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Professional opinion

Addresses the Law Society practice notes on Contaminated Land and Flood risk.

Contaminated Land Liability

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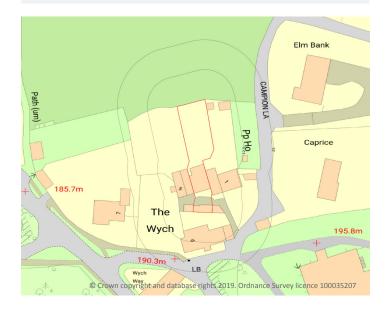
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Site plan



Screenings

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Full assessments of the above screenings are available in our Avista report. Please contact Groundsure or your search provider for further details.



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Overview of findings and recommendations

To save you time when assessing the report, we only provide maps and data tables of features within the search radius that we have identified to be of note. These relate to environmental risks that may have liability implications, affect insurance premiums, property values and/or a lender's willingness to lend.

You can view the fully comprehensive library of information we have searched on page 13.



Ground stability

Infilled land

The property is assessed to lie within 25m of an area of infilled land. Key recommended next steps:

- consider having a structural survey conducted by a Structural Surveyor to determine whether or not the property is affected. Note that any such structural survey will supersede the Groundsure report
- consider conducting a visual check at the property looking out for cracks and other signs of subsidence, however be aware recent redecoration of the property may mask signs
- consider contacting the relevant Local Authority to ask for records of the property and local area relating to subsidence
- remember that professional advice should be sought before altering the ground in any way at the property, including planting trees
- if structural surveys have not considered the potential effects of being built on a site like this, you may
 wish to contact the local Building Regulations Officer, Planning Department and if recently constructed, the
 site developers. Newer developments may benefit from an NHBC guarantee or other environmental
 warranty that often covers structural issues
- unless information is available confirming that suitable ground engineering techniques have been used to protect the property, it is recommended that you contact the Local Authority Planning department to confirm whether protective design measures were used during construction

Rn Radon

The property is in an area where elevated radon levels are detected in 10-30% of properties. Key recommended next steps:

- if the property is new build, you can check compliance on radon protection with the developer
- if testing has not been carried out, it would be a sensible precaution to arrange for the property to be tested with radon detectors. If initial short-term radon screening tests are inconclusive, or the purchaser would prefer to carry out a full three-month test, it may be possible to arrange a 'radon bond'
- high levels of radon can be reduced through carrying out remedial works to the property
- Full radon protection measures will be required to be installed in the event that any new buildings or extensions are added to the property.



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• See for example <u>http://www.radonassociation.co.uk/guide-to-radon/information-for-house-buyers-and-sellers/</u> for further information

Other considerations

These are potential actions associated with non-environmental search returns such as mobile masts and planning constraints.



Planning constraints

Visual and cultural designations

The property lies within 50m of a visually or culturally protected site or area. Key recommended next steps:

• seek further guidance from the local planning department on any likely restrictions if considering any property development



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Environmental summary



Environmental searches are designed to ensure that significant hazards and risks associated with this property are identified and considered alongside the investment in or purchase of a property.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

Contaminated Land

No significant concerns have been identified as a result	Contaminated Land Liability	Passed
of the contaminated land searches.	Past Land Use	Passed Passed Passed
	Waste and Landfill	
	Current and Recent Industrial	



(🕮) Flood Risk

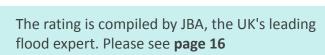
No significant concerns have been identified as a result of the flood risk searches. No action required.

Further explanation of flood risk assessment can be seen here groundsure.com/understanding-flood-risk

River and Coastal Flooding	Very Low
Groundwater Flooding	Negligible
Surface Water Flooding	Negligible
Past Flooding	Not identified
Flood Storage Areas	Not identified

Floodability Rating

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Ground Stability

The property is assessed to have potential for natural or non-natural ground subsidence. Please see page 5 for details of the identified issues.

Natural Ground Stability Non-Natural Ground Stability

Low Identified

Radon

The property is in a radon affected area. This could mean that inhabitants are at risk from the harmful effects of radon. Percentage of affected homes in your local area is between 10% and 30%.

Please see page 7 for details of the identified issues.

In a radon affected area



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Ground stability

Non-natural ground subsidence



Infilled land

Maps suggest the property is located on a previous pond, quarry, mine, landfill or other hole in the land. These land cavities are often filled in with various materials and this can cause structural problems, although such events are rare. Groundsure's experts recommend that you check whether your structural surveys have taken this into account.

Please see **page 2** for further advice.

