

Progress Update – Week Ending 26th January 2018

Site operations continued this week with the removal of a final volume of approximately 200tonnes of waste soil that was remaining from the previous week of operation. This material had been screened and processed last week, but could not be removed last Friday afternoon due to transport delays.

Validation sampling and testing of soils beneath the former mound are complete. The laboratory testing results confirm that there is no asbestos present within the underlying soils and that the materials do not present a risk to future site users.

Reinstatement works have commenced and welfare and storage containers have been removed from site to create space for reinstatement. The works comprise grading of the site area where possible to create an approximately level area. However, it is noted that there are elevation changes between the mound area and adjacent playing fields and children's play park. The level changes are being softened as far as practical.

Clean topsoil has been imported. This material will be laid as an approximate 150mm layer across the site and will be seeded to restore a natural grassed finish. The placement of topsoil has been delayed by poor weather conditions and high rainfall observed this week. Delivery of topsoil was suspended on Wednesday due to waterlogging and high rainfall.

Health, Safety and Environmental Matters

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

There is no further requirement for asbestos monitoring as all asbestos wastes have been removed from the soils. Similarly, there is no further UXO oversight as the waste removal works are now complete.

Future Works

Topsoil will be imported and the site area will be restored. Weather permitting it is expected that the reinstatement works will be completed next week and the final plant will be demobilised.

Upon completion, the topsoil will be treated via hydroseeding. This will comprise spray application of a grass seed, binder and nutrient mixture to ensure that the site grasses in the spring.

Off-site, remedial works will be carried out on grass verges and kerb lines where construction traffic has caused rutting and damage during the works.



Photo 1. View of the cleared site back to bridge street.



Photo 2. View of the cleared site back to bridge street.



Photo 3. Clean imported top soil to be levelled over the site.



Photo 4. View waterlogging during high rainfall on Tuesday (24th) and Wednesday (25th)