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Stratigraphy of core GV

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
GV11	0.77 to	Pink (7.5YR 7/3) poorly sorted coarse gravel. Gravel clasts are highly weathered, platy-
	1.22	shaped, sub-angular and predominantly limestone. Very low clay content. Contains reed
		leaves and stems, roots, twigs, and shell fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV10	0.62 to	Reddish brown (5YR 5/3) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty fine sand.
	0.77	Calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Contains organic detritus and shell
		fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV9	0.47 to	Brown (7.5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted medium gravelly coarse silty medium sand.
	0.62	Calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Contains organic detritus and shell
		fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV8	0.37 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/3) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silt. Calcareous
	0.47	with very high clay and low organic content. Contains very fine organic detritus. Sharp,
		planar basal contact.
GV7	0.22 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly very fine sandy
	0.37	medium silt. Slightly calcareous, with very high clay and moderate organic content.
		Contains very fine organic detritus and reed fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV6	-0.08 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) very poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly medium silty medium sand.
	0.22	Slightly calcareous, with moderate clay and low organic content. Few, very fine detrital
		organic remains. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV5	-0.18 to	Brown (7.5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted medium silty sandy very coarse gravel. Gravel
	-0.08	clasts are slightly- to highly-weathered, blade-shaped, sub-round and predominantly
		limestone. Slightly calcareous, with very low clay and low organic content. Contains a
		single gastropod shell and few very fine detrital organic remains. Sharp, planar basal
		contact.
GV4	-0.28 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted coarse gravel. Gravel clasts are slightly
	-0.18	weathered blade- or elongate-shaped, sub-angular and predominantly limestone. Very
		calcareous, with very low clay and low organic content. Few very fine detrital organic
		remains and shell fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV3	-0.58 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) very poorly sorted coarse gravel. Gravel clasts are slightly
	-0.28	weathered, blade- or compact-shaped, sub-angular and predominantly limestone. Very
		calcareous, with very low clay and low organic content. Contains shell fragments and a
		single gastropod shell. Sharp, planar basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
GV2	-0.78 to	Reddish brown (2.5YR 4/4) extremely poorly sorted medium silty coarse gravel. Gravel
	-0.58	clasts are completely- to highly-weathered, angular, compact-shaped and consist almost
		entirely of brown sandstone. Very calcareous, with very high clay and moderate organic
		content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
GV1	-1.18 to	Weak red (10R 4/4) very poorly sorted very fine gravelly medium silt. Very calcareous,
	-0.78	with very high clay and low organic content. Bedrock (Mercia Mudstone Group, Figure
		6.1D).

Stratigraphy of core PG

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
PG8	2.10 to	Brown (10YR 4/3) very poorly sorted fine gravelly coarse silty medium sand. The
	2.55	gravel component comprises small to large pebble-sized angular and broken formerly
		round clasts. Calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
PG7	1.89 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted medium gravel in a brown (10YR 5/3)
	2.10	coarse silty sandy matrix. The gravel is dominated by slightly weathered, compact-
		platy-shaped, angular or sub-angular brown sandstone. Contains very small shell
		fragments and organic fragments. Calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Sharp,
		planar basal contact.
PG6	1.77 to	Brown (10YR 5/3) extremely poorly sorted coarse silty coarse gravel, with reddish
	1.89	brown (5YR 5/4) sand inclusion. The gravel is dominated by slightly- to moderately-
		weathered, compact-platy-shaped, angular brown sandstone. Slightly calcareous, with
		high clay content and moderate organic content. Basal contact is unclear due to
		disturbance of sediments.
PG5	1.51 to	Disturbed. Greenish grey (Gley1 5/1 10Y) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium
	1.77	silt with yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) mottling. The gravel component comprises sub-
		round medium to large pebble-sized clasts, some broken but formerly round. Contains
		organic fragments. Calcareous, with high clay and moderate organic content. Basal
		contact coincides with the base of the core section and is uncertain.
PG4	1.19 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) very poorly sorted coarse gravelly coarse silty medium
	1.51	sand. The gravel component comprises round small to large pebble-sized clasts.
		Contains very small shell fragments and detrital organic remains. Calcareous, with low
		clay and organic content. Sharp, irregular lower boundary with sand filled crack.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
PG3	0.82 to	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 4/3) very poorly sorted very fine gravelly medium silt. Infill
	1.19	of sand behind the silt thins out towards the base of the unit. The gravel component
		consists of sub-angular to sub-round small to medium pebble-sized clasts. There is strong
		brown (7.5YR 5/8) mottling associated with wood fragments. Calcareous, with high clay
		and moderate organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
PG2	0.67 to	Light reddish brown (5YR 6/4) very poorly sorted fine gravelly coarse silt. The gravel
	0.82	component consists of round small to medium pebble-sized clasts. Calcareous, with high
		clay and low organic content. Sharp, irregular lower boundary dips at 100°.
PG1	0.43 to	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/4) very poorly sorted fine gravelly coarse silty fine sand
	0.67	with 2 cm thick yellowish red (5YR 5/6) fine sand inclusion which thins towards base of
		core. A further light yellowish brown silt structure is folded into the sand inclusion and
		both continue below the base of the core. The gravel component consists of round small
		pebble-sized clasts. Contains part of a fossilised burrow or root, approximately 10 mm in
		length and 1 mm wide. Calcareous, with moderate clay and low organic content.

