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RE: Former Camden Goods Yard, Chalk Farm Road, Camden, proposed development planning application

We write in response to the Environmental Health Officers comments in relation to Condition 62B and the requirement for protection from Radon Gas.

To this end we attach a BGS/Public Health England report and BGS GeoReport, both of which clearly indicates that the site is not within a Radon risk of radon affected area and that no remedial action is required for new buildings and extensions.

Given the development proposals of mixed commercial usage within single and double level basement levels and the fact that the site is not within a radon risk area, we consider that mitigation measures against potential Radon gas are not required.

Closure

We trust we have interpreted your request correctly and provided sufficient information for your current requirements. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely
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Radon Risk Report for addresses in England and Wales

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Address searched: Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc, Chalk Farm Road, London, NW18AA

Date of report: 2 February 2021

Guidance for existing properties

Is this property in a radon Affected Area? - No

A radon Affected Area is defined as where the radon level in at least one property in every hundred is estimated to exceed the Action Level.

The estimated probability of the property being above the Action Level for radon is: 0-1%

The result may not be valid for buildings larger than 25 metres.

If this site is for redevelopment, you should undertake a GeoReport provided by the British Geological Survey.

This report informs you of the estimated probability that this particular property is above the Action Level for radon. This does not necessarily mean there is a radon problem in the property; the only way to find out whether it is above or below the Action Level is to carry out a radon measurement in an existing property.

Radon Affected Areas are designated by the Public Health England. PHE advises that radon gas should be measured in all properties within Radon Affected Areas.

If you are buying a currently occupied property in a Radon Affected Area, you should ask the present owner whether radon levels have been measured in the property. If they have, ask whether the results were above the Radon Action Level and if so, whether remedial measures were installed, radon levels were re-tested, and the results of re-testing confirmed the effectiveness of the measures.

Further information is available from PHE or <https://www.ukradon.org>

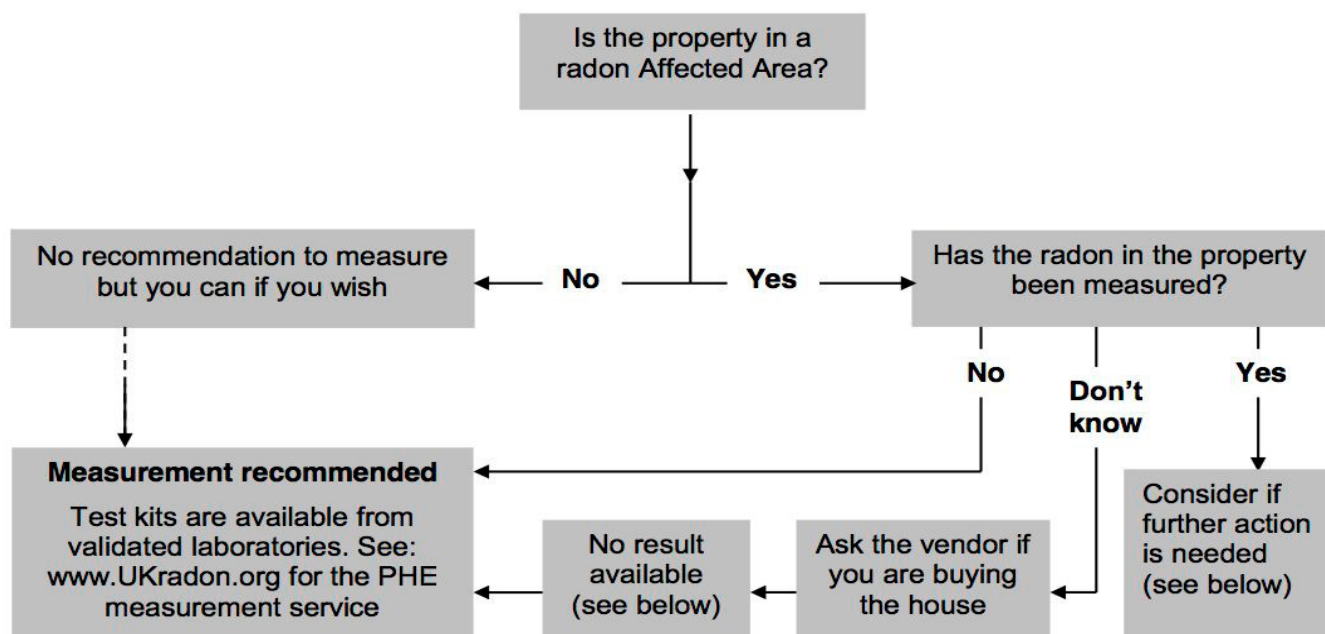
Guidance for new buildings and extensions to existing properties

What is the requirement under Building Regulations for radon protection in new buildings and extensions at the property location? - None

If you are buying a new property in a Radon Affected Area, you should ask the builder whether radon protective measures were incorporated in the construction of the property.

