NATIONAL QUALITY MARK SCHEME FOR LAND AFFECTED BY CONTAMINATION



OPEN CONSULTATION MARCH 2015

Introduction

The proposed National Quality Mark Scheme for Land affected by Contamination (QMLC) (www.claire.co.uk/qmlc) is a scheme that has been developed by the Land Forum to provide visible identification of documents that have been checked for quality by a Suitably Qualified and experienced Person (SQP). It is hoped that this will provide increased confidence and improved quality of submissions made under regulatory regimes, particularly planning applications, related to previously used land.

Through endorsement by the Land Forum and through joint ownership by Land Forum members the scheme can be considered to have support and acceptance across the community and to be nationally recognised.

The initiative is supported in principle by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). A positive response has also been received from individual devolved administrations.

The scheme is intended to be launched in Autumn 2015.

For further details on the proposed QMLC, including the objectives and benefits of the scheme, details on the role of the SQP, how the scheme would be administered and frequently asked questions follow the link:

www.claire.co.uk/qmlc-scheme

Consultation

To gather stakeholders feedback on the QMLC, the Land Forum are undertaking a broad stakeholder consultation across both the public and private sectors who work in planning, development, construction, regulatory and land contamination.

The consultation is open from mid March 2015 until May 15th 2015. After which the results will be reviewed, collated, anonymised and reported in Summer 2015.

To participate in the consultation please follow the link:

www.claire.co.uk/gmlc-consultation

Timetable

March – May 2015 Open consultation an

liaison with stakeholders

May – June 2015 Review of consultation

responses and final

scheme development

Autumn 2015 Scheme launch

Enquiries

For any enquiries relating to this consultation:

Please contact:

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Land Forum Participating Organisations

AGS Association of Questionincal & General Specialists

BLRS BRITISH LAND RECLAMATION SOCIETY

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CIWEM Claratered Institution of Valer and Environment Management

CL:AIRE CEAIRE

CLG Department for Communities and Local Government

DEFRA

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

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ICE Institution of Civil Engine

IEMA institute of environment management & assessmen

Land Trust LandTrust

Local Authority Contaminated Land Regulators

NHBC NHBC

Northern Ireland Government

Northern Ireland Executive

NIEA Northern Ireland Environment

NRW Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru Natural Resources Wales

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