Stratigraphy of core PGA

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
PGA17	2.47 to	Grey (10YR 5/1) poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium sand containing
	2.51	granule-sized white (2.5Y 8/1) stones. Non-calcareous, with very low clay content and
		very low organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
PGA16	2.46 to	Very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium
	2.47	sand, containing darker, horizontally oriented detrital leaf and other organic fragments.
		Slightly calcareous, with very low clay content and very low organic content. Sharp,
		planar basal contact.
PGA15	2.32 to	Grey (10YR 5/1) poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly fine sand containing
	2.46	vertically oriented organic detritus. Slightly calcareous, with very low clay content and
		very low organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude (m	Description
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PGA14	1.70 to 2.32	Reddish brown (5YR 5/3) to dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4) very poorly sorted fine
		gravel in a medium silty sandy matrix, with strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) mottling.
		The lower 5 cm is less stony and the lower 2 cm contains fragments of shell and
		organic material. The gravel comprises slightly weathered, angular, blade-shaped,
		granule to very large pebble-sized predominantly brown sandstone clasts; some
		clasts were formerly round but are now broken. Calcareous, with low clay content
		and very low organic content. Because of the difficulties experienced in recovering
		the core, the nature of the contact with the underlying unit is uncertain.
PGA13	1.64 to 1.70	Grey (10YR 5/1) very poorly sorted very fine gravelly medium silt. The gravel
		element comprises small to medium pebble-sized round and sub-angular clasts.
		There are occasional, very fine, unidentifiable, organic remains. Slightly calcareous,
		with high clay content and moderate organic content. Because of the difficulties
		experienced in recovering the core, the nature of the contact with the underlying
		unit is uncertain.
PGA12	1.52 to 1.64	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) very poorly sorted very fine gravelly medium silt. The
		lower 1 cm of the unit displays a vertically oriented brown (10YR 4/3) streak
		associated with the presence of possible organic remains. The sediment is
		calcareous, with high clay content and moderate organic content. Sharp, irregular
		basal contact dips at 23°.
PGA11	1.40/1.48 to	Red (2.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silt containing
	1.52	granule-sized clasts. The unit is strongly associated with the presence of a root
		trace. Calcareous, with high clay content and moderate organic content. Sharp,
		irregular basal contact dips at 45°.
PGA10	1.20/1.28 to	Olive yellow (2.5Y 6/6) and brown (7.5YR 5/4) Liesegang rings in very poorly
	1.40/1.48	sorted slightly very fine gravelly fine sandy medium silt. The Liesegang rings are
		contorted, convex, and become fainter with increasing depth. Towards the base of
		the unit is a 5 cm thickness of strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) mottling, below which
		convex olive yellow/brown Liesegang rings reappear. The lower 10 cm of the unit
		exhibits horizontal cracks. Calcareous, with high clay content and low organic
		content. Because of the difficulties experienced in recovering the core, the nature of
		the basal contact is uncertain, but it appears to dip at 67°.
PGA9	1.04 to 1.20	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silt. Calcareous,
		with high clay content and low organic content. Because of the difficulties
		experienced in recovering the core the nature of the basal contact is uncertain.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
PGA8	1.00 to	Light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) very poorly sorted fine gravelly coarse silty fine sand. The
	1.04	gravel element comprises medium pebble-sized sub-round clasts. Calcareous, with low
		clay content and low organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
PGA7	0.75 to	Yellowish red (5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty fine sand.
	1.00	The gravel element small to medium pebble-sized round clasts. There are inclusions of
		light yellowish brown (2.5Y 5/6) silt, with a sharp boundary between the silt and the
		surrounding sand. The sand contains shell fragments of approximately 5 mm diameter.
		Calcareous, with moderate clay content and very low organic content. Sharp, irregular
		basal contact dips at 50°.
PGA6	0.54 to	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/4) very poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly very fine
	0.75	sandy medium silt, with a yellowish red (5YR 5/6) inclusion of medium sand, probably
		from the overlying unit, folded into the silt. The silt displays horizontal cracks which
		become progressively finer with increasing depth; the widest crack measures 3 mm.
		Wisps of brown (7.5YR 5/4) silt are contorted and dip at 35°. Calcareous, with high clay
		content and very low organic content. Sharp, irregular, convex basal contact.
PGA5	0.16 to	Reddish brown (5YR 5/4) poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly very fine sandy
	0.54	coarse silt, with soft white carbonate nodules towards the base of the unit. The upper 10
		cm is sheathed in material from the overlying unit; this sheath gradually thins with
		depth. The lower 12 cm contains small shell fragments and the number of soft white
		carbonate nodules increases. There are numerous fine horizontal cracks, measuring up to
		1 mm in width, throughout the unit. Slightly calcareous, with high clay content and low
		organic content. Sharp, irregular, convex basal contact.
PGA4	0.14 to	Yellowish red (5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium silty
	0.16	medium sand. The gravel element comprises granule-sized clasts. Shell fragments are
		present and the sediment is calcareous, with moderate clay content and very low organic
		content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
PGA3	0.08 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted clast-supported medium gravel in a
	0.14	medium silty sandy matrix. The gravel comprises moderately weathered, angular to sub-
		angular, compact-elongate-shaped medium pebble-sized limestone clasts. Very
		calcareous, with low clay content and low organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
PGA2	0.06 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) very poorly sorted clast-supported very fine gravel in a
	0.08	coarse silty sandy matrix. The gravel comprises moderately weathered, angular, blade-
		shaped granules and small pebble-sized limestone clasts. The sediment contains a high
		number of shell fragments and is very calcareous, with very low clay and organic
		content. Sharp, planar basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
PGA1	0.05 to	Dusky red (2.5YR 3/2) very poorly-sorted very fine gravelly coarse silty fine sand. The
	0.06	gravel element comprises granule and small pebble-sized clasts. The sediment contains
		small (<1 mm) fragments of shell, and is very calcareous, with very low clay and low
		organic content.

