

**Tessa McKee**

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**From:** David Baker [david.baker@stratus-environmental.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2012 09:22  
**To:** Tessa McKee  
**Subject:** National Grid site, Higginshaw Lane, Oldham

Tessa

Further to our conversation the following paragraph provides a summary of the site history of the National Grid site at Higginshaw Lane.

*Gas production began on the site between 1844 and 1890 with expansion of the works continuing until the 1930s. Retorts, purifiers, gas holders, tar and liquor tanks were all historically present on the site. Coal gas production continued until at least 1969, following this date demolition of a gas production plant was undertaken and by 1972 the site was used only as a holder station. Gas storage ceased during the 1980s with the holders subsequently dismantled. The site is currently disused and vacant with the exception of a National Grid Gas, gas governor compound adjacent to Higginshaw Lane and a tenanted building in the north-east corner of the site.*

As the site is essentially non-operational and vacant, any forthcoming planning application would be for remediation works to enable clean-up of any contaminated land associated with the former activities on site, in order for future land uses to be considered.

I trust the information provided above will enable a Screening Opinion to be issued.

Regards

David Baker

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**From:** David Baker [david.baker@stratus-environmental.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2012 12:21  
**To:** Tessa McKee  
**Subject:** RE: Request for screening opinion - Higginshaw Lane (SS1023/1/SR)  
**Attachments:** Scoping Request - Additional Information 290812.pdf; eia\_analysis\_screening NG site Higginshaw.docx; SS1023 2 01\_Site Location Plan\_A3.pdf

Dear Tessa

Further to your request, I attach the following items;

- Site location plan showing the location, boundary and principal site features.
- Commentary in respect of the proposed development/operations.
- EIA analysis screening checklist – pages 3 -5 completed.

I trust the information is self-explanatory, but please contact me should you required further information.

Regards

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**From:** Tessa McKee [mailto:Tessa.McKee@oldham.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 23 August 2012 11:33  
**To:** David Baker  
**Subject:** Request for screening opinion - Higginshaw Lane (SS1023/1/SR)

Dear Mr Baker,

Further to your screening opinion request, please note the following.

To enable the Local Authority carry out the screening opinion, please provide the following by the **30 August 2012**:

- a location plan (1.1250), identifying the site in red edge; and
- a description of the proposed development.

It would also be of assistance if you could provide/complete:

- an indicative site layout; and
- page 3-5 of the screening checklist - [http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/pins/eia\\_analysis\\_screening.doc](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/pins/eia_analysis_screening.doc)

If you wish to discuss the above further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Tessa McKee  
Planning Officer  
Oldham Council  
Economy Places and Skills Directorate  
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