Distance	Direction	Use	Date
0	on site	Reservoir	1885
18 m	SE	Grave Yard	1885





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Groundsure's experts systematically analyse historical maps, which can highlight areas that, over time, may have been filled with various materials. The materials used are usually safe, although in some cases contaminative materials may also have been used. Past ground workings have been identified at the site. These workings may be associated with railway cuttings or other ground engineering but may also indicate mining activity. Information is taken from features identified on Ordnance Survey historical maps, which do not indicate the distance or direction that mines extend beneath the surface. For example, features such as mine shafts only indicate the entrance to a mine. From this, we may infer the potential for underground features to extend outward from this point. Some features within this database may also relate to nonmining underground activities e.g. air shafts for underground railways.



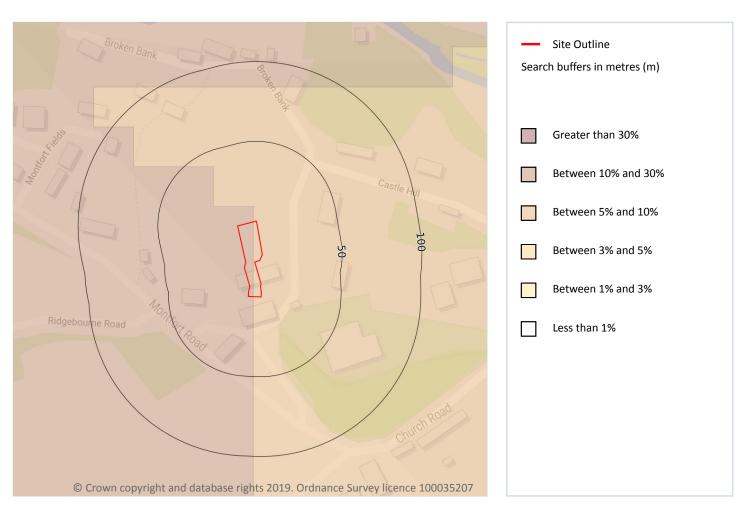
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Rn

Radon



The property is in a radon affected area, meaning the area has a general radon level above the radon Action Level. In order to determine if there is a problem at your property, a radon measurement in the building must be taken. Access to a testing service and further information on radon is available from Public Health England (PHE) or <u>www.ukradon.org</u>. Radon is a colourless, odourless radioactive gas present in all areas of the United Kingdom, usually at levels that pose a negligible risk. However, the property is situated in an area where levels of radon can be much higher and pose a health risk. High levels of radon can cause lung cancer, particularly for smokers and ex-smokers. The higher the level and the longer the period of exposure, the greater the risk. If you are buying a currently occupied property in a radon affected area, ask the present owner whether radon levels have been measured and, if they have, whether the results were above the radon Action Level. If so, what remedial measures were installed, were radon levels re-tested and did the re-testing confirm the measures have been effective.

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This data is sourced from British Geological Survey/Public Health England.



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Energy summary

The property has not been identified to lie within 5km of one or more energy features. The Homebuyers report summarises these on this page.

If required, full details on these energy features including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Energy and Transportation Report via your preferred searches provider.

💧 Oil and Gas

No active or planned wells or extraction areas (such as	Oil and Gas Areas	Not identified
fracking sites) identified near the property.	Oil and Gas Wells	Not identified

Wind and Solar

Our search of existing and planned renewable infrastructure including wind and solar has not identified results.

Not identified
Not identified
Not identified
Not identified

Energy Infrastructure

Our search of major energy transmission or generation infrastructure and nationally significant infrastructure projects has not identified results. Power stationsNot identifiedEnergy InfrastructureNot identifiedProjectsNot identified



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Transportation summary

The property has been identified to lie within the search radius of one or more transportation features detailed below.

If required, full details on these transportation features including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Energy and Transportation Report via your preferred searches provider.



No results for Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the HS2 project (including the 2016 amendments) have been identified within 5km of the property. However, HS2 routes are still under consultation and exact alignments may change in the future.

- HS2 Route HS2 Safeguarding HS2 Stations HS2 Depots HS2 Noise HS2 Visual impact
- Not identified Not identified Not identified Not assessed Not assessed

🖳 Crossrail

The property is not within 250 metres of either the Crossrail 1 or Crossrail 2 project.

