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1. Site Specific Information

1.1. Key Contacts

Role	Organisation	Contact	Contact details
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1.2. Supporting information

Report Number	Title	Date
A3469-20	Desk Study Report	March 2020
A3469/21/SI	Phase 2 Report	April 2022
A3469/23/RMS	Remediation strategy	May 2023

1.3. Summary of expected contamination

1 sample (WS05 at 0.55mm depth) tested positive for asbestos at low level (0.001% Chrysotile). Ground workers should report any suspect fragments of asbestos in the vicinity of WS05.

2 samples returned elevated levels of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons.



2. Watching Brief Strategy

2.1. Site Managers Responsibility

2.1.1. During the course of the development it will be the responsibility of the site manager to ensure watching briefs are undertaken, documented and reported as noted below.

- Ensure all site staff and site contractors are briefed.
- Record observations of contamination made during the course of a development by members of site staff, contractors or visitors.
- Retain a photographic record of any occurrence of contamination found during the course of the development.
- Inform the Engineer and Geotechnical Consultant of any suspected contamination.
- Inform the Environmental Health officer of the occurrence of any contamination.

2.2. Watching Brief Statement

2.2.1. Upon completion of the associated works, a written statement should be prepared by the following parties;

- Ground works contractor(s) or site manager upon completion of ground works.
- The site manager upon completion of ground works.
- The Engineer upon completion of ground works.

2.2.2. The written statement must clearly state whether or not evidence of contamination was identified and if remedial action was undertaken. An example statement is provided below.

I am [insert name] from [insert company]. We undertook [insert works undertaken] between [start date] to [end date] at [insert site name].

During the course of work we observed [insert (no contamination/evidence of contamination/significant evidence of contamination)]

The contamination identified:

[Description of the observations of contamination]

[Where contamination was identified, include location plan]

[Who was notified of the observations]

[What action was taken]

2.3. Staff training/brief

2.3.1. All site staff and site contractors should be briefed on the potential presence of land, water and airborne contamination, as identified in the supported geotechnical reports, before commencing work. Apart from standard Health and Safety practices this will include the following:

1. The type of land, water or airborne contamination expected to be present.
2. Any particular areas on site which are likely to be affected.
3. Responsibilities under the discovery Strategy



2.4. Discovery strategy

2.4.1. If unexpected contamination observed at any time during the works the Engineer and Environmental Consultant must be informed immediately and works in the area halted until advised otherwise.

2.4.2. Examples of observations that should be reported include;

Evidence	Description
Visual	Fuel or oil like substances in soil, in ground water or surface water. Waste Materials (refuse, barrels, industrial wastes). Marked variation in colour. Evidence of asbestos
Odours	Fuel, Oil chemical odours Unusual odours such as sweet odours or fishy odours
Wellbeing	Light headedness and/or nausea during excavations. Burning of nasal passages, throat, lungs or skin Blistering or reddening of skin following contact with soil

2.4.3. Soil arisings from areas where suspected contamination is present should be handled as potentially hazardous and temporarily stockpiled. Stockpiles should be contained on and covered by Visqueen sheeting to prevent rainwater infiltration and possible leaching of contaminants into the ground.

2.4.4. The Contaminated Land officer must be informed within 7 days of encountering contamination and any remedial actions recommended by the Environmental Consultant must be agreed with them before commencement.