... MM. FROM M. TO M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

25 MM FROM 0.7 M. TO 1.0 M; TYPE/SLOT (MM) Ref. drive tip.

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT (MM) With porous plastic cement

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of well top = 67.54 m AOD
Elevation of GL = 66.19 m AOD
Stack up = 1.35.

LITHOLOGY

Topsoil, greyish brown (10YR5/1) silt loam

Loose - med dense, pale brown (10YR6/5) loamy GRAVEL

Med. dense, greyish brown (10YR5/2) sandy GRAVEL (clump)

Med. dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) clayey Sandy GRAVEL

Firm, light bluish grey and yellowish brown (10YR5/6) mottled CLAY, thinly laminated with occasional roots.

Firm, light bluish grey and yellowish brown mottled sandy silt CLAY with occasional strong brown (7.5YR5/6) thin (<0.01m) sand lens, thinly laminated.

End of borehole.

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

BB8/1 0.3-1.0

BB8/2 1.0-1.8

BB8/3 1.8-2.8

BB8/4 2.8-3.2

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL.

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

65.9 0.3

65.5 0.7

65.2 1.0

64.4 1.8

63.4 2.8

63.0 3.2

Hard.

PROJECT: Burnham Beeson		BOREHOLE NO: 689	
DRILLING METHOD Hyd. Hammer FROM 0...M. TO 3.2 M.FROMM. TO M.		LOCATION In field to W. of Crown Hill Cottage, Crown Lane alongside boundary with Thompkins Lane 35m from SE. corner of field.	
WATER STRUCK. WATER NOT STRUCKM.BGL.M.BGL.M.BGL.M.BGL.		G. REF.: 9550.8413 START DATE: 10/11/88 COMPLETION DATE: 10/11/88 CONTRACTOR: IH	
ROSE TO.M.BGL.M.BGL.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:MM FROM M.TO..... M., TYPEMM FROM M.TO..... M., TYPE	
TOTAL DEPTH: 3.2 M.		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE: MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM) MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)	
DRILLED DIAMETER 54MM. FROM 0...M. TO 3.2 M.MM. FROMM. TO M.			
SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS Lithology not surveyed.			
DEPTH (M.BGL.) GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location) DEPTH (M.BGL.) BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack)) ELEVATION OF WATER M.AOD DEPTH TO WATER M.BGL. SYMBOLIC LOG ELEVATION M. AOD DEPTH M. BGL. STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS			
LITHOLOGY Topsoil, dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) silt clay Firm, light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) SILT Dense, light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) silty sandy GRAVEL Stiff, strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) silty CLAY in fine ang. - panned thick pebbles and light grey (N7) mottling. Stiff, strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) and light grey (N7) silty CLAY with layered mottling. Firm, pinkish gray (7.5YR 4/2) clayey SILT becoming light grey (2.5Y 7/2) with depth, with some strong brown (7.5YR 7/2) mottling. End of borehole			
0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.0 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 2.8 2.9 3.0 3.1 3.2			

PROJECT:

Burnham Beecher

BOREHOLE NO:

BB10

DRILLING METHOD

Hyd. hammer FROM 0. M. TO 4.2. M.
..... FROM M. TO M.

LOCATION

Alongside W. Boundary of field
S. of Keensacre, 21m from
SW corner.

G. REF.: 95908421...

START DATE: 10/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 10/11/88

CONTRACTOR 1st

WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.

Water not struck.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

25 MM FROM 0 M. TO 1.2 M. TYPE 3/4" gal. pipe

..... MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 4.2 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

54 MM FROM 0 M. TO 4.2 M.

..... MM FROM M. TO M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

25 MM FROM 1.2 M. TO 1.5 M; TYPE/SLOT (MM) 1/2" dia. tip
with prongs plastic element.

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT (MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation/well top = 65.39 AOD
Elevation of GL = 64.63 AOD.
Strikeup = 0.76

LITHOLOGY

Topsoil, very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2)
loam, becoming yellowish brown (10YR5/4)
stony silty CLAY with depth.

Loose-med. dense brownish yellow (10YR6/6)
muddy sandy GRAVEL.

Stiff-firm, strong brown (7.5YR5/3) and light
grey mottled CLAY

Loose-med. dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/3)
GRAVEL/SAND (damp)

Stiff, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) silty CLAY becoming
brown (7.5YR5/4) with depth

Stiff-firm, light bluish grey and brownish
yellow (10YR6/6) mottled, laminated, clayey SILT

Firm-stiff, light bluish grey and strong
brown (7.5YR5/4) CLAY

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL.

