

GLYNNEATH RESIDENTS AGAINST CONTAMINATION

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Dear Councillor,

I refer to Councillor Knoyle's reply to our request on 19/7/2021 for an information update in relation to the planning application P2021/0546 at the Heol y Glyn development . Councillor Knoyle has implied that our letter contains misinformation, however if we refer to the council website and we search for the planning application reference P2021/0546, we will see that the information we provided to the councillors is contained on the council's website. The only addition we have made to this information is to add the date 2020 in large font to distinguish the contamination to that previously identified in 2008. Other information we have provided, for example, information about how harmful the chemicals are that can be currently found at the site, is taken from scientific peer reviewed papers from leading educational and government institutions on-line. If the councillors believe any of this to be misinformation then you should specify what information they believe to be untrue. The information provided by us in our last communication which follows was simple and to the point:

"According to the Neath-Port Talbot Council website, new plans have been put in by Enzo and the land has been tested and found to be contaminated with 6 different chemicals up to 9 times the safety guidelines.

The squares highlighted in red on the image show the instances of contamination. Our group are concerned that the majority of contaminants seem to be in the top layer of the soil which could potentially affect the residents close by."

Councillor Knoyle has not referred to this contamination in his reply which is concerning. The information is available as can be seen on the council's website and has been supplied by Enzo Homes. We are also concerned that Terra Firma, the company who have submitted this information to Enzo have not included a risk assessment for human health, for the contamination as they did in 2008.

If we refer to the Neath-Port Talbot Council's most recent Contaminated Land Strategy in 2015 we will see that the categorisation of the contamination at the site is required in accordance with statutory guidance. We would urge both councillors please to prioritise the provision of a risk assessment in relation to the current contamination and to provide a categorisation of the contamination. This is extremely important as the main contaminant to found at the site is Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, it is a mutagen and is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen as can be seen on the US National Library of Medicine website.

Yours faithfully

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