- Crossrail 1 Route Crossrail 1 Stations Crossrail 1 Worksites Crossrail 2 Route Crossrail 2 Stations Crossrail 2 Worksites Crossrail 2 Safeguarding Crossrail 2 Headhouse
- Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified Not identified

Other Railways

Our search indicates the property is within 250 metres of railways or railway stations, subway or DLR lines, active railways, historical railways or tunnels. The Underground assessment includes London Underground, DLR, Tyne and Wear Metro, Merseyrail and Glasgow Subway. Active Railways and Tunnels Historical Railways and Tunnels Railway and Tube Stations Underground Not identified Identified

Not identified Not identified



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Planning summary



Planning Applications

Using Local Authority planning information supplied and processed by Glenigan dating back 10 years, this information is designed to help you understand possible changes to the area around the property. Please note that even successful applications may not have been constructed and new applications for a site can be made if a previous one has failed. We advise that you use this information in conjunction with a visit to the property and seek further expert advice if you are concerned or considering development yourself.

21 Total applications

This total includes large developments within 750 m, small developments within 500 m and house extensions within 125 m. If required, full details on these applications including a detailed location plan relative to the property are available when you purchase a Groundsure Planning Report via your preferred searches provider.

Planning constraints

Protected areas have been identified within 50 metres of the property.

Please see **page 11** for details of the identified issues. **Areas**

Environmental Protected Areas Not identified Visual and Cultural Protected Identified Areas

🖭 Telecoms

There are no mobile masts, mobile phone base stations or planning applications for mobile masts identified within 250 metres of the property. Mobile phone masts

Not identified

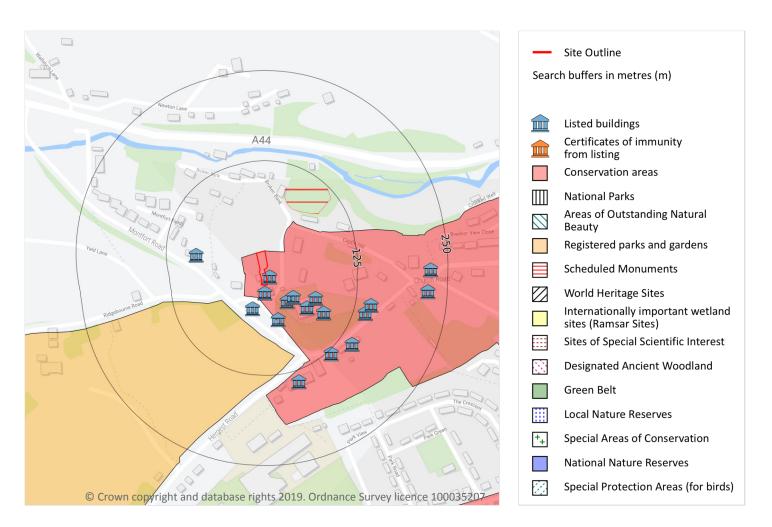


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Planning Constraints



Visual and Cultural Designations

Conservation Areas

Conservation Areas exist to protect special architecture and historic interest in an area. It may mean that the property is located in or close to a beautiful or architecturally interesting place to live. There may be extra planning controls restricting some development. This particularly applies to developing the outside of the building and any trees at the property.

Distance	Direction	Name	District
0	on site	Kington	County of Herefordshire



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This data is sourced from the Local Authorities. For more information please see https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/local/conservation-areas/.

Listed Buildings

The presence of listed buildings means there will be extra control over what changes can be made to that building's interior and exterior. If the property itself is a listed building, owners will need to apply for Listed Building Consent for most types of work that affect the 'special architectural or historic interest' of the property and the work approved may increase costs.

Distance	Direction	Name	Grade	Listed building reference number	Listed date
4 m	E	The Wych	II	1208081	08/10/1953
11 m	S	The Wych Wych House	II	1208078	08/10/1953
35 m	S	9, The Wych	11	1196558	31/12/1993
36 m	SE	Edmund Cheese Memorial, Approximately 3 Metres North Of North West Corner Of Church Of St Mary	II	1208046	31/12/1993
40 m	SE	John Morris Memorial, Approximately 5 Metres North Of North Aisle Of Church Of St Mary	II	1196561	31/12/1993

This data is sourced from Historic England. For more information please see https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/



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Datasets searched

This is a full list of the data searched in this report. If we have found results of note we will state "Identified". If no results of note are found, we will state "Not identified". Our intelligent filtering will hide "Not identified" sections to speed up your workflow.

