

Appendix 8.1

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┌ Maeve McLoughlin ┐

Your contact is: Malita Lowry - Environmental Protection

Dear Maeve McLoughlin,

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION 2004

RE: Environmental Information Request:

Whiteknights Campus, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 6UA

I refer to your enquiry concerning the former use of land in the immediate vicinity of Whiteknights Campus, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 6UA.

- Due to the size of the area searched it has shown to fall within close proximity to a number of potential contaminated land sites as detailed below. The risk from such historic and current land use activities to the site as a whole can only be determined through a more detailed investigation. The search is intended to provide an overview of the information held within the council environmental protection database and filing system.
- Within approximately 500 metres of the said site the following list of historical land uses have been identified.

Eastings	Northing	Site Name
473200	172720	Gravel Pit
473850	172632	Brick Kiln and Fields
473850	172500	Brick Kiln
473000	172300	Gravel Pit
473330	172270	Pond
473360	171080	Pond
472575	172085	Garage
474380	171990	Garage
474035	172680	Garage
474300	172070	Fire Station
474130	172585	Garage

The above stated land uses have the potential to cause contamination. The sites shown will be investigated further as part of the Council's contaminated land inspection strategy under Part IIA of the EPA 1990. This does not mean that the sites in question are contaminated only that there is a potential risk. As yet no

investigations have been undertaken. To date we have not carried out prioritisation of all of our identified sites therefore we cannot give a level of priority for further investigation. No sites have been determined as contaminated land.

- Other than the sites identified as potential contaminated land the council does not have any specific concerns regarding ground conditions at the site in question.
- In addition to the potential contaminated land sites a number of pollution incidents have been recorded on or within approximately 500 meters of the site. These are listed below. All incidents and remediation measures were undertaken and dealt with at that time by the Environment Agency.

Incident Date	Pollution Source	Grid Ref X	Grid Ref Y
13/01/1990	Chemical/Other	473899	172799
16/08/1990	Natural/Other	473800	172350
10/12/1990	Oil/Petrol	474000	172600
21/01/1993	Chemical/Other	474049	172500
13/07/1993	General/Vehicle washing/Vehicle Wash Eff	472500	172099
07/09/1996	Oil/Waste oil	474400	172400
22/06/1997	Chemical/Other organics	472900	171599
30/07/1998	Oil/Not known	472500	172000
11/12/1999	No Pollutant	474000	172199
08/04/1999	Organic chemical waste	473300	171499
25/10/2000	Crude Sewage	472500	172199
22/02/2001	Other Pollutant	473300	172500

- For information on Flood Risk Areas, recent pollution incidents and other EA consents please direct your enquiries to the Environment Agency.

Environment Agency
Isis House,
Wallingford,
Oxfordshire,
OX10 8BD Tel: 01491 832801

- We have no records of landfill sites within a 500 metre radius of the above site.
- Within approximately 500 metres of the said site the following list of Part B (APC) Authorisations have been identified.

Operator	Installation Address	Activity	Permitted or Permit Reviewed	Centre X	Centre Y
BP Express Shopping Limited	Weldale Service Station 324 Wokingham Road Earley Reading RG6 1JU	PG1/14 (06) Unloading of Petrol into Storage at Petrol Stations	2006	474368	172001
Beacon House	123 Wokingham Road Reading	PG6/46 (04) Dry Cleaning	2007	474040	172652

Cleaners	RG6 1LH				
Berry's Dry Cleaners	60 Christchurch Road Reading RG2 7AZ	PG6/46 (04) Dry Cleaning	2007	472658	172056
Chapels Dry Cleaners	32 Erleigh Road Reading RG1 5NA	PG6/46 (04) Dry Cleaning	2007	472995	172794
Laundrette	135 Wokingham Road Reading RG6 1LW	PG6/46 (04) Dry Cleaning	2007	474091	172552
Laundrocoin	107 Wokingham Road Reading RG6 1LH	PG6/46 (04) Dry Cleaning	2007	474008	172685

A large majority of the site lies under the Wokingham District Council therefore I would advise you to contact them for information they hold.

The information in this letter is given on the understanding that the Council accepts no liability for the use to which it is put and gives no guarantee as to the state of the land in question.

The information given represents the position within the Environmental Health database at the date of this letter and the Council can give no guarantee as to the impact of any future events in relation to the site in question.

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter further I can be contacted on 0118 939 0937.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Glavin

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION ENQUIRY - WHITEKNIGHTS CAMPUS,
WHITEKNIGHTS ROAD, READING**

Thank you for your enquiry, I will answer your questions in the order in which they were asked.

1. The Council currently has no reason to look at this site under Part IIA. However this is subject to change (if significant contamination were to be found onsite and the land owner refused to remediate the land for example).
2. Historic maps from 1872 – 1879 show a small gravel pit near the junction of Redlands Road and Elmhurst Road. This would require an intrusive investigation if that part of the site were to be developed in the future.
3. The Council is aware of a site investigation that was carried out by Soil Mechanics in December 2006 at the site of the business school, as a result of planning application F/2006/8676. Report ref: D6053. The planning application can be viewed on the Council's website, the contaminated land report can be viewed by coming in the Planning Reception at the Shute End offices.
4. We have no records of pre-licensing landfills within 500m of the site.
5. We have no records of pollution incidents or known areas of contamination within 500m of the site.
6. We have no records of PPC sites within 500m of this premises.

Current authorised landfills, watercourses, water abstractions, discharges and radioactive substances are licensed by the Environment Agency, South East Area, Swift House, Frimley Business Park, Camberley, GU16 5SQ, Telephone: (01276) 454300, Fax: (01276) 454301, and I recommend that you seek their advice on the sites in this area.

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The fee of £60 + VAT is now due, and you will receive an invoice for this shortly. Please do not send any payment until you have received this invoice.



Please contact me if you need this letter in a different format

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I would also advise you to contact a similar search with Reading Borough Council if you have not already done so, as the campus lies on the Reading and Wokingham council border and so the other side of Redlands Road is covered by Reading Borough Council.

Should you have any queries, or require further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Carr', written in a cursive style.

Hannah Carr
Environmental Health Officer