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Reference: 14-768-V5

GAS MEMBRANE VALIDATION – HAWKS VIEW, CASTLETON

Project Name:	Hawks View, Castleton (formerly known as Castleton Sidings)
Project Number:	14-768
Client:	Kellen Homes
Date:	1 st April 2025
Project Manager & Qualifications:	J Sheridan (MeSci, FGS)
E3P Engineer:	J. Newall
Gas Membrane Installers Name & Qualifications:	Westbourne Civil Engineers Ltd & Keytec Installation Services
Ground Gas Protection Design Report:	E3P Gas Protection Design Report (14-768-R8, March 2025)
Plots:	Membrane – Plots 130-131

The gas mitigation measures validation site inspection record and associated photographs are enclosed within this letter as a Controlled Quality Assurance (CQA) site data capture record.

FINAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

E3P SITE VALIDATION CQA	QUALIFICATIONS	POSITION
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PREPARED BY	QUALIFICATIONS	POSITION
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AUTHORISED BY	QUALIFICATIONS	POSITION
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Table 1 Validation Letter References

PLOT NUMBER	DATE	REPORT REFERENCE
Subfloor 9-15, 18-21, 127-129	14/03/2025	V1
Membrane – Plots 18-21	19/03/2025	V2
Membrane – Plots 9-12, 125-129	21/03/2025	V3
Membrane – 13-15	28/03/2025	V4
Membrane – 130-131	01/04/2025	V5





GROUND GAS MITIGATION DESIGN

The Ground Gas Risk Assessment for the site determined that site should be classified as Characteristic Situation 2 with incorporation of low-level VOC resistant membrane in accordance with BS8485 2015 (+A1 2019).

A Gas Protection Design Report (GPDR) was prepared by E3P (14-768-R8, March 2025). Since the issue of the report, minor revisions have been made to the subfloor design, which are presented within this verification letter for clarity.

The GPDR has been prepared, reviewed, and authorised by a suitably qualified person who holds the relevant technical and professional qualifications.

OVERVIEW OF GROUND GAS MITIGATION DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Characteristic Situation 2 – Design Mitigation Requirements.

- ❖ Passive sub-floor dispersal layer of very good performance which meets all criteria out in Paragraph B.6 of BS8485:2015 (minimum 150 mm clear void space and with correct frequency of side ventilation).
- ❖ Lapped and taped / sealed gas and low-level VOC resistant membrane in the floor slab construction which meets all the criteria as set out in Table 7 of BS8485:2015 (+A1 2019) and Verification in Section 3.2.2 of CIRIA 735³³

Banners Gate prepared the site-specific engineering drawings on behalf of Kellen Homes as Foundation Detail Ref: 23147 500 F.

The sub-structure design forms a key component of the validation procedure to ensure the constructed mitigation requirements meet the specified design criteria.

