

FOI Reference Number: FOI/246/1819

Date: 11 September 2018

Request:

1. Do you have specialist 'contaminated land officers' (CLO) employed within the Council? **YES NO** If answer is 'No' does the council engage 'independent specialist consultants' to advise council on sites.
2. With regard to Brownfield sites (including contaminated land sites), do the Council carry out routine site inspections to discharge planning conditions?
Yes / No
3. With regard to Brownfield sites (including contaminated land sites), what verification does the council rely upon to discharge planning conditions related to remediation of brownfield / contaminated land sites?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 13 August 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to contaminated land.

1. Do you have specialist 'contaminated land officers' (CLO) employed within the Council? **YES NO** If answer is 'No' does the council engage 'independent specialist consultants' to advise council on sites.
No CLO's are employed by Council. Legislation requiring the implementation of a contaminated land regime has not been implemented in NI.
2. With regard to Brownfield sites (including contaminated land sites), do the Council carry out routine site inspections to discharge planning conditions?
Yes / No
Yes.
3. With regard to Brownfield sites (including contaminated land sites), what verification does the council rely upon to discharge planning conditions related to remediation of brownfield / contaminated land sites?
Planning conditions are drafted to require a verification report to be submitted to Council. This report must describe all the remediation and monitoring works undertaken and must demonstrate the effectiveness of these works in managing and remediating all the risks posed by contamination.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/246/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.