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

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BB10/1
05-09BB10/3
10-15BB10/4
15-27BB10/5
27-32

64.1 0.5

63.7 0.9

62.5 1.1

63.1 1.5

61.9 2.7

61.4 3.2

Head

Bending Beds.

BOREHOLE NO. *B370*

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PROJECT:

Burnham Beach.

BOREHOLE NO:

BB11

DRILLING METHOD Hyd. hammer FROM 0...M. TO 5.0 M.FROMM. TO M.		LOCATION In grounds of Islamic Pres 19m N. of garages.		G. REF.:.....95.47.88.63.	
WATER STRUCK. Water struck at 3.3 m BGLM. BGL.M. BGL.M. BGL.M. BGL.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE: 50 MM FROM 0 M. TO 2.4 M., TYPE 2" gal. pipeMM FROM M. TO M., TYPE		START DATE: 11/11/88 COMPLETION DATE: 11/11/88 CONTRACTOR 1H.	
TOTAL DEPTH: 5.0 M.		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE: 50 MM FROM 3.4 M. TO 3.9 M; TYPE/SLOT(MM) 1.57 dia. tip. MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)			
DRILLED DIAMETER 54 MM. FROM 0 M. TO 4.6 M. 35 MM. FROM 4.0 M. TO 5.0 M.					

DEPTH (M. BGL.)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS		DEPTH (M. BGL.)		BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack))		ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD		DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL		SYMBOLIC LOG		ELEVATION M. AOD		DEPTH M. BGL.		STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS	
				LITHOLOGY																	
				Topsoil, very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2) clay loam becoming dark greyish brown with depth.												51.00.5					
		BB11/1 0.5-1.9		Firm-silt, light yellowish brown (10YR4/4) clayey silt, becoming strong brown (7.5YR5/8) and light grey (5Y7/2) mottled and slightly sandy towards base.												49.61.9					
		BB11/2 1.9-3.3		Very dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) sandy GRAVEL												48.23.3					
																				Rene Terrace Aquifer (Sg. 11/4)	

BOREHOLE NO. **BB11**

DEPTH (M. BGL)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)	
4	3.9	BB11/4 BB11/3 3.9-4.7	
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Very dense, brownish yellow (10YR6/6) GRAVEL SAND, with coarse black flint pebbles.

Firm, brown (10YR5/3) laminated CLAY

End of borehole

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(casing/screen/gr. pack)

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

4.7
5.0

Reading
beds.

PROJECT:

Burnham Beaches "

BOREHOLE NO:

BB12

DRILLING METHOD Hy. & hammer FROM 0...M. TO 3.2...M.FROMM. TOM.		LOCATION Alongside path running NW from the Stag Pt to Middle Pond 125m from car park at path in intersection		G. REF.: 9515 8440...	
WATER STRUCK. Water not struck		ROSE TO.M.BGL.M.BGL.M.BGL.M.BGL.		START DATE: 11/11/88	
TOTAL DEPTH: 3.2 M.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPER:MM FROM M. TO M., TYPEMM FROM M. TO M., TYPE		COMPLETION DATE: 11/11/88	
DRILLED DIAMETER54.....MM. FROM 0...M. TO 3.2...M.MM. FROMM. TOM.		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPER:MM FROMM. TOM.; TYPE/SLOT(MM)MM FROMM. TOM.; TYPE/SLOT(MM)		CONTRACTOR: IH	

DEPTH (M.BGL.)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS		DEPTH (M.BGL.)		BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack))		ELEVATION OF WATER M.AOD		DEPTH TO WATER M.BGL.		SYMBOLIC LOG		ELEVATION M. AOD		DEPTH M. BGL.		STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS	
				LITHOLOGY																	
				Topsoil, reddish brown (SYR4/5) humus												67.5 0.2					
				Soft, gray (SYR6/1) SILT becoming gravelly towards base												67.2 0.5					
		002/11 0.5-1.2		Firm, light grey (SY7/1) clayey SILT with strong brown (7-SYR5/8) banded mottling.												66.5 1.2					
		100/12 1.2-2.2		Firm, strong brown (7-SYR5/8) clayey SILT with light bluish grey banded mottling												65.5 2.2					
		130/12/3 2.2-3.2		Firm, light bluish grey, bity CLAY with yellow (10YR7/8) banded mottling.												64.5 3.2					
				End of borehole.																	

