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DISCOVERY STRATEGY CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

SITE: Land Adjacent to Brandet House, Brenzett, Romney Marsh, TN29 9UG

INTRODUCTION

The above site is currently undergoing ground remediation work as part of the construction of the proposed 6 No. residential properties with associated gardens and parking. A Discovery Strategy is to be implemented on site to provide workers with a protocol to follow in the event that previously unidentified potential ground contamination is encountered during the works.

Its purpose is to define the process to be undertaken on site in the event that previously unidentified pockets of ground or water contamination or suspicious objects (e.g. cement bonded asbestos sheeting fragments) are discovered during the redevelopment of the site. Should suspected evidence of contamination be identified then additional separate assessment should be conducted by an Environmental Consultant. It is intended to be understood and followed by all on-site workers and for all new site workers to be made aware of the procedure.

HOW TO IDENTIFY POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

- Looks / colours – e.g black or bright colours such as blue, green, yellow, purple, pink, grey, oily or has an iridescent sheen
- Odours / smells – e.g. has an oil, fuel or solvent type of odour
- Man made fragments – e.g. paint or oil tins, cans or drums, car parts, bottles, glass, metal, rubber or rubbish fragments
- Ground contains foreign fragments of cement bonded (potential asbestos) sheeting, coal/coke, clinker, ash
- Subsurface structures / vessels, concrete or metal e.g. oil or asbestos filled pits or tanks, walls, metal pipes and sandbags

(N.B. These are examples only – This list is not exhaustive. If in any doubt then ask the Environmental Consultant)

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PROCEDURE

If during the redevelopment work, any visibly contaminated or odourous material is found to be present at the site, it must be investigated further by an Environmental Consultant, the Local Planning Authority must be informed immediately of the nature and degree of contamination present and a method statement detailing how the unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with must be prepared and submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing before being implemented.

On the discovery of any suspicious material or buried structures during the redevelopment of the site, the following procedure should be followed:

- Site Personnel to immediately inform Client / Site Manager. Do not investigate it yourself.
- Client / Site Manager to inspect and confirm the observations of potentially contaminated material and will inform Sevenoaks Environmental Consultancy Ltd. The area will be cordoned off and work will cease in the vicinity.
- Sevenoaks Environmental Consultancy Limited will attend site to inspect and sample the material in question for laboratory testing to evaluate if the material in question has been reported on previously and will attempt to quantify the extent and volume of any potential contamination if not.
- The Environmental Health Officer at the Council will then be notified that contaminated material which has not been found previously has been encountered and provided details for the recommended approach to mitigate potential risks.

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