Figure 1 Structural Engineers Substructure Design – External Wall

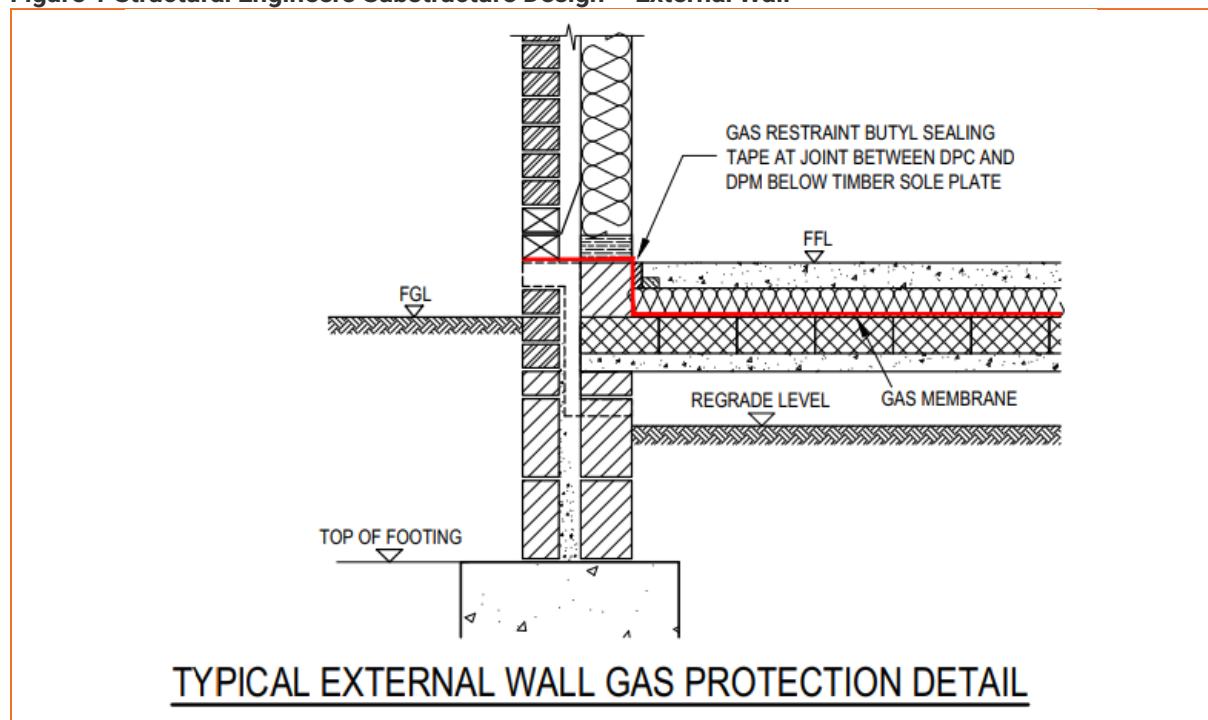




Figure 2 Structural Engineers Substructure Design – Party Wall

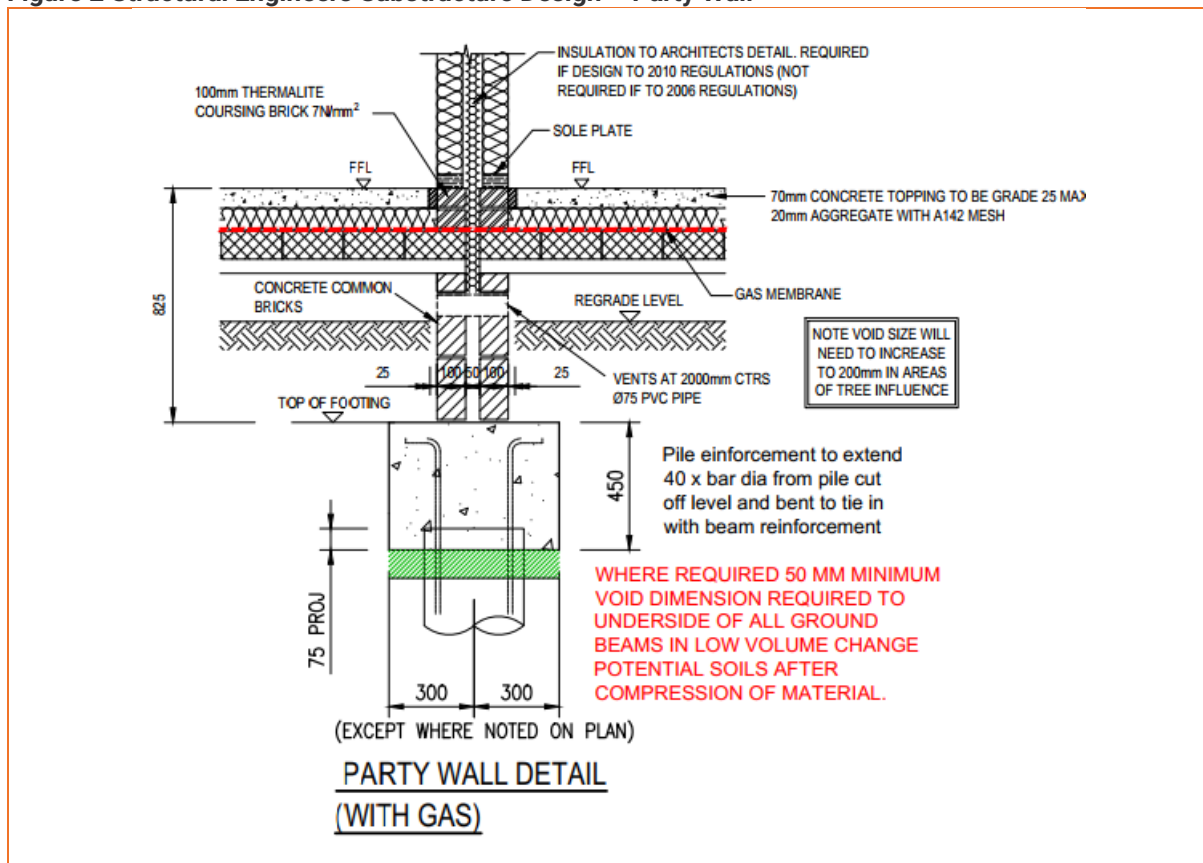
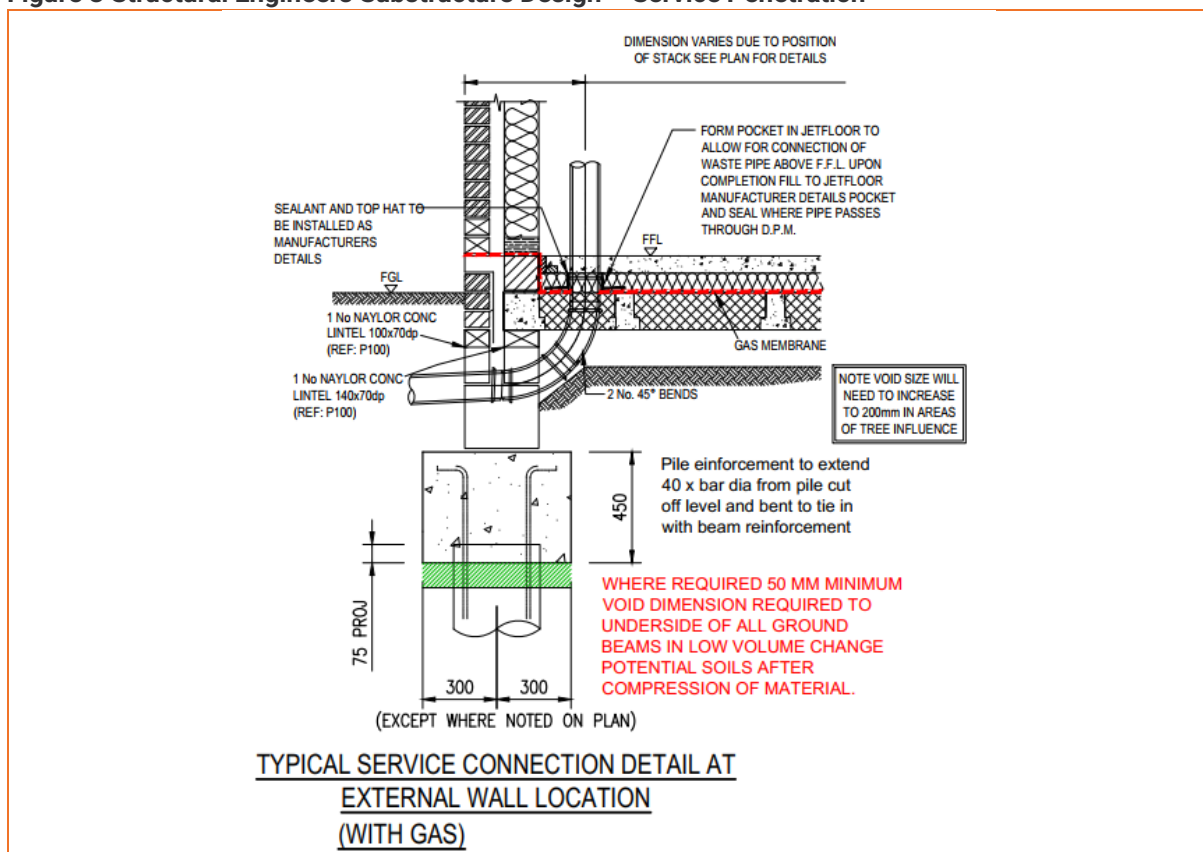


Figure 3 Structural Engineers Substructure Design – Service Penetration





SUMMARY OF VALIDATION INSPECTION & APPROVAL

SUB-FLOOR VOID

The sub-floor void for plots 9-15, 18-21, 127-129 was inspected on 14th and 17th March 2025.

