

Specimen Address, Specimen Town

# **Professional opinion**



There is an identified potential for risk. See guidance on page 2.

# Site plan



### **Search results**



**Non-coal mining** 

**Pass** 



**Natural instability** 

**Identified** 

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**Historical features** 

Identified

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**Infilled land** 

Not identified



**Geological features** 

Not identified



**Sinkholes** 

Not identified



Oil and gas

**Identified** 

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Coal mining alert

Not identified



**Satellite monitoring** 

Not identified



Cheshire brine alert
Not identified

Assesses mining risk from; Stone, Clay, Metals, Evaporites and Hydrocarbons



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To save you time when assessing the report, we only provide maps and data tables of features we have identified to be of note.

You can view a full list of the information we have searched on page 15.

### Non-coal mining assessment



We consider the property to be acceptably free from non-coal mining related settlement or subsidence risk.



# Non-coal mining

The site lies outside areas potentially impacted by non-coal mining related settlement or subsidence risk. These areas have been defined by detailed analysis of available data by Groundsure.

If any specific features have been identified within the Mining records, Historical features or Geological features sections of this report it should be noted that they are sufficiently removed from the property and are themselves considered to pose no risk.

No further action is required.

### Other considerations

Other ground hazards have been identified at the site. Please refer to the findings and recommendations below for further details. If the property is to be redeveloped, these findings should be used to inform geotechnical investigations at the site. Please also note, recommendations assume structures are present within the site boundary. If there are no structures or multiple structures present these recommendations should be treated appropriately.



### **Coastal Erosion**

Under the current Shoreline Managament Plan (SMP), the property should be protected from coastal erosion. However if the defences specified in the current SMP fail or can no longer be maintained, the property will be at risk of being affected by coastal erosion. Please see **page 12** for additional details of the risk and links to further information about SMPs.





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#### **Next steps for consideration:**

- Investigate the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for the area for further details on sea defences and maintenance.
- Contact the coastal management department at the Local Authority to obtain further information on erosion risk at the property and the surrounding area.
- Liaise with mortgage brokers or your lender to ensure that they are willing to maintain a mortgage offer in view of the erosion risks.



### **Ground stability**

The property has a notable shrink swell hazard score and may be susceptible to shrink swell related subsidence.

#### **Next steps for consideration:**

- if a survey has been undertaken at the property that considers ground instability and no issues were found, no further action is required
- however, based on the findings of this report, the purchaser should be encouraged to consider
  potential instability in any future development or alteration of the ground including planting and
  removing trees, and regardless of the survey outcome
- if no survey has yet been undertaken, we recommend one is carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced person
- if ground instability issues have been or are subsequently identified in a survey we recommend following any advice given in the survey findings
- if the property is in an area at risk of shrink-swell subsidence and has clay drainage pipes, consideration should be given to replacing these with a modern equivalent
- if a residential property, check whether it benefits from an NHBC guarantee or other builder warranty that often covers structural issues. Please note the presence of an NHBC guarantee wouldn't change the risk assessment of this report.

Natural instability features or areas of susceptibility have been found in proximity to the property which have the potential to cause ground instability. However, we have determined that these features should not cause any significant issues. A prudent purchaser may wish to conduct a visual inspection of the property, looking for any evidence of cracks and other signs of subsidence if a full structural survey is not conducted.









### Oil and gas

A record of a well used for oil and gas extraction, exploration, or development has been identified in the locality of the property, although not in close proximity. The presence of a well does not necessarily mean that any active exploration or producing is occurring. We recommend checking the data within the report to see if the well has a 'completed by' date within the data as this would indicate that no further activity is taking place at the site.

You may wish to visit the website of any identified operator for further information.



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# Non-coal mining summary





### Mining records

No records relating to recorded mining areas or activity have been identified in the vicinity of the site.

Mining features
Mine plans
Researched mining
BritPits
Mineral Planning Areas
Non-coal mining areas
Mining cavities
Coal mining areas
Brine areas
Gypsum areas
Tin mining areas

Not identified



### **Historical features**

Historical mapping has identified mining features in the vicinity of the site but these are not considered to be of note.

Non-coal mining Coal and associated mining Industry associated with mining Identified
Not identified
Not identified



# **Geological features**

No geological features indicative of mining activity or other sources of ground instability have been identified in the vicinity of the site.

