

DISCOVERY STRATEGY- CONSTRUCTION PHASE CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

SITE:

INTRODUCTION

2, Highfield Road, Manchester is currently being redeveloped for residential purposes by New Style Windows and as part of the remediation strategy a Discovery Strategy must be implemented during the construction phase of the programme. Its purpose is to define the process to be undertaken on site in the event that previously unidentified pockets of contamination or suspicious objects are discovered during the redevelopment of the site. It is intended to be understood and followed by all on-site workers and for all new site workers to be made aware of the procedure.

HOW TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

- Looks oily and has an oily odour
- Solvent type of odour
- discoloured soil
- ashy material
- stained soils,
- friable materials
- underground infrastructure drums
- Man made materials in fill such as paint cans, car parts, glass fragments, drums
- Contains fragments of asbestos sheeting, coal/coke clinker
- Sand bags, and or/ subsurface concrete structures
- Contains other man made materials

(Examples only – This list is not exhaustive. If in any doubt ask)

PROCEDURE

On the discovery of any suspicious pockets of material during the redevelopment the following procedure should be followed:

1. All work must stop
2. Site Personnel to immediately inform the Site Manager. Do not investigate it yourself.
3. The Site Manager will decide if material is potentially contaminated and will inform Wesson Environmental and [Local authority name]. Area will be cordoned off and work will cease in the vicinity.
4. Wesson Environmental will attend site to sample material for laboratory tested and will attempt to quantify the volume. Manchester City Council will then be notified that potential contaminated material has been discovered and will be forwarded laboratory data and a remedial strategy for their approval in the event that the material is to be classified as *contaminated*.