



Latest news on remediation work

ESTATE NEWS

Information for residents,
tenants and businesses
October 2016

Council appoints Hydrock as its remediation Contractors

After completing a European wide tender process the Council have now appointed Hydrock as its contractors to undertake the clean up of asbestos affected gardens. Hydrock are a company who have a lot of experience of dealing with remediation schemes such as these and we are looking forward to working with them.

The council and Hydrock are already doing a lot of preparatory work behind the scenes. Some of this work requires information from residents and site visits, and it is likely that you will see an increased presence on site. All people associated with the project will be identifiable, if you have any queries or concerns please contact us on the numbers below.

It is proposed that some onsite work will start during late November /early December. Initial work will involve the preparation of

site compounds, storage and welfare facilities. The main clean-up work will start in January to prevent disturbance and open excavations being left over the Christmas period. However it is possible some smaller scale work may take place prior to Christmas. All affected residents will be notified directly about the work and how it will affect them.

With over 80 gardens to clean up on site it will take some time to finish all of the work across the estate. Currently we hope that it will all be complete by the summer of next year.

What to expect from the work

While the Council and Hydrock are taking all steps possible to minimise the disruption and disturbance on the estate, there will be some impact on residents. Exactly what disturbance occurs will depend upon where you live. Those

distant from the main areas will mainly be aware of increased lorry movements, and possibly increased vehicles on the estate, as well as more parked vehicles. Those of you who live closer will inevitably be more aware of the work, and as well as seeing increased traffic, parking and lorries on the estate you will be able to see the work areas and hear the work taking place.

It is important to remember that this work is vital as the asbestos needs to be removed to protect the long term health of residents living in these affected properties, so please bear with us.

Contact Details

If you have any queries in relation to this please call us on 01902 551155 or look at the information on our website at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/courtaulds

General Frequently Asked Questions

Who will be doing the work?

The council has engaged a specialist contractor Hydrock to do the work for us.

When will you be starting the work?

It is proposed that some preliminary and set up work on site will start during late November/early December with the main clean-up work starting in January. All affected residents will be notified directly about the work and how it will affect them.

Why do you have to do this?

As you know we have found elevated levels of asbestos in the soils of some gardens on the estate and these soils need to be removed and replaced with clean material.

What is the clean-up/ what are you going to do in these gardens?

At the affected properties the back garden will be dug up and the soil taken away to just over half a metre depth. Clean soil will then be brought in and a lawn and patio area reinstated. In most cases we will also be digging up the front garden and drive area and removing the contaminated soil before replacing it with clean material and reinstating the front garden.

What are the risks to my health?

There will be no risk to your health from the work. Our specialist contractors will ensure that all work is done in a safe way that does not allow the asbestos to cause any health risks.

Will there be any compensation from anybody for the disturbance/stress I have experienced/am going to experience?

No. Unfortunately there is no compensation available.

Will affected residents be able to stay in their house or will they need to move out during the works?

No one will need to move out of their house while the work is being done. No work will be undertaken in the evenings or at weekends. Some people may wish to go out during the day when the work is going on as it is likely to cause some disturbance, but this will be up to them.

Will I be able to come and go on the estate while the work is being carried out?

Yes, although access may sometimes be restricted in some affected areas for short periods of time.

How long will it take to finish the work on the estate?

We anticipate all work will be complete by the end of next summer.

Will it be noisy/disturbing?

Unfortunately the nature of the work we need to do will cause some degree of noise and disturbance to houses close by. Work will only be carried out during week days to limit disturbance as much as possible.

It is likely during the works that parking on the estate may become difficult as affected properties will lose access to their driveways for periods of time. If this affects you please bear with us as this cannot be avoided.

Does the clean-up have to be done?

Yes. Unfortunately it is a legal requirement that the affected gardens are cleaned up.

What about lorries on the estate?

Due to the nature of the work lorries will need access to and from the estate. Our contractors will ensure that this is kept to a minimum and that safe methods of work are in place at all times. You will notice increased traffic, parking and lorries on the estate while the work is being undertaken.

Will the stability of houses be affected?

No. Our specialist contractors will ensure that no damage occurs to any property.

Will I lose connection to my services eg. cable TV, electricity, gas and water?

Routinely there will be no loss of connection or services to your property.

I work nights, will you relocate me?

Unfortunately we won't be relocating people. You may wish to make alternative sleeping arrangements if you think this will be a problem for you.

Will you need planning permission for the work?

Planning permission for the scheme has been granted.