Contaminated Land	
Former industrial land use (1:10,560 and 1:10,000 scale)	Not identified
Former tanks	Not identified
Former energy features	Not identified
Former petrol stations	Not identified
Former garages	Not identified
Former military land	Not identified
Former landfill (from Local Authority and historical mapping records)	Not identified
Waste site no longer in use	Not identified
Active or recent landfill	Not identified
Former landfill (from Environment Agency Records)	Not identified
Active or recent licensed waste sites	Not identified
Recent industrial land uses	Not identified
Current or recent petrol stations	Not identified
Hazardous substance storage/usage	Not identified
Sites designated as Contaminated Land	Not identified
Historical licensed industrial activities	Not identified
Current or recent licensed industrial activities	Not identified
Local Authority licensed pollutant release	Not identified
Pollutant release to surface waters	Not identified
Pollutant release to public sewer	Not identified
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 1)	Not identified

Contaminated Land	
Dangerous industrial substances (D.S.I. List 2)	Not identified
Pollution incidents	Not identified
Flood Risk	
Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea	Not identified
Flood storage areas: part of floodplain	Not identified
Historical flood areas	Not identified
Areas benefiting from flood defences	Not identified
Flood defences	Not identified
Proposed flood defences	Not identified
Surface water flood risk	Not identified
Groundwater flooding	Not identified
Ground stability	
Natural ground subsidence	Not identified
Natural geological cavities	Not identified
Coal mining	Not identified
Non-coal mining	Not identified
Mining cavities	Not identified
Infilled land	Identified
Radon	
Radon	Identified



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Energy Infrastructure	
Electricity transmission lines and pylons	Not identified
Planning constraints	
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Not identified
Internationally important wetland sites (Ramsar Sites)	Not identified
Special Areas of Conservation	Not identified
Special Protection Areas (for birds)	Not identified
National Nature Reserves	Not identified
Local Nature Reserves	Not identified
Designated Ancient Woodland	Not identified
Green Belt	Not identified
World Heritage Sites	Not identified
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Not identified
National Parks	Not identified
Conservation Areas	Identified
Listed Buildings	Identified
Certificates of Immunity from Listing	Not identified
Scheduled Monuments	Not identified
Registered Parks and Gardens	Not identified
Planning	
Mobile phone masts	

Mobile phone masts planning records

Not identified



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Contaminated land liability assessment methodology

As part of this report Groundsure provide a professional assessment of the risks posed by key environmental information which could lead to the property being designated as 'Contaminated Land' as defined under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This assessment is based on the following data:

- historical land use (compiled from 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 maps)
- petrol stations, garages, energy features and tanks (compiled from 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 maps) for selected areas.
- historic military / ordnance sites
- landfill and waste transfer/treatment or disposal sites (including scrap yards)
- current and recent industrial uses (as defined by PointX data)
- Catalist petrol station
- Part A(1), Part A(2) and Part B Authorisations
- sites determined as Contaminated Land under Part 2A EPA 1990
- Planning Hazardous Substance Consents
- Environment Agency Recorded Pollution Incidents
- Dangerous Substances Inventory Releases (DSI)
- Red List Discharge Consent

The level of risk associated with the property is either Passed or Action Required. If the report result is Action Required it does not necessarily mean that the site is unsuitable for purchase, but only that further assessment of the risk associated with the site is required.

Method Statement

In assessing specific site risk, Groundsure follows principles used extensively throughout the environmental consultancy sector. Our system looks at the potential for specific industries to have generated residual contamination and for this contamination to remain at a site, or to have migrated to neighbouring sites. Sites are scored based on this system and if a site scores highly it indicates a high level of risk.

Limitations of the Study

This report has been prepared with the assumption that the site is in residential use and that no significant (re)development is planned. The screening process reviews historical mapping and a range of current databases. The historical land use database reviewed for this study does NOT include 1:2,500 or 1:1,250 scale maps except for Groundsure's additional information database of selected features namely tanks, energy features, petrol filling stations and garages. This additional information database covers the majority of the UK, but not all. Where 1:2500 or 1:1250 scale maps are utilised all relevant and available map epochs to Groundsure are used. Additionally, this review does NOT include specific enquiries to the Local Authority who may hold additional information and it does NOT include a site visit/inspection. Your attention is drawn to the Terms and Conditions of Groundsure Limited under which this service is provided.



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Flood information

The Flood Risk Assessment section is based on datasets covering a variety of different flooding types. No inspection of the property or of the surrounding area has been undertaken by Groundsure or the data providers. The modelling of flood hazards is extremely complex and in creating a national dataset certain assumptions have been made and all such datasets will have limitations. These datasets should be used to give an indication of relative flood risk rather than a definitive answer. Local actions and minor variations, such as blocked drains or streams etc. can greatly alter the effect of flooding. A low or negligible modelled flood risk does not guarantee that flooding will not occur. Nor will a high risk mean that flooding definitely will occur. Groundsure's overall flood risk assessment takes account of the cumulative risk of river, coastal, surface water (pluvial), and groundwater flooding and historic flood events.

