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Application to determine if prior approval is required for the installation of 1 fibre optic pole (9 metres in height) as part of the upgrade of the fibre optic infrastructure off the A5086

Thank you for the above planning consultation.

The site is within the footprint of the former Clints Quarry, used for the extraction of agricultural lime, and which is marked on Council mapping as being land that is potentially contaminated as laid out in Part 2A Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The quarry was in use until around 1930 and has since become naturally regenerated with rich flora and fauna and is now a designated SSSI.

Its past industrial use is likely to cause the local soil material to be of high alkalinity when exposed in trench excavation, and there may be hotspots of further contamination from fuel oil spills etc from machinery.

Contamination can become mobilised in airborne dust and in leachate / surface water run-off. The Construction Materials Management Plan and the Pollution Prevention Plan do account for this.

The proposed development is also minor in scale, and has community benefits.

Environmental Health are therefore satisfied that this proposed development can be approved with the safeguards against pollution and contamination in place.

We would add that soils with high alkalinity can erode concrete and cement and metal in pipework / cables.

The use of alkaline-resistant cement and concrete and of plastic HDPE / PP pipes and cables is recommended for services and foundations below ground level.

Planners may wish to consider if conditions for unexpected contamination and construction working hours are necessary if approval were to be granted.

Regards

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