

Blackamoor Lane Remediation Project

Issue 13

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Welcome to the last issue of the project Newsletter for 2010. Now the main excavation and infilling works are underway we expect 2011 to be a busy time and we hope this Newsletter continues to be a useful tool in keeping residents up to date with how the works are progressing.

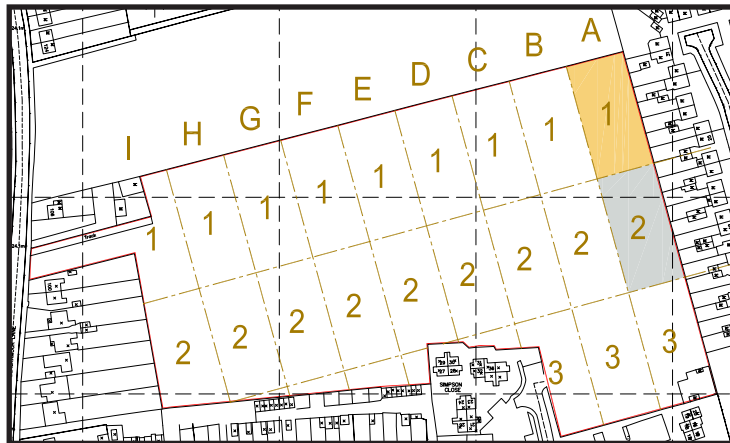
excavation & infilling works

In each month as the excavation and infilling works progress it is our intention to try and convey to residents how we are progressing through the grid cells.

To do this we will use the colour coded grid plan alongside.

We still aim to finish cell A1 by Christmas and then commence grid cell A2 when we start back on the 10th January. This will take the remainder of January to complete.

We will update the programme monthly to identify when we intend to start in each grid and how long we envisage being in each cell. The programme is available on the project website.



Key:

■ Cell completed

■ Remediation in progress

■ Next grid

monitoring

The results of the previous months monitoring are discussed in detail at the monthly meeting of the Council's residents' monitoring group.

We are sure that residents appreciate that the level of information is very detailed. However, we include a brief summary of the activities below.

There have been slightly increased levels of vapours on site coinciding with the commencement of the main works, which was expected. Overall however, the concentrations have been notably low.

There have been two minor breaches of the air quality criteria, both of which have been immediately investigated by RSK and were found to be isolated occurrences which represent no harm to residents.

Further information on the months monitoring can be found by accessing the project website; visiting the Information Centre to see one of our experts, or contacting members of the Council's monitoring group.

lorries

With the start of the main works comes the part of the project which will be most visible to residents. This is the lorries entering the highway network and using the temporary bridge across Town Moor to access the A4.

We began relatively conservatively with the daily number of lorries removing the stockpiles of Japanese knotweed and slurry wall excavations, totalling in the order of 40 outbound movements, to iron out any teething problems that may have occurred.



Lorry wheel washing

Since then we have gradually increased the number of lorries employed on the project and on one day during week commencing 6th December 2010 we achieved 100 outbound movements which is the maximum daily allowance set by the planning permission.

christmas period

The construction industry generally closes over the Christmas period, and the site will cease remediation and haulage activities on Wednesday 23rd December and start back on Monday 10th January 2011.

The last few days before the shutdown will see significant housekeeping activities to ensure the site is left clean, tidy and secure over the period. Whilst no significant work activities will take place over the period we will continue our monitoring and dewatering activities with real time information being collected, monitored and reviewed as normal.

There may be staff visitors from time to time over the period but this will not result in any significant activities.

Security will continue 24 hours a day with our regular security staff and CCTV covering all boundaries.

Our visitor centre will be closed from Tuesday 21st December and will reopen on Saturday 15th January 2011. During this period our 24 hour helpline will be available and answered by our security staff in the first instance.

information centre & drop box

The Information Centre and drop box (to receive residents written comments) are both located immediately to the right hand side of the main site entrance in Blackamoor Lane. The Information Centre is open 2-4pm on Mondays and 9-11am on Saturdays (subject to times detailed above in relation to the Christmas period).

24 hour helpline: 0845 2584164; RBWM: 01628 683800