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# MENDIP LOCAL PLAN BECKINGTON AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION SURVEY

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- Much of the rest of the survey area was found to be Grade 4 with severe limitations mainly due to wetness and Subgrade 3b with more serious moderate limitations due to wetness and workability. Short steep slopes on the western side of the village give rise to small but significant areas of land severely limited by gradient and classified as mainly Grade 4.

#### **CLIMATE**

- Estimates of climatic variables for this site were derived from the published agricultural climate dataset "Climatological Data for Agricultural Land Classification" (Meteorological Office 1989) using standard interpolation procedures Data for key points around the site are given in Table 2 below
- Since the ALC grade of land is determined by the most limiting factor present, overall climate is considered first because it can have an overriding influence by restricting land to a lower grade despite more favourable site and soil conditions. Parameters used for assessing overall climate are accumulated temperature a measure of relative warmth and average annual rainfall, a measure of overall wetness. The results shown in Table 2 indicate that there is no overall climatic limitation.
- Climatic variables also affect ALC grade through interactions with soil conditions. The most important interactive variables are Field Capacity Days (FCD) which are used in assessing soil wetness and potential Moisture Deficits calculated for wheat and potatoes, which are compared with the moisture available in each profile in assessing soil droughtiness limitations. These are described in later sections.

Table 2 Climatic Interpolations Beckington

| Grid Reference                   | ST 814512 | ST 795518 | ST 803520 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Altıtude (m)                     | 95        | 50        | 75        |
| Accumulated Temperature (day °C) | 1445      | 1497      | 1468      |
| Average Annual Rainfall (mm)     | 816       | 775       | 795       |
| Overall Climatic Grade           | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Field Capacity Days              | 181       | 177       | 178       |
| Moisture deficit (mm) Wheat      | 94        | 100       | 97        |
| Potatoes                         | 83        | 92        | 87        |

#### RELIEF

Altitude ranges from around 50 metres along the River Frome to almost 100 metres at Bonnyleigh Hill with mainly gentle and moderate slopes which are not limiting. However a more or less continuous area on the valley sides of the River Frome was found to be moderately steeply to steeply sloping, (12 18°) and was assessed as mainly Grade 4

#### **GEOLOGY AND SOILS**

- The underlying geology of the site is shown on the published geology map (IGS 1965) as mainly Forest Marble with small areas of limestone Cornbrash at Bonnyleigh Hill and to the north of the village and narrow deposits of alluvium along the River Frome The current ALC survey found the Forest Marble to be highly variable ranging from the restricted areas of deep sands to extensive areas of plastic calcareous clay
- Soils were mapped by the Soil Survey of England and Wales at a reconnaissance scale of 1 250 000 (SSEW 1983) as mainly Evesham 1 Association with a patch of Bursledon Association centred on the village and small pockets of Wickham 2 Association in the east and Elmton 1 Association in the north
- Evesham 1 Association is described as slowly permeable calcareous clayey soils associated with shallow well-drained brashy calcareous soils over limestone. Elmton 1 Association is described as shallow well-drained brashy calcareous fine loamy soils over limestone. Teme Association, found in the flood plain of the River Frome is described as deep stoneless permeable silty soils.
- 15 The published reconnaissance scale soils information does not predict the occurrence of the small areas of deep sandy soils found to the west and southwest of the village which are highly significant to Agricultural Land Classification

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#### Grade 1

- The two areas shown as Grade 1 each have three distinctive borings of deep fine sandy loam, possibly becoming loamy sand in the deeper subsoil. Although ochreous mottles occur sporadically and at various depths below the topsoil, the profiles are not gleyed and are assessed as Wetness Class I. This mapping unit is illustrated by Pit 3 at which point a subsoil sample was taken and analysed as fine sandy loam, similar to the topsoil.
- An isolated boring at ASP101 was found to be Grade 1 similar to that described above, but was included in a Subgrade 3a mapping unit. This area to the north of the village had been shown in previous surveys as Grade 1 or Grade 2 but the evidence of the borings taken in the current survey could not substantiate this grading

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# Subgrade 3a

This is a rather variable mapping unit typically with medium clay loam or sandy clay loam topsoil textures and Wetness Class II as illustrated by Pit 2 However this grade also had Wetness Class III borings with a slowly permeable layer starting below around 40-45cm. The mapping unit also contains isolated borings of other grades. This is a consequence of slight variation in topsoil texture and also fluctuation in the depth to slowly permeable layer even within a limited range.

