

Progress Update – Week Ending 8th Dec 2017

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

- Screening and pre-treatment of soils working from the rear (adjacent to the playing field) 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.

This week approximately 1,000 tonnes of material will be removed from site. The total volume of materials removed from the Mound to date is approximately 1,500 tonnes. This is approximately 25% of the expected volume.

A query was raised by a local resident regarding the disposal location for the wastes. The wastes are being removed for disposal in Environment Agency licensed and regulated landfills located at Rushton and Witcham Meads landfills.

During the works various historical artefacts were recovered from the soils. These include military artefacts: including a hilt of a sword, a gas mask as well as seven replica anti-tank mines and one training German S anti-personnel mine, as well as an array of glass bottles. The mines are suspected to be training devices and were not live.

The artefacts are currently in storage and will be logged in an inventory. Safe items will be given to the council for use in local history archives. Any items that are considered hazardous will be handed over to the Ministry of Defence for safe disposal.

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. As noted above, the suspected UXO items found were suspected to be training items.

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.



Photo 1: Restoration works in progress.



Photo 2: On site view of asbestos containing materials being segregated



Photo 3: Warning sign.



Photo 4. Gas mask.



Photo 5. Suspected bayonet handle.



Photo 6. Ammunition magazine (empty) suspected to be from a Bren Light Machine Gun



Photo 7: Replica anti-tank mines. Suspected training aids constructed from concrete.



Photo 8: German S-type anti-personnel mine. Suspected training aid.