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(CCC) Contaminated land question - St. Johns Innovation Centre

I am writing on behalf of Groundsure Environmental Consultancy. We have been asked to carry out an environmental assessment of the property: St. Johns Innovation Centre, St. Johns Innovation Park, Cowley Road, CAMBRIDGE, CB4 0WS and require some further information in regard to its historical land usage. I have attached a site plan, our report and please see the questions below.

Map attached.

The National Grid Reference for the site is: 547099 261831

The study site is currently used as offices.

1. Can you confirm whether you are aware of any potentially contaminative land uses at the study site?
2. Is the study site (or any part thereof) likely to be assessed in accordance with Part 2A EPA 1990 or as part of the Local Authority Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy? Please give details of likely priority and approximate time scales if known.
3. Are you aware of any site investigations (Part 2A or otherwise) or remedial works undertaken at the site or within the immediate surrounds? Please provide details where appropriate.
4. Are there any reasons why the site may not be considered suitable for its current use? If yes, please specify why.

I would be extremely grateful if you could provide a response as soon as possible and let me know the cost of the enquiry so I can arrange payment, if required.

Response

The site in question straddles the border between Cambridge City Council (to the east) and South Cambridgeshire District Council - please refer to attached map.

As such the City Council will only hold information for part of the site. To obtain information for the entire site enquiries must be made with South Cambridgeshire District Council via env.health@scambs.gov.uk

In terms of the eastern part of the site within the City, I can answer your questions as follows:

Can you confirm whether you are aware of any potentially contaminative land uses at the study site?

I am unaware of any such uses.

Is the study site (or any part thereof) likely to be assessed in accordance with Part 2A EPA 1990 or as part of the Local Authority Contaminated Land Inspection

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Strategy? Please give details of likely priority and approximate time scales if known.

At this time no part of the site has been prioritised for further assessment under Part 2A.

Are you aware of any site investigations (Part 2A or otherwise) or remedial works undertaken at the site or within the immediate surrounds? Please provide details where appropriate.

For the area now occupied by the Maurice Wilkes Building (southern tip of the site):

Desk Study – <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=O230MODXK4B00>

Phase I Site Investigation -
<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=OGMUX0DX0AS00>

Are there any reasons why the site may not be considered suitable for its current use? If yes, please specify why.

From the information available and excluding the existence of any unexpected/previously unknown contamination, the site is currently regarded as being suitable for its current commercial use.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk