

Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan Issues & Options

Summary of Responses

Chapter 5B: Contaminated land & demolition

There were a total of 3 responses to this chapter (5B). These consisted of 3 general comments on the chapter (5B) and 0 responses to the question (there were no questions attached to this section).

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National Agencies

The Environment Agency confirmed that the site contains a number of contaminants. It noted that The Bowl area was licensed as an inert landfill to dispose primarily of cement kiln dust, which could have impacts on the pH of the River Adur and surrounding water if it cannot be removed from site or treated on site. Other options include capping. There is the potential for contaminated land to be present across large parts of the site which will require site investigation and remediation as part of any redevelopment works. Groundwater in the underlying chalk aquifer may also have been impacted by contamination and require investigation and/or remediation. The AAP also highlights the presence of the Shoreham historic landfill. The EA records indicate this was infilled with cement works waste. Given the historic uses of the site, there is the potential for other previously unknown areas of infilled land to be present in addition to this historic landfill.

Other Organisations

The **Sussex Ornithological Society** makes reference to the CGL report and the costs of making the site good so that it can be developed. It states that The Bowl was used as a waste site by Blue Circle and no one is really sure what lies beneath the top soil there. Remediation costs are therefore quite uncertain, and the estimate of £7.1m to £7.3m assumes no groundwater treatment will be necessary. The Society queries the how accurate the costs are.

Individuals

One individual/member of the public queried what the responsibilities are of the site owners for the safety of its existing buildings. They also query why should these issues impact upon public money and the integrity of a national park.