Reading Beach

PROJECT:

Burnham Beeches

BOREHOLE NO:

BB13

DRILLING METHOD

Hyd hammer FROM 0.0 M. TO 1.0 M.
Power auger FROM 1.0 M. TO 7.0 M.

LOCATION

Near path junction 75m NW
of Juniper Cottages.

G. REF.: 9540 8455...

START DATE: 14/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 15/11/88

CONTRACTOR: I.H.

WATER STRUCK.

ROSE TO.

4.2 M. BGL. M. BGL.
..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

50 MM FROM 0 M. TO 4.8 M. TYPE 2" gal pipe

TOTAL DEPTH: 7.0 M.

..... MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE

DRILLED DIAMETER

54 MM. FROM 0.0 M. TO 1.0 M.
150 MM. FROM 0.0 M. TO 7.0 M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

50 MM FROM 4.8 M. TO 5.3 M. TYPE/SLOT (MM) Perf. drive tip.
..... MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE/SLOT (MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of well top = 75.20 m AOD
Elevation of GL = 74.66 m AOD
Strike up = 0.54

LITHOLOGY

Topsoil, dark brown (7.5YR3/2) strong silt loam
Firm yellowish brown (10YR5/6) SILT with some
gravel at base.
Dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/8) clayey sandy GRAVEL
Dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/8) SAND.
Very dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) muddy GRAVEL/
SAND.

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL.

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

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BB13/1 0.7-4.2

River terrace deposit (W. to H. 10)

BBB

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PROJECT:		Durnham Beeches		BOREHOLE NO: BB14	
DRILLING METHOD Power auger FROM 0 M. TO 7.0 M. FROM M. TO M.		LOCATION Alongside path running from Juniper Cottage towards 'Nodding Beech' 37m E. from intersection with path running to Stag PH.		G. REF.: 9530.8443 START DATE: 15/11/88 COMPLETION DATE: 15/11/88 CONTRACTOR: HH	
WATER STRUCK: ROSE TO. 33 M.BGL. M.BGL. M.BGL. M.BGL.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE: 50 MM FROM 0 M. TO 5.2 M. TYPE 2" gal. pipe MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE			
TOTAL DEPTH: 7.0 M.		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE: 50 MM FROM 5.2 M. TO 5.7 M. TYPE/SLOT(MM) Rod drive tip MM FROM M. TO M. TYPE/SLOT(MM)			
DRILLED DIAMETER 150 MM. FROM 0 M. TO 7.0 M. MM. FROM M. TO M.					
SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS Elevation of well top = 74.55 m AOD Elevation of GL = 73.48 m AOD Stick up = 1.07 m		DEPTH (M.BGL) BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (st. pack)) ELEVATION OF WATER M.AOD DEPTH TO WATER M.BGL SYMBOLIC LOG ELEVATION M. AOD DEPTH M. BGL. STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS			
LITHOLOGY Very dense sandy GRAVEL.					
Med dense, yellowish red (SYR4/6) gravelly SAND.		72.0 1.5			
Very dense sandy GRAVEL.		71.5 2.0			
Med dense, strong brown (7-SYR5/8) gravelly SAND		70.5 3.0			
		River Terrace Deposit (W. to H. 4)			

BOREHOLE NO. BB14

DEPTH (M. BGL)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES		(Sample No. and location)	
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fine, strong brown (7.5YR5/8) GRAVEL/SAND

light firm, strong brown (7.5YR5/8) gravelly clay

End of borehole.

69.5 4.0

67.7 5.8

66.5 7.0

PROJECT: <i>Burnham Beeches</i>		BOREHOLE NO: <i>BB15</i>	
DRILLING METHOD <i>Power auger</i> FROM <i>0.0</i> M. TO <i>10.0</i> M. FROM M. TO M.		LOCATION <i>In NE corner of paddock 92m NE of boundary with Hunt Wood Farm & 143m SE of Grove Rd.</i>	
WATER STRUCK. <i>Water not struck</i> ROSE TO. M. BGL. M. BGL. M. BGL. M. BGL.		C. REF.: <i>9446.8424</i> START DATE: <i>14/11/88</i> COMPLETION DATE: <i>16/11/88</i> CONTRACTOR <i>1H</i>	
TOTAL DEPTH: <i>10.0</i> M.		CASING DIAMETER/TYPE: MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE	
DRILLED DIAMETER <i>150</i> MM. FROM <i>0.0</i> M. TO <i>10.0</i> M. MM. FROM M. TO M.		SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE: MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM) MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)	
DEPTH (M. BGL) GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		SUMMARY OF AQUIFER CONDITIONS <i>Not surveyed.</i>	
DEPTH (M. BGL) BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (Casing/screen (gr. pack))		LITHOLOGY <i>Topsoil.</i> <hr/> <i>Soft firm, brown (7.5YR5/4) sandy pebbly CLAY becoming more sandy and gravelly below 6.5m.</i>	
DEPTH (M. BGL) ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD		DEPTH (M. BGL) ELEVATION M. AOD	
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SYMBOLIC LOG		STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS	
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BOREHOLE NO. BB15.