Artificial and made ground Mineral veins

Not identified Not identified



# Oil and gas

Historical, active or planned wells or extraction areas have been identified near the property.

See **page 7** for details and **page 4** for recommended next steps.

Oil and gas areas Oil and gas wells Not identified Identified



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# **Ground stability summary**





### **Satellite monitoring**

Satellite radar measurements have not detected any notable ground movement in the vicinity of the property.

### **SatSense Rating**

Green

Ratings provided by SatSense Ltd, experts in analysis of InSAR ground movement data from satellite radar.



### **Natural instability**

Searches of natural ground stability data have identified potential ground stability risks.

See **page 8** for details and **page 3** for recommended next steps.

Shrink-swell hazard Natural ground subsidence Landslides Natural cavities

Landslides Information
Natural cavities Not identified
Coastal erosion Identified



### **Infilled land**

No recorded areas of infilled land or landfill have been identified in the vicinity of the site.

Infilled land
Historical landfill sites

Not identified Not identified

Medium

Information



# Sinkholes

No records of sinkholes have been identified in the vicinity of the property.

Reported recent incidents Recorded incidents (BGS) Recorded incidents (Stantec) Historical incidents

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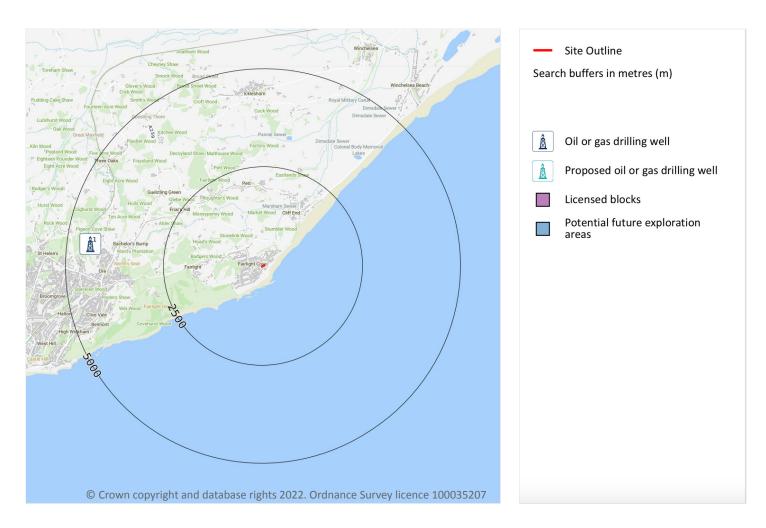
Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified





# Non-coal mining / Oil and gas





### Oil or gas drilling well

The database of oil and gas wells shows all existing and historic licensed oil, gas, shale gas, and coalbed methane extraction sites. These wells may have been licensed in any one of the 14 licensing rounds since 1910.

ID	Distance	Direction	Details	
1	4-5 km	W	Site Name: FAIRLIGHT  1 Operator: AMOCO (U.K.) EXPLORATION COMPANY Type: Conventional Oil and Gas Intent: Exploration	OGA References: L100/04- 1 Licence Number: EXL19 Date of first drilling: 05/11/1989 Date of well completion: 03/12/1989 Licence Expiry: 03/12/1994

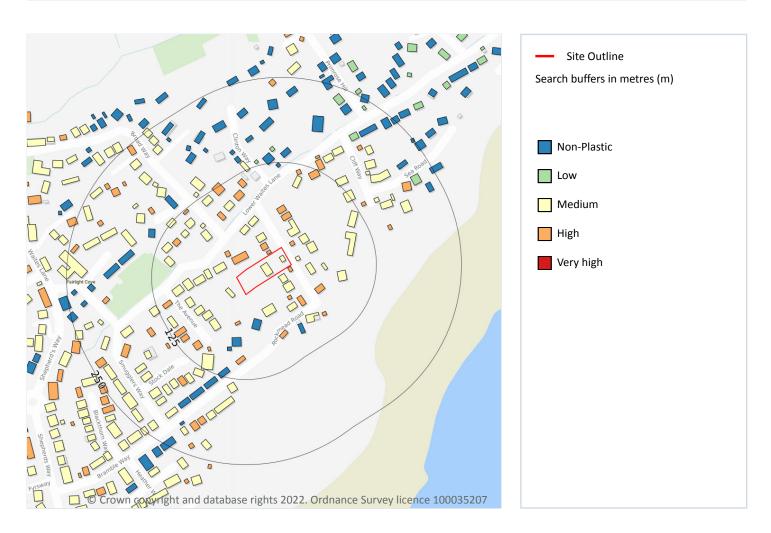
This data is sourced from the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA).



