



## Environmental Risk PASSED

### Professional Opinion

RPS Consultants have passed this report in accordance with the definition of contaminated land within Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Please refer to the Professional Opinion page and Section 1 for further information.



## Flood Risk: None Identified

Refer to Section 2 for further information

### Conveyancer Guidance

While this report may have identified areas at risk of flooding on or within 250m of the subject property, the extent and frequency of these potential flood events present a low risk. Please refer to Section 2 for further information.



## Radon: IDENTIFIED

Refer to Section 3 for further information



## Ground Stability: IDENTIFIED

Refer to Section 4 for further information



## Other Influential Factors:

Refer to Section 5 for further information

Environmental Constraints: None Identified

See Section 5a

Report issued for the property at  
**Sample Site**

Report Reference  
**48806217\_1\_1**

National Grid Reference  
**491040 106950**

Customer Reference  
**HCP Passed Sample\_HCP**

Report Date  
**31 August 2013**

Requested by  
**Landmark Po Sample Account  
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Devon  
EX2 7HY**

### Contact Details

If you require assistance please contact your Search Provider or phone Customer Services on 0844 844 9966 or email [helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk)

### Peace of Mind Guarantee

This report benefits from a Remediation Contribution of up to £60,000 (Excess Free) which will come into effect if the report recipient is served with a Remediation Notice by the Local Authority. Such a notice forces the homeowner to contribute to the costs of remediating the site.



# Professional Opinion

## Environmental Risk

# PASSED

In the professional opinion of RPS Consultants, the level of environmental risk associated with the information disclosed in the Homecheck Professional report dated 31st August 2013 and reference 48806217\_1\_1, HCP Passed Sample\_HCP for

### Sample Site

1) is not such that the property would be designated "contaminated land" within the meaning of Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

2) is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the security of the property for normal lending purposes.

The professional opinion refers to Section 1 of this report and should always be read in conjunction with the full text of that report. No physical site inspection or survey has been carried out or is proposed.

A 'Guide to the RPS Environmental Risk Certificate' can be found at the back of the report.

Approved by

**RPS Environmental Risk Team**

## Contents and Summary of Findings



Site Location



Section 1: Environmental Risk Findings

Environmental Risk	0-25m	25-250m	250-500m	See Section
<b>Designated Contaminated Land</b>	No	No	No	1a
<b>Landfill and Waste</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	No	1b
<b>Potentially Contaminative Activities</b>	No	No	No	1c
<b>Known Pollution Incidents</b>	No	No	No	1d
<b>Other Potential Contaminative Land Uses</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	n/a	1e



Section 2: Flood Findings

Flood	0-25m	25-250m	See Section
<b>River Flooding</b>	No	No	2a
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>	No	No	2b
<b>Surface Water Flooding</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	2c



Section 3: Radon Findings

Radon	Result	See Section
<b>Radon Affected Property</b>	<b>Yes</b>	3



Section 4: Ground Stability Findings

Ground Stability	Result	See Section
<b>Man-Made Factors</b>	No	4a
<b>Natural Factors</b>	<b>Yes</b>	4b



Section 5: Other Influential Factors

Other Influential Factors	Result	See Section
<b>Environmental Constraints</b>	No	5a



## Site Location



## Aerial Photograph

The photograph below shows the location of the site to which this report relates.



# Location Map

The map below shows the location of the site to which this report relates.





## Section 1: Environmental Risk Findings

The whole of section 1 deals with potential sources of contamination and provides the information by which this report has either been passed or referred for assessment.



### Section 1a and 1b: Information Map

The map detailed below shows the location of the Designated Contaminated Land and Landfill and Waste features highlighted within sections 1a and 1b of this report.



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#### Section 1a

- Contaminated Land Registry Entries and Notices

#### Section 1b

- Registered Landfill Sites
- Registered Landfills (Potential Buffer)
- BGS Recorded Landfill Sites
- Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites
- Historical Landfill Sites
- Permitted Waste Sites - Authorised Landfill Site Boundaries
- Environmental Permitting Regulations - Waste
- Integrated Pollution Control Registered Waste Sites
- Registered Waste Treatment or Disposal Sites
- Registered Waste Transfer Sites

## Section 1a: Designated Contaminated Land

The data within this section tells you whether your property or surrounding area has been identified by the Local Authority as "Contaminated Land" under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Should there be an indication of contamination, it is not necessarily a cause for concern. Your report will be assessed by our professional environmental consultants who will advise you what, if any, considerations need to be made should you proceed with the property purchase.

Enquiry	Result
Has any contaminated land been identified within 500m of the property?	No

Map ID	Reference	Location	Details	Distance	Contact
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### Contaminated Land Register Entries and Notices

No factors identified for this property

## Section 1b: Landfill and Waste

The information in this section is telling you about active and historic landfill and waste sites within 500 metres of the property. Having a landfill or waste site near your property does not necessarily mean that you or the property will be affected. However, it is something you need to be aware of, because landfill and waste can have a detrimental effect on the surrounding environment, house value and health. A closed landfill/waste site should be given equal consideration to an active site, because of landfill by-products. For instance, landfill with lots of organic material can continue to produce odours and gas for many years.

Enquiry	Result
Have any landfill and waste sites been identified within 500m of the property?	Yes

Map ID	Reference	Location	Details	Distance	Contact
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### Registered Landfill Sites

No factors identified for this property

### BGS Recorded Landfill Sites

No factors identified for this property

### Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites

No factors identified for this property

### Local Authority Recorded Landfill Coverage

The following list details the Local Authorities that cover the search area who have made landfill data available:

<b>West Sussex County Council</b>	- Has supplied landfill data	3
<b>Chichester District Council</b>	- Has no landfill data to supply	4

For further information regarding the availability of Local Authority Recorded Landfill data you may wish to forward enquiries to one or more of the contacts indicated above.

