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Dear Tollerton Park Resident

Re Tollerton Park: Concerns around Potential Land Contamination

I am aware the proposed development on the adjacent airfield site has raised concerns among some residents around potential land contamination on Tollerton Park. I am writing to provide you with information on the assessment undertaken by the Council in 2008 and our more recent review of this work.

As you may be aware Tollerton Park is located on part of the former RAF Tollerton airfield. In 2008 concerns were raised about the potential for contamination to be present on the Tollerton Park site and the impact of this on the health of the residents. At that time the Council undertook a comprehensive assessment working with other agencies, including the Health Protection Agency, Public Health and the Environment Agency. The assessment included a detailed consideration of the history of the Tollerton Park site, which was used to inform further investigation, including a radiation survey and soil & drinking water sampling. This approach followed good practice guidance on assessing risks posed by potential land contamination.

The radiation survey did not identify above-background readings within the residential area occupied by static mobile homes. Two locations with above-background readings of gamma radiation were identified - one in the airfield just outside the perimeter of the site, and one in the caravan parking area. The assessment concluded that the actual radiation dose levels were well below the effective and equivalent doses set out in guidance as requiring further action. The soil and drinking water sampling did not identify elevated levels of any contaminants of concern that warranted further investigation.

As it has been a while since this work was done and some further development has taken place at Tollerton Park, we have recently undertaken a review and are satisfied the previous findings remain valid.

In summary, the work undertaken back in 2008 concluded that the site did not meet the statutory definition of contaminated land and our recent review has not identified any reasonable grounds to suggest that this conclusion is no longer valid.

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I am aware some residents have concerns about using their gardens. As is standard good practice when gardening we would always recommend good handwashing and that fruit & vegetables are washed before eating.

Should you be interested I have attached a briefing note that provides some further detail on the above.

With respect to the proposed development on the wider airfield site please be assured any potential land contamination matters will be addressed as part of the planning process. Environmental Health are a statutory consultee to this process. Currently there are two planning applications pending (References 20/03244/OUT and 24/00347/HYBRID) and all information is available for view on the planning portal which can be accessed via <https://planningonline.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/>

There is also a Tollerton Airfield Planning Applications Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on our website <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planning-growth/tollerton-airfield/>

I hope you find this letter helpful and provides appropriate reassurance on the work that has been carried out by the Borough Council and our partners

Yours sincerely

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