See the Radon and Building Regulations for more details.

PHE guidance for occupiers and prospective purchases



Existing radon test results: There is no public record of individual radon measurements. Results of previous tests can only be obtained from the seller. Radon levels can be significantly affected by changes to the building or its use, particularly by alterations to the heating and ventilation which can also be affected by changes in occupier. If in doubt, test again for reassurance.

Radon Bond: This is simply a retained fund, the terms of which are negotiated between the purchaser and the vendor. It allows the conveyance of the property to proceed without undue delay. The purchaser is protected against the possible cost of radon reduction work and the seller does not lose sale proceeds if the result is low. Make sure the agreement allows enough time to complete the test, get the result and arrange the work if needed.

High Results: Exposure to high levels of radon increases the risk of developing lung cancer. If a test in a home gives a result at or above the Action Level of 200 Becquerels per cubic metre of air (Bq/m³), formal advice will be given to lower the level. Radon reduction will also be recommended if the occupants include smokers or ex-smokers when the radon level is at or above the Target Level of 100 Bq/m³; these groups have a higher risk. Information on health risks and radon reduction work is available from PHE. Guidance about radon reduction work is also available from some Local Authorities, the Building Research Establishment and specialist contractors.

PHE designated radon website:

<https://www.ukradon.org>

Building Research Establishment:

<http://www.bre.co.uk/page.jsp?id=3137>

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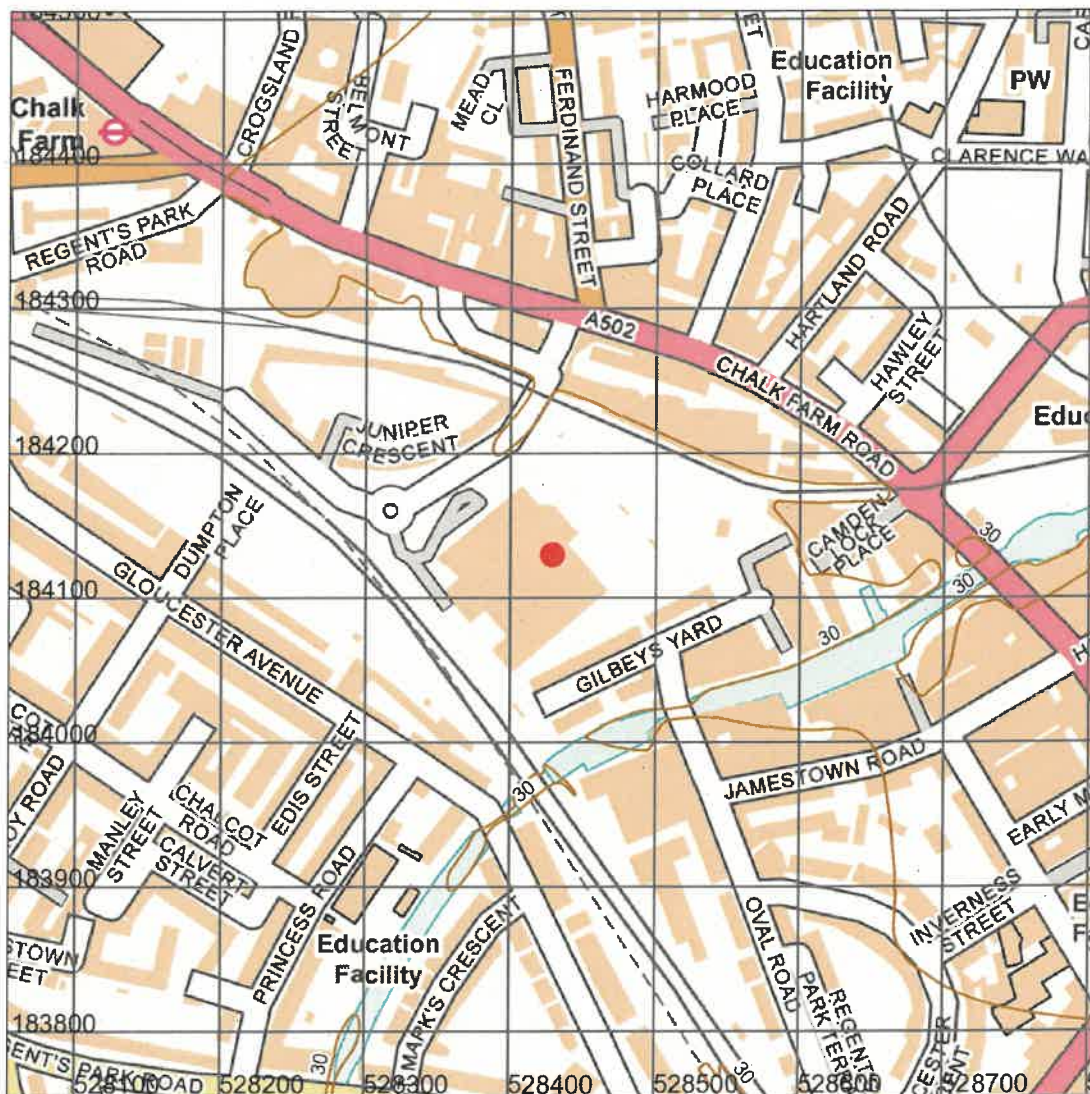
Radon Report