### Historical Landfill Sites

1	<b>Name:</b> Pit North of A27 <b>Reference:</b> EAHL20133	Boxgrove, Sussex	<b>Specified Waste Type:</b> Deposited Waste included Inert Waste <b>Date of Issue:</b> 1st January 1976 <b>First Input Date:</b> 31st December 1985 <b>Last Input Date:</b> 31st December 1985 <b>Boundary Quality:</b> As Supplied <b>Positional Accuracy:</b> Positioned by the supplier	151m	1
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### Permitted Waste Sites - Authorised Landfill Site Boundaries

No factors identified for this property

### Environmental Permitting Regulations - Waste

No factors identified for this property

### Integrated Pollution Control Registered Waste Sites

No factors identified for this property

### Registered Waste Treatment or Disposal Sites

No factors identified for this property

### Registered Waste Transfer Sites

No factors identified for this property

### Next Steps

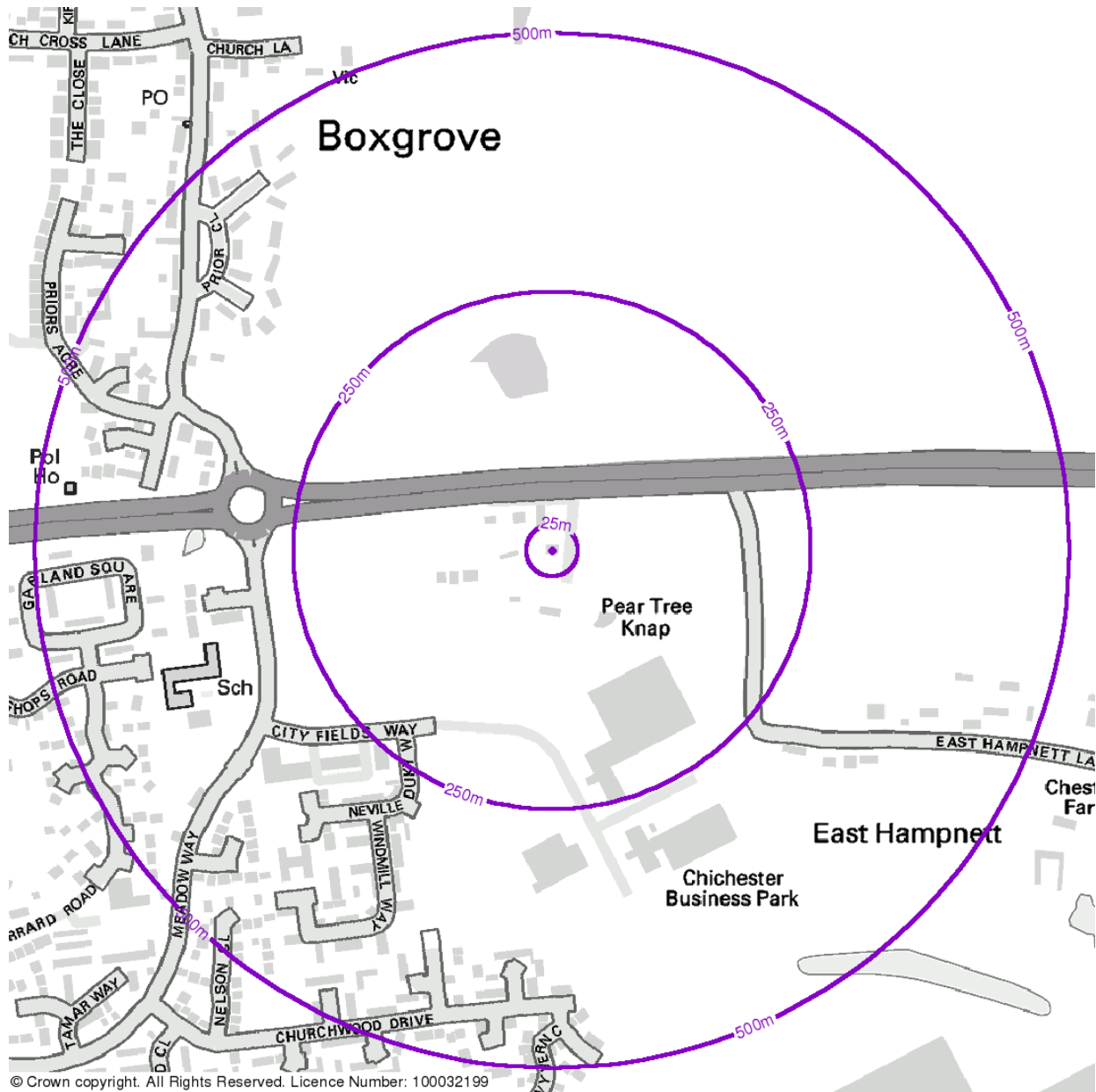
If you would like any further information in respect of the above findings we recommend that you get in touch with those listed in the 'Useful Contacts' section. Each contact reference shown in the above table relates to detailed contact information contained near the back of this report. Further information is also available in the 'Useful Information' section.





## Section 1c and 1d: Information Map

The map detailed below shows the location of the Potentially Contaminative Activities and Known Pollution Incidents features highlighted within sections 1c and 1d of this report.



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### Section 1c

- ▲ Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Controls
- ▼ Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control
- ▶ Integrated Pollution Controls
- ▶ Environmental Permitting Regulations - Industry
- ◆ Consent to Discharge to Controlled Waters
- ✕ Radioactive Substances Register
- ✕ Planning Hazardous Substance Consents
- ✕ Control of Major Accident Hazards Sites (COMAH)
- ✕ Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances (NIHHS)
- ★ Explosive Sites

### Section 1d

- + Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control Enforcements
- + Enforcement and Prohibition Notices
- + Planning Hazardous Substance Enforcements
- Prosecutions Relating to Authorised Processes
- Environmental Pollution Incidents
- Prosecutions Relating to Controlled Waters

## Section 1c: Potentially Contaminative Activities

This section describes current and historic licensed activities within 500 metres of the property, which have the potential to cause contamination or have an impact on the environment. The licensed activities could range from pollution to air, land or water; storage or disposal of radioactive substances; or storage of hazardous or explosive materials. Licences may no longer be active, but the nature of the past activity means it could still have an impact.