Stratigraphy of core CGA

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
CGA10	2.14 to	The lower 12 cm of this unit were disturbed during extraction, but overall the unit
	2.31	comprises yellowish red (5YR 4/6) very poorly sorted fine gravelly medium silty
		medium sand. The gravel element is composed of small pebble-sized sub-angular
		clasts, some of which are broken, and a reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/8) round, spherical
		highly weathered pebble. There is strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) iron mottling associated
		with black (5YR 2.5/1) streaks. The sediment is calcareous, with very low organic and
		moderate clay content. Basal contact is unclear, but appears to be gradational.
CGA9	2.06 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted slightly medium gravelly fine sandy
	2.14	medium silt, iron mottled over approximately 20% of the visible area. The sediment is
		calcareous with very low organic content and high clay content, the highest proportion
		of clay of any unit in this core. Basal contact is sharp and planar.
CGA8	1.97 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) very poorly sorted medium gravelly coarse silt. Over 50% of the
	2.06	visible area is iron mottled. The sediment is slightly calcareous, with high clay content
		and low organic content. Basal contact is sharp and irregular.
CGA7	1.83 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted coarse gravelly coarse silt containing
	1.97	sub-angular to round granule-sized and small to large pebble-sized clasts. The lower 6
		cm is stonier with streaks of iron mottling that are strongly associated with the larger
		pebbles. The sediment is slightly calcareous, with moderate clay and organic content.
		Basal contact is sharp and irregular.
CGA6	1.66 to	Dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) very poorly sorted coarse gravelly coarse silty medium sand.
	1.83	The gravelly component comprises granules, large pebble-sized sub-angular clasts and
		dark stained, dusky red (10R 3/3) small, angular, highly weathered clasts, the latter
		cemented by manganese deposits. Dark mottling extends over 50% of the visible area.
		The sediment is calcareous, with low clay content and organic content is also low
		despite the presence of very fine fragments of organic remains. Basal contact is
		gradational to underlying unit.
CGA5	1.46 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty medium
	1.66	sand. The unit is predominantly sand but there are also highly weathered, well round
		clasts up to large pebble-sized and shell fragments throughout the unit. The sediment is
		calcareous, with low organic content and very low clay content. Basal contact is
		gradational.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
CGA4	1.38 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) very poorly sorted, clast supported, coarse silty sandy
	1.46	medium gravel. The gravel is dominated by angular and sub-angular, platy- or blade-
		shaped predominantly limestone clasts some of which were formerly round and
		subsequently broken. Clast weathering is variable; limestone clasts are mainly
		moderately- to slightly-weathered whereas sandstone clasts are either highly- or
		slightly-weathered. The sediment is calcareous, with very low clay content and low
		organic content. Basal contact is sharp and planar.
CGA3	1.37 to	Dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) very poorly sorted very fine gravelly medium silty medium
	1.38	sand. The sediment is calcareous, with high clay content and low organic content. Basal
		contact is sharp and planar.
CGA2	1.36 to	Dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/4) very poorly sorted, very dense, medium gravelly
	1.37	coarse silty very fine sand, with a sequence of rippled laminations (<1 mm thick
		laminations, wavelength <20 mm, height <4 mm, length to height ratio 5). The ripples
		display a triangular profile of gentle stoss-side slope, sharp crest and steep lee-side
		slope. The sediment is calcareous, with low organic and clay content. Basal contact is
		sharp and planar.
CGA1	1.35 to	Brown (7.5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly coarse silty very fine
	1.36	sand. The sediment is calcareous, with low clay and very low organic content.

Stratigraphy of core CGB

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
CGB13	2.77 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) extremely poorly sorted coarse gravel in a medium silty sandy
	3.04	upward coarsening matrix. The gravel comprises granules and sub-angular small to very
		large pebble-sized, moderately weathered, blade-shaped sandstone clasts showing no
		dominant orientation. Iron mottling is visible towards the base of the unit. Calcareous,
		with very low clay and low organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
CGB12	2.57 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) very poorly sorted fine gravelly medium silty fine sand.
	2.77	The gravel element comprises granule-sized clasts and completely weathered stone
		remnants. Slightly calcareous, with moderate clay and low organic content. Sharp,
		irregular, contorted and convex basal contact.

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	(m OD)	
CGB11	2.17 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) very poorly sorted fine gravelly medium silty fine sand. The sand
	2.57	becomes reddish brown (5YR 4/3) with iron mottling which increases with depth and
		dark mottling with black (10YR 2/1) manganese nodules. One manganese nodule lies
		proximal to a smooth-lined void in the sediment. The gravel element comprises rare
		granule-sized clasts and round or sub-angular reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/8) highly
		weathered stone remnants. Fine horizontal fractures, up to 1 mm deep, probably the
		result of the core extraction process, run throughout the unit, becoming more fissile
		towards the base. Liesegang rings are present; these become diffuse and wispy with
		increasing depth. In the lower part of the unit there is a large soft white (10YR 8/1)
		carbonate nodule and many smaller nodules. Slightly calcareous, with high clay and low
		organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
CGB10	1.84 to	Reddish brown (2.5YR 4/4) to strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium
	2.17	gravelly coarse silty fine sand. The gravel element comprises a few angular small
		pebble-sized clasts and a discoid, round medium pebble which dips at 48°. There are
		irregular horizontal fractures of $\sim 1\ mm$ depth associated with dark mottling and black
		(10YR 2/1) nodules. Slightly calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Sharp,
		planar basal contact.
CGB9	1.79 to	Dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) very poorly sorted medium gravel in a coarse silty sandy
	1.84	matrix which displays dark mottling. The gravel comprises highly- to moderately-
		weathered, sub-angular, blade-shaped small pebble-sized limestone and sandstone
		clasts. Slightly calcareous, with very low clay and low organic content. Sharp, planar
		basal contact.
CGB8	1.75 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly coarse silty fine sand,
	1.79	with some darker mottling. Slightly calcareous, with very low clay and low organic
		content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
CGB7	1.63 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium silty sandy medium gravel.
	1.75	The gravel comprises moderately weathered, angular to sub-angular, blade-shaped
		small to large pebble-sized limestone clasts. Some larger clasts are blackened and
		appear to have a rind of black staining. Carbonate nodules are also present. The clasts
		have no obvious dominant orientation. Calcareous, with very low clay and low organic
		content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
CGB6	1.58 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) very poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium silty
	1.63	medium sand, containing shell fragments <1 mm diameter; Calcareous, with low clay
		and moderate organic content. Sharp, irregular, convex basal contact.

