



# Regulated Mining Search METALLIFEROUS MINERALS



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## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

Miner's Cottage, 17 Fore Street, Wheal Problem,  
Shaftdowns, TR99 7OD

## NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE:

163870, 40372

## CLIENT:

Chris P Bacon

## CLIENT REFERENCE:

Online order: 90556

## REPORT

### REFERENCE:

DG/CMS/19000

### DATE:

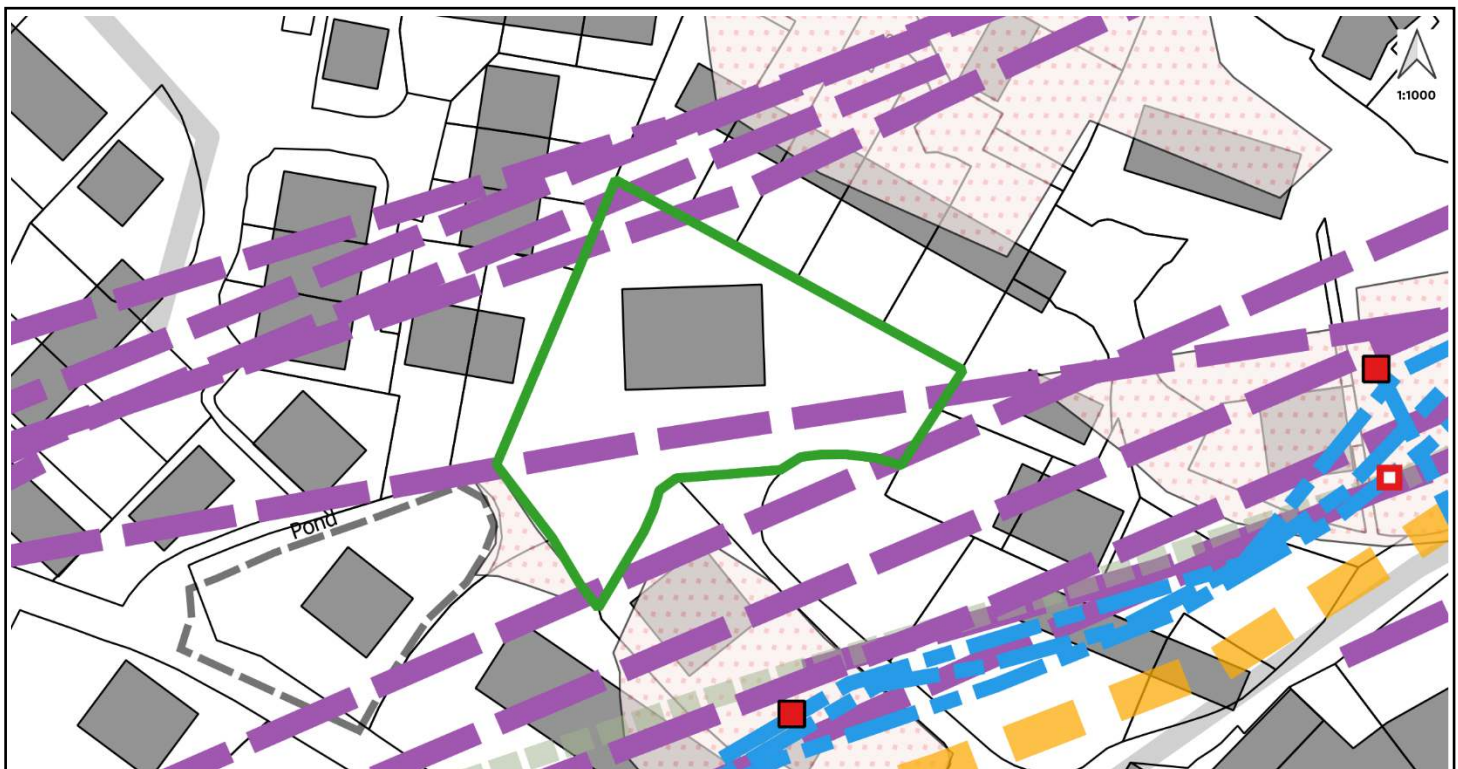
1 April 2024

Result: Low  
**PASSED**

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Next Steps:  
**NONE**

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## OPINION

We believe that the property is unlikely to be affected by subsidence related to historic metalliferous mining.

No further action is required and you do not need to contact any other mining institute or body relating to past metalliferous mining.



