

CHARD BUSINESS PARK EXTENSION

JOB NUMBER 23/97

The site shown on the attached plan was surveyed on 25 March 1997 to provide Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) information in connection with a planning application consultation. ALC information for the rest of the planning application area is available in the ALC survey report for South Somerset Local Plan, Chard (ADAS, 1995, Job Number 40/95). This shows the site as Subgrade 3b.

The current site forms a small extension to the 1995 survey report. It extends to 5.6 ha, comprising part of a field which at the time of survey was down to winter rape. Background information on climate, geology, soils and any earlier ALC survey is available in the 1995 report.

Six auger borings were examined and details of the findings have been added to the ALC database under Job Number 23/97. Four of the borings found gleying above 40 cm and a slowly permeable layer (SPL) starting between 40 and 55 cm. This is Wetness Class IV, similar to Pit 8 in the 1995 survey, and with medium silty clay loam topsoil gives Subgrade 3b. The other two borings were found to be Wetness Class III, Subgrade 3a. The area therefore is shown as Subgrade 3b overall.

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