



Large Scale Voluntary Transfer

Argyll Environmental is a specialist risk management consultancy.

We provide environmental due diligence and risk assessment services for land and property. Our clients use these to support transactions, redevelopment, corporate decision making, investments and valuations.

We supply a range of services. These go from desktop screening reports through to on-site consultancy work. We can also provide risk management solutions. This allows you to complete your risk management journey in one place.

Here is an example of completed project.

Large Scale Environmental Risk Assessment Salford City Council

Argyll Environmental (Argyll) was key advisor to Salford City Council (Salford) on environmental risk and liability as part of their Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) project. This involved the transfer in ownership of 8,410 residential assets in the Salford district.

This scale of the project meant that traditional assessment and reporting mechanisms would not meet the needs of Salford, or provide actionable information to feed into decision-making processes. Therefore, our environmental risk assessment was completed and delivered as a Geographical Information System (GIS), which provided information and individual reports all from a central geo-spatial platform covering the Salford district.

Our environmental risk assessment brief covered core risks such as contaminated land and flood risk, but also additional risks including ground stability, and asbestos. The methodology employed was to group neighbouring assets and run a staged risk assessment process, to ensure time and effort was being spent on higher risk assets.

Our comprehensive data library (used by the majority of Local Authorities) was used to screen the assets against datasets jointly selected by our expert consultants and Salford. This stage allowed us to provide passed assessments for a large number of the 8,410 assets.

For the assets remaining at risk we completed our market-leading SiteSolutions Combined reports, which involved a manual review and analysis of all data and historic mapping by our expert consultancy team. This desktop reporting stage allowed us to provide passed assessments in the majority of cases, and all reporting was uploaded onto the GIS project platform. Additional risk management services were also presented alongside these desktop reports.

By combining our data, technology and consultancy skills and services we were able to complete an extensive and comprehensive analysis of a large-scale property portfolio in an efficient and effective way. This project resulted in the successful transfer in ownership of the residential properties from Salford City Council to Salix Homes.