



Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000235
Date 14 August 2018

Contaminated/Brownfield Land

Request:

I would like to make the following Freedom of Information (FOI) request of your Authority under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The response to your request has been treated as a request made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), as opposed to a Freedom of Information Act, as this refers to matters that are to do with, or have an impact on, the environment. Our response has been marked in 'blue':

1. Do you have specialist 'contaminated land officers' (CLO) employed within the Council? **YES NO** If answer is '**No**' does the council engage 'independent specialist consultants' to advise council on sites. **Yes**
2. With regard to Brownfield sites (including contaminated land sites), do the Council carry out routine site inspections to discharge planning conditions? **Yes**
3. With regard to Brownfield sites (including contaminated land sites), what verification does the council rely upon to discharge planning conditions related to remediation of brownfield / contaminated land sites?

The Council requires independent verification reports from consultants that clearly explain the remediation works undertaken. These verification reports almost always follow on from an agreed remediation strategy report which sets out the type of contamination present on a site, together with the proposals for dealing with that contamination. The Council will agree the remediation strategy and will then await the verification report before signing off the site as clean.