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Description

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- Cleared ground level (CGL) is the ground level after completion of site excavation and removal of harmful material but before excavation for foundations.

Scope

This article includes:

- What does this mean?
- Determining good ground
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