**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 2022**

**Date of Reported Meeting:** Thursday 4th November 2022

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 24th February 2022

**Chairman**

Mark Pennington welcomed Jon Ball as the new Chair of the Committee, and Chris Oram as the Vice Chair.

**ICE Specification for Ground Treatment**

The revision of the project does not, at present have a leader felt the last revision took place in 1988 and urged those who had a specialist in this area to review. The FPS have expressed to the AGS, that they would expect the AGS to lead, alongside involvement from the FPS.

**FPS Audit**

The technical group have been comparing the FPS audit criteria against the ISO criteria to remove duplications and ensure the FPS audit requires a higher level of compliance.

**Corrosion of Cages Guidance**

The Corrosion of Cages Guidance has been published internally the document will help to support Members when queries of this nature are raised.

**Geotechnical Engineer Level 7** **Apprenticeship Degree**

Zoe Baldwin gave a presentation on the Geotechnical Engineer Level 7 Apprenticeship degree. A copy of the presentation has been circulated with the minutes. There is currently a Level 6 Geosciences Apprenticeships Degree group. Zoe has also just circulated information about the Geotechnical Engineer Level Apprenticeship Degree which will be offered at Birmingham University form this September.

**CIRIA – Update of 1970’s Piling Guides**

Only a small update due to Andy Bell’s absence. Chris Presdee has left, and Jack Young has taken over the role. The draft was being progressed and we are waiting for the draft to be published.

**Improving Ground Investigation Data**

The outcomes from the survey were little AGS data was provided and was dependent on the value of the project (e.g., over £1m). It is felt that education is needed to take place throughout. Once the standard is adopted, this would assist, but there was a significant education that needed to take place and publicise, using a multi-faceted approach.

**Eurocodes and Execution Codes**

A group of three individuals were preparing the final drafts of part 1, 2 and 3 ahead of the formal inquiry with CEN. CEN will need 9 months to turn the text around, with translations taking place and expected the formal draft now to take place in September 2022. SC7 will be continuing to work on the draft in preparing possible comments to enquiries prior to the formal consultation period. BSi and any comments which may be universal should be submitted via the SC7 committee.