

Blackamoor Lane Remediation Project

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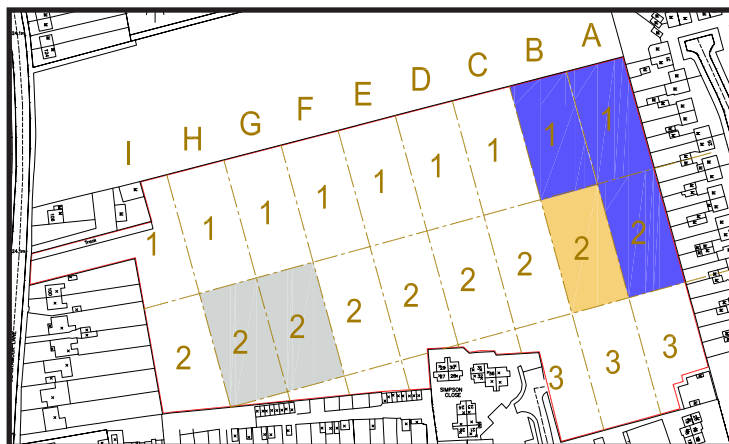


Welcome to Issue 16 of the project Newsletter. We hope that residents find the Newsletter valuable and informative now that the main excavation and infilling works are in their main phase.

excavation & infilling works

Progress since the publication of Issue 15 has been better than expected with the main excavation works now nearing completion of Grid Cell B2. This means excavation of the first four cells is nearly complete.

Backfilling has also commenced in Grid Cells A1, A2 and B1 where validation of the base and sides has taken place. Shortly backfilling will commence in B2 also. Backfilling and compaction testing will continue in these cells for the coming weeks.



Key:

	Cell completed		Backfilling
	Remediation in progress		Next grid

In terms of the order of excavation, we have been in discussion with the Residents Monitoring Group (and with the agreement with the Council) and are proposing a change in the sequencing of cells. It is now our intention to close the excavation face on the boundary of Grid Cells B1 / B2 and C1 / C2 and temporarily relocate the area of excavation to Grid Cells G2 / H2.

The reason for the change of sequencing follows concerns odours could be generated by the material to be excavated from Grid Cell C1. This is because similar material is expected in C1 to that which was excavated in A1 / B1.

We are therefore looking at implementing a revised system to suppress odours. The system will be similar to that which is utilised on the receiving landfill sites and will operate around 40 nozzles that will be set around three sides of the excavation on a supporting structure. This system would spray the area at a much closer proximity in order to suppress the odour at source.

We are developing the detail of this system in conjunction with the Council and after a temporary move to Grid Cells G2 / H2, we are hoping to re-commence the original sequence of excavation (Grid Cell C1) in the forthcoming weeks.

saturday working

Residents may recall in Issue 14 of the Newsletter we highlighted it was our intention to consider working on Saturday mornings as allowed under the terms of the Appeal decision.

We now confirm we will begin to work on Saturday mornings, commencing on Saturday 2nd April 2011.

At first this work will be limited to preparing the site in readiness for the week ahead, however we are permitted to run lorries on a Saturday morning, subject to similar restrictions as the weekday activities. These restrictions state no lorries can arrive at the site before 9am or enter or leave the site after 1pm.

The Appeal decision also limits the hours of on-site work on a Saturday from 8am to 1pm.

jenkinsons yard

Over the coming weeks we will be undertaking some preparatory works in the Jenkinsons Yard (south east) part of the site.

This is the part of the site where the contamination is at its greatest depth (up to 8.0 metres deep in places). The Grid Cells affected are Grid Cells A3 / B3 / C3 (see plan on front page).

We have already sheet piled the sides of this excavation and now need to reinforce the sheet piling with propping before reducing the ground level and removing the contaminated material.

We will be starting this work over the coming days, so residents can expect to see some activity in this part of the site.

late night lorries

Residents may have experienced mysterious late night lorry movements along Lower Cookham Road that were brought to our attention by the Council in the recent weeks.

We immediately confirmed to the Council these lorry movements were nothing to do with the remediation of the Blackamoor Lane site and that our operations continue to run strictly in compliance with the relevant control documents, which include the Appeal decision and the S106 Agreement.

Subsequent investigation has identified the source of the disruption as being the Council's contractors (Birse) who were removing tarmac from the Windsor and Eton Relief Road.

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 on Blackamoor Lane. The Information Centre is open 2-4pm on Mondays and 9-11am on Saturdays. Our experts will be on hand to answer any queries that local residents may have.

24 hour helpline: 0845 2584164; RBWM: 01628 683800