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# **Ground stability** / Property shrink-swell assessment





### **Property shrink-swell assessment**

This dataset provides information on the susceptibility to shrink-swell subsidence given underlying geological properties, proximity of trees (using Bluesky National Tree Map), and the characteristics of local buildings (type, age, height, and drainage). These multiple inputs contribute to an overall hazard score for shrink-swell subsidence susceptibility; either 'Low', 'Medium', 'High' or 'Very high' ('Non-Plastic' for areas with this kind of underlying geology). The score for each input is also presented (on a scale 1-10, where 10 is a high susceptibility factor) to provide context of the contributing factors. Please note that building characteristics are taken from Office for National Statistics Lower Super Output Area data, and as such are generalised to give the most likely characteristics for the property. Any assigned rating should not be relied upon if the property is a new build.





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Location	Susceptibility	Input factors
on site	Hazard score: Medium Description: A medium susceptibility to shrink–swell related subsidence	Tree proximity: 3 Underlying geology: 6 Local building age: 7 Local drainage: 10 Local building height: 10 Local building type: 10

This data is sourced from the British Geological Survey.





# **Ground stability** / Landslides





#### Landslides

The potential for landsliding (slope instability) to be a hazard assessed using 1:50 000 scale digital maps of superficial and bedrock deposits, combined with information from the BGS National Landslide Database and scientific and engineering reports.

Location	Hazard rating	Details
71m SE	Moderate	Slope instability problems are probably present or have occurred in the past. Land use should consider specifically the stability of the site.

This data is sourced from the British Geological Survey.







#### National landslide database

The BGS National Landslide Database holds nearly 18,000 records of landslides and is the definitive source of landslide information for Great Britain. It is drawn from BGS paper and digital maps, memoirs and sheet explanations, reports and articles as well as non-BGS reports, council records, media reports and inherited databases. 83% of the records in this database have been validated by the BGS.

It is a point dataset and does not reflect the total extent of the landslide. Where possible, each point is located at the highest point of the landslide backscarp feature. Where this is not known, the highest point of the mapped landslide is used if available, otherwise the point is assigned an approximate location.

Each landslide record has an accuracy level assigned. Over 86% of the records in the database have an accuracy of +/- 100m, and Groundsure will not display any records that do not meet this minimum level. The absence of data in this section does not confirm that a landslide has not occurred at this location.

Location	BGS reference	Accuracy (m)	Link	Validated
232m S	100001842	10	http://www.bgs.ac.uk/geoindex/gdi/landslides/landslide referencesDetail.cfm?ls id=100001842	Validated to assigned accuracy

This data is sourced from the British Geological Survey.





# **Ground stability** / Coastal erosion - un-defended





### Projections with no active intervention

There is a 50% chance the property will be impacted by coastal erosion in the long term with no intervention measures in place.

This is the scenario with the highest likelihood of impacting the property, as projected within the National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping (2018-2021) (NCERM) when modeled with no active intervention in place.

NCERM shows potential erosion extents from the coastal baseline for three time periods (0 - 20 years, 20 - 50 years and 50 - 100 years), and to three degrees of likelihood (95%, 50% and 5%).

If applicable, potential extents and impact with planned active intervention can be found in the 'Coastal erosion - defended' section.

This data is sourced from the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales NCERM database.





### **Datasets searched**

This is a full list of the data searched in this report. If we have found results of note we will state "Identified". If no results of note are found, we will state "Not identified". Our intelligent filtering will hide "Not identified" sections to speed up your workflow. Please note: if a GeoRisk + report, the CON29M and Cheshire Salt Search content is not covered in the below.

