



Homes  
England

Date: 07/02/2020

Our Ref: RFI2891

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Dear ██████████,

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2891**

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). For clarification, you requested the following information:

*Please can you provide details of the contamination survey(s) carried out on the ex-Pirbright Institute site, Compton West Berkshire.*

- *What contaminants were looked for.*
- *Where on the site were the checks, samples taken from – how many samples were taken.*
- *How the samples were checked for the contaminants you were looking for.*
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*I attended the drop in event in Compton yesterday – and I was told that you have already carried out surveys, and that no contaminants were found at this stage.*

**Response**

We can confirm that we do hold information that falls within the scope of your request. Please find attached the following Annexes:

Annex A – Phase 1 Geotechnical and Geo-environmental desk study report (divided into two parts due to file size)

Annex B – Ground Investigation Report (divided into three parts due to file size)

As you will note from the attached information, contaminants have been discovered at the site. We apologise that this was not made clear to you at the consultation event. Homes England are currently in the process of preparing a Remediation Strategy for the site that will accompany their planning application.

Please note that we have redacted information under Regulation 13 of the EIR:

**Regulation 13 – Personal Data**

We have redacted information on the grounds that it constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages Regulation 13 of the EIR.

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To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Regulation 13 is an absolute exception which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exception is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link;  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3391/regulation/13/made>

### **Right to Appeal**

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Access Team  
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Or by email to [foi@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:foi@homesengland.gov.uk)

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

**Information Access Team**  
For Homes England

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