Dear Resident,

Results from perimeter air sampling around the former Turner Brothers Asbestos site

I am writing to inform you that following the council’s commissioned air monitoring around the perimeter of the former Turner Brothers site, the independent contractor’s final report has been completed and is now available for you to view.

The monthly monitoring took place from August 2015 to March 2017 (inclusive) and was done in two phases. The first phase established the suitability of the monitoring locations and collected data to inform the monitoring strategy for the main survey.

The results contained in the independent report are:

103 samples were analysed by phase contrast optical microscopy and no fibres were identified above the analytical detection limit of 0.01 f/ml.

Sixteen samples were sent for more sensitive analysis using scanning electron microscopy. Of these, four samples had the analytical detection limit of 0.001 f/ml. One of these samples taken on 16 February 2016 identified a single asbestos fibre but none of the other three samples identified any asbestos fibres above the limit of detection.

The remaining 12 samples were analysed with even more sensitivity. These samples had the analytical detection limit of 0.0005 f/ml. and no asbestos fibres were identified above the limit of detection in any of these samples.

From the results of the independent testing and the fact that only one fibre was identified from August 2015 to March 2017, there is no evidence of any significant risk to health of those residing in areas surrounding the site. The report has been shared with Public Health England (PHE).

The full report is available on the Council’s website; [http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/pests-pollution-and-food/contaminated-land/Pages/former-turner-brothers-asbestos-site.aspx](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/pests-pollution-and-food/contaminated-land/Pages/former-turner-brothers-asbestos-site.aspx)

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the report, please contact the council’s contact centre on 0300 303 8871.
If you have any questions or queries, please email: FormerTBAsite@rochdale.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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