The sub-floor void was observed and inspected to be a minimum of 150 mm with no visible inclusions that would limit the performance of this ventilation mechanism. Sleeper wall ventilation bricks were also observed to be present

Photographs of the sub-floor voids are included in validation letter V1.

AIR BRICKS & TELESCOPIC VENTILATION

As per NHBC guidance and the structural engineers design as part of the mitigation a telescopic vent and vent brick is required at 2 m intervals in the brick course. E3P can confirm these have also been fitted accurately on all elevations of the plot to allow the sufficient function of the passive sub-floor ventilation system.

GAS RESISTANT MEMBRANE

The membrane utilised on-site comprises: JUTA GP5+ resistant to radon, carbon dioxide, methane and low-level Volatile Organic Compounds .

It has been confirmed as part of the validation that the membrane utilised in the plots discussed herein matches the membrane described.

The E3P Technician has inspected the installation of this membrane in line with the structural engineer's specifications in terms of placement and position (Figure 1-3), and the manufacturer's detail in terms of the workmanship.

E3P can confirm that there were no holes or rips at the inspection time.

Where any rips or tears have been noted patches have been applied in line with the manufacturer's detail with sufficient overlap to ensure long-term performance of the membrane.

E3P inspected all joints including corner details and can confirm that the membrane was overlapped in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and heat welded.

Where any penetration or service duct is present within the floor area E3P inspected each one in turn and can confirm that rigid black polyethylene top hat units have been adequately sealed against the membrane with double-sided jointing tape at both the base and the protruding pipe.

In accordance with the design, gas resistant butyl sealing tape is required beneath the membrane on the inner wall beneath the timber frame sole plate. E3P can confirm the butyl sealing tape has been installed accordingly.

Upon confirmation of suitable installation, the membrane is to be covered with a floor insulation material which is considered to provide a high degree of protection before the application of the cast in-situ concrete monolithic floor slab.

Based on the information provided within this report, the site inspection and validation checklists, E3P can confirm that Plot 18-21 has been installed with gas protection measures in accordance with the detailed structural design and the requirements of BS8485 Characteristic Situation 2 (including low-level VOC resistant membrane) to an acceptable level of workmanship.



E3P ENGINEER'S SITE CHECK SHEET

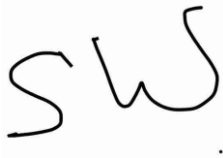
The engineer check sheet completed whilst on-site during the validation on a plot-by-plot basis is attached, and a complete set of images is presented as evidence. Larger images are presented at the rear of this letter.

All information provided within this validation letter report was accurate at the time of construction. E3P operates under the assumption that all data provided by installers is reliable.



WELDED GAS MEMBRANE VALIDATION

Complete

Score	13 / 13 (100%)	Flagged items	0	Actions	0
Site Name	Castleton sidings				
Location	OL11 3AU				
Project Manager	Jessica Sheridan				
Project number	14-768				
Developer	Kellen homes				
Site representative Signature	 1 Apr 2025 9:42 AM BST				
Conducted on	1 Apr 2025 7:36 AM BST				
Prepared by	Joe Newall				
Have you got the correct Gas Membrane detail (attached to the job in synergist)?	Yes				



Gas Membrane Inspection	12 / 12 (100%)
Plot Inspection	12 / 12 (100%)
Plot Inspection 1	12 / 12 (100%)
Plot Number	130 and 131

Type of Development: if other add Note	House
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Floor Slab Type	Block and beam suspended
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Are telescopic vents present?	Yes
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Photo 1



Photo 2

Gas Membrane Type: Manufacturer, gauge, and colour. (Take photos where possible showing Label)	Juta GP5+
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Installer's name, company and qualification	Keytec
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Gas Membrane Condition: Open punctures, tears, rips, stretching, Presence of debris, Repairs, Signs of weakness such as raised or sunken indentations, Protection plan in place to restrict access to lain gas membrane? IF FAIL DESCRIPTION IN ACTIONS AND PHOTOS REQUIRED

