

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR PRESENTATION AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING ON 25th OCTOBER 2019

Date of Reported Meeting: Thursday 12th September 2019

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th November 2019

Guidance on Minimum SI Requirements

The FPS Technical Committee has been looking at the guidance on 'Minimum Standard for Site Investigation for Piling' which is being led by Jonathan Ball. The Committee is re-running the SI survey from 2008 in order to get a clear opinion on quality of site investigation and see what change has occurred in the past 10 years. The survey has been sent to Members.

CIRIA guides

The FPS Technical committee agreed that support for the guides from the FPS would be good. The technical committee can provide technical support. Does the FPS want to provide financial support?

AGS Procurement of Ground Investigation Steering Group

The AGS Procurement of Ground Investigation Steering Group has been convened, they have invited the FPS to be involved to help raise the profile of Site Investigation. The initiative includes the AGS, FPS and BDA. It was noted they are looking for a fundamental shift in SI.

Load Cases Guidance Document Presentation

It was previously reported that a presentation has been produced to aid uptake by structural engineers, the purpose of the presentation is to be given regionally or to clients. The FPS has contacted ICE and IStructE for dates of seminars this could be presented at. Committee members have volunteered to help towards raising the profile.

Update of Codes

The FPS were asked to provide input to the revision of EN1997-3 Clause 6 Pile Design. The FPS Technical Committee met at RBL offices to collate comments; however, there was little response. The comments made by the FPS technical Committee have been submitted to BSi. It was noted there is a change in format. But no fundamental changes.

FPS Digital Development Task Group

It was reported that the Digital Development Group have two main aims; to update the guidance notes on BIM and to work in conjunction with the AGS and DFI. The Digital Development Task Group will look at how to get involved in the process of getting Data in AGS Format, it was noted they need to push AGS Data as a standard format and look at making it a contractual requirement.

Rig Bearing Pressure Spreadsheets

The next FPS Rig Bearing Pressure Spreadsheet workshops are taking place in London later this year; being hosted by Remedy Geotechnics who will explain how to use the spreadsheet correctly using worked examples. These are free to FPS Members and there is a £95 + VAT charge for non-members.

Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ on the 4th December 2019 at 2pm.

(Spaces on the morning London workshop are now fully booked).

Industry Events to Note

BGA piling conference in 2020