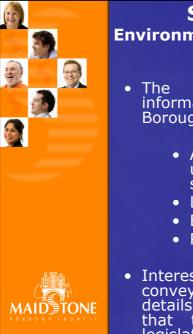


Regeneration and Sustainable Communities overview and scrutiny Committee meeting :

Contaminated Land Strategy

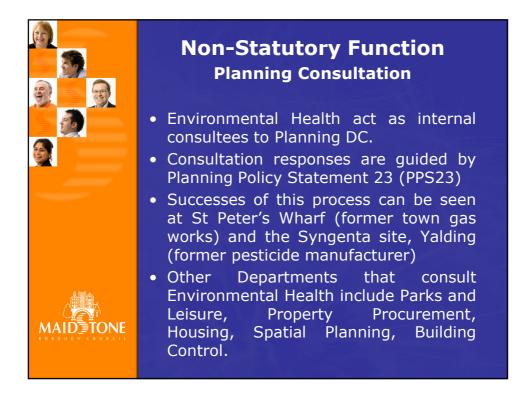
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Statutory Function Environmental Information Regulations (2004)

- The Council holds environmental information on areas of land across the Borough for a range of reasons:
 - As part of it's statutory function under Part IIA EPA 1990 related to sites of potential concern.
 - Land it owns or has owned
 - Building control records
 - Planning application records
- Interested parties, e.g. during a conveyancing process, can request details of Environmental information that the Council has through this legislation.





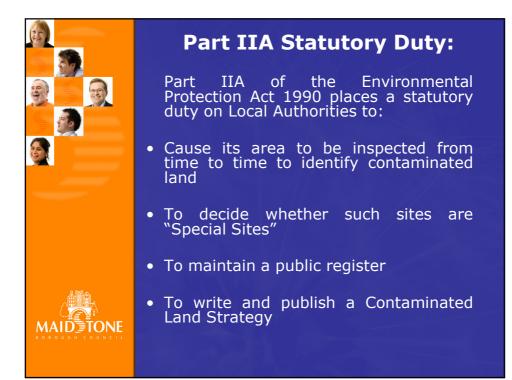
The Contaminated Land Strategy Key Aims

• The Strategy must clearly set out a Council's approach to dealing with potentially grossly contaminated sites which may trigger investigation under Part IIA EPA 1990.

Definition of contaminated land:

"any land which appears to the local authority in whose area it is situated to be in such a condition, by reason of substances in, on or under the land, that – a) Significant harm is being caused, or there is a significant possibility of such harm being caused; or b) Pollution of controlled water is being, or is likely to be caused."

Provide a guide to the authority on all aspects relating to contamination to ensure continuity of approach across overlapping regimes.





Secretary of State Guidance

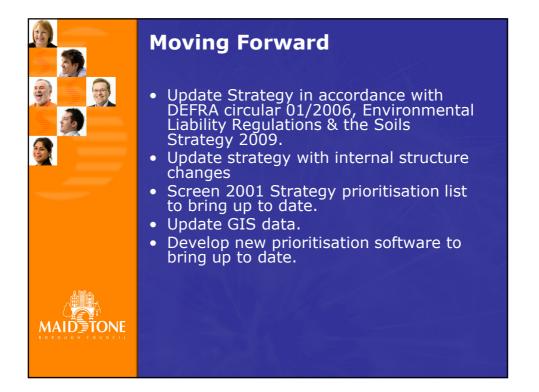
- The strategy should be written in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary of State; It should be:
 - transparent and consistent
 - rational, ordered and efficient
 - proportionate to the seriousness of the risk
 - seeking to ensure that the most serious and pressing problems are located first
 - ensuring resources are concentrated on areas most likely to contain contaminated land
 - ensuring requirements for detailed inspection are identified



2001 Strategy – Key Elements

- Written to comply with statutory duty and secretary of state guidance
- It provided a framework which detailed how the Council would identify, prioritise and remediate potentially grossly contaminated sites that may fall into the Part IIA definition of contaminated land
- It provided guidance on how the council would manage contamination through the planning process
- It provided guidance on partnership working with the Environment Agency
- It provided guidance on how the council would manage it's own assets

	Progress Since 2001
	 Formally determined Furfield Quarry as "Contaminated Land" in 2002. Remediation of site secured through Planning process.
	 Secured 220 Contaminated Land conditions on developments in the Borough between 2001 and today.
	 Secured £13K grant funding from DEFRA Capital grants scheme for Meades Close site investigation 2003/04.
	 Provided approximately 580 Environmental Information Regulation requests.
▲ 圖龠.	 Secured range of improvements to LA owned or managed landfills.
MAID	 Landfill gas monitoring carried out around LA owned/managed sites.
BOROUGH COUNCIL	 Managed BVPI 216a&b databases during and after it was discredited in 2007.



	Action Plan
	 Re-draft Strategy incorporating changes (Jan 2010) Submit draft strategy to Management team (Jan 2010)
	 Submit draft strategy to scrutiny (Jan 2010) Send draft strategy for external consultation (minimum of 6/8 weeks) (Feb 2010)
	 Preliminary work updating GIS data polygonising post 1945 source data Screening of source data points to ensure up to date
MAID	 (March 2010) Upgrade prioritisation software to CONSEPT by BGS in accordance with 2009 Strategy (April 2010)
BOROUGH COUNCIL	 Publish Updated Contaminated Land Strategy (April 2010)