Risk of flooding from rivers and the sea

This is an assessment of flood risk for England and Wales produced using local data and expertise, provided by Environment Agency. It shows the chance of flooding from rivers or the sea presented in categories taking account of flood defences and the condition those defences are in. The model uses local water level and flood defence data to model flood risk.

Historic flood events

Over 86,000 events are recorded within this database. This data is used to understand where flooding has occurred in the past and provides details as available. Absence of a historic flood event for an area does not mean that the area has never flooded, but only that Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales do not currently have records of flooding within the area. Equally, a record of a flood footprint in previous years does not mean that an area will flood again, and this information does not take account of flood management schemes and improved flood defences.

Surface water flooding

JBA Risk Management surface water flood map identifies areas likely to flood following extreme rainfall events, i.e. land naturally vulnerable to surface water or "pluvial" flooding. This data set was produced by simulating 1 in 75 year, 1 in 200 year and 1 in 1000 year rainfall events. Modern urban drainage systems are typically built to cope with rainfall events between 1 in 20 and 1 in 30 years, though older ones may even flood in a 1 in 5 year rainstorm event.

Proposed flood defences

The data includes all Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales's projects over £100K that will change or sustain the standards of flood defence in England and Wales over the next 5 years. It also includes the equivalent schemes for all Local Authority and Internal Drainage Boards.

Flood storage areas

Flood Storage Areas may also act as flood defences. A flood storage area may also be referred to as a balancing reservoir, storage basin or balancing pond. Its purpose is to attenuate an incoming flood peak to a flow level that can be accepted by the downstream channel. It may also delay the timing of a flood peak so that its volume is discharged over a longer time interval. These areas are also referred to as Zone 3b or 'the functional floodplain' and has a 5% or greater chance of flooding in any given year, or is designed to flood in the event of an extreme (0.1%) flood or another probability which may be agreed between the Local Planning Authority and Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales, including water conveyance routes. Development within Flood Storage Areas is severely restricted.



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Groundwater flooding

Groundwater flooding is flooding caused by unusually high groundwater levels. It occurs as excess water emerging at the ground surface or within underground structures such as basements. Groundwater flooding tends to be more persistent than surface water flooding, in some cases lasting for weeks or months, and it can result in significant damage to property. This risk assessment is based on a 5m Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and a 1 in 100 year return period.

JBA Floodability

The property has been rated as Green.

Flood Re is a joint initiative between the Government and insurers. It was set up to help UK residents who are at risk of flooding to obtain flood cover as part of their household insurance. There are several exemptions from the Flood Re scheme including new properties built after 1 January 2009, commercial property, buy to let properties and blocks of flats with four or more units. A full list of exemptions is available on the Flood Re website (https://www.floodre.co.uk/can-flood-re-help-me/eligibility-criteria/).

JBA's Floodability rating provides an indication of the likelihood of a property being ceded into the Flood Re scheme from river, coastal and surface water flood only. It does not consider the many other factors needed for ceding into the Flood Re scheme, nor does it consider the other requirements for obtaining insurance.

The JBA Floodability Index is categorised on a fivefold scale:

Black 2 indicates a level of flood hazard such that standard priced insurance covering flood risk is likely to be subject to increased premiums and non-standard and/or additional terms. There is a very high possibility of insurance companies ceding the property into the Flood Re scheme, especially if the property has flooded in the past.

Black 1 indicates a level of flood hazard such that standard priced insurance covering flood risk is likely to be subject to increased premiums and non-standard and/or additional terms. There is a high possibility of insurance companies ceding the property into the Flood Re scheme, especially if the property has flooded in the past.

Red indicates a level of flood hazard such that standard priced insurance covering flood risk is likely to be subject to increased premiums and non-standard and/or additional terms. There is a moderate possibility of insurance companies ceding the property into the Flood Re scheme particularly if the property has flooded in the past.

Amber indicates a level of flood hazard such that insurance covering flood risk may be available but may be subject to increased premiums and non-standard and/or additional terms. There is a low possibility of insurance companies ceding the property into the Flood Re scheme unless the property has flooded in the past.

Green indicates a level of flood hazard such that insurance covering flood risk may be obtainable relatively easily as part of a standard household insurance contract. There is a very low possibility of insurance companies ceding the property into the Flood Re scheme unless the property has flooded in the past.

N/A indicates that a Floodability rating has not been provided for the property. This is either because the property is a new build and doesn't contain an OS Address Point or the nearest Floodability rating is outside of the 10m search radius. Please contact Groundsure for further assistance.



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