

09 May 2013

N Borrell
Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd
Countryside House
The Drive
Great Warley
Brentwood
Essex, CM13 3AT

Ref. A1103/00-phl01

Dear Nigel

Bourn Airfield contaminated land desk study

We have carried out a Contaminated Land Desk Study for Bourn Airfield (report reference A1103/00-R1-1, May 2013) on behalf of Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd.

The desk study comprised a review of documents relating to the site's history and environmental setting, and a site reconnaissance visit.


The study identified a number of potential sources of contamination associated with the RAF's use of the site during WWII. The site was returned to agricultural use after the war, with some small scale commercial activities involving storage of fuel and agrochemicals.

Based on a preliminary assessment, the potential significance of these issues was assessed to range between 'very low' and 'moderate'.

An intrusive site investigation is required to determine whether the identified sources of contamination exist, and whether they are significant.

In our experience of similar sites, the potential land contamination issues identified by the desk study can be economically remediated to the satisfaction of the local authority, and do not preclude development of the site for residential purposes.

Yours sincerely



Paul Harris
Principal Consultant
BAE Systems Environmental

Direct tel: +44(0)1296 652105 Mobile: +44(0)7525 391129
E-mail: paul.harris3@baesystems.com