Mining features	
Mine entries	Not identified
Mineralised veins	Not identified
Surface workings	Not identified
Surface features	Not identified
Underground mine workings	Not identified
Reported subsidence	Not identified
Mine waste tips	Not identified
Secured features	Not identified
Licence boundaries	Not identified
Researched mining	Not identified
Mining Record Office plans	Not identified
BGS mine plans	Not identified
Mining records	
BritPits	Not identified
Mineral Planning Areas	Not identified
Non-coal mining areas	Not identified
Mining cavities	Not identified
Coal mining areas	Not identified
Brine areas	Not identified
Gypsum areas	Not identified
Tin mining areas	Not identified

Historical Features	
Non-coal mining	Identified
Coal and associated mining	Not identified
Industry associated with mining	Not identified
Geological features	
Artificial and made ground (10k)	Not identified
Linear features - mineral veins (10k)	Not identified
Artificial and made ground (50k)	Not identified
Linear features - mineral veins (50k)	Not identified
Oil and gas	
Oil or gas drilling well	Identified
Proposed oil or gas drilling well	Not identified
Licensed blocks	Not identified
Potential future exploration areas	Not identified
Satellite monitoring	
Satellite monitoring	Not identified
Natural instability	
Property shrink-swell assessment	Identified
Shrink-swell clays	Not identified
Landslides	Identified
National landslide database	Identified
Running sands	Not identified





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Natural instability	
Compressible deposits	Not identified
Collapsible deposits	Not identified
Dissolution of soluble rocks	Not identified
Natural cavities	Not identified
Coastal Erosion	
Projections with intervention measures in place	Not identified
Projections with no active intervention	Identified
Infilled land	
Infilling from historical mapping	Not identified
Active landfill sites	Not identified
Historical landfill (from Environment Agency records)	Not identified
Historical landfill (from Local Authority and historical mapping records)	Not identified
Sinkholes	
Reported recent incidents	Not identified
	Not identified
Recorded incidents (BGS)	Not identified



Historical incidents

Not identified

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### **Notes and guidance**

### Summary of potential report outcomes

### **Action required**

There is an identified mining risk and further action is recommended.

- based on all available mining data further mining investigation is required
- the client should be informed of the recommended actions
- depending on the outcome of recommended actions, the identified issues may need to be reported to the lender if stipulated in their particular requirements

#### **Potential risk**

There is an identified risk but no further investigation is recommended.

- data indicates the potential for coal mining related issues (GeoRisk + only) or the property is at risk of coastal erosion
- the client should be informed of the recommended actions

Please note, there are niche scenarios within the CON29M element of the GeoRisk + report for which a Potential risk outcome may be presented for which further action may be required.

### Pass with guidance

There is an identified potential for ground movement but it is unlikely to impact the transaction.

- if a survey has been undertaken at the property that considers ground instability and no issues were found, no further action is required
- however, based on the findings of this report, the purchaser should be encouraged to consider potential
  instability in any future development or alteration of the ground including planting and removing trees, and
  regardless of the survey outcome
- if no survey has yet been undertaken, we recommend one is carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced person
- if ground instability issues have been or are subsequently identified in a survey we recommend following any advice given in the survey findings

#### **Pass**

No ground hazards have been identified at the site within the scope and limitations of the report.

### Non-coal mining assessment

This mining search has been compiled from the archive information held by Groundsure. As with all historic mining records, there is no guarantee or assurance of reliability or accuracy of these records. Not all mining activities were recorded or are publically available. Groundsure can't be held responsible for any omissions or errors in the information upon which our interpretation has been based.

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interpretation. Alternative interpretations may be possible.

In any area, sporadic, un-surveyed and ancient mine workings can exist, and unrecorded mine workings or mineralised veins can never be ruled out. Groundsure cannot be held responsible for any settlement or subsidence associated with unrecorded mining features, or from mining plans that are not publically available.

If the property or site is subject to future development we recommend that the ownership of the minerals below the site's surface is established. This detail may be sought from a legal adviser or via the Land Registry. You can then assess whether there is a possibility of any proposed development disturbing or trespassing upon any minerals in third party ownership at the site.

In addition, a mining site investigation may be required to satisfy planning or building regulation conditions. Contact Groundsure for further advice.

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### **Satellite monitoring**

SatSense produces countrywide ground movement products based on satellite radar data. For property movement products in the UK we use data from the ESA Sentinel-1 satellite constellation, which has a resolution of 4 by 14 metres. This means that the smallest objects we can detect are the size of a large shed, and we often get multiple measurement points over individual houses. We receive a new radar image every six days, and data collection started in 2015 (although initially, acquisition frequency was lower). This means we have 250+ measurements in time everywhere in the UK. By analysing this long time history using a technique known as InSAR, we can detect long-term movements as low as 1 mm/yr, which is far below movement levels expected to cause property damage.