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	(m OD)	
CGB5	1.49 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly medium silty fine sand.
	1.58	Slightly calcareous, with low clay and moderate organic content. Sharp, irregular,
		slightly convex basal contact, with 3 mm deep convex fracture just above the contact.
CGB4	1.30 to	Light brown (7.5YR 6/4) very poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly medium silty fine sand.
	1.49	Many fine (<1 mm deep) horizontal fractures are present throughout. There is some dark
		mottling. Slightly calcareous, with high clay and moderate organic content. Sharp,
		irregular convoluted, unconformable basal contact dips at 50°.
CGB3	1.23 to	Yellowish red (5YR 4/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly coarse silty coarse sand.
	1.30	The gravel element comprises round granules and small pebble-sized clasts. Contains
		very small shell fragments. Calcareous, with very low clay and moderate organic content.
		Gradational, irregular basal contact.
CGB2	1.21 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/3) very poorly sorted clast-supported coarse gravel in a medium
	1.23	silty sand matrix. The gravel comprises granules and small pebble-sized angular, blade-
		shaped, moderately weathered limestone clasts. Very calcareous, with very low clay and
		low organic content. Basal contact coincides with the top of the core 'plug' and is unclear
		but appears to be sharp and irregular.
CGB1	1.15 to	Weak red (10R 4/4) very poorly sorted medium silty sandy coarse gravel. The gravel
	1.21	comprises moderately- to slightly-weathered, angular to sub-round, bladed or elongate
		small to very large pebble-sized predominantly limestone clasts. There are also some
		greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 10GY) completely weathered stone remnants. Very calcareous,
		with very low clay and moderate organic content.

Stratigraphy of core NR

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
NR26	2.59 to	Olive (5Y 5/3) very poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium silty fine sand. The
	2.68	gravel component comprises small pebble-sized clasts. There are vertically oriented
		organics and small shell fragments. Calcareous, with low organic and moderate clay
		content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
NR25	2.39 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) becoming strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted coarse
	2.59	gravelly medium silty fine sand. The gravel component comprises granules and sub-
		angular small to very large pebble-sized clasts. There are vertically oriented reed stems
		and roots throughout unit, with leaf fragments towards the base of the unit, very small
		shell fragments and carbonate nodules. Very calcareous, with very low organic and
		moderate clay content. Basal contact coincides with the base of the core section and is
		unclear but appears to be gradational.
NR24	2.32 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/3) extremely poorly sorted medium silty sandy medium gravel. The
	2.39	gravel comprises highly weathered, very angular, platy- and blade-shaped mainly
		limestone clasts. The unit contains organic fragments, including reed stems, rare, very
		small shell fragments and carbonate nodules. Calcareous, with low organic content and
		moderate clay content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
NR23	2.21 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) iron-stained very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium
	2.32	silty fine sand. The gravel component comprises sub-angular and round small to large
		pebble-sized clasts. The unit contains organic fragments, including vertically oriented
		reed stems, and small shell fragments. Calcareous, with very low organic and moderate
		clay content. Sharp, irregular basal contact dips at 20°.
NR22	2.13 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/3) very poorly sorted coarse gravelly medium silt. The gravel
	2.21	component comprises round medium pebble-sized clasts. There are small pebble-sized
		poorly consolidated carbonate nodules, and small (~ 3 mm) red flecks can be seen
		throughout the unit. The unit contains detrital organic fragments and is slightly
		calcareous with low organic and high clay content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
NR21	1.83 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) extremely poorly sorted coarse gravel in a medium silty
	2.13	sandy matrix. The gravel comprises highly- to slightly-weathered, very angular, elongate
		predominantly limestone clasts. The clasts show no dominant orientation and are very
		weathered and pitted. The unit contains very small shell fragments, vertically oriented
		reed stems and other detrital organic fragments. Calcareous, with low organic and
		moderate clay content. Sharp, planar, unconformable basal contact.

