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Historical use of site in 1975

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Bay Street Allotments essential improvement work

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Bay Street Allotments was designated as contaminated land in October 2010. Work will soon be underway to fix the problem.



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The Bay Street Allotments are located between Bay Street and the incline to the Roch Valley, to the west of Bay Street. The site also includes some allotments facing Ash Street.

Background

In 2000, Part 2A of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act came into force, requiring us to look for sites which may meet the legal definition of 'contaminated land'. Allotments are considered to be a sensitive land use as crops and livestock are kept on site.

Historically a waste incinerator existed in the public open space between the modern waste disposal centre and the allotments (see map.) This may have left contamination. We undertook an investigation to assess whether any contamination was present and whether it represented a risk.

The investigation identified elevated levels of contaminants both within the soils and in the eggs of livestock on the site. An information leaflet was developed in conjunction with the Food Standards Agency (FSA) which would allow the allotments to be used safely until clean up measures could be undertaken.

Improvement work

Very soon parts of the plots will be covered by clean soil as a barrier to prevent the contaminated soil from mixing with the overlying clean soil.

How this affects you

The work involves the use of plant machinery and is anticipated to last between three and four weeks. It is not expected that any public roads and pathways will need to be closed.

Any disruption will be kept to a minimum and whilst there will be some noise, the work will be kept to working hours, between 8am and 5pm. There will be no work at weekends.

Should you have any questions about the project or concerns you wish to discuss we will be happy to see you at the open evening as outlined in the accompanying letter.