# Subgrade 3b

- The areas shown as Subgrade 3b have more serious moderate limitations, mainly due to wetness although other borings are limited by gradient or workability. The latter is illustrated by Pit 4 which although deeply rootable shows stone contents assessed by sieving of 40 60+% below the topsoil. Despite being selected as a relatively stony profile, droughtiness calculation at this point indicates that droughtiness is not the primary limitation, which in this case remains as workability due to the clay topsoil at Wetness Class I
- Other profiles within this mapping unit show Wetness Class III or even IV with slowly permeable layers evident in the upper subsoil
- Short convex slopes to the west of the village were frequently found to be strongly sloping (8 11°) and assessed as Subgrade 3b limited primarily by gradient

#### Grade 4

- Large tracts of the survey area, particularly south of the village were found to be Grade 4 typically with clay topsoil and Wetness Class IV with a slowly permeable layer starting in the upper subsoil This is illustrated by Pit 1
- Short steep slopes on the valley sides of the River Frome were found to be mainly Grade 4 with a severe gradient limitation

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#### APPENDIX I

#### **DESCRIPTION OF GRADES AND SUBGRADES**

## Grade 1 - excellent quality agricultural land

Land with no or very minor limitations to agricultural use. A very wide range of agricultural and horticultural crops can be grown and commonly include top fruit, soft fruit, salad crops and winter harvested vegetables. Yields are high and less variable than on land of lower quality

# Grade 2 - very good quality agricultural land

Land with minor limitations which affect crop yield, cultivations or harvesting. A wide range of agricultural and horticultural crops can usually be grown but on some land in the grade there may be reduced flexibility due to difficulties with the production of the more demanding crops such as winter harvested vegetables and arable root crops. The level of yield is generally high but may be lower or more variable than Grade 1

#### Grade 3 - good to moderate quality agricultural land

Land with moderate limitations which affect the choice of crops, timing and type of cultivation, harvesting or the level of yield. Where more demanding crops are grown yields are generally lower or more variable than on land in Grades 1 and 2

#### Subgrade 3a good quality agricultural land

Land capable of consistently producing moderate to high yields of a narrow range of arable crops, especially cereals, or moderate yields of a wide range of crops including cereals, grass, oilseed rape potatoes, sugar beet and the less demanding horticultural crops

# Subgrade 3b moderate quality agricultural land

Land capable of producing moderate yields of a narrow range of crops, principally cereals and grass, or lower yields of a wider range of crops or high yields of grass which can be grazed or harvested over most of the year

#### Grade 4 - poor quality agricultural land

Land with severe limitations which significantly restrict the range of crops and/or level of yields. It is mainly suited to grass with occasional arable crops (eg cereals and forage crops) the yields of which are variable. In most climates, yields of grass may be moderate to high but there may be difficulties in utilisation. The grade also includes very droughty arable land.

# Grade 5 - very poor quality agricultural land

Land with very severe limitations which restrict use to permanent pasture or rough grazing, except for occasional pioneer forage crops

Source. MAFF (1988) Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales Revised Guidelines and Criteria for Grading the Quality of Agricultural Land, MAFF Publications, Alnwick

#### APPENDIX II

#### **DEFINITION OF SOIL WETNESS CLASSES**

Soil wetness is classified according to the depth and duration of waterlogging in the soil profile

#### Wetness Class I

The soil profile is not wet within 70 cm depth for more than 30 days in most years

#### Wetness Class II

The soil profile is wet within 70 cm depth for 31 90 days in most years or if there is no slowly permeable layer within 80 cm depth, it is wet within 70 cm for more than 90 days, but not wet within 40 cm depth for more than 30 days in most years