#### What is InSAR?

Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) is a processing technique that uses the difference between radar images to detect ground movements with high precision. Two (or more) radar images are overlaid such that they match exactly, and the radar measurements for every matching pixel in the images are differenced. The phase information from this difference is then used to extract ground movement for every pixel. SatSense processes all available data over the United Kingdom.

Why can't we measure everywhere?

A limitation of InSAR is that it relies on consistent radar returns from the reflecting surface (buildings, fields, woodland). While some types of surfaces, like buildings, bridges and bare ground are naturally very consistent, ground cover like dense vegetation and fast-growing crops inherently can vary rapidly over time and therefore interfere with the radar measurement. During our processing, we detect which points provide usable measurements, and which points have had too much interference. This means coverage is variable; dense in urban areas, but much more sparse in rural areas.

Why do we need risk indices?







The SatSense ground movement product measures a wide range of ground movements, from long-term, large regional signals to event level movement of individual points. Not all movements have the same damage potential for buildings. Compare an entire town that is subsiding due to groundwater variations to a single building subsiding due to local instability. Buildings in the subsiding town are all moving at very similar rates, meaning there is little to no relative movement between them. This makes the potential for damage much lower than the individual building moving with respect to its neighbours.

To differentiate between different types of movements, we've developed a way to extract different types of movements that are potentially damaging to property. This information is captured by the SatSense risk indices. These risk indices are described below:

- Property This shows any long-term differential movement of the property with respect to its immediate surroundings, in other words, very localised movements. Examples of processes that could flag up this risk index would be trees affecting the nearby water table, local ground instability and small scale nearby building work.
- Surrounds Focuses on slightly larger scale movements, how is the street or estate moving with respect to
  the wider area. Examples of processes that could flag up this risk index are tunnelling, large scale nearby
  building work and groundwater extraction.
- Local Area Our widest scale index, showing how a town/neighbourhood as a whole is moving. This index is normally flagged up due to the presence of large scale historic mining or large scale groundwater extraction. Due to the wide area and the limited potential for damage likely to be associated with this type of movement, this index will only indicate amber or green, never red.
- Gradient Looks for bending over medium spatial scales. This index will flag up properties that might not be moving much themselves but are being affected by movements in the vicinity.
- Acceleration Looks at the recent changes in movements, flagging up properties that might not have historically been moving, but have recently seen an increase. It also provides information on whether properties that have moved historically continue to move, or whether the movement is decreasing.
- Range Looks at the amplitude of movement over time. This will highlight periodic (seasonal) movements, and event style movements like sinkholes.

# **National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping (NCERM)**

The National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping (2018-2021) shows the coastal baseline. This baseline is split to 'frontages'. These are defined as lengths of the coast with consistent characteristics based on the cliff behaviour characteristics and the defence characteristics. It is intended as an up-to-date and reliable benchmark dataset showing erosion extents and rates for three periods:

- Short Term (0 − 20yr);
- Medium Term (20 50yr); and
- Long Term (50 100yr).

For the 5th, 50th and 95th percentile confidence levels (degrees of certainty, where 95th percentile equates to 95% certainty) for:

- No Active Intervention Policy Scenario; and
- With the implementation of Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) 2 Policies.

Defence type and SMP policies for each of the three periods described above are included.







The data and associated information is intended for guidance - it cannot provide details for individual properties. The NCERM information considers the predominant risk at the coast, although flooding and erosion processes are often linked, and data on the erosion of foreshore features are, in general, not included.

The data describes the upper and lower estimates of erosion risk at a particular location, within which the actual location of the coastline is expected to lie. The data does not estimate the absolute location of the future coastline. Details of geologically complex areas, known as "complex cliffs" are, in general, not included within the dataset due to the inherent uncertainties associated with predicting the timing and extent of erosion at these locations.

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### **BGS Property Shrink Swell Assessment**

This dataset uses OS Open Maps building polygons to derive its assessment. These are often representative of more than one building and so the score assigned is representative of the highest risk found within the connected building units e.g. a pair of semi-detached properties or a terraced row. The baseline mapping used to derive the assessment will be updated at least annually.

The assessment does not cover any man-made hazards and is based on, and limited to the input datasets including OS Open Buildings, Office for National Statistics data, Bluesky Tree Map and BGS GeoSure shrink-swell. An indication of natural ground instability related to shrink—swell does not necessarily mean that a location will definitely be affected by ground movement or subsidence. Such an assessment can only be made by inspection of the area by a qualified professional.





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