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## ABOUT

This Mining Search appraises the likelihood that mining subsidence hazards exist within the property. The report findings are based on factual information from maps, plans and records in Cornwall Mining Consultants unique archive, the results of relevant on-site investigations, as well as commercially available datasets. This information has been interpreted by our experts to predict where possible the existence, location and likelihood of unrecorded mine workings.

## MINING ARCHIVE RESEARCH & INTERPRETATION

The property is situated within an area of extensive historic metalliferous mining activity.

Our records indicate that a mineral lode associated with the former Wheal Problem mine lies within the property, approximately located 5 metres south of the dwelling. Three other mineral lodes are indicated to pass close to the north and south property boundaries.

These features are recorded on a Geological Survey map.

Unrecorded mine workings may exist on lode outcrops and these can cause subsidence problems.

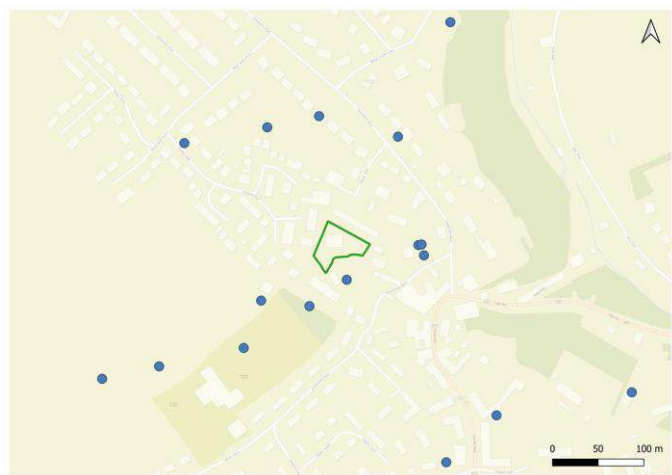
## SECURESHAFT™ DATASET (© Cornwall Mining Consultants 2024)

*SecureShaft™* is our completely unique and dynamic dataset of approximately 4000 shafts and mine workings that have been previously secured or treated to varying degrees. Drawing on information derived from a range of specialist third-party contributors, *SecureShaft™* also includes over 500 shafts capped by Cornwall Mining Consultants. Each secured mining hazard has been appraised by our expert research team and classified according to the indicated security based on the condition and treatment method.



The *SecureShaft™* dataset has identified no previously secured shafts or mine workings within the property.

The nearest *SecureShaft™* feature is located 22 metres south of the property and is classified as Grade D. The implications for the subject property have been considered in the assessment below.



*SecureShaft™* enables us to give a more accurate site-specific appraisal of the subsidence risk and wherever possible, clear properties without the need for expensive intrusive investigation, saving both time and money.

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## ONSITE INVESTIGATIONS & REMEDIATION

We have previously investigated this property in order to assess the risk from the indicated mine workings. No adverse mine workings were discovered and the threat to the property has been reclassified below.

We have not previously remediated any mine workings at this property, and we have no record that similar work has been undertaken by a third-party.

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## FUTURE MINING

The property does not lie within a mineral planning permission area for the extraction of metalliferous minerals, or a Mineral Safeguarding/Consultation Area containing designated metalliferous mineral resources.

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## THE RESULT

Based on a detailed search and expert interpretation of our mining records archive we believe the likelihood that metalliferous mining subsidence hazards exist within the property is:

**Low: PASSED**

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We believe that the property is unlikely to be affected by subsidence related to historic metalliferous mining.

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## THE NEXT STEPS

To further assess the risks to this property we recommend the following course of action:

**NONE**

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No further action is required and you do not need to contact any other mining institute or body relating to past metalliferous mining.



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## **GEOLOGY**

Metallic mineralisation in the South West mainly occurs in lodes (veins), which are sheet-like structures occupying former fissures in the bedrock. Lodes are typically about 1 metre (m) wide but some reach 5m or more and are either vertical or inclined at steep angles. Mineral lodes containing tin, copper and other metalliferous minerals typically course in an east-northeast to west-southwest direction, while those containing lead and silver often course approximately north to south. Localised variations can occur, and lodes are also affected by other geological structures, such as crosscourses (geological faults) and elvan dykes (wide, planar igneous intrusions that are occasionally mineralised).

