

Residential Drainage & Water Search Terms and Conditions

Customers and Clients are asked to note these terms, which govern the basis on which this Drainage & Water Search is supplied.

Definitions

'Company' means the Water Service Company or their data service provider producing the Report.

'Order' means any request completed by the Customer requesting the Report.

'Report' means the Drainage & Water Search prepared by The Company in respect of the Property.

'Property' means the address or location supplied by the Customer in the Order.

'Customer' means the person, company, firm or other legal body placing the Order, either on their own behalf as Client, or, as an agent for a Client.

'Client' means the person, company or body who is the intended recipient of the Report with an actual or potential interest in the Property.

'Thames Water' means Thames Water Utilities Limited registered in England and Wales under number 2366661 whose registered office is at Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading, Berks, RG1 8DB;

Agreement

1 The Company agrees to supply the Report to the Customer and the Client subject to these terms. The scope and limitations of the Report are described in paragraph 2 of these terms. Where the Customer is acting as an agent for the Client then the Customer shall be responsible for bringing these terms to the attention of the Client. The Customer and Client agree that the placing of an Order for a Report indicates their acceptance of these terms.

The Report

2 Whilst The Company will use reasonable care and skill in producing the Report, it is provided to the Customer and the Client on the basis that they acknowledge and agree to the following:-

2.1 The information contained in the Report can change on a regular basis so The Company cannot be responsible to the Customer and the Client for any change in the information contained in the Report after the date on which the Report was produced and sent to the Client.

2.2 The Report does not give details about the actual state or condition of the Property nor should it be used or taken to indicate or exclude actual suitability or unsuitability of the Property for any particular purpose, or relied upon for determining saleability or value, or used as substitute for any physical investigation or inspection. Further advice and information from appropriate experts and professionals should always be obtained.

2.3 The information contained in the Report is based upon the accuracy of the address supplied by the Customer or Client.

2.4 The Report provides information as to the location & connection of existing services and should not be relied on for any other purpose. The Report may contain opinions or general advice to the Customer and the Client and The Company cannot ensure that any such opinion or general advice is accurate, complete or valid and accepts no liability therefore.

2.5 The position and depth of apparatus shown on any maps attached to the Report are approximate, and are furnished as a general guide only, and no warranty as to its correctness is given or implied. The exact positions and depths should be obtained by excavation trial holes and the maps must not be relied on in the event of excavation or other works made in the vicinity of The Company's apparatus.

Liability

3.1 The Company shall not be liable to the Client for any failure defect or non-performance of its obligations arising from any failure of or defect in any machine, processing system or transmission link or anything beyond The Company's reasonable control or the acts or omissions of any party for whom The Company are not responsible.

3.2 Where the Customer sells this report to a Client (other than in the case of a bona fide legal adviser recharging the cost of the Report as a disbursement) The Company shall not in any circumstances (whether for breach of contract, negligence or any other tort, under statute or statutory duty or otherwise at all) be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever and the Customer shall indemnify the Company in respect of any claim by the Client.

3.3 Where a report is requested for an address falling within a geographical area where two different Companies separately provide Water and Sewerage Services, then it shall be deemed that liability for the information given by either Company will remain with that Company in respect of the accuracy of the information supplied. A Company supplying information, which has been provided to it by another Company for the purposes outlined in this agreement, will therefore not be liable in any way for the accuracy of that information and will supply that information as agent for the Company from which the information was obtained.

3.4 The Report is produced for use in relation to individual domestic property transactions and if used other than in relation to individual domestic property transactions for example in relation to commercial developments of domestic properties or commercial properties for intended occupation by third parties the Company's entire liability

(except to the extent provided by clause 3.5) in respect of all causes of action arising by reason of or in connection with the Report (whether for breach of contract, negligence or any other tort, under statute or statutory duty or otherwise at all) shall be limited to £5,000.

3.5 The Company shall accept liability for death or personal injury arising from its negligence.

Copyright and Confidentiality

4.1 The Customer and the Client acknowledge that the Report is confidential and is intended for the personal use of the Client. The copyright and any other intellectual property rights in the Report shall remain the property of The Company. No intellectual or other property rights are transferred or licensed to the Customer or the Client except to the extent expressly provided

4.2 The Customer or Client is entitled to make copies of the Report (other than any maps contained in the Report, or attached to the Report, where no copying is permitted)

4.3 The Customer and Client agree (in respect of both the original and any copies made) to respect and not to alter any trademark, copyright notice or other property marking which appears on the Report.

4.4 The maps contained in the Report are protected by Crown Copyright and must not be used for any purpose outside the context of the Report.

4.5 The Customer and the Client agree to indemnify The Company against any losses, costs, claims and damage suffered by The Company as a result of any breach by either of them of the terms of paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4 inclusive.

Payment

5.1 Unless otherwise stated all prices are inclusive of VAT. The Customer shall pay for the price of the Report specified by The Company, without any set off, deduction or counterclaim. Unless the Customer or Client has an invoicing arrangement with The Company for payment for Reports, The Company must receive payments for Reports in full before the Report is produced. For Customers or Clients with invoicing arrangements, payment terms will be as agreed with The Company.

Cancellations or Alterations

6.1 Once an order is placed, Thames Water shall not be under any obligation to accept any request to cancel that order and payment for the order shall still be due upon completion of the report. In cases where an error has been made in the original Order (e.g. the Customer has supplied an incorrect address), the Customer will need to place a second Order, detailing the correct information, and shall be liable to pay a second charge in accordance with clause 5 above.

General

7.1 If any provision of these terms is or becomes invalid or unenforceable, it will be taken to be removed from the rest of these terms to the extent that it is invalid or unenforceable. No other provision of these terms shall be affected.

7.2 These terms shall be governed by English law and all parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

7.3 Nothing in this notice shall in any way restrict the Customer or Clients statutory or any other rights of access to the information contained in the Report.

GroundSure Limited (GroundSure) provides all Home Zone™ Environmental Reports, Standard Environmental Review and Risk Screening Reports. These Reports are issued by GroundSure subject to their terms and conditions which are available from Thames Water on request. You agree that your placing an order for any of these Reports indicates your acceptance of GroundSure's terms and conditions.

Thames Water is not responsible for the content of the Reports and does not warrant the accuracy and completeness of such and is acting as GroundSure's agent for the sole purpose of receiving your order, collecting payment and passing your order to GroundSure who are responsible for the processing, preparation, content and issuing of the Reports.

Save for liability for death or personal injury arising from its negligence or any other statutory duties that cannot as a matter of law be excluded, Thames Water shall not in any circumstances be liable for any loss or damage at all whether direct or indirect or for any loss of business, profit, reputation or goodwill however or whenever arising."

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