

Department of Community and Children's Services

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Dear Neighbour

RE: COLPAI Project, update regarding asbestos and concrete crushing on-site

Following our previous updates regarding the COLPAI Project site, I am writing to update you on a number of matters regarding asbestos and concrete crushing.

As you may be aware, a small amount of asbestos has been found on-site in the ground floor concrete slab. The asbestos on-site is Chrysotile, also known as white asbestos, in the form of Asbestos Insulation Board (AIB). There are very low levels of asbestos on the site and the type, which has been identified, is encased in concrete, meaning that fibres are not being released into the air.

When the existing concrete slabs were dug out, a small amount of asbestos (approximately ½m²) was discovered, which appears to have been previously used as formwork for the construction of the concrete foundations. As a result, and in accordance with the legislation, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) was notified and work was suspended for the statutory 14 days. ISG along with its asbestos removal specialists have submitted a detailed plan to HSE in strict accordance with HSE Regulation and Guidance.

Works have now begun to remove the material under controlled conditions by a licensed asbestos removal company. A full-time air analyst has been brought on-site for the duration of the works. Air monitoring equipment has also been set-up and there has been no detection of asbestos in the air.

Following this discovery, ISG, in liaison with the City of London Corporation, London Borough of Islington, Environmental Health and HSE, has taken the decision to no longer crush concrete on-site, as previously planned in the Construction Management Plan. This decision has been taken to ensure the highest standards of practice are upheld. The spoil will be removed by lorries from Golden Lane and taken off-site for crushing and recycling. We envisage that there will be approximately 12 lorry movements per day to clear the spoil.

We would like to assure you that we are complying fully with the HSE Approved Code of Practice, which sets out very specific requirements in relation to any works undertaken with materials containing asbestos.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move through the works.

Yours faithfully

Paul Murtagh
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