

Progress Update – Week Ending 12th January 2018

Mound removal works continued this week and included the following activities:

- Screening and pre-treatment of soils working from the rear and in towards the sides (adjacent to the playing field and the railway tracks) back towards Bridge Street. This included physical screening and segregation of asbestos fragments.
- Waste removal continued, included loading and haulage of soils from the Site for disposal at the designated waste disposal sites.
- Site welfare cabins have been retained on the Bridge Street boundary. The decision was made to retain them at that location due to wet conditions observed at the base of the Mound.

This week approximately 900 tonnes of material will be removed from site. The total volume of materials removed from the Mound to date is approximately 5,550 tonnes. This is approximately 80% of the expected volume.

No notable historical items were encountered during the works this week other than glass bottles, tin tableware and other such waste materials.

Health, Safety and Environmental Matters

No health, safety or environmental incidents were reported this week.

Continuous asbestos fibre monitoring is being undertaken at the site boundary and on personnel working within the site. No readings exceeding the trigger value of 0.01 fibre / cm³ have been recorded.

Continuous oversight of the works is being provided by an Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) engineer to ensure that any potential UXO finds are identified and managed safely. This is a critical level of oversight in the project given the recent history of live ordnance being encountered and the nature of the military artefacts encountered to date. No suspected UXO items have been encountered this week.

Future Works

In this forthcoming week, the works will continue to excavate and process materials that form the mound. Processed materials will be stockpiled on site prior to removal via tipper. It is expected that the majority of waste materials will be removed by the end of the week, although final progress may be constrained by accessibility and working arrangements around the slope from playing field level to Bridge Street.

TRC will commence validation sampling of soils that are now at the exposed surface level. The sampling will comprise collection of representative soil samples on a grid formation across the site area. These samples will be subject to environmental laboratory testing to demonstrate that they do not contain contamination that could present a future risk or liability.



Photo 1: View of the Site from the top of the mound.

Photo 2: View of progress at the back of mound excavation



Photo 3: View of the clearance of the back and side of the mound.



Photo 4. Tin cup artefact encountered within the mound.