Enquiry	Result
Have any potentially contaminative activities been identified within 500m of the property?	No

Map ID	Reference	Location	Details	Distance	Contact
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### Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Controls

No factors identified for this property

### Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention And Control

No factors identified for this property

### Integrated Pollution Controls

No factors identified for this property

### Environmental Permitting Regulations - Industry

No factors identified for this property

### Consent to Discharge to Controlled Waters

No factors identified for this property

### Radioactive Substances Register

No factors identified for this property

### Planning Hazardous Substance Consents

No factors identified for this property

### Control of Major Accident Hazards Sites (COMAH)

No factors identified for this property

### Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances (NIHHS)

No factors identified for this property

### Explosive Sites

No factors identified for this property

## Section 1d: Known Pollution Incidents

The data within this section describes unpermitted activity in your area (e.g. polluting incidents, or exceedance of permitted allowance) where the activity led to a prosecution or enforcement of regulations. Whilst all of these records are historic, the nature of the incident may have long term effects.

Enquiry	Result
Have any known pollution incidents been identified within 500m of the property?	No

### Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control Enforcements

No factors identified for this property

### Enforcement and Prohibition Notices

No factors identified for this property

### Planning Hazardous Substance Enforcements

No factors identified for this property

### Prosecutions Relating to Authorised Processes

No factors identified for this property

### Environmental Pollution Incidents

No factors identified for this property

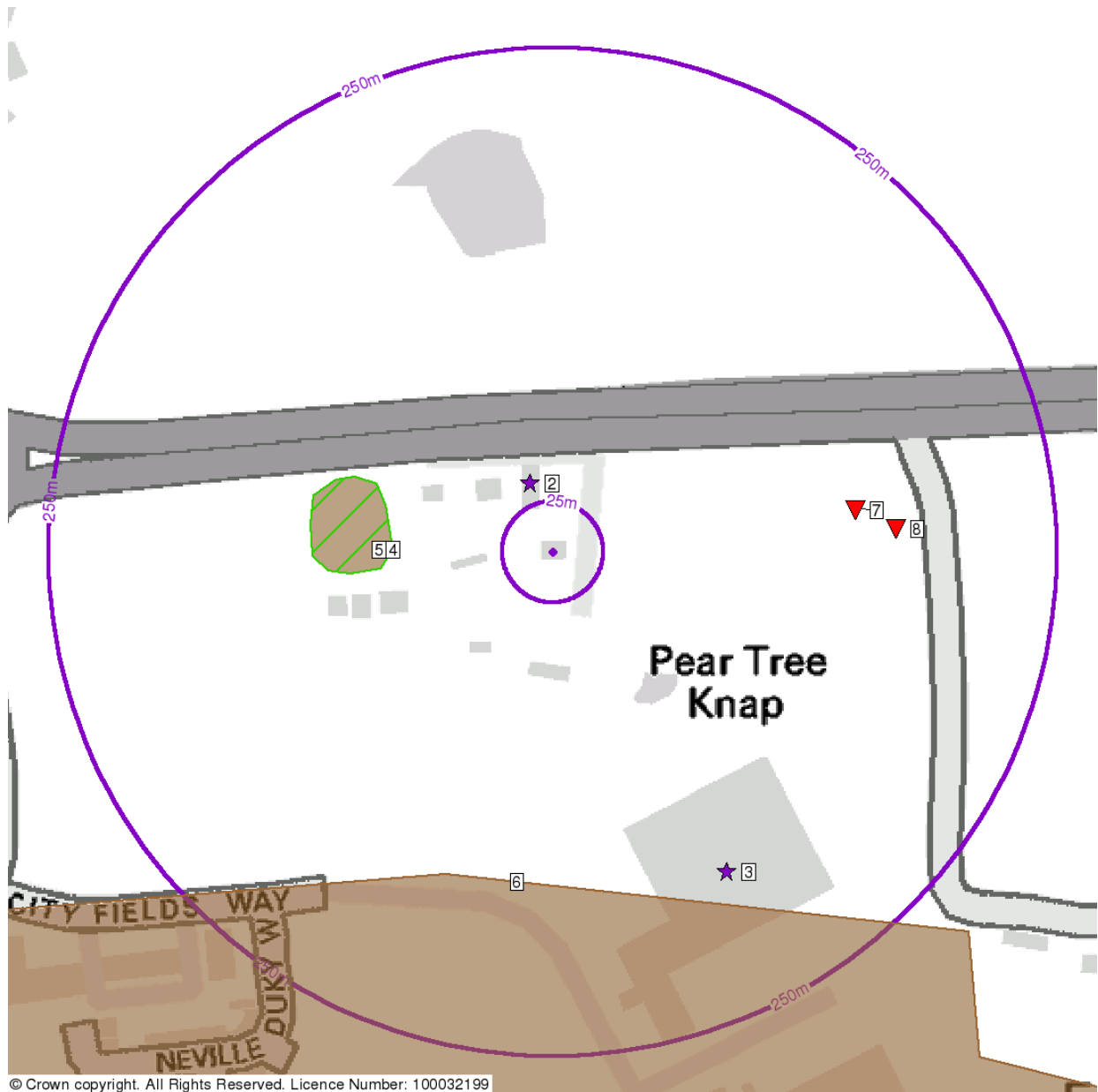
### Prosecutions Relating to Controlled Waters

No factors identified for this property



## Section 1e: Information Map

The map detailed below shows the location of the Other Potential Contaminative Land Uses features highlighted within section 1e of this report.



