

Appendix B

High Hazard Site Data	Number	Issue	Comments
Sites currently under investigation using funding from Defra Grant	3	The contaminated land officer team are currently investigating three contaminated land sites, two privately owned and one former land fill site using funds from Defra. This work includes a former gasworks site in Swaffham with residential properties built on part of the site. As an example of the costs involved, the intrusive investigation in this site has cost £35,000 funded by Defra grant.	These investigations will produce reports allowing for the council to determine if the sites are contaminated under the regulations. Legal notices would be the next part of the process requiring the owners or the polluter to clean up the site as appropriate. The council would not be liable for any further costs unless the notices are not complied with and the council believes it is in the public benefit to take legal action or carry out works in default.
Private / Council owned land where the past use may have implications for remediation by Breckland Council. (this applies to privately owned land where either Breckland or its predecessors may have been involved with waste disposals on this land)	3	Preliminary assessment of these sites has discovered that the information supplied to the Council by the Environment Agency was incorrect. As such the potential hazard posed by the sites has been reassessed	The potential Hazard/Risk rating for these sites have been downgraded to such an extent that in two of the cases there is not considered to be any need for further assessment, and the last should be assessed further at a later stage, but is not of immediate concern
Private land with no obvious direct Council responsibility but with action being taken to investigate them	5	These sites are potentially being dealt with through the planning process	Subject to the investigations and sites being satisfactorily remediated as necessary through the development process these sites would potentially be removed or downgraded within the categorisation list. Officers would be involved with reviewing the investigation and remediation work proposals through the planning process.
Private land with no obvious direct Council responsibility or action being taken to actively investigate them	9	If the Council adopts the new inspection strategy the Council would only be liable to undertake investigations sufficient to ascertain if a potential risk to human health	Following the investigations, if a risk was found to exist the onus to remediate the site would rest with the original polluter (if they

		exists. Where preliminary assessment identify the need for further investigation details of the site in question would be reported to members and how they wish to proceed. The intention would be to apply to Defra for grant aid to cover the investigation costs.	are known) or the land owner. The council would not be liable for any further costs unless the notices are not complied with and the council believes it is in the public benefit to take legal action or carry out works in default.
Total Number of sites in Councils High Potential Hazard Category	20		