

**St Helens Council
Environmental Health Division
Planning Consultation
Response - Contaminated Land Section**

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Proposals: see text

Our Ref: 035446

Location: South of M62 Bold St Helens

Jenny,

Further to my previous consultation response of 18th February the consultants have issued a revised version of the Ground Gas Assessment (21 February 2020 Revision 01).

The report now acknowledges that the significantly elevated flow rates are related to barometric pumping. The consultants have assessed that the recorded clay thickness (between 7-14m) will inhibit any carbon dioxide from migrating to the surface. They have also included a recommendation to decommission the deep boreholes within the sandstone. I am in agreement with these conclusions but would recommend the following condition;

Condition

Prior to the commencement of development:

A strategy for the decommissioning of deep boreholes within the sandstone bedrock shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The strategy shall include a verification methodology.

Prior to occupation/ commencement of use:

A verification report which confirms the successful decommissioning of boreholes in accordance with the agreed strategy shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Regards,
Christopher Culley
Contaminated Land Officer

**Environmental Protection Department
Environmental Health and Trading Standards Division**