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NR20	1.47 to	Reddish brown (5YR 5/4) becoming brown (7.5 YR 5/4) very poorly sorted medium
	1.83	gravelly medium silt. There are fine horizontal fractures (<1 mm deep) and three
		irregular sub-horizontal fractures 2-4 mm deep at 8, 12 and 30 cm from top of unit and
		iron-staining 19 cm from top of unit and a lens of strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) medium
		sand. The gravel component consists of small to medium pebble-sized round clasts.
		There are very soft, chalk-like, carbonate nodules, red flecks, vertical black streaks and a
		single shell fragment 2 cm above base of unit. Slightly calcareous, with moderate
		organic content and very high clay content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
NR19	1.39 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) very poorly sorted medium gravel in a medium silty sandy red-
	1.47	flecked matrix. The gravel comprises granules and moderately weathered, angular, platy-
		or blade-shaped small to large pebble-sized predominantly limestone clasts; some clasts
		are highly weathered and soft. There is a vertically oriented root or stem running through
		the unit and organic detritus and shell fragments. Calcareous, with low organic and high
		clay content. Basal contact coincides with the base of the core section and is unclear but
		appears to be gradational.
NR18	1.27 to	Reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) to strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted coarse
	1.39	gravelly medium silty fine sand. The gravel component comprises sub-angular calcite
		granules and round, weathered and pitted small pebble-sized clasts. There are detrital
		organic fragments and rare shell fragments. Calcareous, with low organic and high clay
		content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
NR17	1.21 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/4) extremely poorly sorted medium silty medium gravel. The gravel
	1.27	comprises highly weathered small to large pebble-sized platy- or compact-elongate-
		shaped, very angular predominantly limestone clasts. There is a vertically oriented reed
		stem. Slightly calcareous, with low organic and moderate clay content. Sharp, irregular
		and unconformable basal contact.
NR16	1.06 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) very poorly sorted very coarse gravel in a medium silty sandy
	1.21	matrix. The gravel comprises moderately weathered granule to very large pebble-sized
		clasts of angular or sub-angular, bladed predominantly limestone clasts. There is no
		dominant direction of clast orientation. There are organic fragments, including tangled
		fine roots. Calcareous, with low organic and very low clay content. Sharp, planar and
		unconformable basal contact.
NR15	1.04 to	Dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) very poorly sorted medium silty sandy coarse gravel.
	1.06	The gravel comprises moderately- or slightly-weathered granule and small pebble-sized
		angular, compact-shaped predominantly limestone clasts. Calcareous, with low organic
		and very low clay content. Gradational, planar basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
NR14	1.00 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium silty sandy medium gravel. The
	1.04	gravel contains very small shell fragments and comprises slightly weathered small to
		medium pebble-sized angular compact-shaped predominantly limestone clasts. Very
		calcareous, with moderate organic and very low clay content. Gradational, planar basal
		contact.
NR13	0.78 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) very poorly sorted medium gravel in a medium silty sandy
	1.00	matrix. The gravel comprises moderately weathered small to medium pebble-sized
		angular and sub-angular blade-shaped mainly limestone clasts. Some larger clasts are
		horizontally oriented. There are shell fragments throughout the unit and a fossil fruit or
		seed 12 cm below the top of unit. Very calcareous, with low organic and very low clay
		content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
NR12	0.69 to	Reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly medium silty medium
	0.78	sand. Slightly calcareous, with low organic and very low clay content. Gradational,
		planar basal contact.
NR11	0.63 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) poorly sorted medium silty fine sand containing a few very
	0.69	small shell fragments. Slightly calcareous, with very low organic and low clay content.
		Sharp, planar basal contact.
NR10	0.59 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium silty fine
	0.63	sand containing very small shell fragments and a single round, broken granule, with
		rounding of the broken edge. Calcareous, with low organic and moderate clay content.
NIDO	0.20.45	Sharp, irregular and unconformable basal contact.
NR9	0.39 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) to yellowish red (5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted clast-supported medium silty sandy coarse gravel containing shell fragments. The gravel comprises
	0.59	moderately- or slightly-weathered granule to large pebble-sized angular blade-shaped
		mainly limestone clasts. Some pebbles are broken and very pitted, others are stained
		black or coated with a black precipitate. Very calcareous, with low organic and very low
		clay content. Basal contact coincides with the base of the core section and is unclear, but
		appears to be gradational.
NR8	-0.01 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty medium
1110	0.39	sand. The gravel component comprises round and angular horizontally oriented blade-
	***************************************	shaped small to large pebble-size clasts. There are detrital organic fragments including
		fragments of stem and leaf 6 cm from the top of the unit and very small shell fragments
		14 cm from the top of the unit. Calcareous, with low organic and clay content.
		Gradational, planar basal contact.
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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
NR7	-0.17 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted fine gravel in a medium silty sandy matrix
	-0.01	containing small shell fragments. The gravel comprises moderately or slightly weathered
		small to large pebble-size angular or sub-angular blade-shaped predominantly limestone
		clasts with no dominant orientation. Very calcareous, with low organic content and very
		low clay content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
NR6	-0.26 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted clast-supported medium silty sandy medium
	-0.17	gravel containing small shell fragments. The gravel comprises moderately or slightly
		weathered granules to medium pebble-size angular blade-shaped predominantly limestone
		clasts with no dominant orientation. Very calcareous, with low organic and very low clay
		content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
NR5	-0.28 to	Reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) very poorly sorted medium silty sandy medium gravel. The
	-0.26	gravel comprises slightly weathered, angular, compact-blade-shaped mainly limestone
		clasts. Very calcareous, with very low organic and clay content. Sharp, planar basal
		contact.
NR4	-0.32 to	Reddish yellow (5YR 6/6) very poorly sorted clast-supported medium silty sandy coarse
	-0.28	gravel containing small shell fragments. The gravel comprises horizontally oriented
		slightly weathered medium and large pebble-size angular and sub-angular blade-shaped
		mainly limestone clasts. Very calcareous, with low organic and very low clay content.
		Sharp, planar basal contact.
NR3	-0.38 to	Reddish yellow (5YR 6/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium sand containing
	-0.32	shell fragments. The gravel component comprises horizontally oriented small to medium
		pebble-size round to sub-round blade- and compact-shaped clasts. Very calcareous, with
		very low organic and clay content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
NR2	-0.61 to	Reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) very poorly sorted clast-supported coarse gravel containing
	-0.38	shell fragments. The gravel comprises slightly weathered granule to very large pebble-
		size angular blade-shaped mainly limestone clasts. Some clasts have a polished surface.
		Very calcareous, with low organic and very low clay content. Basal contact coincides
		with the base of the core section and is unclear, but appears to be gradational.
NR1	-0.67 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) poorly sorted slightly very fine gravelly medium silty medium
	-0.61	sand containing very small shell fragments and organic detritus. The gravel component
		comprises broken, round small pebble-size clasts. Very calcareous, with low organic and
		very low clay content.

