



FOI REF:	16236
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## Request

Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding potentially contaminated land sites in the council area. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

1. How many sites has the council identified as potentially contaminated land since the Environmental Protection Act (Part 2) was enacted in April 2000?
2. Among those identified, how many have been classified in the highest risk category?
3. For those sites designated within the highest risk category, how many have been subjected to thorough physical inspections?
4. Of the high-risk sites, how many have undergone further assessment and been re-categorized as not contaminated or deemed no longer a priority concern?
5. What is the number of inspected sites that revealed significant contamination levels but have since undergone successful remediation efforts to eliminate any substantial risks to human health?
6. How many of your sites in the high-risk category have undergone an intrusive investigation, involving physical inspection work, within the last decade (since 2015)?

## Response

I am writing in response to your freedom of information request. Please find below a response to your enquiry. For ease of reference the responses provided follow your numbering.

1. Winchester City Council have not identified any sites within its area as potentially contaminated or 'contaminated land' as defined in Part IIa of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
2. None. Please see answer provide in response 1.
3. None. Please see answer provide in response 1.
4. None. Please see answer provide in response 1.
5. None. Please see answer provide in response 1.
6. None. Please see answer provide in response 1.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or the outcome, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Legal Services

Winchester City Council, City Offices,  
Colebrook Street, Winchester,  
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Email: [legal@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:legal@winchester.gov.uk)

Your complaint will be considered by a senior officer who has not already been involved with this response.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

