

Ref: FOI2026/01508

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please find the answers to your queries below:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

Ref: FLAT 54, GOLDEN HOUSE, 31 POWER CLOSE, GUILDFORD, GU1 1FS

1. Does the council hold any records of past contaminative land uses on site or is likely to be determined as contaminated land under the part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990?

The council hold some records as the site was investigated for contamination as part of redevelopment in circa 2002.

2. Does the council hold any previous ground investigation report, monitoring records or any relevant documentation for land contamination issues at the property - if so, can these be provided for review?

Please contact the Planning Services as any ground investigation report undertaken to meet Planning requirement is likely to be held by them – PlanningEnquiries@guildford.gov.uk.

3. Does the Council hold any records of reclaimed land and/or former landfill within 250m of the property or that may affect the property?

None within 250m.

4. Does the Council hold any information/records regarding ground gas monitoring at the property or within 250m and whether gas protection measures were incorporated into the property?

Confirming this will require retrieving and manually reviewing the old records in relation to the site. We are therefore unable to respond to your request in full, because it would take us over 18 hours to obtain this data, which would place a substantial and possibly unreasonable burden on resource and your request is therefore exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit).

However, please note that a formal request for a contaminated land enquiry can be made by contacting the Regulatory Services at Guildford Borough Council, if you would like a detailed search to be carried out on this property: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/25085/Making-or-requesting-a-contaminated-land-enquiry>

5. Does the Council hold any records of pollution incidents occurring at the property or that may affect the property?

None – please contact the Environment Agency as they may hold records of pollution incidents.

6. Does the Council hold any records of private abstraction wells/water supplies on or within 250m of the property?

None within 250m.

7. Does the Council hold any records of surface water flooding at the site or surrounding area?

Regulatory Services do not hold records on flooding.

8. Does the Council hold any records regarding permitted activities on the site or within 250m and if any breaches have occurred or enforcements issued?

There is one permitted activity within 250m and no breaches or enforcements:

Name	Operator	Operation Permitted	Address	Authorisation Reference	Statutory Guidance	Title	Reference
Shell Meadows	Shell U.K Oil Products Ltd, PO Box 403, Staines, TW18 3ZB	Service Station	Woodbridge Road, Guildford GU11 1EF	PPC/VR/I&II/22	PG1/14	Unloading of petrol into storage, and motor vehicle refuelling, at service stations	SU 9930 5060

The above response is provided from such information as is readily available to the Council and in its possession. It is believed to be correct but the Council expressly gives no warranty in this respect nor will the Council accept any liability whatsoever for any error or omission or any loss occasioned thereby to any person (whether or not the person requested the information) and in particular the Council gives no warranty that it has researched all its relevant archives in order to respond to the request for information.

In all cases you are advised to undertake your own independent surveys in order to determine the status of the land you have shown an interest in.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

Guildford Borough Council