#### Wetness Class III

The soil profile is wet within 70 cm depth for 91 180 days in most years or if there is no slowly permeable layer within 80 cm depth, it is wet within 70 cm for more than 180 days, but only wet within 40 cm depth for between 31 and 90 days in most years

#### Wetness Class IV

The soil profile is wet within 70 cm depth for more than 180 days but not within 40 cm depth for more than 210 days in most years or if there is no slowly permeable layer within 80 cm depth, it is wet within 40 cm depth for 91 210 days in most years

#### Wetness Class V

The soil profile is wet within 40 cm depth for 211-335 days in most years

#### Wetness Class VI

The soil profile is wet within 40 cm depth for more than 335 days in most years

Notes The number of days specified is not necessarily a continuous period

In most years is defined as more than 10 out of 20 years

Source Hodgson, J M (In preparation) Soil Survey Field Handbook, Revised Edition

#### APPENDIX III

#### ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED IN SURVEY DATA

Soil pit and auger boring information collected during ALC survey is held on a computer database and is reproduced in this report. Terms used and abbreviations are set out below. These conform to definitions contained in the Soil Survey Field Handbook (Hodgson, 1974).

# 1 Terms used on computer database, in order of occurrence.

GRID REF National 100 km grid square and 8 figure grid reference

LAND USE At the time of survey

| WHT  | Wheat        | SBT  | Sugar Beet          | HTH        | Heathland               |
|------|--------------|------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| BAR. | Barley       | BRA  | Brassicas           | BOG        | Bog or Marsh            |
| OAT  | Oats         | FCD  | Fodder Crops        | DCW        | Deciduous Wood          |
| CER. | Cereals      | FRT  | Soft and Top Fruit  | <b>CFW</b> | Coniferous Woodland     |
| MZE  | Maize        | HRT  | Horticultural Crops | PLO        | Ploughed                |
| OSR. | Oilseed Rape | LEY  | Ley Grass           | FLW        | Fallow (inc Set aside)  |
| POT  | Potatoes     | PGR. | Permanent Pasture   | SAS        | Set Aside (where known) |
| LIN  | Linseed      | RGR. | Rough Grazing       | OTH        | Other                   |
| BEN  | Field Beans  | SCR. | Scrub               |            |                         |

GRDNT Gradient as estimated or measured by hand held optical clinometer

GLEY, SPL Depth in centimetres to gleying or slowly permeable layer

AP (WHEAT/POTS) Crop-adjusted available water capacity

MB (WHEAT/POTS)

Moisture Balance (Crop adjusted AP crop potential MD)

DRT Best grade according to soil droughtiness

If any of the following factors are considered significant, Y will be entered in the relevant column

| MREL | Microrelief limitation | FLOOD | Flood risk  | EROSN | Soil erosion risk |
|------|------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| EXP  | Exposure limitation    | FROST | Frost prone | DIST  | Disturbed land    |
| CHEM | Chemical limitation    |       |             |       |                   |

LIMIT The main limitation to land quality The following abbreviations are used

| OC | Overall Climate | ΑE | Aspect          | EX | Exposure    |
|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|
| FR | Frost Risk      | GR | Gradient        | MR | Microrelief |
| FL | Flood Risk      | TX | Topsoil Texture | DP | Soil Depth  |

| CH | Chemical | WE | Wetness | WK | Workability |
|----|----------|----|---------|----|-------------|
|----|----------|----|---------|----|-------------|

DR. Drought ER. Erosion Risk WD Soil Wetness/Droughtiness

ST Topsoil Stoniness

# **TEXTURE** Soil texture classes are denoted by the following abbreviations

| S   | Sand            | LS  | Loamy Sand      | SL  | Sandy Loam         |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------|
| SZL | Sandy Silt Loam | CL  | Clay Loam       | ZCL | Silty Clay Loam    |
| ZL  | Silt Loam       | SCL | Sandy Clay Loam | C   | Clay               |
| SC  | Sandy clay      | ZC  | Silty clay      | OL  | Organic Loam       |
| P   | Peat            | SP  | Sandy Peat      | LP  | Loamy Peat         |
| PL  | Peaty Loam      | PS  | Peaty Sand      | MZ  | Marine Light Silts |

