

Appendix 7 – Site Walkover Checklist

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General site description/current site uses

Note activities being undertaken on the site:

Site access

Access is gained through via Dunmow Road through the club carpark. There is a side access off Manor Links.

Site boundary.

Speak to site owner/occupiers to confirm any site/adjacent site processes. Mark any processes on a plan or draw a sketch map.

Boundaries North, West both have overgrown woodland which is a barrier to private residential properties. Boundaries South, East both back onto parts of the main golf course.

Surface cover of site

(e.g. buildings, hardstanding, grass etc. Potential for surface water infiltration.)

- A massive area of flat grass land on driving range.
- large areas overgrown vegetation
- 70m² hard standing

Building and hardstanding materials

Details of materials (type and approximate quantities) that make up site buildings and hardstanding (take some photos).

no buildings

Visible evidence of contamination

Look for vegetation dieback, discoloured ground, seepage of odorous/discoloured liquid. Any evidence of gas protection measures (vent pipes/air bricks)

no visible areas of contamination

Take photos and mark them Comment using the blank sheet at the end of this form.

Look at the land adjacent to the site.

photos in Pile

Presence of vegetation and invasive weeds

Record presence condition of trees, plants and shrubs etc. Look for evidence of invasive weeds [Japanese Knotweed; Giant Hogweed; Himalayan Balsom on land and Australian swamp stonecrop; Parrot's feather and floating pennywort in surface water bodies].

- large areas of weeds but none of which seem to be invasive
- All trees, ~~and~~ plants and shrubs in good condition

Presence of wildlife

Record presence of nesting birds. Is the site within an area of ecological importance e.g. SSSI or National Park. Is Wildlife on-site protected in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and 1985

- Birds ~~also~~ were present in the surrounding trees
- Rabbits were spotted
- Burrows photographed

Presence of asbestos

Age of building, pipe lagging, ceiling tiles; brake pads; if evident what state of repair is it in? Has there been an asbestos survey undertaken on the site? Implications for redevelopment?

- None present

Presence of PCBs

(Polychlorinated biphenyls, production banned since 1979 but still may be present on-site as a transformer coolant in electrical components). Has there been a survey?

NONE

Storage of materials and old tanks

(Check for evidence of wastes and chemicals stored both above and below ground, mark location of storage areas on-site plan.) Are any above ground tanks bunded, what is the condition of the bund, any staining? Are there any underground storage tanks which have been decommissioned? Were they removed? Were they backfilled? Was any ground testing done at the time?

NONE

Services

Overhead or buried services? (overhead wires, sewers, gas main, petrol interceptors, where do drains discharge to?) Are service plans available on-site? Are any surface water drains in sensitive areas, e.g. by storage areas?

NONE

History of use

Cite evidence, conclusions and sources. There may be relevant street/house/locality or pub names within 250m of the site. Have a look.

Geology, hydrology, hydrogeology

Site geology

Describe any surface outcrops/exposures or exposures of soils/rocks in any areas of excavations, cuttings etc.

one area of excavation sandy soil present
may have been an old golf bunker.

Any previous investigations (ask on-site, e.g. when extensions built, when tanks excavated)

(contaminative or geotechnical.) Any previous audits, Environment Agency Pollution prevention audits.

Site topography

Flat, sloping etc. Are there any obvious discontinuities within the site or between the site and its neighbours. Any cuttings, embankments, mounds?

embankments to the Northern and Southern boundaries behind woodland.

Surface water bodies and courses

(Name, type, quality.)

No surface water

Hydrogeology

(e.g. wells, abstraction, seepages, aquifers.)

Any other relevant information

(Include information on any underground structures or on the presence of any trees.)

Site neighbours

Nature of surrounding land

(e.g. industrial, residential, commercial, SSSIs.)

North - Residential
East - ~~no~~ Golf course
South - Golf course
West - residential

Approximate distance to nearest properties

a) industrial b) residential: have there been any complaints? have these been resolved? Were the Local Authority involved? Was any enforcement action taken? c) commercial

Observations on neighbouring sites

(Note: e.g. spillages, apparent poor site management.)

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