DEPTH (M. BCL)		CLAY SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)
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DEPTH (M. BCL)		
BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (casing/screen/gr. pack)		
ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD		
DEPTH TO WATER M. BCL		
SYMBOLIC LOG		
ELEVATION M. AOD		
DEPTH M. BCL		
STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS		

BB15/2 6.5-10.0

BOREHOLE NO.

BB15

DEPTH (M. BGL)	GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)
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End of borehole

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BOREHOLE NO. **BB16**

DEPTH (M. BGL)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)	
100	100	BB16/4 5.5-10.0	BB16/3 4.3-5.5
<p>Med, dense, strong brown (7.5YR5/6) muddy SAND.</p>			
85	86		
<p>BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (casing/screen/gr. pack)</p>			
<p>ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD</p>			
<p>DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL</p>			
<p>SYMBOLIC LOG</p>			
<p>ELEVATION M. AOD</p>			
<p>DEPTH M. BGL</p>			
<p>STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS</p>			
<p><i>Ranking Park</i></p>			

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BOREHOLE NO. *BB16*

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BOREHOLE NO. **BB17**

DEPTH (M. BCL)		GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)		DEPTH (M. BCL)	BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (casing/screen/gr. pack)	ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD	DEPTH TO WATER M. BCL	SYMBOLIC LOG	ELEVATION M. AOD	DEPTH M. BCL	STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS
4	5										
6	BB17/4 5.5-7.0										
7		soft, grey (silty) slightly gravelly sandy silt.							66.8	5.5.	
8		End of borehole							65.3	9.0	

PROJECT:

Burnham Beeches

BOREHOLE NO:

BB18

DRILLING METHOD

Power auger FROM 0...M. TO 1.5... M.
FROMM. TO M.

LOCATION

N. of Hawthorn Lane
 at junction with Thompson
 Lane on NW bank of stream

G. REF.: 94918434

START DATE: 18/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 18/1/88

CONTRACTOR 14.

WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.
 Water not struck
M. BGL.M. BGL.
M. BGL.M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

.....MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

.....MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 1.5 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

150MM. FROM 0...M. TO 1.5... M.
MM. FROMM. TO M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of GL = 54.33

LITHOLOGY

Fine, brown (7.5% R5/4) gravelly silty
 CLAY.

Borehole abandoned because of hard ground.

DEPTH (M. BGL)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

BB18/1 0-1.5

DEPTH (M. BGL)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

52.8/1.5

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PROJECT:

Burnham Beecher "

BOREHOLE NO:

BB19.

DRILLING METHOD

Power auger FROM 0.0 M. TO 10.0 M.
..... FROM M. TO M.

LOCATION

6m S W of Roskat Hawthorn
Dell.

G. REF.: 9461.8445.

START DATE: 18/11/88

COMPLETION DATE: 18/11/88

CONTRACTOR 1H.

WATER STRUCK. ROSE TO.

Water not struck.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

..... M. BGL. M. BGL.

CASING DIAMETER/TYPE:

..... MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

..... MM FROM M. TO M., TYPE

TOTAL DEPTH: 10.0 M.

DRILLED DIAMETER

..... 110 MM. FROM 0.0 M. TO 10.0 M.

..... MM. FROM M. TO M.

SCREEN DIAMETER/TYPE:

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

..... MM FROM M. TO M; TYPE/SLOT(MM)

SUMMARY OF AQUIFER
CONDITIONS

Elevation of G.C. = 53.13.

LITHOLOGY

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES
(Sample No. and location)

DEPTH (M. BGL.)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION
(Casing/screen (gr. pack))

ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD

DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL.

SYMBOLIC LOG

ELEVATION M. AOD

DEPTH M. BGL.

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

BB19/11-02-20

BB19/12
2.0-2.5BB19/13
2.5-4.0

Firm, yellowish red (5YR5/6) slightly
gravelly silty CLAY

Soft, light grey (2.5Y7/2) silty CLAY
with fine rounded chalk pebbles and
coarse rounded chalk sand.