Stratigraphy of core CM

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
CM13	2.83 to	Bluish grey (Gley2 5/1 10B becoming Gley2 6/1 5B) very poorly sorted slightly
	3.00	medium gravelly fine sandy medium silt. The gravel component comprises rare small
		pebble-sized clasts and a single sub-angular, large pebble-sized clast. Vertically and
		sub-horizontally oriented reed stems are present throughout the unit. Slightly calcareous,
		with high clay and moderate organic content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
CM12	2.67 to	Bluish grey (Gley2 5/1 5PB) very poorly sorted coarse gravelly coarse silty fine sand.
	2.83	The gravel component comprises rare round and broken medium pebble-sized clasts, a
		sub-angular large pebble-sized clast and granule-sized fragments of calcite. A medium
		pebble-sized black manganese concretion lies towards the base of the unit. Slightly
		calcareous, with moderate clay and low organic content, although detrital organic
		remains are present throughout the unit. Gradational, irregular basal contact.
CM11	2.47 to	Grey (5YR 5/1 becoming pinkish grey 7.5YR 6/2) poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly
	2.67	medium silty fine sand containing fine organic detritus and small shell fragments. The
		gravel component comprises angular granules and small pebble-sized clasts. At the top
		of the unit is a void with a smooth internal surface and stone below it. The void has light
		greenish grey (Gley1 7/1 10Y) base material that contains a shell fragment. Slightly
		calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Gradational basal contact.
CM10	2.36 to	Greyish brown (10YR 5/2) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty fine sand
	2.47	containing small shell fragments and detrital organic fragments. The gravel component
		comprises moderately weathered, sub-round and angular broken blade-shape granules
		and small and medium pebble-sized clasts. An irregular bioturbation trace of finer
		material 2 mm wide and 6 mm long with a nearby, but unconnected void, runs vertically
		downwards towards the base of the unit. Calcareous, with moderate clay and low
		organic content. Sharp, irregular basal contact with the underlying silt extending
		irregularly upwards.
CM9	2.28 to	Greyish brown (10YR 5/2) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silt with fine
	2.36	sand inclusion and a single shell fragment close to the base. The gravel component
		comprises very angular to round granules and small pebble-sized clasts and clast content
		increases with depth. Calcareous, with moderate clay and organic content. Sharp, planar
		basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
CM8	1.81 to	Brown (7.5YR 4/2) extremely poorly sorted coarse gravel in a medium silty sandy
	2.28	matrix. The gravel comprises slightly weathered small to very large pebble-sized angular
		blade- and platy-shaped mainly limestone clasts with many broken clasts. Four very large
		clasts are vertically oriented; otherwise there is no dominant orientation of the clasts.
		Calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
CM7	1.72 to	Dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) very poorly sorted fine gravelly coarse silt with strong
	1.81	brown (7.5YR 4/6) mottling. The gravel component comprises round medium to small
		pebble-sized clasts and calcite fragments. Calcareous, with high clay and moderate
		organic content. Underlying silt is folded into sharp, irregular basal contact, which dips at
		30°.
CM6	1.50 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silt, increasingly
	1.72	stony with depth. The gravel component comprises highly weathered round granules and
		medium pebble-sized clasts with a small, sub-angular red clast towards the top of the
		unit. There are greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 5GY) concretions and mottles over $\sim 5\%$ area.
		Vertically oriented reed stems, starting and terminating abruptly, run through the mid-
		part of the unit. At the top of the unit is a 25 mm long, 3 mm wide olive brown (2.5Y 4/3)
		streak. A void (20 mm x 9 mm) with smooth inner surface lies at mid- unit. A single shell
		fragment lies towards the base of the unit. Calcareous, with very high clay and high
		organic content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
CM5	1.19 to	Brown (7.5YR 4/2) becoming greyish brown 10YR 5/2 streaked with brown (7.5YR 5/4)
	1.50	very poorly sorted coarse gravelly medium silt. There are vertical and horizontal fine
		fractures, sub-mm to 1 mm deep. The gravel component comprises occasional angular or
		well-round very large to large pebble-sized clasts. Mid-unit there are red (10R 4/8) round
		granules surrounded by areas of reddish brown (5YR 5/4). There are two voids with
		smooth internal surfaces. The upper (length 12 mm x width 16 mm x depth 19 mm) lies
		close to the upper boundary and has a single angular large pebble-sized clast underneath
		it; a smooth bioturbation trace (length 7 mm x width 3 mm) lies below this void. The
		second void (length 10 mm x width 10 mm x depth 7 mm) is mid-unit and is surrounded
		by greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 5GY) flame-shaped haloes of sub-mm thickness. Occasional
		small shell fragments are found throughout the unit and black organic remains, possibly a
		reed stem, run vertically through the unit. Calcareous, with very high clay and moderate
		organic content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
CM4	0.97 to	Greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 5GY) upper 2 cm, thereafter olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) extremely
	1.19	poorly sorted medium gravel in a medium silty sandy matrix containing occasional small
		shell fragments. A reddish brown (5YR 4/3) silt inclusion contains a round medium
		pebble-sized clast. The gravel comprises moderately- to slightly-weathered small to very
		large pebble-sized angular and sub-angular blade-shaped mainly limestone clasts. Black
		mottling covers $\sim 10\%$ of the surface area of the lower part of the unit. Calcareous, with
		low clay and moderate organic content. Sharp, slightly irregular basal contact dips at 15°.
CM3	0.82 to	Dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) very poorly sorted medium gravel in a coarse silty
	0.97	sandy matrix. The gravel comprises moderately- to slightly-weathered medium to large
		pebble-sized angular, sub-angular and sub-round blade-shaped predominantly limestone
		clasts. A group of imbricated reddish brown (2.5YR 3/4) round medium pebble-sized
		clasts, which dip at 28-37°, lies mid-unit. Also mid-unit is a shell fragment and a
		fragment of organic material. Very calcareous, with very low clay and low organic
		content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
CM2	0.78 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty medium
	0.82	sand. Very calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Sharp, basal contact dips at 20°
		and is marked by a dark zone, <1 mm wide; round pebbles cross the contact with the
		underlying unit.
CM1	0.35 to	Reddish brown (2.5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted slightly coarse gravelly medium sandy
	0.78	medium silt. The gravel component comprises weathered, sub-angular and round
		granule- to large pebble-sized clasts and greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 5GY) and red (2.5YR
		5/6) concretions. There are very small shell fragments, detrital plant remains and a black
		streak of possibly organic remains. Calcareous, with high clay and organic content.

