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Darryl studied for a landmark Masters of Geology degree at Southampton University (2003-2007). Soon after, he became a Fellow of the Geological Society and he is currently working towards his Geological Society Chartership.

After eleven years working in site investigation in the south east of England, Darryl spent four and a half years working as a company director specialising in the bereavement sector. As part of the role Darryl undertook groundwater risk assessments, liaised with the Environment Agency and carried out a range of construction management roles during the development of projects. In addition to the day-to-day tasks Darryl undertook rebranding of the business, marketing, business development and mentoring of the junior staff.

Keen to return to wider geotechnical and geo-environmental market, Darryl joined JPP in April 2023 as Director of JPP Geotechnical & Environmental. He is an adaptable and hardworking Director with considerable experience within the geotechnical and geo-environmental sector, is a specialist in the bereavement sector and has strong professional report writing skills and commercial awareness. Darryl, alongside Lydia, leads the team in delivering a wide range of geotechnical and geo-environmental site investigations across the UK to assess feasibility of sites for a wide range of developments from residential to commercial and sports.

Darryl is a highly organised and efficient individual, who, through a client centric work ethic helps the team to produce detailed Phase I and Phase II Interpretative reports as well as a range of detailed groundwater risk assessment reports (T1, T2 and T3 reports) to support future developments which may include the need to provide a provision for cemeteries.

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JPP completed a Phase I Desk Study Report and BRE365 infiltration testing as part of the wider drainage strategy for a planning application by Mercian Group to construct a care home with associated landscaping and parking.

The Phase I Desk Study identified a former trackway on site which could be a potential source of contamination and the infiltration testing did not work due to the cohesive soils on site and therefore, it was concluded that soakaways would not be viable on site.



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Edinburgh Ground Investigation



JPP completed a ground investigation in Edinburgh for a large and complex site for proposed residential properties.

The area of Edinburgh had been blighted with deep coal mining and therefore a Coal Mining Risk Assessment was also written as well as the Phase I and II Ground Investigation report.

Detailed analysis of the historic coal mining information was required to inform the client for further intrusive works to identify the historic coal mines underlying the site.

Although the site was agricultural fields at the time of the investigation, areas of deep made ground associated with the coal mining was identified and associated contamination testing associated with the former site usages was undertaken.



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Berkshire Redevelopment



JPP have been involved in a multi-million pound redevelopment in Berkshire.

This mixed use commercial and residential development is located on technically challenging ground with areas of deep made ground overlying low strength chalk.

JPP completed supplementary investigations in regard to soil contamination and groundwater monitoring as well as probing for obstructions in a former quarry area where infrastructure was thought to remain.

Review of previous reports and geotechnical calculations were undertaken with the supplementary ground information with the aim of value engineering the proposed foundation solution. The additional reporting completed aided waste classification, the human health risk assessment as well as the Remediation Strategy for the site.



The strategy required close liaison with the local authority's contaminated land officer and with the Environment Agency due to the groundwater contamination on site.

JPP continue to be involved in the project during the construction phase offering geotechnical and environmental advice to the client on site.

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