

## **Freedom of Information Request – Contaminated land in Sandwell**

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**Ref: Contaminated Land in Sandwell.**

The Communities and Regulatory Services Division is responsible for the inspection of land within the meaning of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Part IIA. The Division has compiled the response to the questions concerning the identification and inspection of land which may be contaminated, with the necessary input from the Spatial Planning Service on site allocation issues.

### **Communities and Regulatory Services**

#### **Question**

*Please provide by electronic means a full list of sites in Sandwell designated as “contaminated land” and an explanation of your inspection strategy for potentially contaminated sites and a list of these also. Please also provide a list of sites designated as “special sites.”*

1. One site within the Borough has been designated as “Contaminated Land” under the Environmental Protection Act Part IIA. This relates to an area of land at Brades Rise, Oldbury Warley, West Midlands. (Please see attached location plan). This site is currently undergoing remediation as it is being redeveloped residential purposes.
2. A document detailing the Council’s approach to inspection of land is attached. (adopted by full Council in April 2001).
3. The Division does not hold a list of “potentially contaminated sites.” Please see attached strategy document and statutory guidance, which provide more detail on identifying sites for inspection.
4. No sites within Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council have been designated as “Special Sites”.

## **Spatial Planning Division**

*In the site allocations delivery development plan, do you intend to submit any potential areas set aside for housing development areas without having first carried out an assessment of such land as “contaminated land”, which could leave the Council with significant future liabilities?.*

*Therefore should the inspection strategy for identifying contaminated land come before such a document is put out for “public consultation”?*

5. Sandwell Site Allocations and Delivery document (SAD) identifies sites suitable for development for a variety of uses, including housing and employment land. Prior to publishing the document for public consultation all sites were assessed based on suitability for a particular use, location, availability and viability. Site viability assessments take into account the amount of site remediation that is required prior to redevelopment.
6. In addition, The Council will not grant planning permission without being satisfied that appropriate site remediation measures are in place.