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| ✘ Fuel Station Entries                   | ▣ Potentially Infilled Land (Non-Water)                     |
| ★ Contemporary Trade Directories         | ▣ Potentially Infilled Land (Water)                         |
| ✚ Former Marshes                         | ■ Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Use) |
| ▼ Historical Tanks and Energy Facilities |   |

## Section 1e: Other Potential Contaminative Land Uses

This section describes either current or historic activity, which could be considered to be contaminative. This section makes no statement about whether the activity requires a licence; however our environmental experts deem that the activities described in this section could lead to potential contamination. The information is taken from a variety of sources including trade directories, Landmark's extensive historical map collection and analysis of historic activity. Records are highlighted due to the potential for contamination to exist.

Enquiry	Result
Have any other potential sources of contamination been identified within 250m of the property?	Yes

Map ID	Reference	Location	Details	Distance	Contact
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### Fuel Station Entries

No factors identified for this property

### Contemporary Trade Directory Entries

2	<b>Name:</b> Clearmywaste	Holly Cottage Arundel Road Tangmere Chichester West Sussex PO18 0JZ	<b>Classification:</b> Waste Disposal Services <b>Status:</b> Active <b>Positional Accuracy:</b> Automatically positioned to the address	36m	-
3	<b>Name:</b> Philips Respironics	Suite 1 Unit 8,Chichester Business Park,City Fields Way Tangmere Chichester West Sussex PO20 2FT	<b>Classification:</b> Medical Equipment Manufacturers <b>Status:</b> Active <b>Positional Accuracy:</b> Manually positioned within the geographical locality	181m	-

### Former Marshes

No factors identified for this property

### Potentially Infilled Land (Non-Water)

4	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Unknown Filled Ground (Pit, quarry etc) <b>Map Published Date:</b> 1979	80m	-
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### Potentially Infilled Land (Water)

No factors identified for this property

### Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Use)

5	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	<b>Class:</b> Quarrying of sand & clay, operation of sand & gravel pits <b>Map Published Date:</b> 1951	80m	-
6	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	<b>Class:</b> Military Land <b>Map Published Date:</b> 1961	165m	-

### Historical Tanks And Energy Facilities

7	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	<b>Type:</b> Electrical Sub Station Facilities <b>Positional Accuracy:</b> Positioned to location of cartographic text <b>Date of Mapping:</b> 1975	160m	-
8	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	<b>Type:</b> Electrical Sub Station Facilities <b>Positional Accuracy:</b> Positioned to location of cartographic text <b>Date of Mapping:</b> 1990	171m	-

**Next Steps**

If you would like any further information in respect of the above findings we recommend that you contact our Customer Services Team, whose details can be found in the 'Useful Contacts' section of this report. Further Information is also available in the 'Useful Information' section.