For the sand, loamy sand, sandy loam and sandy silt loam classes the predominant size of sand fraction will be indicated by the use of the following prefixes

- Fine (more than 66% of the sand less than 0 2mm)
- M Medium (less than 66% fine sand and less than 33% coarse sand)
- C Coarse (more than 33% of the sand larger than 0 6mm)

The clay loam and silty clay loam classes will be sub-divided according to the clay content M Medium (<27% clay) H heavy (27 - 35% clay)

MOTTLE COL Mottle colour using Munsell notation

MOTTLE ABUN Mottle abundance expressed as a percentage of the matrix or surface described

F few <2% C common 2 20% M many 20 - 40% VM very many 40%+

#### MOTTLE CONT Mottle contrast

- F faint indistinct mottles evident only on close inspection
- D distinct mottles are readily seen
- P Prominent mottling is conspicuous and one of the outstanding features of the horizon

**PED COL** Ped face colour using Munsell notation

GLEY If the soil horizon is gleyed a Y will appear in this column If slightly gleyed an S will appear

# STONE LITH Stone Lithology One of the following is used

| HR.  | All hard rocks and stones         | SLST        | Soft oolitic or dolimitic limestone  |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| CH   | Chalk                             | <b>FSST</b> | Soft, fine grained sandstone         |
| ZR   | Soft argillaceous, or silty rocks | GH          | Gravel with non porous (hard) stones |
| MSST | Soft medium grained sandstone     | GS          | Gravel with porous (soft) stones     |

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SI Soft weathered igneous or metamorphic rock

Stone contents are given in % by volume for sizes >2cm, >6cm and total stone >2mm.

STRUCT The degree of development, size and shape of soil peds are described using the following notation

| Degree of development | WK<br>ST | Weakly developed<br>Strongly developed | MD  | Moderately developed |
|-----------------------|----------|--|-----|----------------------|
| Ped sıze              | F        | Fine                                   | M   | Medium               |
|                       | C        | Coarse                                 | VC  | Very coarse          |
| Ped Shape             | S        | Single grain                           | M   | Massive              |
|                       | GR.      | Granular                               | AB  | Angular blocky       |
|                       | SAB      | Sub-angular blocky                     | PR. | Prismatic            |
|                       | PL       | Platy                                  |     |                      |

**CONSIST** Soil consistence is described using the following notation

L Loose VF Very Frable FR. Frable FM Firm VM Very firm EM Extremely firm EH Extremely Hard

SUBS STR. Subsoil structural condition recorded for the purpose of calculating profile droughtiness G Good M Moderate P Poor

POR. Soil porosity If a soil horizon has poor porosity with less than 0 5% biopores >0 5mm, a Y will appear in this column

IMP If the profile is impenetrable to rooting a Y' will appear in this column at the appropriate horizon

SPL. Slowly permeable layer If the soil horizon is slowly permeable a Y will appear in this column

CALC If the soil horizon is calcareous with naturally occurring calcium carbonate exceeding 1% a Y will appear this column

# 2 Additional terms and abbreviations used mainly in soil pit descriptions.

#### STONE ASSESSMENT

VIS Visual S Sieve D Displacement

#### **MOTTLE SIZE**

EF Extremely fine <1mm M Medium 5 15mm

VF Very fine 1 2mm> C Coarse >15mm

F Fine 2 5mm

MOTTLE COLOUR. May be described by Munsell notation or as ochreous

(OM) or grey (GM)

ROOT CHANNELS In topsoil the presence of rusty root channels should

also be noted

# MANGANESE CONCRETIONS Assessed by volume

N None M Many 20-40% F Few 2% VM Very Many >40%

C Common 2 20%

# STRUCTURE Ped Development \*

WA Weakly adherent
 W Weakly developed
 M Moderately developed
 S Strongly developed

