

# Appendix D

REGULATORY CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

**From:** Arthur, Anona [mailto:Anona.Arthur@camden.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 30 January 2017 15:42

To: Nichols, Claire

Subject: Contaminated land enquiry - 1 & 2 Fisher Street, 2-6 Catton Street and 8-10 Southampton

Row London WC1B 4AE

**Dear Claire Nichols** 

## RE: Contaminated Land Enquiry, 1 & 2 Fisher Street, 2-6 Catton Street and 8-10 Southampton Row

Thank you for your contaminated land enquiry relating to the above land. I would like to confirm the following:

The site has not been determined as contaminated land under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

With regards to details under the Council's Part IIA Strategy, Camden has a Contaminated Land Database to identify and prioritise sites within the Borough with a former potentially contaminative land use. Sites recorded on the database are not contaminated land (as defined by Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990); rather they are considered as having the potential to be contaminated land through their previous use. The Council is currently reviewing its inspecting strategy and prioritisation list. The rear of the site at 2 Fisher Street has been identified as a medium priority for inspection. The Council considers it to be suitable for its current use, however the Council cannot guarantee that the land will not be investigated in the future (for example if subject to redevelopment which involves excavations). The Council holds no records of any intrusive ground works confirming ground conditions.

Further to your enquiry, a historical record search was performed to determine historical land uses and it appears that the following past industrial uses of plausible concern were carried out on or within 50 metres of 1 & 2 Fisher Street, 2-6 Catton Street and 8-10 Southampton Row (full list is attached):

- Electrical Sub Station
- Unknown Industrial

According to our contaminated land risk characterisation, land on which the above process/activity was carried out is inherently considered to present a medium risk of contamination. It is conservatively considered likely that such land would exhibit areas of significantly elevated contamination levels with moderate magnitude to cause harm. However as explained above the site is not being investigated under the Part IIA Contaminated Land Regime neither it is on our contaminated land register. The Council has no present evidence that confirms that there are contamination issues affecting the site other than the potentially contaminative past use of the land.

If the land was to be redeveloped in the future and the works would involve excavations, a planning condition may be imposed with a requirement to carry out a detailed site investigation (desk top, walkover and intrusive investigation) and if

necessary remediation works. However, if the site remains in the current state (established development/hard-standing) and there are no extensive soft landscaped areas or gardens the site would not be considered for investigation under the contaminated land regime.

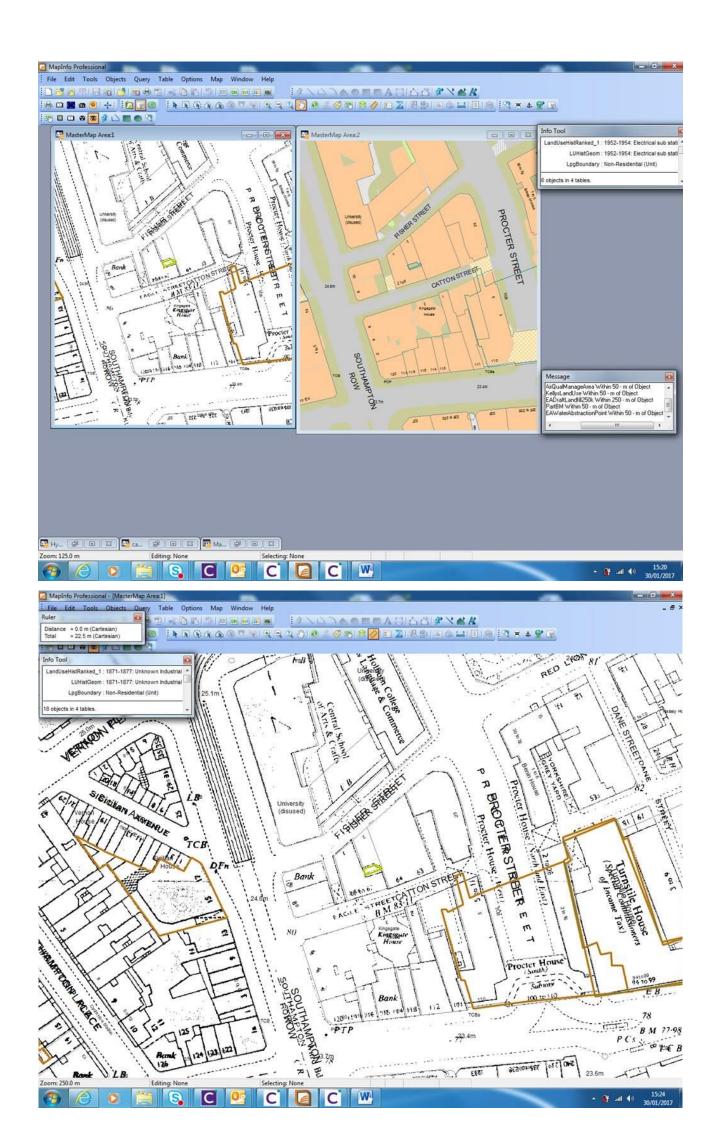
#### Additional Information:

- The Council holds no information on pollution incidents in the area.
- Currently, the Council holds no information about water abstraction points or private water supplies.
- The Council holds no information relating to materials extraction, mine gasses, or animal burial grounds.
- There are no IPPC (Environment Agency) industrial processes within 50 metres of the site.
- There are no LAPPC (Local Authority) industrial process within 50 metres of the site.
- The Council holds no records relating to flooding.
- The Council has no information about the extent of made ground on subject site, however Camden soil profile tends to exhibit high levels of Lead (BGS data).
- The Council holds no information relating to radon levels (please contact the Environment Agency)
- Details of any records of complaints, notices etc. about nuisance relating to the current or previous site uses may be obtained from the Council's Land Charges Department (0207 974 4444 Contact Camden) but those will be limited to actual entries relating to outstanding matters i.e. fees for works in default etc. Details with regards to complaints relating to noise issues may be obtained from Council's Noise & Licensing Team, odour issues from our Private Sector Housing Team. Both can be contacted via the main line: 0207 974 4444.

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I hope the information provided is sufficient, however if you require further clarification please contact me directly.



### Regards

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**From:** NET Enquiries [mailto:HNLenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 24 January 2017 14:05

To: Nichols, Claire

**Subject:** HNL/34777/JH --- RE: Ref: 160109/RD02 Request for information

Dear Claire

Enquiry: Ref: 160109/RD02 Request for information

Thank you for your enquiry which was received on 6 January 2017.

Please find attached a site map showing the surrouding 500m of the property. We only have data showing one historic landfill site: EAHLD12040 – Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn fields, London WC2A – TW 530700, 181200. We hold no details on licensing or content. Please contact the load authority who may hold additional details.

There are no investigated sites within 500m of the site. There are a number of pollution incidents in the area, data attached as shape file and associated map.

The site is not designated as a Special Site under Part IIa of the EPA 1990. The Environment Agency only regulates Special Sites. The local council regulates all other contaminated land sites and maintains the Contaminated Land Strategy. Please contact the relevant local authority for further information.

The closest water quality monitoring point is 3.7km from the site.

We respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I have attached our **open government licence** which explains the permitted use of this information.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries. If you want us to review the information we have sent, please contact us again within two months from the date of this email.

We would be really grateful if you could spare five minutes to help us improve our service. Please click on the link below and fill in our survey. We use every piece of feedback we receive: <a href="http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EnvironmentAgencyCustomerSurvey/?a=HNL">http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EnvironmentAgencyCustomerSurvey/?a=HNL</a>

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Yours sincerely

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