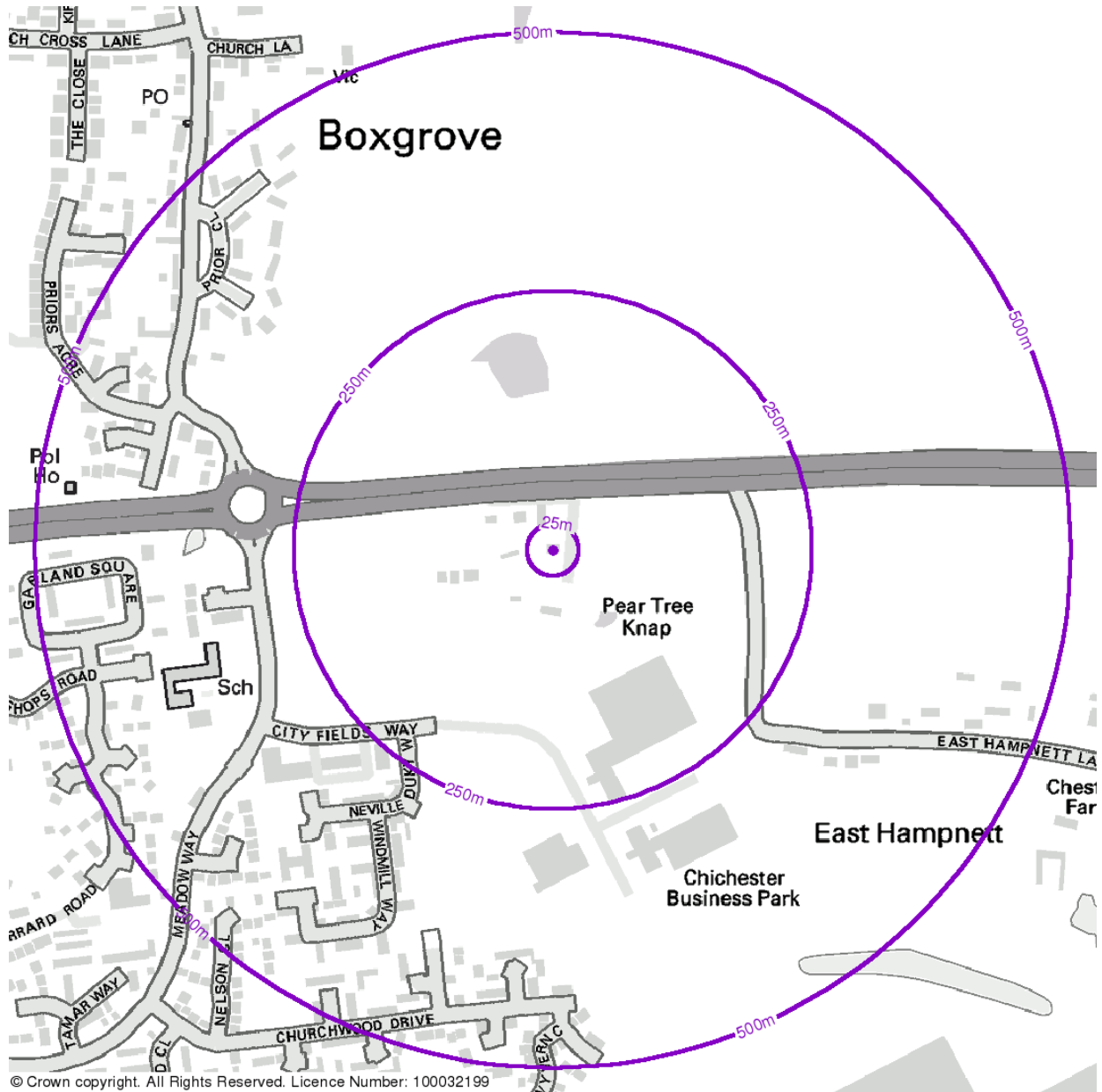
## Section 2: Flood Findings

The whole of this section deals with potential sources of flooding that may impact the property.

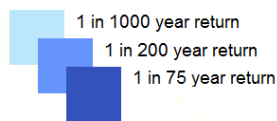


### Section 2a and 2b: River and Coastal Flood Map

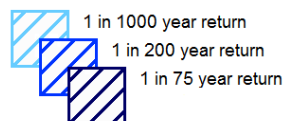
The map detailed below shows the location of potential river and coastal flood risk. The potential risk has been modelled on the basis of an event occurring on average every 75, 200 or 1000 years.



#### River Flooding



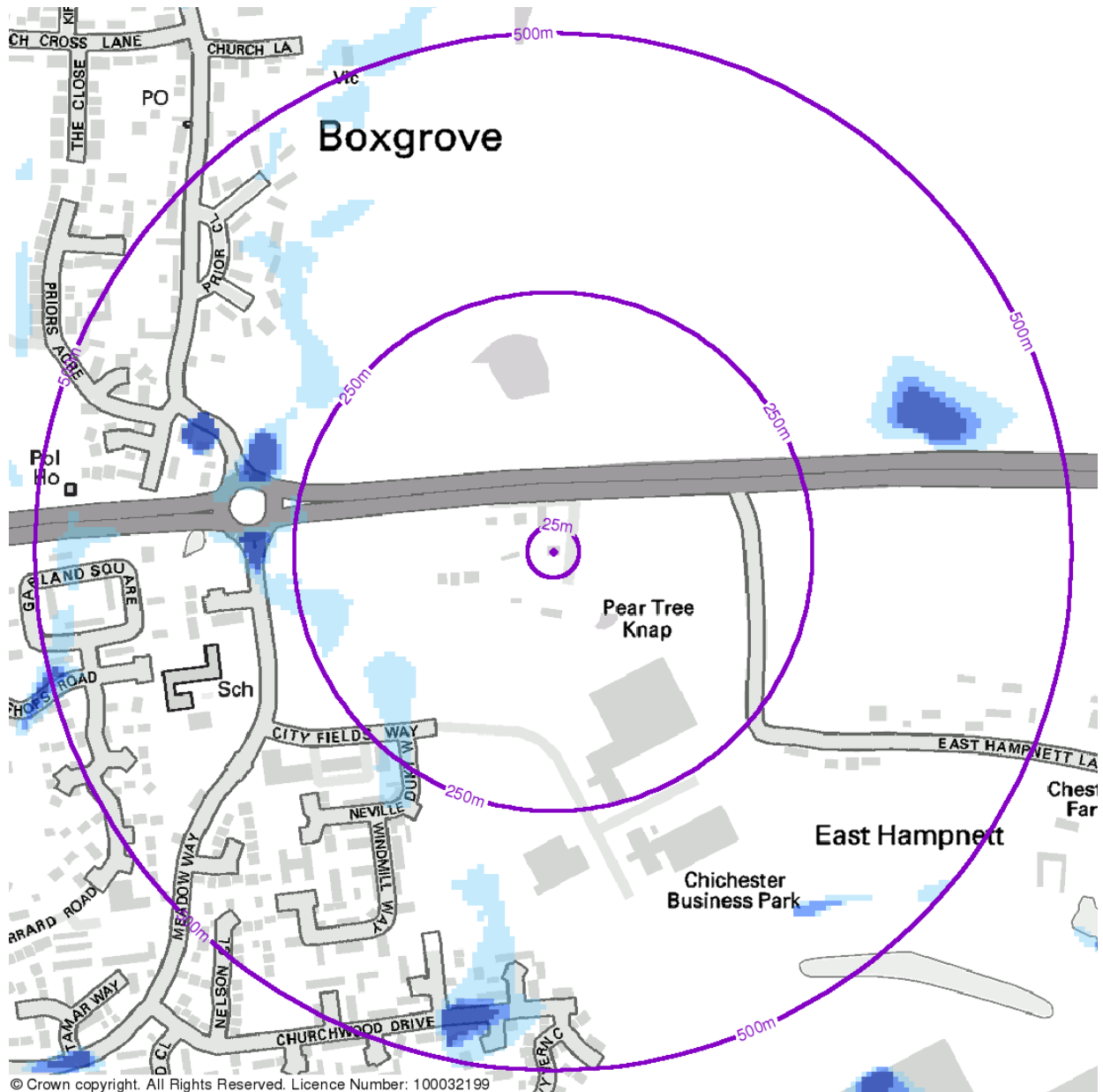
#### Coastal Flooding





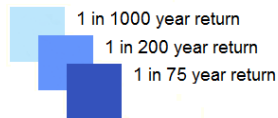
## Section 2c: Surface Water Flood Map

The map detailed below shows the location of potential surface water flood risk. The potential risk has been modelled on the basis of an event occurring on average every 75, 200 or 1000 years.