#### **POROSITY**

P Poor less than 0 5% biopores at least 0 5mm in diameter G Good more than 0 5% biopores at least 0 5mm in diameter

#### **ROOT ABUNDANCE**

| The number of roots per 100cm <sup>2</sup> |          | Very Fine and Fine | Medium and Coarse |  |
|--|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| F  | Few      | 1 10               | 1 or 2            |  |
| C  | Common   | 10 25              | 2 5               |  |
| M  | Many     | 25 200             | >5                |  |
| A  | Abundant | >200               |                   |  |

#### **ROOT SIZE**

| VF | Very fine | <1mm  | M | Medium | 2 5mm |
|----|-----------|-------|---|--------|-------|
| F  | Fine      | 1 2mm | C | Coarse | >5mm  |

#### HORIZON BOUNDARY DISTINCTNESS

| Sharp   | <0 5cm    | Gradual | 6 13cm |
|---------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Abrupt  | 0 5 2 5cm | Diffuse | >13cm  |
| <u></u> |           |         |        |

Clear 2 5 6cm

# HORIZON BOUNDARY FORM Smooth, wavy irregular or broken \*

<sup>\*</sup> See Soil Survey Field Handbook (Hodgson, 1974) for details

| SITE NAME PROFILE NO SLOP                             |                               |        | SIODE      | AND ACDE                        | CT               | T A  | ND USE                 |                                      |                                | · · · -  |                        | PARENT MA                  | TEDIAL              |                           |                                 |   |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| SHENA   | VIE                           |        | IKOI       | ILE NO                          | SLOPE AND ASPECT |  |                        | רה                                   | AD OSE                         | :  | Av Raınfall            | 811 mm                     |                     | PARENI MA                 | IERIAL                          |   |  |
| Beckingto   | n                             |        | Pt 1 (     | Asp 69)                         | 3 S              | 3 S  |                        |                                      | Ley                            |  |                        | 1451 day                   | 1451 day C          |                           | Forest Marble                   |   |  |
| JOB NO DATE GRID                                      |                               | GRID I | REFERENCE  |                                 |                  | SCRIBED B  | Y                      | FC Days                              | 178                            |  | SOIL SAMPLE REFERENCES |                            |                     |                           |                                 |   |  |
| 8 96 11 06  |                               | 96     | ST 799     | 55105                           | P                |  | РВ                     |                                      | Climatic Grade  Exposure Grade |  |                        | PB 375                     |                     |                           |                                 |   |  |
| Horizon<br>No   | Lowest<br>Av<br>Depth<br>(cm) | Тех    | ture       | Matrix<br>(Ped Face)<br>Colours |                  | Mottling Abundance Type and Method Contrast, Size and Colour |                        | æ                                    | Mangan<br>Concs                | Structure<br>Ped<br>Developme<br>Size and<br>Shape |                        | Structural                 | Pores<br>(Fissures) | Roots Abundance and Size  | Calcium<br>Carbonate<br>Content | Horizon<br>Boundary<br>Distinctness<br>and form |  |
| 1   | 19                            |        | С          | 10YR42                          | 1 %              | HR VIS   | R VIS None             |                                      | None                           |  |                        |                            |                     | MF VF                     | Y                               | Abrupt<br>Smooth                                |  |
| 2   | 28                            | (      | с          | 2 5Y63                          | 2%               | SSLST* CDFO  |                        |                                      | None                           | MMPr   | Vm                     | P                          | P*                  | CF VF                     | Y                               | Clear<br>Smooth                                 |  |
| 3   | 60+                           | •      | С          | 2 5Y62                          |                  | SLST*<br>% HR  | CDMO<br>7,5YR5         |                                      |                                |  | Vm                     | P                          | P                   | FF VF<br>Mainly<br>ex-ped | Y                               | -   |  |
| Profile G   | leyed Fron                    | n 1    | 19         |                                 |                  | Available  | Water V                | Vhea                                 | t 12                           | 0 mm   |                        | Final ALC                  | Grade               | 4                         |                                 |   |  |
| Depth to Slowly Permeable Horizon 19 Wetness Class IV |                               |        |            |                                 | Moisture I       | Deficit V  | Potat<br>Vhea<br>Potat | ıt 9                                 | 7 mm<br>7 mm<br>7 mm           |  | Main Limi              | Main Limiting Factor(s) We |                     |                           |                                 |   |  |
| Wetness Grade 4                                       |                               |        | Moisture E | Balance V                       | Vhea             | t +  | 23 mm                  |                                      | Remarks                        |  | ew large worm          |                            |                     |                           |                                 |   |  |
|   | Potatoes +10 mm               |        |            |                                 |                  |  |                        | H3 Stones = Calc nodules & limestone |                                |  |                        |                            |                     |                           |                                 |   |  |
|   |                               |        |            |                                 |                  | Droughtin  | ess Grade 2            | 2                                    | (Calc                          | ulated to 12                                       | Ocm)                   |                            |                     |                           |                                 |   |  |