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Photo 3

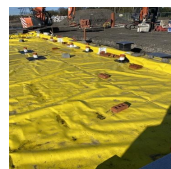


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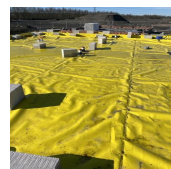


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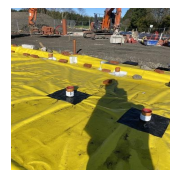


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Are welds complete?	Yes
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Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16

Are Joints lapped and sealed in accordance with manufacturer's requirements/ specification?

Yes



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Photo 18



Photo 19

Service entries seals: Top hats seal arrangements fixed around service entries? Use of Jubilee clips or Bitumastic Sealant

Pass



Photo 20



Photo 21



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Corners / Internal joints: Check all corners are correctly formed or contractor has used preformed corners.

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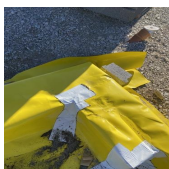


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Are folds running in line with joints? (no joints cutting across folds)

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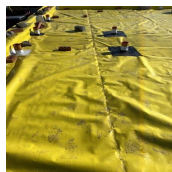


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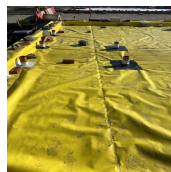


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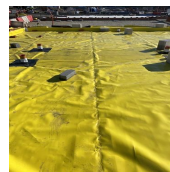


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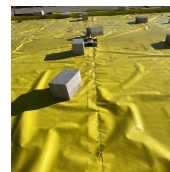


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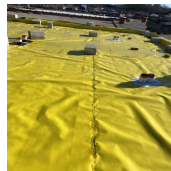


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**Extent of Coverage: Is the membrane covering the entire plot?
Does membrane span over outside walls?**

Yes



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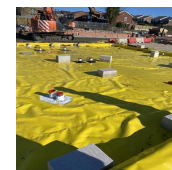


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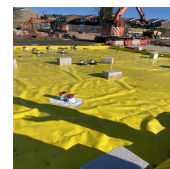


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Sealant to the underside of the membrane at the sole plate position (Check with PM if not noted on schedule)

Yes



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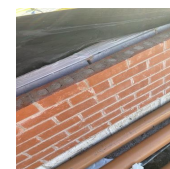


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Condition of sub-grade and underside of gas membrane: Check that the subgrade does not contain rough/uneven surfaces, is appropriately clean and that there are no hard/sharp objects. That protective sand blinding or geotextile (if specified) is present and meets the design criteria. (Lift back the membrane and photo the subfloor)

Pass

Slab / membrane condition (is membrane clear of snow, standing water, debris or insulation): Can membrane be fully seen and photographed – ask contractor to remove any debris so membrane can be fully seen an inspected – this is a requirement of NHBC and local authorities.

Pass



External Wall Air bricks: Numbers, size. positions as design drawing? (Minimum of 3 walls)

Pass



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Photo 65



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Photo 68

Passive Venting

Sub-floor Void: Is a check possible on future plots (insert Plot number or NO in text box)

NO



Media summary



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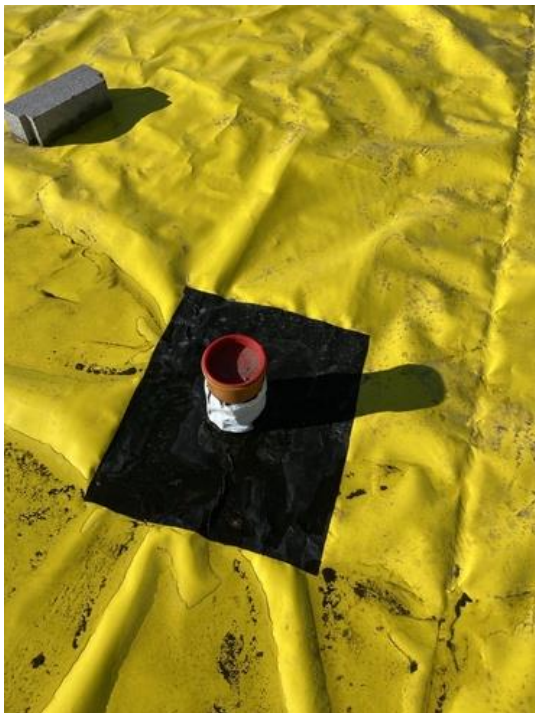


