

**AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION  
WYRE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN, CATTERAL**

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**1 SUMMARY**

1.1 The Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Survey for this site shows that the following proportions of ALC grades are present:

Grade/Subgrade	ha	% of site
3b	1.2	80
Other land		
Urban	0.3	20

1.2 The main limitation to the agricultural use of land in Subgrade 3b is soil wetness.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 The site was surveyed by the Resource Planning Team in October 1995. An Agricultural Land Classification survey was undertaken according to the guidelines laid down in the "Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales - Revised Guidelines and Criteria for Grading the Quality of Agricultural Land" (MAFF 1988).

2.2 The 1.5 ha site is situated on the western edge of Catteral. The land immediately to the north and west of the site is predominantly in agricultural use, whilst land to the east is urban.

2.3 The survey was requested by MAFF in connection with the Wyre Borough Local Plan.

2.4 At MAFF Land Use Planning Unit's request this was a detailed grid survey at 1:10000 with a minimum auger boring density of 1 per hectare. The attached map is only accurate at the base map scale and any enlargement would be misleading.

2.5 At the time of the survey the site was under permanent grass.

### 3 CLIMATE

3.1 The following interpolated data are relevant for the site (SD 495437) :

Average Annual Rainfall (mm)	997
Accumulated Temperature above 0°C January to June (day °C)	1413

3.2 The combination of Average Annual Rainfall and Accumulated Temperature limits the site to climate Grade 2.

3.3 Other relevant data for classifying land include:

Field Capacity Days (days)	225
Moisture Deficit Wheat (mm)	72
Moisture Deficit Potatoes (mm)	57

### 4 SITE

4.1 Three site factors of gradient, micro relief and flooding are considered when classifying land.

4.2 These factors do not impose any limitations on the agricultural use of the land.

### 5 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

5.1 The geology of the area is comprised of Glacial Till - British Geological Survey Sheet 67 Garstang 1:50 000.

5.2 The underlying geology influences the soils which have a clay loam texture.

## 6 AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

6.1 Subgrade 3b - occupies 1.2 ha (80%) of the survey area.

6.1.1 The soil typically has a clay loam texture overlying clay to depth. The soils are gleyed but do not have a slowly permeable layer and are placed in Wetness Class III.

6.1.2 The main limitation to the agricultural use of this land is soil wetness.

6.2 Other land on the site includes urban occupying 0.3 ha (20%) of the site and comprising an area of new housing development at the south end of the site.

### 6.3 SUMMARY OF AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION GRADES

Grade/Sub-grade	Area in Hectares	% of Survey Area	% of Agricultural Land
3b	1.2	80	100
Other land			
Urban	0.3	20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>