|                  |                               |             |                                 |                               |  |                |                 |       |  | ,                            |             |                         |                            |                          |                                 |   |  |
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| SITE NAI         | ME                            | PRC         | FILE NO                         | SLOPE                         | AND ASPE   | CT             | LANI            | D USE |  | A                            | v Rainfall  | 795 mm                  | 795 mm PARENT MATERIAL     |                          |                                 |   |  |
| Beckingto        | n                             | Pit 2       | 2 (Asp 28)                      | 1 N                           |  | Maiz           | æ               |       | A.                                       | ATO 1468 day C Forest Marble |             |                         |                            |                          |                                 |   |  |
| JOB NO DATE GR   |                               | GRID I      | D REFERENCE                     |                               |  | CRIBED B       | Y               | FC    | FC Days 178 SOIL SAMPLE REFERENCES       |                              |             |                         |                            | CES                      |                                 |   |  |
| 8 96 12/6/96     |                               | 5/96        | ST 803                          | 75170                         |  | PB             |                 |       |  |                              | PB 376      |                         |                            |                          |                                 |   |  |
| Horizon<br>No    | Lowest<br>Av<br>Depth<br>(cm) | Texture     | Matrix<br>(Ped Face)<br>Colours |                               | ness Abund Type and Contra Method Size ar Colour |                | Mangan<br>Concs |       | Structure Ped Development Size and Shape |                              | Consistence | Structural<br>Condition | Pores<br>(Fissures)        | Roots Abundance and Size | Calcium<br>Carbonate<br>Content | Horizon<br>Boundary<br>Distinctness<br>and form |  |
| 1                | 20                            | MCL/<br>SCL | 10YR42                          | 1% HR (                       | vis) 0   |                |                 | 0     |  |                              | _           |                         |                            | FF VF                    |                                 | Clear<br>Smooth                                 |  |
| 2                | 50                            | С           | 10YR54                          | 0                             | 0  |                |                 | 0     |  | В                            | Fr          | M                       | G                          | FF VF                    |                                 | Grad<br>Smooth                                  |  |
| 3                | 65                            | С           | 2 5Y64                          | 0                             | CDFO<br>10YR 58                                  |                |                 |       | MCSAB                                    |                              | Fm          | M                       | G                          | FF VF                    |                                 | Grad<br>Smooth                                  |  |
| 4                | 80+                           | С           | 2 5Y64                          | 0                             |  | MDMO<br>10YR58 |                 |       | WCSAB                                    |                              | Fm          | P                       | P                          | FF VF                    |                                 |   |  |
| Profile G        | leyed Fron                    | n 50 cr     | n                               |                               | Available  | Water W        | Vheat           | 1:    | 36 mm                                    |                              |             | Final ALC               | Grade                      | 3a                       |                                 |   |  |
|                  | e Horizon                     | _           | n                               |                               | Potatoes 116 mm  Moisture Deficit Wheat 97 mm    |                |                 |       |  |                              |             | Main Limit              | Main Limiting Factor(s) We |                          |                                 |   |  |
| Wetness          | Class                         | II          |                                 |                               |  | P              | otatoe          | :s 8′ | 7 mm                                     |                              |             |                         |                            |                          |                                 |   |  |
