

Ref: EIR / 5760

17<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **Environmental Information Regulations Request - Contaminated Land Sites**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

### **Could the council please clarify:**

#### **1. What policy it has developed or relies on in any efforts it is involved with to identify, inspect, remediate or in any other conceivable way(s) manage contaminated land sites?**

There are no current policies developed which specifically help identify, inspect, remediate, & manage contaminated land sites. This is similarly the case across all NI Councils.

The Planning Application process is currently in place which requires the Planning Authorities to consult with NIEA and Environmental Health departments when development proposals involve potentially contaminated land.

It remains the responsibility of the developer to undertake and demonstrate that the works have been effective in managing all risks.

Details on site specific contaminated land matters including reports, consultee comments etc can be obtained from the Northern Ireland Planning Portal.

#### **2. How many contaminated land sites the council has identified and inspected per year since it was established 2016? Please provide an annual breakdown, including details of sites identified and inspected as well as any findings arising from this work.**

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The Council does not hold any such specific data. The requirement to develop a contaminated Public Register is not yet a legal requirement in Northern Ireland.

**3. How many contaminated land sites (both historical and current/presently operational) the council is aware of within the local authority area?**

The Council does not hold any such specific data. The requirement to develop a contaminated Public Register is not yet a legal requirement in Northern Ireland.

**4. Details of any work to manage or remediate the sites and annual expenditure on the same? This might include inspection or assessment risk reports.**

The Environmental Health Service has contacted the relevant Council department to request any such data it holds in relation to Council owned assets and will provide this as soon as it is provided.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN  
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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