

EDIR 36945 response

Arup are currently undertaking a Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Desk Study for a site located in the City of Edinburgh as shown on the below image with the red line boundary (NT 26760 72553). We would be grateful if you could supply any information relating to environmental issues. Specifically, we would be interested in the following:

Information on known waste disposal facilities inside and within 500m of the site boundary.

No information is held concerning waste disposal facilities located on or within 500m of the site of interest.

Details of any known contaminated sites or potentially polluting incidents inside or within 1km of the site boundary, which may impact on the site.

No information is held which relates to any incidents inside or within 1km of the site of interest. It is known however, that the site was previously occupied by the Parkside Works and a tank, the purpose of which is not known, was also shown on historical mapping. The Park Brewery and the St Leonards Station and Coal Depot were located offsite to the west of the site.

Details of any known above or below ground fuel tanks.

We have searched through the records for both current and derelict petroleum stores based on the information that you have provided to the Department. We have been unable to locate any information in the zone outlined in the map provided, regarding the current or derelict petroleum tanks for the Scottish Widows site at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh.

Any sensitive receptors within 500m of the site boundary. i.e. SSSI

Arthurs Seat Volcano SSSI is located around 60m to the north of the site and Duddingston Loch SSSI is located around 500m to the east of the site.

Details of known groundwater and surface water regime (abstraction, discharges, use, sensitivity, quality, known pollution incidents) inside and within 500m of the site boundary.

No information is held relating to groundwater abstractions or discharges at or within 500m of the site. Please note however that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) regulate the water environment and therefore information about this should be sought from SEPA. SEPA can be contacted at Sylvan House, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 7AT.

Details of any other known incidents of environmental concern (i.e. non-compliance associated with any authorisations).

Complaints have been received in the past in relation to fumes from the emergency diesel generator which serves the Scottish Widows Building. Complaints were also received in relation to noise from deliveries/collections and a tannoy system and about light nuisance. No formal action was necessary in relation to any of these complaints. No information is held in relation to compliance with authorisations/permits which are regulated by SEPA and

therefore information would be held by that agency. Contact details for SEPA have been provided above.

Previous geotechnical and geo-environmental investigations.

No information is held concerning geotechnical or geo-environmental investigations concerning the site of interest.