Advisory report on the requirement for radon protective measures in new buildings, conversions and extensions to existing buildings. The report also indicates whether a site is located within a radon Affected Area

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Point centred at: 528429,184130

Radon Report: UK

When extensions are made to existing buildings in high radon areas, or new buildings are constructed in these areas, the Building Regulations for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland require that protective measures are taken against radon entering the building.

This report provides information on whether radon protective measures are required. Depending on the probability of buildings having high radon levels, the Regulations may require either:

1. No protective measures
2. Basic protective measures
3. Full protective measures

This is an advisory report on the requirement for radon protective measures in new buildings, conversions and extensions. The report also indicates whether a site is located within a radon Affected Area

Requirement for radon protective measures

The determination below follows advice in *BR211 Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings (2015 edition)*, which also provides guidance on what to do if the result indicates that protective measures are required.

Is the property in an area where radon protective measures are required for new buildings or extensions to existing ones as described in publication BR211 (2015 edition) Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings?

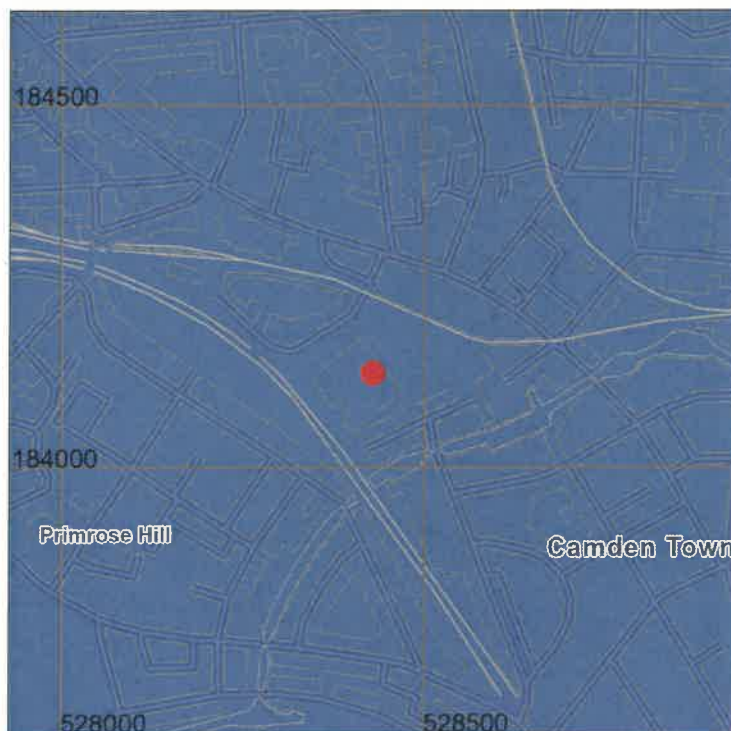
NO RADON PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE REPORT AREA.