Stratigraphy of core TG

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
TG22	1.95 to	Dark grey (Gley1 4/ N) poorly sorted medium silt with gastropod shells at the upper
	2.08	(peat) contact, shell debris throughout the upper 4 cm and occasional shell fragments
		throughout. The unit contains organic detritus, mainly plants. Very calcareous, with
		high clay and very high organic content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
TG21	1.83 to	Dark greyish brown (2.5Y 4/2) poorly sorted very fine sandy coarse silt, with many
	1.95	small organic fragments throughout and a single shell fragment. There are two
		horizontal bands of material with greater organic content, comprising horizontally
		oriented stems and detrital plant remains. Very calcareous, with high clay and very high
		organic content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
TG20	1.73 to	Brown (10YR 4/3) very poorly sorted very fine gravelly medium silty very fine sand
	1.83	containing plant debris, stems and fine rootlets with no dominant orientation.
		Calcareous, with moderate clay and organic content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
TG19	1.38 to	Very dark greyish brown (2.5Y 3/2) poorly sorted coarse silty very fine sand. The unit
	1.73	is peaty, with fine rootlets and organic detritus showing no dominant orientation. Very
		calcareous, with moderate clay and low organic content. Gradational, planar basal
		contact.
TG18	1.07 to	Thinly bedded, 4-12 mm thick, dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) to dark greyish brown (10YR
	1.38	4/2) organic-rich peaty clays interbedded with 4-6 mm thick greyish brown (10YR 5/2)
		poorly sorted very fine sandy coarse silt. Individual beds are horizontal with sharp
		basal contacts. There are very fine rootlets, leaf remains and organic detritus, with no
		dominant orientation and occasional shells or shell fragments. Very calcareous, with
		very high clay and high organic content. Gradational, planar basal contact.
TG17	0.95 to	Greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 10Y) poorly sorted medium silty very fine sand containing
	1.07	vertically oriented fine roots and rootlets with leaf and stem detritus; overall organic
		content increases with depth. Calcareous, with moderate clay and organic content.
		Gradational, planar basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
TG16	-0.33 to	Greenish grey (Gley1 6/1 10Y) becoming bluish grey (Gley2 6/1 5B) poorly sorted
	0.95	very fine sandy medium silt. There are two 1-1.5 cm thick horizontal layers of light
		greenish grey (Gley1 7/1 5GY) silt and thin beds of fine sand with sharp upper and
		lower contacts with the silt. The sand beds extend both upwards and downwards
		irregularly for several centimetres. The unit contains carbonate concretions and organic
		material consisting mainly of vertically oriented stems and rootlets, with larger
		fragments of stems or leaves and one horizontally oriented piece of root or stem. There
		are occasional shells or shell fragments. Calcareous, with very high clay and high
		organic content. Basal contact is disturbed and unclear as it coincides with a thin bed of
		Bluish grey (Gley2 6/1 5B) fine sand.
TG15	-0.42 to	Brown (7.5YR 4/2-4/3) extremely poorly sorted coarse gravelly medium silt containing
	-0.33	very small shell fragments. The upper 2 cm were disturbed. There are fine (<1 mm
		deep) sub-horizontal fractures, not the full width of the core, throughout the unit. The
		gravel component comprises round small pebble-sized and sub-angular large pebble-
		sized clasts. Calcareous, with very high clay and high organic content. Sharp, irregular
		basal contact.
TG14	-0.47 to	Yellowish red (5YR 4/6) very poorly sorted medium silty clast-supported coarse gravel
	-0.42	with flecks, up to 3 mm diameter, of dark red (10R 3/6). The gravel comprises slightly
		weathered, very angular to sub-angular, blade-shaped small pebble-sized predominantly
		limestone clasts. Very calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Sharp, irregular
		basal contact.
TG13	-0.64 to	Reddish brown (5YR 5/4) to strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) extremely poorly sorted coarse
	-0.47	gravel in a medium silt matrix with a single 1 mm diameter dark red (10R 3/6) fleck.
		The gravel comprises slightly weathered, angular and sub-angular, very platy- and
		blade-shaped small and large pebble-sized mainly limestone clasts, some of which are
		broken. There are shell fragments, including a broken gastropod shell, throughout the
		unit. Very calcareous, with moderate clay and organic content. Sharp, planar basal
	0.6	contact.
TG12	-0.67 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) very poorly sorted medium gravelly medium silty medium
	-0.64	sand containing shell fragments. The gravel component comprises round granule-sized
		clasts. Calcareous, with low clay and organic content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.