| Wetness Grade 3a |                               |             |                                 | Moisture Balance Wheat +39 mm |  |                |                 |       |  |                              | Remarks     | WA seems                | ty borderline go           |                          |                                 |   |  |
|                  |                               |             |                                 | Potatoes +29 mm               |  |                |                 |       |  |                              | Keniarks    | ri4 porosi              | ty borderline go           | ou.                      |                                 |   |  |
|                  |                               |             |                                 |                               | Droughtin  | ess Grade      |                 |       |  |                              |             |                         |                            |                          |                                 |   |  |
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| SITE NAI       | ME                                  | PRO     | FILE NO                         | SLOPE AND ASPECT |   |  | LA         | ND USE                                       |              | Av I   | Raınfall                | 795 mm  |       | PARENT MA                | TERIAL                          |  |
| Beckingto      | n                                   | Pit 3   | (Asp 17)                        | 1 N              | 1 N   |  |            | PGR ATO                                      |              |        | )                       | 1468 day C  |       | Forest Marble sandstone  |                                 |  |
| JOB NO DATE GR |                                     | GRID I  | D REFERENCE                     |                  |   | DESCRIBED BY                                 |            |  | Days         | 178    |                         | SOIL SAMPLE REFERENCES                                  |       |                          |                                 |  |
| 8 96           | 96 12/6/96 ST                       |         | ST 798                          | 9825789          |   |  |            | Climatic Grade 1  Exposure Grade  PB 377 378 |              |        |                         |   |       |                          |                                 |  |
| Horizon<br>No  | Lowest<br>Av<br>Depth<br>(cm)       | Texture | Matrix<br>(Ped Face)<br>Colours | Size Ty          | Stoniness Abund Size Type and Control Field Method Size a Colou |  | œ          | Mangan Ped Concs Develop Size and Shape      |              |        | Consistence             | Structural Pores Condition (Fissur                      |       | Roots Abundance and Size | Calcium<br>Carbonate<br>Content | Horizon Boundary Distinctness and form |
| 1              | 38                                  | FSL     | 10YR42                          | 0                | o   |  |            | 0  |              |        |                         |   |       | MF VF                    | o                               | Ab Wavy                                |
| 2              | 67                                  | FSL     | 10YR64 74                       | 0                | FDMD*   |  |            | 0 WCS  |              | В      | VFr                     | G   | G     | CVF                      | 0                               | Ab Wavy                                |
| 3              | 120+                                | LMS     | 10YR66 73                       | 0                |   | FDMO * 10YR58                                |            | 0 WCAE                                       |              | 3      | Fr                      | G   | G     | FVF                      | 0                               |  |
| Profile G      | leyed Fron                          | n       | _                               |                  | Available Water Wheat 162 mm                                    |  |            |  |              |        |                         | Final ALC   | Grade | 1                        |                                 |  |
| Permeabl       | Permeable Horizon  Wetness Class  I |         |                                 |                  |   | Potatoes 135 mm  Wheat 97 mm  Potatoes 87 mm |            |  |              |        | Main Limiting Factor(s) |   |       |                          |                                 |  |
| Welless        | Orace                               | 1       |                                 |                  | Moisture Balance Wheat  |  |            |  | Vheat +65 mm |        |                         | Remarks Ochreous mottles appear at the top of H2 and H3 |       |                          |                                 |  |
|                |                                     |         |                                 |                  | Droughtin   | ess Grade                                    | Potat<br>1 |  | 48 mm        | 20 cm) | )                       | with dense packing below                                |       |                          |                                 |  |