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### Surface Water Flooding





## Section 2a: River Flooding

River flooding mainly happens when the river catchment (that is the area of land that feeds water into the river and the streams that flow into the main river) receives greater than usual amounts of water (for example through rainfall or melting of snow). The amount of runoff depends on the soil type, catchment steepness, drainage characteristics, agriculture and urbanisation as well as the saturation of the catchment. The extra water causes the level of the water in the river to rise above its banks or retaining structures.

Enquiry	Result	Contact
Is there a potential risk of river flooding within 250m of the property?	No	-

## Section 2b: Coastal Flooding

Coastal flooding is the inundation of land areas along the coast caused by sea water rising above normal tidal conditions. Coastal flooding can arise from a combination of high tides, wind induced tidal surge, storm surge created by low pressure and wave action.

Enquiry	Result	Contact
Is there a potential risk of coastal flooding within 250m of the property?	No	-

## Section 2c: Surface Water Flooding

Surface water flooding results from rainfall running over ground before entering a watercourse or sewer. It is usually associated with high intensity rainfall events (typically greater than 30mm per hour) but can also occur with lower intensity rainfall or melting snow where the ground is already saturated, frozen, developed (for example in an urban setting) or otherwise has low permeability.

Enquiry	Result	Contact
Is there a potential risk of surface water flooding within 250m of the property?	Yes	-

### Next Steps

In order to gain more detailed information on the type and likelihood of your property being impacted by a flood event, and the potential impact on insurance, we recommend that you purchase our Homecheck Professional Flood Report.

If you would like more information please contact your Search Provider or our Customer Services Team on **0844 844 9966** or email [helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk).

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## Section 3: Radon Findings

The information within this section tells you whether the property is located in a radon affected area. Radon is a radioactive gas which occurs naturally in rocks and soils. You cannot see, hear, feel or taste it. Exposure to particularly high levels of radon may increase the risk of developing lung cancer, and is therefore something you need to be aware of or should consider.

Enquiry	Result	Contact
<b>Is the property within 25m of a radon affected area?</b>	<b>The property is in a radon affected area, as between 1 and 3% of homes are above the action level</b>	2
<b>What level of radon protection measures for new dwellings or extensions to existing ones is required for the area within 25m of the property?</b>	<b>No radon protective measures are necessary in the construction of new dwellings or extensions</b>	2

### Next Steps

The level of radon concentration can only be established by having the building tested. Action should be taken if the indoor radon level is measured and found to be above 200 becquerel's per cubic meter. If you would like any further information we recommend you contact the Health Protection Agency, whose details can be found in the 'Useful Contacts' section of this report.

### Further Action

Airtech Environmental Systems can advise on radon testing kits, which cost £39.36 including VAT and can run from 7 days to 3 months. They also have a team of surveyors on hand to provide recommendations and advice for any properties above the target level of 100 becquerel's per cubic meter or action level of 200 becquerel's per cubic meter. Airtech Environmental Systems can provide a report, recommendations and a quotation for any recommended works. For more detailed information please call their free-phone number 0800 378017.



## Section 4: Ground Stability Findings

This section provides summary information on factors that could affect the ground stability of the property. It considers both man-made factors (e.g. mining activity) and natural hazards (e.g. geological stability).

### Section 4a: Man-Made Factors

Enquiry	Result	Contact
Is the property within 25m of a Coal Mining Affected Area?	No	-

### Section 4b: Natural Factors

Enquiry	Result	Contact
What is the potential for natural ground instability in the area within 50m of the property?	High	-
<b>Comment:</b> The BGS indicate that there is a high potential for natural ground instability in the search area. This does not necessarily mean there is cause for concern in terms of property stability, however we recommend that specific advice be commissioned from a qualified member of the RICS.		

#### Next Steps

This section has highlighted that ground stability is an area of concern, meaning that your property may be affected by subsidence or land-heave. If you would like any further information in respect of the above findings we recommend that you purchase our Ground Stability Report. Please contact your Search Provider or our Customer Services Team on **0844 844 9966** or email **helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk**.



## Section 5: Other Influential Factors

The following section provides information on a variety of factors which may have an influence on the property or surrounding area.



## Section 5a: Environmental Constraints

Enquiry	Result
Is the property within 250m of an area likely to be impacted by Environmental Constraints?	No

Map ID	Reference	Location	Details	Distance	Contact
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### Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

No factors identified for this property

### Local Nature Reserves

No factors identified for this property

### National Nature Reserves

No factors identified for this property

### National Parks

No factors identified for this property

### Ramsar Sites

No factors identified for this property

### Sites of Special Scientific Interest

No factors identified for this property

### Special Areas of Conservation

No factors identified for this property

### Special Protection Areas

No factors identified for this property

## Useful Contacts

### Contact 1 - Environment Agency - National Customer Contact Centre (NCCC)

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PO Box 544 Templeborough Rotherham S60 1BY	Tel: 08708 506 506	<a href="mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk">enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
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### Contact 2 - Health Protection Agency - Radon Survey, Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards

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Chilton Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 0RQ	Tel: 01235 822622 Fax: 01235 833891	<a href="mailto:radon@hpa.org.uk">radon@hpa.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.hpa.org.uk">www.hpa.org.uk</a>
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### Contact 3 - West Sussex County Council - Environment & Development

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County Hall Tower hall Chichester West Sussex PO19 1RH	Tel: 01243 777100	<a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk">www.westsussex.gov.uk</a>
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### Contact 4 - Chichester District Council - Environmental Health Department

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East Pallant House 1 East Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1TY	Tel: 01243 785166 Fax: 01243 776766	<a href="http://www.chichester.gov.uk">www.chichester.gov.uk</a>
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### Landmark Information Group Limited

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The Landmark website contains links to many of our data suppliers which may prove useful.

Please note that the Environment Agency/SEPA have a charging policy in place for enquiries.

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## Useful Information

The following explanatory notes may be of assistance to users of the Homecheck Professional report. Practitioners are reminded that full guidance notes are contained in the Practitioners Guide.