Soft, strong brown (7.5YR5/8) and light
grey (5Y7/2) sandy clayey SILT with
coarse black flint pebbles.

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51.120

50.625

BB19

DEPTH (M. BGL)	CEAN SIZE ANALYSES (Sample No. and location)	DEPTH (M. BGL)	BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION (casing/screen/gr. pack)	ELEVATION OF WATER M. AOD	DEPTH TO WATER M. BGL	SYMBOLIC LOG	ELEVATION M. AOD	DEPTH M. BGL	STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS
4	BB19/4 4.0-4.2	5	BB19/5 4.7-6.0	49.1	4.0	Chalk	Head?	46.1	7.0
5	BB19/5 4.7-6.0	6	BB19/6 6.0-7.0	48.4	4.7				
6	BB19/6 6.0-7.0	7	BB19/7 7.0-10.0	47.1	6.0				
Same as 2.0-2.5.		Soft, light yellowish brown (2.5Y6/4) clayey silty with some small rounded chalk pebbles.		Same as 2.0-2.5.		White (2.5Y8/2) chalk.			

Appendix III

Elevation of ground levels and well tops above Ordnance Datum

	Ground level	Well top
BB1	57.73	-
BB2	-	-
BB3	50.74	50.74
BB4	54.81	55.30
BB5	55.85	56.97
BB6	54.37	-
BB7	59.45	-
BB8	66.19	67.54
BB9	-	-
BB10	64.63	65.39
BB11	51.54	52.10
BB12	67.73	-
BB13	74.66	75.20
BB14	73.48	74.55
BB15	-	-
BB16	64.18	65.72
BB17	72.28	73.44
BB18	54.33	-
BB19	53.13	-
A	-	54.42
B	55.45	56.35
C	70.82	70.91
D	70.17	70.17
L7	53.42	54.08
L8	51.99	52.55
L9	51.92	52.52
L10	52.98	53.27

Appendix IV

Water level readings

	28 NOVEMBER 1988		30 NOVEMBER 1988		Difference
	Depth to water	Elevation AOD	Depth to water	Elevation AOD	
BB3	Dry	-	Dry	-	-
BB4	3.25	52.05	2.9	52.40	+ 0.35
BB5	Dry	-	Dry	-	-
BB8	Dry	-	Dry	-	-
BB10	2.13	63.26	2.00	63.39	+ 0.13
BB11	3.96	48.14	3.96	48.14	0
BB13	3.85	71.35	3.85	71.35	0
BB14	4.39	70.16	4.39	70.16	0
BB16	Dry	-	Dry	-	-
BB17	3.06	70.38	3.10	70.34	+ 0.04
A	4.20	51.22			
B	4.58	51.77	4.39	51.96	+ 0.19
C	2.21	68.70	2.20	68.71	+ 0.01
D	2.44	67.73	2.43	67.74	+ 0.01
L7	2.26	51.82	2.21	51.87	+ 0.05
L8	Dry	-	Dry	-	-
L9	3.91	48.61	3.89	48.63	+ 0.02
L10	3.38	49.89	3.36	49.91	+ 0.02

Appendix V

Wallingford monthly rainfall figures for 1988

Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Year
Rainfall (mm)												
18.8	100.3	27.6	39.1	23.8	44.9	46.9	74.4	44.8	27.6	48.0	26.5	522.7
25 years mean (mm)												
57.9	49.9	31.2	45.2	39.4	54.7	52.1	43.1	58.4	51.4	48.5	55.5	587.3

Wallingford Daily rainfall figures for November 1988 (0 900-0900 hrs thrown back) in mm

1	-	16	-
2	0.1	17	1.0
3	-	18	-
4	-	19	4.7
5	-	20	-
6	-	21	0.2
7	-	22	-
8	1.8	23	-
9	0.5	24	-
10	0.3	25	-
11	3.4	26	-
12	-	27	1.4
13	-	28	0.8
14	-	29	12.0
15	0.1	30	0.2

The demand for long-term scientific capabilities concerning the resources of the land and its freshwaters is rising sharply as the power of man to change his environment is growing, and with it the scale of his impact. Comprehensive research facilities (laboratories, field studies, computer modelling, instrumentation, remote sensing) are needed to provide solutions to the challenging problems of the modern world in its concern for appropriate and sympathetic management of the fragile systems of the land's surface.

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