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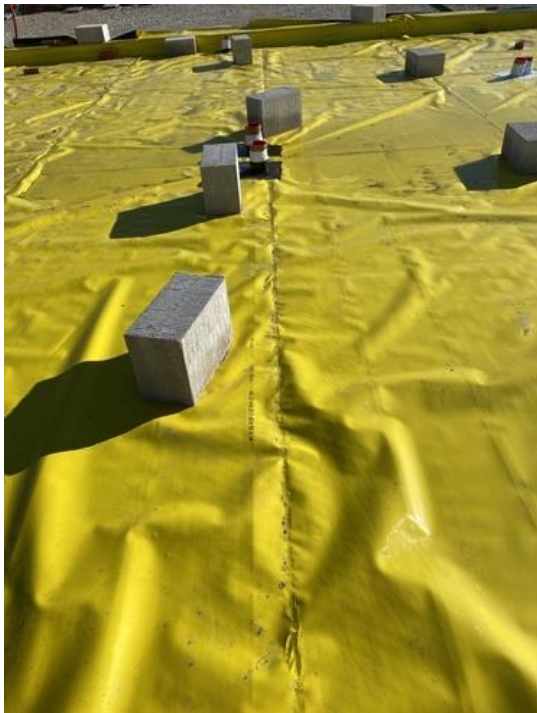


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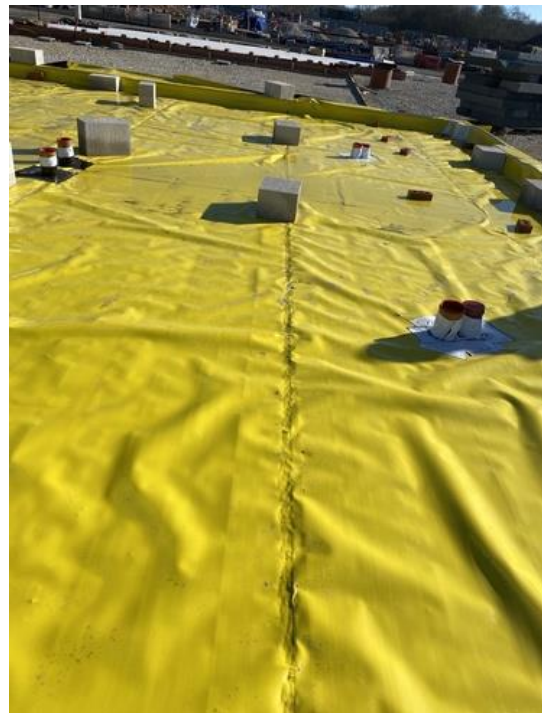


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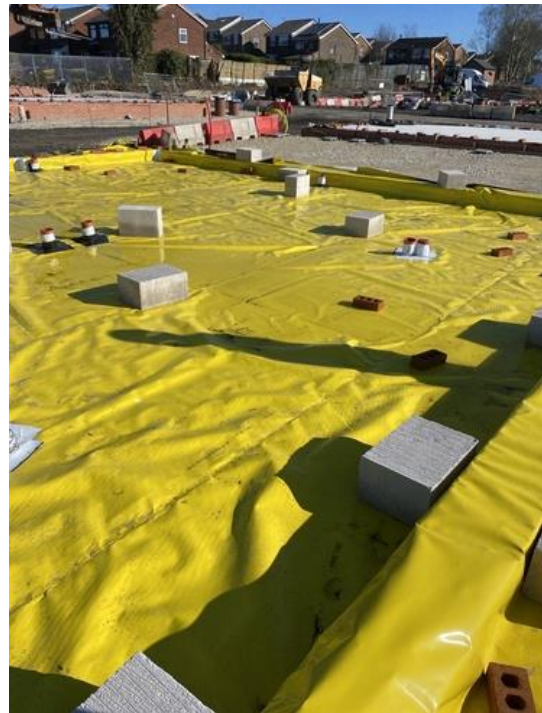


