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## ▶ Professional Opinion

**1. GROUND STABILITY**

**PASS**

▶ No further recommendations

## ▶ Subject Site



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# Ground Stability Residential

Ground Stability

## 1. GROUND STABILITY

### 1.01 Professional Advice

PASS

### 1.02 Property Subsidence Assessment - Clay Shrink-Swell

PASS

Shrink-swell refers to a change in soil volume as its moisture content changes. Clay-rich soils can absorb lots of water causing them to swell, the ground to rise and overlying structures to lift. This is known as heave. Heave can occur in wetter weather, or where excess water is introduced into the ground by damaged sewer or water pipes. In prolonged dryer weather, or where nearby trees and shrubs have high water demands, clay soils can become very dry. As a result, the ground shrinks, leading to subsidence. Shrink/swell-prone soils are found extensively across England and Wales, with soil shrinkage accounting for approximately 75% of all instances of subsidence.

The British Geological Survey (BGS) Property Subsidence Assessment dataset is a national assessment of Shrink-Swell susceptibility. As well as soil-type, it factors key environmental drivers such as the proximity of trees and the resilience of the property itself to cope with any movement (e.g. age, foundation depth). This provides a more property-specific assessment of susceptibility to shrink-swell related subsidence than considering geology alone.

The Property Subsidence Assessment data provided by the BGS indicates that the property is classified as having a **Non-Plastic** hazards score. This indicates the underlying geology is non-plastic and therefore cannot undergo any change in volume and therefore cannot have shrink-swell related subsidence.

### 1.03 Geohazards | Collapsible Deposits

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is not within 50 metres of an area where there are likely to be natural deposits with the potential to collapse and cause subsidence damage when saturated and loaded by a building or structure.

### 1.04 Geohazards | Compressible Ground

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is not within 50 metres of an area where there may be problems due to compressible ground.

### 1.05 Geohazards | Running Sand

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is within 50 metres of an area where there is a very low potential for running sand problems if water table rises or if sandy strata are exposed to water. No special actions required to avoid problems due to running sand.

### 1.06 Mapped Landslides

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is not located within 25 metres of an area which has observed landslide features. Please note that these features have not been routinely recorded on geological maps, and so their absence does not indicate that landslides have not occurred or may not occur in the future.

### 1.07 Landslips/slides | Slope Instability

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is located on or within 50 metres of an area where slope instability problems are not likely to occur.

### 1.08 Mining | Cheshire Brine Compensation Area

PASS

The Coal Authority indicates that the property is not located within 25 metres of a Cheshire Brine Compensation District.

### 1.09 Mining | Coal Mining

PASS

The Coal Authority indicates that the property is not within 25 metres of an area that may be affected by Coal Mining.



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### 1.10 Mining | Mining Cavities (Non-Coal)

PASS

Peter Brett Associates indicates that the property is not located within 25 metres of an area that may be affected by non-coal mining cavities.

### 1.11 Mining | Hazards (Non-Coal)

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is located within 50 metres of an area where sporadic underground mining of restricted extent may have occurred. potential for difficult ground conditions are unlikely and localised and are at a level where they need not be considered.

The Presence of past underground mining is not known to have occurred. Areas are categorized on the basis that the rock type present are known to have been worked in other areas. Areas therefore have the potential for underground mining but there is little or not evidence of mining activity. It should be noted, however, that there is always the possibility of the existence of other sub-surface excavations, such as wells, cess pits, follies, air raid shelters/bunkers and other military structures etc. that could affect surface ground stability but which are outside the scope of this dataset.

### 1.12 Modified Ground | Artificial Deposits

PASS

The British Geological Survey indicates that the property is not located within 25 metres of an area where the surface has been observed to have been significantly modified by human activity, such as spoil heaps or railway cuttings. Please note that these features have not been routinely recorded on geological maps, and so their absence does not indicate that this type of modified ground is not present.

### 1.13 Modified Ground | Historical Analysis

PASS

Analysis of historical maps indicates the property is not located on or within of an area where there may be modified ground.

### 1.14 Natural Cavities & Soluble Rocks

PASS

Data from the British Geological Survey and Peter Brett indicates that the property is not within 50 metres of an area where there is localised subsidence or the risk of natural cavities or sink holes occurring naturally.

### 1.15 Checked Datasets

The dataset categories analysed in this section are listed below. For more information, please visit our website.

Professional Advice

Geohazards | Collapsible Deposits

Geohazards | Running Sand

Landslips/slides | Slope Instability

Mining | Coal Mining

Mining | Hazards (Non-Coal)

Modified Ground | Historical Analysis

Property Subsidence Assessment - Clay Shrink-Swell

Geohazards | Compressible Ground

Mapped Landslides

Mining | Cheshire Brine Compensation Area

Mining | Mining Cavities (Non-Coal)

Modified Ground | Artificial Deposits

Natural Cavities & Soluble Rocks



## 2. NOTES & GUIDANCE

### 2.01 Report Notes

### METHODOLOGY

This report is a desk study risk assessment, and no site or ground inspection or physical investigation has been carried out. The impacts of the risks addressed in this report are normally measured in terms of quiet enjoyment, saleability, mortgageability, and the value of the property; the risk assessment in this report is provided by FCI.

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