### Professional Opinion

A Professional Opinion in relation to Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is provided by RPS Consultants. In many cases the report will be PASSED without referral. However, in some cases, entries that may be of concern are revealed by the search, in which case the report is REFERRED free of charge for more detailed consideration, although this will not include a physical site inspection. After such referral the report may be PASSED or suggestions made of some FURTHER ACTION that could be taken, in the form of questions to ask of the appropriate authorities. When responses to these questions are received it is the responsibility of the client and their professional advisors to decide if they are happy to proceed.

### Flood Risk

A limited flood risk screening exercise is included in this report designed to satisfy basic flood risk screening due diligence including consideration of river, coastal and surface water flooding. Where a potential flood risk is "Identified" you may wish to consider commissioning a more detailed flood risk screening report. When there is "None Identified" this does not indicate that there is not risk of flooding at the property, but that the risk of flooding from the sources screened (river, coastal and surface water) within the vicinity of the property is such that the risk may not be considered significant.

### Location Map

The Ordnance Survey location map may show features which are not necessarily otherwise included in this report. You are advised to supplement the information contained in the report with the descriptive text shown on the map.

### Positional Accuracy

We locate data in a variety of ways according to information provided to us and subsequent in-house research. If data is provided as a point on the ground, we provide a "positional accuracy" which tells you how confident we are of the actual location.

### Section 1b: Landfill and Waste

At present no complete national data set exists for landfill site boundaries, therefore, a point grid reference, provided by the data supplier, is used for some landfill sites. In certain cases the point grid references supplied provide only an approximate position, and can vary from the site entrance to the centre of the site. Where the exact position of the site is unclear for Registered Landfill data, Landmark construct either a 100 metre or 250 metre "buffer" around the point to warn of the possible presence of landfill. The size of this "buffer" relates to the positional accuracy that can be attributed to the site. The "buffer" is shown on the map as a red hatched area. For further information regarding landfill sites identified in the report, please contact the relevant agency or authority referenced in the Useful Contacts section.

The BGS holds records of over 3,000 landfill sites that accepted waste prior to the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974. These were not subject to any strict regulation or monitoring.

Permitted Waste Sites and Environmental Permitting Regulations - Waste cover current or recently current consents issued for landfill sites, waste transfer, treatment or disposal sites by the Environment Agency, under Section 64 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Part 2) and prescribed by regulation 10 of SI No. 1056 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994.

### Section 1c: Potentially Contaminative Activities

Identified discharge consents could be for storm water discharges, soakaways or septic tanks.

If a radioactive substance licence has been identified the consent band will be given under enquiries and replies. Consents fall into one of four bands: Band 1 and 2 Nuclear licensed sites authorised by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate e.g. nuclear power stations Band 3 Site registered/authorised to accumulate and dispose of radioactive materials, only non-nuclear operations are carried out on site e.g. hospitals Band 4 Sites registered to keep and use radioactive material e.g. laboratories, universities, commercial premises using appliances such as monitoring equipment, alarm systems, tritium lighting etc.

Data supplied for Explosive Sites, Control of Major Accident Hazards Sites (COMAH) and Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances (NIHHS) contains public sector information published by the Health and Safety Executive and licensed under the Open Government Licence.

### Section 1e: Other Potential Contaminative Land Uses

This section relates to categories of potentially contaminative land uses that have been identified by the analysis of selected Ordnance Survey historical mapping. The published date (range of dates) of the map (s) and the distance from the centre of search to the nearest point of the feature is given. Further details of the extent of the site or its activities are not available. Should you wish to examine the Ordnance Survey maps these are normally available for public inspection at the local archive or local major library. Alternatively, extracts of editions of Ordnance Survey maps are available on [www.old-maps.co.uk](http://www.old-maps.co.uk)

Potentially infilled land has been identified when a 'cavity' (a hole made by an extractive industry or natural occurrence e.g. pond) was indicated on a historic map but there was no evidence of its existence in the last available map for the area. No details of what may have been used to fill the cavity or exactly when or if it was filled are available from the mapping.

The point locations of historical tanks and energy facilities are identified from the text on Ordnance Survey 1:1250 and 1:2500 scale mapping published between 1943 and 1996, based upon a predetermined list of abbreviations, e.g. El Sub (Electricity Sub-station) and F Stn (Filling Station). The position of the point has been located at the centre of the identified text so that it would be within approximately 30 meters of the feature it was describing. The features themselves are related to energy and petroleum storage and cover the following: tanks, petrol storage, potential tanks (at depots etc.), electricity sub stations and related features, gas and gas monitoring related features, oil related features and miscellaneous power features. NB: It should be noted that the Ordnance Survey abbreviation for tank (tk) is the same as that for tracks. Therefore some of the captured text may relate to tracks and not tanks when the exact nature of the feature is not clear from the mapping.

## Section 2: Flood Findings

Sections 2a, b and c of the report provide data on modelled extents of river, coastal and surface water flooding generated by JBA Consulting, a market leader in flood risk assessment commonly engaged by insurers to assess flood risk. The data has been modelled for several perils or return periods: 1 in 75, 1 in 200 or 1 in 1000 which relate to areas with a 1.3%, 0.5% and 0.1% annual probability of flooding in any one year respectively. Properties at risk of flooding during a 1 in 75 year event are typically considered to be at a high risk of flooding. The data has been generated to provide a UK wide screening tool and as a result may have inherent limitations. In addition, there may be areas of the country which are modelled to varying degrees of accuracy based on currently available topographical information.

## Section 3: Radon Findings

Due to the nature of way the information is gathered, your property/site may have more than one probability of radon attributed to it. We report the worst case scenario on the property/site you have provided. This information is an estimate of the probability that a property /site in Great Britain is at or above the "Action Level" for radon (the level at which the Health Protection Agency recommends that radon levels should be reduced, those with an average of 200 Bq m<sup>-3</sup> or more). This information satisfies CON29 Standard Enquiry of Local Authority; 3.13 Radon Gas: Location of the Property in a Radon Affected Area. Where the property/site is a new build, this information provides information on the level of protection required for new buildings under BR211 (Scivyer, 2007) Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings.

