2nd March 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Manor Farm Site, Common Lane, North Runcton
Investigation of potential land contamination

The Borough Council is investigating the land marked red on the attached map to establish whether it may have become contaminated by previous uses.

We are currently looking at land in your area because of the recent large fire at Manor Farm. We want to check whether any contamination from the fire may impact on local residents or the local environment.

We have completed a review of documents about the history of the site and its environment. The next step will be to carry out a site walkover survey to check for evidence of contamination.

We plan to carry out the walkover survey once the fire has stopped smouldering and the ash is at a suitable temperature to take samples for analysis. We are not able to carry out the site walkover or take any samples due to the residual heat. Once the pile has reached ambient temperature we can then arrange for a site walkover to be completed. Analysis of any samples will take a minimum of 3 to 4 weeks to complete. We will then need time to review the results and complete the written report.

Once the results of the tests are known we will be able to assess the risks to local residents or the environment and determine if the land falls within the legal definition of contaminated land.

The Borough Council understands that local residents or businesses may have concerns or want more information. A set of FAQs is attached for your information about contaminated land investigations.

Please feel free to contact us on 01553 616200 (Fabia Pollard or Dave Robson) to discuss this matter any further.

Yours faithfully

Dave Robson  
Environmental Health Manager - Environment