More details of the protective measures required are available in *BR211 Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings (2015 Edition)*. Additional information and guidance is available from the Building Research Establishment website (<http://www.bre.co.uk/radon/>).

Whether or not the radon level in a building is above or below the radon Action Level can only be established by having the building tested. The PHE provides a radon testing service which can be accessed at www.ukradon.org or by telephone (01235 822622).

If you require further information or guidance, you should contact your local authority building control officer or approved inspector.

Radon Affected Area



% Homes estimated to be at or above the action level
0-1%
1-3%
3-5%
5-10%
10-30%
30-100%

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Is the property in a radon Affected Area as defined by Public Health England (PHE) and if so what percentage of homes are estimated to be above the Action Level? **NO**

Additional Information

THE PROPERTY IS IN AN AREA WHERE LESS THAN 1% OF HOMES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE AT OR ABOVE THE ACTION LEVEL. THE PROPERTY IS NOT IN A RADON AFFECTED AREA.

PHE recommends a radon 'Action Level' of 200 Becquerels per cubic metre of air (Bq m^{-3}) for the annual average of the radon gas concentration in a home. Where 1% or more of homes are estimated to exceed the Action Level the area should be regarded as a radon Affected Area.

This report informs you whether the property is in a radon Affected Area and the percentage of homes that are estimated to be at or above the radon Action Level at this location. Being in an Affected Area does not necessarily mean there is a radon problem in the property; the only way to find out whether the radon level is above or below the Action Level is to carry out a radon measurement.

PHE advises that radon gas should be measured in all properties within radon Affected Areas and that homes with radon levels above the Action Level (200 Bq m⁻³) should be remediated. Householders with levels between the Target Level (100 Bq m⁻³) and Action Level should seriously consider reducing their radon level, especially if they are at greater risk, such as if they are current or ex smokers. Whether or not a home is in fact above or below the Action Level or Target Level can only be established by having the building tested. PHE provides a validated radon testing service which can be accessed at www.ukradon.org.

The information in this report provides an answer to one of the standard legal enquiries on house purchase in England and Wales, known as Law Society CON29 Enquiries of the Local Authority (2016); 3.14 Radon Gas: Do records indicate that the property is in a "Radon Affected Area" as identified by PHE. The data can also be used to advise house buyers and sellers in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

If you are buying a new build property in a Radon Affected Area, you should ask the builder whether radon protective measures were incorporated in the construction of the property.

If you are buying a currently occupied property in a radon Affected Area, you should ask the present owner whether radon levels have been measured in the property. If they have, ask whether the results were above the radon Action Level and if so, whether remedial measures were installed; radon levels were re-tested, and if the results of re-testing confirmed the effectiveness of the measures.

Further information on radon is available from PHE at www.ukradon.org.

What is radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas, which is produced by the radioactive decay of radium which, in turn, is derived from the radioactive decay of uranium. Uranium is found in small quantities in all soils and rocks, although the amount varies from place to place. Radon released from rocks and soils is quickly diluted in the atmosphere. Concentrations in the open air are normally very low and do not present a hazard. Radon that enters enclosed spaces such as some buildings (particularly basements), caves, mines, and tunnels may reach high concentrations in some circumstances. The construction method and degree of ventilation will influence radon levels in individual buildings. A person's exposure to radon will also vary according to how particular buildings and spaces are used.

Inhalation of the radioactive decay products of radon gas increases the chance of developing lung cancer. If individuals are exposed to high concentrations for significant periods of time, there may be cause for concern. In order to limit the risk to individuals, the Government has adopted an Action Level for radon in homes of 200 becquerels per cubic metre (Bq m^{-3}). The Government advises householders that, where the radon level exceeds the Action Level, measures should be taken to reduce the concentration.

Radon in workplaces

The Ionising Radiation Regulations, 1999, require employers to take action when radon is present above a defined level in the workplace. Advice may be obtained from your local Health and Safety Executive Area Office or the Environmental Health Department of your local authority. The BRE publishes a guide (BR293): **Radon in the workplace**. BRE publications may be obtained from the BRE Bookshop, Tel: 01923 664262, email: bookshop@bre.co.uk website: www.brebookshop.com

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