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## **MINING METHODS & HISTORY**

The extraction of metalliferous minerals in the South West has taken place for thousands of years, throughout which shallow prospecting was widespread. This involved excavating costean (trial) pits in order to discover mineral lodes, often in areas where earlier tin-streaming had taken place. Once discovered, lodes were often mined by openworks (linear excavations) along the lode outcrop and later by means of shafts, adits (drainage tunnels) and levels (tunnels) driven away from the shafts. The ore was extracted from between the levels to leave stopes (narrow chasms). By the 19th century steam pumping engines enabled the workings to be deepened. During the tin and copper mining heyday, in the 18th and 19th centuries, the South West was one of the most productive mining regions in the world with over 2000 active mines. Thousands of shafts were sunk, and hundreds of miles of underground workings were driven along the lodes. However, by the end of the 19th century, the discovery of larger mineral deposits elsewhere led to the industrial decline in the South West and the closure of most mines. A lack of funds and regulations meant that mine workings were often left abandoned without being secured.

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## **MINING ARCHIVE & UNRECORDED WORKINGS**

The surviving officially deposited abandoned mine plans of most mines in the South West do not show the full extent of the underground workings, especially at shallow depth. It did not become a legal requirement for metal mines to keep comprehensive plans of the underground workings, and to deposit these upon abandonment until 1872. This law did not apply to mines that employed fewer than 12 people underground and neither did it require mines to survey any unused older workings. As a result, most of the old and shallow workings and smaller mines remain poorly recorded. We use a vast archive of other mining and geological records, maps, plans, books and datasets, along with our knowledge of the geology and mining methods to predict where workings could exist and might present a risk.

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## **SUBSIDENCE RISKS**

Any near-surface mine working that has not been properly secured poses a potential subsidence risk at surface. Mine shafts present a high risk of localised subsidence. Often these features were capped with timber when mining ceased and all evidence of them became obliterated. Shallow adits can collapse or cause flooding and mine waste tips/dumps can cause differential settlement. However, one of the main causes of mining related subsidence is the collapse of near-surface mine workings on lode outcrops. These workings, in the form of small pits, openworks or shallow stopes, were often backfilled with unconsolidated waste rock and are not evident at surface until they collapse, thereby presenting a high risk of subsidence. There is no legal imperative to report subsidence to a central body and so no comprehensive database of historic subsidence events exists. Therefore, it is not possible to conclude comprehensively whether a property has previously been affected; but we include comment on subsidence at a property if we are aware of it.

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## MORE INFORMATION

### LIMITATIONS OF MINING SEARCH

This Mining Search evaluates the subsidence risk from the extraction of metalliferous minerals only. It cannot be relied upon to indicate risk from clay, stone, coal, oil or other non-metalliferous extraction. It has been produced following a search and review of the extensive collection of abandoned mine plans, maps, records and archives in our possession and from this material we have endeavoured to provide as accurate a report as possible. However, considering that such records may not be wholly complete or accurate, we cannot accept liability for any inaccuracies or omissions with respect to those records. This Mining Search does not include an assessment of soil contamination risks. This report and any mining features described are applicable to the subject property only, the location or boundaries of which have been approved by the client in instructing and receiving this report. We cannot be liable for any erroneous or omitted information as portrayed on any plan or property boundary supplied to us for this Mining Search. The report must not be relied upon for neighbouring properties, as any adjacent mining features may have been omitted for clarity. This report is confidential to the client, client's solicitor and/or mortgage lender or those acting through a conveyance service provider (as per the quoted reference number) and may not be reproduced or further distributed, re-sold or reassigned without our permission. We shall be under no liability whatsoever to any person who has not been party to the commissioning and fee paid for this report or any undisclosed third party. We have not visited the property.

### SECURESHAFT™ DATASET

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### RESULT CLASSIFICATIONS FOR MORTGAGE

This regulated Mining Search report does not comment on the value or mortgage-ability of any specific property; however, guidance on the implications of results is as follows:

#### PASSED

Typically acceptable to mortgage lenders.

#### ACTION REQUIRED

The likelihood that mining subsidence hazards exists within the property are moderate. Value, enjoyment may be affected, and the advised further action should be satisfied before mortgage proceeds.

#### ACTION REQUIRED

The likelihood that mining subsidence hazards within the property is high. The value, enjoyment and security may be affected. The advised further action should be completed and a satisfactory result attained before mortgage or transaction proceeds.



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- Normally deal with it fully and provide a final response, in writing, within 20 working days of receipt.
- Keep you informed by letter, telephone or e-mail, as you prefer, if we need more time.
- Provide a final response, in writing, at the latest within 40 working days of receipt.
- Liaise, at your request, with anyone acting formally on your behalf.

If you are not satisfied with our final response, or if we exceed the response timescales, you may refer the complaint to:

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T: 01722 333306 | E: [admin@tpos.co.uk](mailto:admin@tpos.co.uk) | W: [tpos.co.uk](http://tpos.co.uk)

We will co-operate fully with the Ombudsman during an investigation and comply with his final decision.

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