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**DC/23/02326. Land Contamination.**

**Land East Of, Pettaugh Lane, Gosbeck, IPSWICH, Suffolk**

**Planning application - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use, including erection of associated stable block and construction of manège.**

Having reviewed the application I can confirm that I have no objection to the proposed development from the perspective of land contamination. I would only request that the LPA are contacted in the event of unexpected ground conditions being encountered during construction and that the below minimum precautions are undertaken until such time as the LPA responds to the notification. I would also advise that the developer is made aware that the responsibility for the safe development of the site lies with them.

For details regarding how Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils approaches Land Contamination, including templates for planning submissions, please view our website at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/environment/contaminated-land/>

For the purposes of clarity these comments **only** relate to matters of Land Contamination.

Regards

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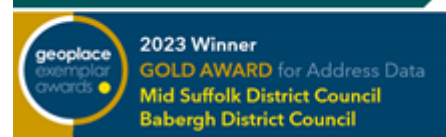
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**Minimum requirements for dealing with unexpected ground conditions being encountered during construction.**

1. All site works at the position of the suspected contamination will stop and the Local Planning Authority and Environmental Health Department will be notified as a matter of urgency.
2. A suitably trained geo-environmental engineer should assess the visual and olfactory observations of the ground and the extent of contamination and the Client and the Local Authority should be informed of the discovery.
3. The suspected contaminated material will be investigated and tested appropriately in accordance with assessed risks. The investigation works will be carried out in the presence of a suitably qualified geo-environmental engineer. The investigation works will involve the collection of solid samples for testing and, using visual and olfactory observations of the ground, delineate the area over which contaminated materials are present.
4. The unexpected contaminated material will either be left in situ or be stockpiled (except if suspected to be asbestos) whilst testing is carried out and suitable assessments completed to determine whether the material can be re-used on site or requires disposal as appropriate.
5. The testing suite will be determined by the independent geo-environmental specialist based on visual and olfactory observations.
6. Test results will be compared against current assessment criteria suitable for the future use of the area of the site affected.
7. Where the material is left in situ awaiting results, it will either be reburied or covered with plastic sheeting.
8. Where the potentially contaminated material is to be temporarily stockpiled, it will be placed either on a prepared surface of clay, or on 2000-gauge Visqueen sheeting (or other impermeable surface) and covered to prevent dust and odour emissions.
9. Any areas where unexpected visual or olfactory ground contamination is identified will be surveyed and testing results incorporated into a Verification Report.
10. A photographic record will be made of relevant observations.
11. The results of the investigation and testing of any suspect unexpected contamination will be used to determine the relevant actions. After consultation with the Local Authority, materials should either be:
  - re-used in areas where test results indicate that it meets compliance targets so it can be re-used without treatment;
  - treatment of material on site to meet compliance targets so it can be re-used;
  - removal from site to a suitably licensed landfill or permitted treatment facility.
12. A Verification Report will be produced for the work.