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| SITE NA                                      | ME.                           | '        | PROF           | ILE NO                          | SLOPE AND ASPECT              |  |               | LA    | ND USE                                    |                              | A  | v Raınfall             | 811 mm                     |                            | PARENT MA                | LEKIAL   |  |  |  |
| Beckingto                                    | n                             | 1        | Pit 4 (.       | Asp 55)                         | 2 E                           |  |               |       | Maize ATO 1451 day C Corr                 |                              |    |                        | Cornbrash                  | Cornbrash                  |                          |  |  |  |  |
| JOB NO DATE                                  |                               | GRID F   | GRID REFERENCE |                                 |                               | DESCRIBED BY FC Days                         |               |       | C Days                                    | 178                          |    | SOIL SAMPLE REFERENCES |                            |                            |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 8 96   | 8 96 12/6/96                  |          | ST 80655133    |                                 | 1                             | PB   |               |       |   | limatic Grade  xposure Grade | 1  | 1                      | PB 379                     |                            |                          |  |  |  |  |
| Horizon<br>No                                | Lowest<br>Av<br>Depth<br>(cm) | Text     | ure            | Matrix<br>(Ped Face)<br>Colours | Field M                       | ype and Contras                              |               | æ     | Mangan Ped Concs Developme Size and Shape |                              |    | Consistence            | Structural<br>Condition    | Pores<br>(Fissures)        | Roots Abundance and Size | Calcium<br>Carbonate<br>Content  | Horizon Boundary Distinctness and form |  |  |
| 1  | 21                            | C        |                | 10YR54                          | 6% >2cm<br>16% <2c<br>22% HR  | m l  |               |       | 0   |                              |    |                        |                            |                            | MF VF                    | Y  | Ab Smooth                              |  |  |
| 2  | 43                            | C        | 2              | 10YR46                          |                               |  |               | 0 0   |   | MM, FSA                      | AB | Fr                     | G                          | G                          | FF VF                    | Y  | Clear<br>Smooth                        |  |  |
| 3  | 80                            | C        |                | 2 5Y64                          | 50% >20<br>12% < 20<br>62% HR | 2cm FDFO                                     |               |       |   | ny                           | Fm |                        |                            | FF VF                      | Y                        | Grad<br>Smooth   |  |  |  |
| 4  | 97+                           | C        |                | 25Y64<br>10YR66                 | 30 % >20<br>22% <20<br>52% HR | m  | CDFO<br>10YR5 | l l   |   | Too Stor                     | ny | Fm                     |                            |                            | _                        | Y  |  |  |  |
| Profile G                                    | leyed Fror                    | n 80     | 0 cm           |                                 |                               | Available Water Wheat 87 mm                  |               |       |   |                              |    |                        | Final ALC                  | Grade                      | <b>3</b> b               | Calcium Carbonate Content Distinctness and form  MF VF Y Ab Smooth  FF VF Y Grad Smooth  Y  3b  Wk |  |  |  |
| Depth to<br>Permeabl                         | Slowly<br>e Horizon           | ļ        |                |                                 |                               | Potatoes 74 mm  Moisture Deficit Wheat 97 mm |               |       |   |                              |    |                        | Main Limit                 | Main Limiting Factor(s) Wk |                          |  |  |  |  |
| Wetness                                      | Class                         | I        |                |                                 |                               | 3.33.33.33                                   |               | Potat |   | 7 mm                         |    |                        |                            |                            |                          |  |  |  |  |
| Wetness                                      | Wetness Grade 3b              |          |                |                                 |                               |  |               |       |   |                              |    |                        | _                          |                            |                          |  |  |  |  |
|  |                               |          |                |                                 |                               | Moisture Balance Wheat                       |               |       | it 1                                      | 10 mm                        |    |                        | Remarks                    | Remarks Rock is HR/SLST    |                          |  |  |  |  |
|  |                               |          |                |                                 |                               |  | 1             | Potat | toes                                      | 13 mm                        |    |                        | Total S Total S The second |                            |                          |  |  |  |  |
| Droughtiness Grade 3a (Calculated to 120 cm) |                               |          |                |                                 |                               |  |               |       |   |                              |    |                        |                            |                            |                          |  |  |  |  |