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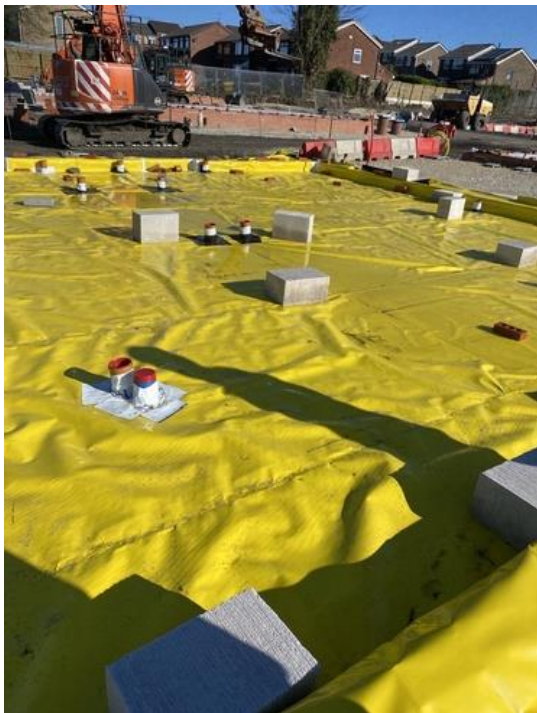


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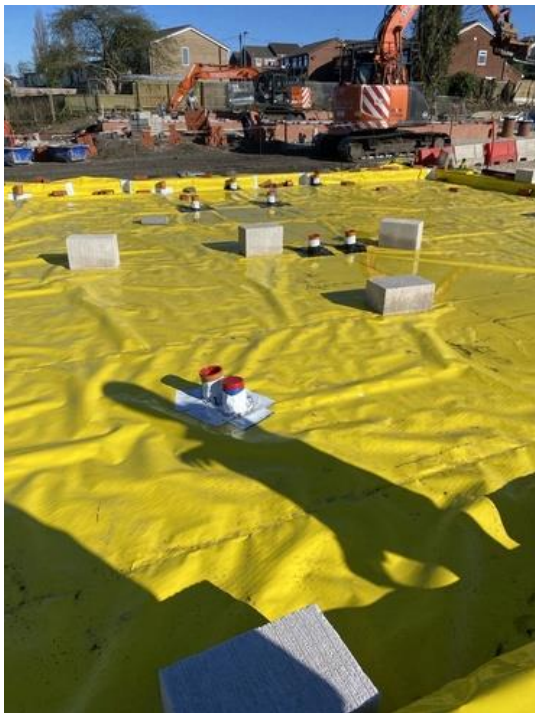


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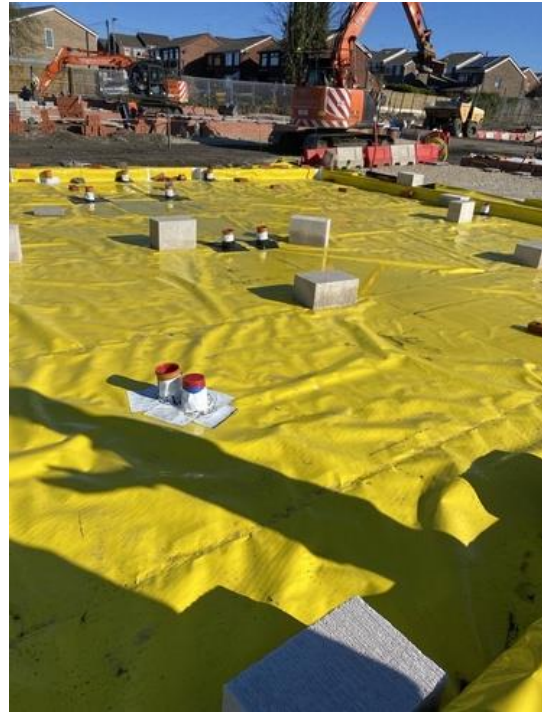


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