

DEWATERING AND GROUNDWATER CONTROL

ACTIVITY RAMS — ADAPT TO SITE BEFORE USE

Well points · sumps · discharge, consent and settlement

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Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5; CDM 2015 reg 22(4) — no work in a supported or battered excavation without a competent-person inspection, reported under reg 24; reg 25(4) with HSE HSG47 (3rd edition, 2014) for underground services; PUWER 1998 and LOLER 1998 regs 8 and 9 for the rig and its lifting operations; Work at Height Regulations 2005; Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992; COSHH 2002 with EH40/2005 (4th edition, 2020) for silica and wet cement; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15. The working platform is temporary works: it is designed, certified and re-inspected under BS 5975-1:2024 management procedures, and no rig tracks onto it without a current certificate.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

Installation and operation of groundwater control: well point systems, deep wells and sump pumping, including discharge routing, monitoring and settlement observation.

This document does not cover: the dewatering design, discharge consent applications, and treatment of contaminated groundwater (specialist).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Striking underground services or a live cable while boring or driving

At risk: Rig crew, the public

Controls: The HSG47 (3rd edition, 2014) sequence without exception: plans obtained and on site, CAT-and-genny survey by a trained operative, marking up, and trial holes to prove every service near a pile position. Positions within the agreed proximity of a known service are hand-dug or vacuum-excavated to depth before the rig is set up. No plans, or a survey that does not match the plans, stops the work.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Arisings, slurry and contaminated spoil

At risk: Operatives, the public, the environment

Controls: Arisings stockpiled clear of the platform edge and of every excavation, at a distance the temporary works design allows. Bentonite and polymer slurry contained, never discharged to drain, and disposed of under the site waste procedure. Where the ground investigation identifies contamination, the specific controls in that report apply and are briefed before the shift.

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3. Falls into an open bore, pile cap excavation or shaft

At risk: Everyone on site

Controls: Every open bore is covered or barriered the moment the auger clears it — no bore is left open and unattended, ever, including at breaks. Covers are secured and marked. Pile cap excavations are battered, supported or barriered to the temporary works design, and inspected at the start of every shift under CDM 2015 reg 22(4) with the report made under reg 24.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Noise from cutting, fixing and plant

At risk: Operatives, others in the area

Controls: Select quieter methods and tools where practicable; hearing protection in designated zones and for noisy operations; agree noisy-works windows with the occupier in occupied buildings.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Slips, trips and housekeeping

At risk: Everyone in the work area

Controls: Keep the workface clear, remove waste and offcuts as they are created, route leads at high level or under mats, and maintain task lighting.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Interface with occupants, other trades and the public

At risk: Occupants, other trades, the public

Controls: Segregate the work area — barriers, signage, sheeting; agree access routes and working hours with the occupier; never obstruct escape routes; deliveries and waste runs outside peak movement times where agreed.

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7. Discharging without consent, or discharging silt or contamination*At risk: The environment, the business*

Controls: No discharge starts until the consent or agreement is in place and on site — to sewer, watercourse or ground as that consent states. Silt is settled or filtered before discharge and the discharge point is checked daily. Any change in colour, odour or sheen stops the discharge immediately and is reported.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

8. Settlement of adjacent structures caused by drawdown*At risk: Neighbours, the public, the project*

Controls: Settlement monitoring points are installed and read before pumping starts to establish the baseline, then at the frequency the design states. Readings outside the trigger values stop the pumping and are referred to the engineer before it resumes. Pumps are never stopped and restarted outside the design without that referral either — cycling can be as damaging as continuous drawdown.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL HI...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- 01 Confirm the dewatering design, the discharge consent and the settlement monitoring regime are in place.
- 02 Prove services along the well point line and at every sump position.
- 03 Install and develop well points or wells; cover and mark every open hole.
- 04 Establish the baseline settlement readings before any pumping starts.
- 05 Route and secure discharge lines to the consented point, with settlement or filtration as designed.
- 06 Monitor flow, drawdown and settlement at the stated frequency and record; act on trigger values immediately.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE**5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

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| Well point or wellpoint pumps | Settling tanks or filtration |
| Header mains and hoses | Dip meter and monitoring records |

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS**COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS****6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST**

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| Head protection | Gloves — task-rated | Hearing protection near pump sets |
| Safety footwear | Eye protection | |
| High visibility | Hearing protection | |

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED**7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS**

A permit authorises this work in that place, on that day. It extends the safe system of work in this document — it does not replace it (HSE HSG250). The site issues the permit; record its number before work starts.

KD-PTW-EX-005 — Excavation and Permit to Dig

For well point and sump installation.

PERMIT NUMBER**KD-PTW-GP-003 — General Permit to Work**

For discharge connection and out-of-hours pump operation.

PERMIT NUMBER**8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE**

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION	NEAREST A&E	ASSEMBLY POINT
HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA	SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

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