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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
TG11	-0.77 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/3) very poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly medium sandy medium
	-0.67	silt. The gravel component consists of sub-angular and well-round small pebble-sized
		clasts. Very calcareous, with very high clay and high organic content. Gradational,
		slightly convex, basal contact grading into sand/silt laminations of underlying unit.
TG10	-1.07 to	Brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) and light brown (7.5YR 6/4) laminated/thin beds of very
	-0.77	poorly sorted slightly medium gravelly very fine sandy medium silt. Laminations are
		slightly convex, occasionally rippled and upper contact is occasionally iron-stained
		strong brown (7.5YR 5/8). The gravel component consists of broken small pebble-sized
		clasts. There is also a fragment of calcified plant material. Very calcareous, with high
		clay and low organic content. Sharp, irregular, slightly convex basal contact.
TG9	-1.70 to	Yellowish red (5YR 5/6), becoming light reddish brown (5YR 6/4) very poorly sorted
	-1.07	clast-supported medium silty sandy medium gravel. The gravel comprises moderately-
		and slightly-weathered, angular to sub-angular, blade-shaped small to large pebble-size
		predominantly limestone clasts. The clasts are imbricated at the upper contact and the
		largest pebbles are found towards the base of the unit. There are some rip-up clasts
		consisting of highly weathered massive red (2.4YR 5/6) clay with light greenish grey
		(Gley1 7/1 5GY) intraclasts enclosed in reddish brown (5YR 5/4) gritty silt and
		yellowish red (5YR 5/6) coarse sand. The gravel contains a gastropod shell, shell
		fragments and some organic fragments. Very calcareous, with very low clay and low
		organic content. Sharp, planar basal contact.
TG8	-1.86 to	Light brown (7.5YR 6/4), becoming strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) with iron staining very
	-1.70	poorly sorted fine gravelly medium silty medium sand. The gravel component
		comprises well-round small pebble-size clasts. There are manganese nodules and the
		unit is very shelly, with gastropod, bivalve and limpet shells and shell fragments, some
		of which are lightly cemented together. Very calcareous, with very low clay and
		organic content. Sharp, planar unconformable basal contact.
TG7	-1.93 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) to yellowish brown (10YR 5/4), becoming olive brown
	-1.86	(2.5Y 4/3) poorly sorted slightly fine gravelly very fine sandy medium silt. The upper
		contact and first 1 cm below is iron stained and the change to olive brown colouring
		coincides with the presence of horizontally oriented organic fragments. Towards the
		base of the unit are irregular horizontal fractures <1 mm deep across the width of the
		core. Very calcareous, with very high clay and moderate organic content. Sharp, planar
		basal contact is marked by the presence of organic remains.
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Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
TG6	-1.97 to	Grey (10YR 5/1) poorly sorted very fine sandy medium silt containing organic and shell
	-1.93	fragments. Very calcareous, with very high clay and moderate organic content.
		Gradational, planar basal contact.
TG5	-2.38 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) poorly sorted very fine sandy medium silt. Very
	-1.97	calcareous, with very high clay and low organic content. Change in colour marks a
		sharp, irregular, flame-shaped basal contact.
TG4	-2.46 to	Pink (7.5YR 7/4) poorly sorted very fine sandy medium silt with black specks (<1 mm
	-2.38	wide) running vertically through the unit. Very calcareous, with very high clay and low
		organic content. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
TG3	-2.53 to	Light reddish brown (5YR 6/6) very poorly sorted clast-supported coarse gravel. The
	-2.46	gravel comprises slightly weathered, very angular and angular, blade-shaped large
		pebble-sized mainly limestone clasts. Very calcareous, with very low clay content and
		low organic content. Gradational, irregular basal contact.
TG2	-2.59 to	Weak red (10R 4/4) extremely poorly sorted medium silty coarse gravel. The gravel
	-2.53	comprises slightly weathered, very angular to sub-angular, platy- and blade-shaped small
		and large pebble-sized limestone and sandstone clasts and greenish grey (Gley1 6/1
		10Y) rip-up clasts. Clasts are embedded in the weathered surface of TG1 and
		weathering increases downwards. Calcareous, with low clay and high organic content.
		Gradational, irregular basal contact.
TG1	-2.67 to	Reddish brown (2.5YR 4/4) very poorly sorted slightly medium gravelly medium silt
	-2.59	containing a single highly weathered large pebble-size clast. Very calcareous, with high
		clay and moderate organic content.

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Stratigraphy of core TG-OSL

Unit	Altitude	Description
	(m OD)	
TG-	-0.57 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/3) well-sorted fine sand. Some plant roots and stems, either
OSL8	-0.46	growing upwards or downwards. Sharp, irregular basal contact with slightly concave
		lens of greenish grey (Gley2 5/1 5/BG) gritty clay which has sharp upper and lower contacts.
TG-	-0.63 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) poorly sorted coarse to very coarse sand. Contains shell
OSL7	-0.57	fragments. Sharp, irregular basal contact
TG-	-0.64 to	Light brown (7.5YR 6/4) well-sorted fine sand. Sharp, irregular basal contact.
OSL6	-0.63	
TG-	-1.03 to	Yellowish red (5YR 4/6) clast-supported gravel, becoming matrix-supported with
OSL5	-0.64	increased depth, comprising sub-angular to well-round large pebble-size limestone
		clasts in a poorly sorted coarse sand matrix. Sharp, planar basal contact.
TG-	-1.96 to	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) well-sorted fine sand, slightly clayey towards the base.
OSL4	-1.03	A lens of red (2.5YR 4/6) poorly sorted coarse sand and granules contains gastropod
		shells and shell fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
TG-	-2.42 to	Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) matrix-supported gravel of round large pebble-size
OSL3	-1.96	limestone clasts with a coarse sand and granule matrix. Contains occasional small
		shell fragments. Sharp, planar basal contact.
TG-	-2.78 to	Brown (7.5YR 5/3) dense, well sorted fine sand. Sharp basal contact dips at 45°.
OSL2	-2.31	
TG-	-2.96 to	Reddish brown (5YR 4/4) clast-supported gravel comprising sub-angular to round
OSL1	-2.78	medium to large pebble-size limestone clasts in a poorly sorted coarse sand matrix.