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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

FOI Reference: **FOI 895**

Date request received **16/02/2022**

Date information is due to be sent **17/02/2022**

Information Requested:

I WOULD REQUEST THE FOLLOWING PLEASE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH WALES IN SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENTS OF GLYNNEATH WHOM I REPRESENT

1. All communication with public officials from the following organisations be recorded, for example face to face (video recorded), telephone (recorded), email, written letter etc. (Glynneath Town Council, NPTCBC & NRW) and made available for public scrutiny.
2. Public Health Wales allow myself and my team (to include 2 chemistry PhD academics and a Health and Safety specialist) to scrutinise any communication or information provided to PHW by NPTCBC and NRW prior to including such information in a final report.
3. PHW copy us into any relevant communication with NPTCBC & NRW.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request dated 16th February 2022.

Please see our response provided by our Environmental Public Health Service (their ref A7KR2824).

We apologise for the delay in responding to you. Our assessment relied on information that the local authority needed to provide.

We understand that the site is not listed on Neath Port Talbot's (NPT) prioritised sites of potential concern for inspection under their Contaminated Land Inspection

Strategy. NPT did not identify any historical use of the land that could have given rise to contamination and have not received any reliable evidence to change their view since.

We understand that the site is designated for housing development and that routine contaminated land risk assessments have been requested through the planning process. Such assessments determine whether the site is suitable for residential use and identify any remediation that may be needed. Public Health Wales supports such assessments, and will, if requested by the local authority, provide an independent opinion on them.

We are aware that sites like this can cause concerns and that sometimes people ask that health investigations are carried out. We have attached our advice note which explains why such investigations can be really difficult, especially in small areas or over short time periods.



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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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