

## **SG LSD10: Contaminated land**

**We will approve development on land that is contaminated, or suspected of contamination, subject to other policies, if:**

- 1) the necessary site investigations and assessments are undertaken to identify any actual or possible significant risk to public health or safety or to the environment, including possible pollution of controlled waters, that arise from the proposals; AND**
- 2) effective remedial action is taken to ensure the site is made suitable for the new use, in scale with the nature of the proposal.**

### **Reasoned Justification**

The aim of this policy is to bring contaminated land back into use, thereby effectively reducing the number of such sites within Aberdeenshire, whilst ensuring public health and safety is not compromised.

Contamination of land may be due to the current or historical use of the site, or of a neighbouring site. Such uses may include former gasworks, sewage treatment plants, domestic or industrial waste tips, engineering works etc.

Whatever the cause, these sites are effective barriers to new development as well as posing possible threats to health and safety, and the safe re-use and restoration of these sites is to be encouraged. The Aberdeenshire Contaminated Land Strategy identifies all the known affected sites in Aberdeenshire. The Council will liaise with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and other relevant organisations, where appropriate.