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Dear

Thank you for requesting information about 187 Grindle Road Coventry, which the Council received on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I have undertaken a review of our historical maps back to 1888, geological and hydrological maps, reviewed the planning history for the site and searched records held by Environmental Protection and have endeavoured to answer all the questions you have submitted along with some additional information.

Your request stated:

- 1. I'm thinking of buying a flat in CV6 6DS and the bank survey mentioned it is believed to be on/near contaminated land is there a report I can get to find out about this contamination?**

The historical maps show the following:

- 1888: site is located between Coventry Canal and Coventry – Nuneaton railway line
- 1903: No significant changes
- 1925: Foleshill gas works to Western side of railway
- 1936: Gas works has expanded, railway sidings have appeared on eastern side of railway line. Excavated area appears to east
- 1951: Coal Loading stage marked on map, excavations to East related to cement works have expanded

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- 1971: Engineering works has replaced coal landing stage. Large warehouse has appeared on NW side of railway

British Geological Society Maps shows the area of the former industrial works as being 'made ground' i.e. filled ground. There is no indication that this area has been used for licensed land fill with domestic waste.

The records held by Environmental Protection Department indicate that the area of 187 Grindle Road is number 96 on our list of 2685 potentially contaminated sites. There are other potentially contaminated sites in the immediate area, please see below for further details.

**Site No 96 (Flats including 187 Grindle Road):**

Records on the council's planning portal indicate that planning permission for a residential development was granted c.2000 under planning ref R/1999/0624. Planning conditions 11 and 12 related to a contamination and ground gas investigation. The reports were completed and are available on the planning portal:

<http://planning.coventry.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet>

The Environmental Protection Department cannot find any records relating to the discharge of these conditions, other than an email from the Head of Planning stating that Environmental Services were satisfied with the remediation proposals for the site which is available under planning reference R/2001/4953. For more information please contact the Planning Department at [planning@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:planning@coventry.gov.uk).

As this site has been dealt with under the planning regime we have no plans to investigate this site at present under Part IIa of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and consider the potential for contamination to be low.

**Site No 24 of 2685 (Foleshill Gas Works):**

This site now forms the Coventry Arena Park including the Ricoh Arena. This site was investigated and remediated under the planning application for the redevelopment in the early 2000's.

As this site has been dealt with under the planning regime the Environmental Protection Department have no plans to investigate this site at present under Part IIa of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and consider the potential for contamination to be low.

**Site No 25 of 2685 (Excavated ground East of canal assoc with cement works):**

This site now forms public open space. The Environmental Protection Department hold no records of what materials were used to infill this site. Based on it's current use as open space and the lack of information that the Departments holds, the site has a relatively high ranking in our list of potentially contaminated sites. Whilst the Council has no immediate plans to investigate this site at present it is likely that this site will be investigated in the future.

**Site No 26 (Industrial estate Stonebrook Way):**

The Council holds no records of and has no plans to investigate this area and based on it's current use as an industrial estate it is considered to be low risk.

**Site No 29 (Cement works):**

Part of this site falls under planning reference R/1999/0624. The Council has also undertaken some limited investigated this site under its Contaminated Land Strategy in 2007. Concentrations of contaminants were found to be acceptable and residents were informed of this outcome. The Council has no plans to undertake any further investigation of this site.

**Site No 78 (Railway):**

The Council holds no records of and has no plans to investigate the railway embankment and as such it is considered to be low risk.

**Site No 395 (Warehouse, west of railway):**

The Council holds no information on this site. Given its ranking and current use the site is consider to be of low risk and the council has no plans to undertake a site investigation.

**Summary**

187 Grindle Rd and the surrounding area were subject to potentially contaminative historical uses. A site investigation was carried out on site No 96 and the conditions relating to contamination and ground gases were seemingly discharged after remediation standards were agreed as being suited to residential use.

As such the site has not been declared as contaminated under Part IIa and the Council has no plans to undertake any further investigation on this site.

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Yours sincerely

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