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## Section 5a: Environmental Constraints

The Local Nature Reserves national dataset is "indicative" not "definitive". Definitive information can only be provided by individual local authorities and you should refer directly to their information for all purposes that require the most up to date and complete dataset.

## General

If after reading the details in this report regarding the sites identified, you still require further information, please contact the relevant agency or authority indicated in the Useful Contacts section quoting the corresponding reference given in the text of the report.

The contacts in the Useful Contacts section may be able to provide further information relating to items identified in the report, however they are not in a position to advise how these might affect the value of a property. The findings of the report should be discussed with your professional advisor.

## The Purpose and Scope of the Report

The report is designed to satisfy the concerns raised by the Law Society warning card and has been prepared to assist conveyancing professionals who may be advising clients when they sell or buy a property, obtain a mortgage, seek further mortgage advice, or commence any building works. It is designed to bring information to their attention and help them decide whether they need to seek any further specialist advice. As the report is so detailed, this information can cause concern, but professional advisors will see that further action is suggested on all issues that have been identified.

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# Guide to the RPS Environmental Risk Certificate

## Purpose of the Certificate

The purpose of the RPS Environmental Certificate ('Passed' Assessment) is to assist the conveyancer in assessing the implications of the environmental risks identified in the Homecheck Professional Environmental Report. Such risks are identified from a number of key environmental datasets which could lead to the property being defined as "contaminated land" under section 78(A)2 of Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Under this legislation Local Authorities have a duty to identify land within their Borough which may fall under the definition of "contaminated land". Where land is identified as being "contaminated land", the Local Authority (or the Environment Agency in relation to 'Special Sites') must ensure that the site is remediated and that the land is safe for its use. For a site to be identified as "contaminated land" there must be contamination and a pathway to affect a receptor (e.g. property occupiers or the natural environment) AND be causing, or likely to cause, significant harm. If any one of the contaminant, pathway or receptor components is absent, the property cannot be classed as "contaminated land". Each Local Authority has a contaminated land inspection strategy which outlines the process they will be following to meet their requirements under this legislation.

RPS also provides an Opinion on whether the potential risk will have a significant impact on the security of the property for normal lending purposes.

Other matters covered within the report i.e. Radon and Flood Risk are provided for information purposes only, and are not part of the RPS Certificate.

## Methodology and Scope

The RPS opinion is based on a risk assessment model designed by RPS specifically for the purpose described above. The model uses data included in this Homecheck Professional Environmental Report to assess the risk from a number of environmental datasets. Using a point location, the risk model identifies key environmental land uses based on distance from the subject site, significance of the contaminative nature and risk rating.

## Review Procedure

Where a potential risk has been identified from the risk model, such that the property does not immediately receive a Passed Certificate, it is forwarded to RPS for manual review by a qualified Environmental Consultant. All reports referred to RPS for review will normally be completed within two working days.

The outcome of the review will either be a Passed Certificate or a Further Action report. Where a Further Action is issued, this does not necessarily mean there is contamination present but that further information is required before a Certificate may be issued. When this happens, further information can either be obtained independently and forwarded to RPS for review, or RPS can be instructed to undertake these enquiries on your behalf.

Please note that the Certificate is based solely on key environmental datasets as detailed in the Homecheck Professional Environmental Report, and is not based on any physical inspection of the property. Whilst Landmark Information Group uses the best available public sources of information to identify possible risks and past land uses, Landmark does not warrant that all potentially contaminative land uses or features, whether past or current, will be identified in the Homecheck Professional Environmental Report.

## Further Action (Next Steps)

When a Further Action has been issued for a property there are a number of steps that can be taken. These are explained after the Professional Opinion page at the front of the report. Potential sources of information relating to the property are described below:

- Local Authority Environmental Health Department: To obtain information regarding any past industrial land uses, pollution incidents/records of contamination, past site investigations/remediation, relevant details under the Council's Part 2A strategy and any other concerns regarding ground conditions on and adjacent to the property.
- Local Authority The Planning Department: To obtain information on the development of the property (e.g. a summary planning history) and any existing reports/information on any environmental conditions attached to planning permissions (e.g. a site investigation or remediation work, and confirmation that these conditions have been satisfied).
- Petroleum Officer / Trading Standards Department: For information on a property with potential bulk fuel storage obtain information to confirm if there are any records held including details of storage tank numbers, volumes, dates of integrity testing and details of any past leaks, spills or issues.

If you require RPS to carry out these enquiries on your behalf the inclusive cost (including provision of a report) will typically be £315+VAT. This cost includes the Authority's own search fees and may take around 15-20 working days dependant on the Authority's response time. Please email: [homecheck-query@rpsgroup.com](mailto:homecheck-query@rpsgroup.com) or fax: 020 7403 8858. An invoice will be forwarded to you upon completion.

## Who is RPS?

RPS is part of the RPS Group Plc with around 5,000 staff in over 85 offices located throughout the UK, Ireland, USA, Australia and other locations worldwide. RPS offers an unparalleled range of environmental services relating to property, industry and land including due-diligence, geo-environmental investigations, planning & development advice, health & safety, water, energy, sustainability and flood risk consultancy. RPS acts as a panel advisor to the majority of UK clearing banks.

## Other Information

The RPS Certificate ONLY applies to a single residential property with a valid planning consent, not to commercial/industrial property.

It is not possible to identify all contaminative land uses from records and historical mapping e.g. illegal tipping of chemical substances or residential heating oil tank leaks.

For any enquiries in relation to this report (including queries for RPS), please contact the Homecheck Professional Environmental Helpline on 0844 844 9966 or at [helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@homecheck.co.uk)



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