



Brownfield Land Scotland 2019

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About this event

The 12th annual **Brownfield Land Scotland** conference will provide you with up-to-date information on the regulatory framework affecting brownfield development, as well as practical solutions to many of the risk assessment and remediation challenges associated with contaminated land and groundwater. With emphasis on actionable guidance specifically applicable to the brownfield agenda in Scotland, this information-packed, one day event brings together representatives from regulators, consultants and industry to provide first-hand advice to your specific challenges.

Key topics to be addressed include:

- Assessing the Implications of the **Gorebridge Mine-Gas Case** for Ground Gas Risk Assessment & Protection
- Maximising the **Benefits of Digital Data Collection** for Timelier & More Accurate Site Investigation
- Update on Changes to the **Scottish Planning Framework**
- **Transforming Vacant & Derelict Land** in Scotland: Unlocking Inclusive Growth
- Enabling Brownfield Development in Scotland: **A Developer's Perspective**
- **Asbestos in soil**: Practicalities of Working on Sites with Low Level, 'Trace' & Sporadic Asbestos Contamination
- Outlining the changes to **Waste Management policy** and legislation in Scotland

Why attend?

Expert panel

This event brings together a mix of regulators, practitioners and consultants to review and discuss key policies and practical solutions to a number of brownfield and contaminated land challenges.

Current thinking

Written by you, for you; this programme has been written based on research with local authorities and consultants across Scotland to ensure it focuses specifically on those issues most pertinent to you now.

Case studies

Learn from hands-on experience in a series of case studies which will provide technical guidance and practical frameworks, and come away with best practices that you can apply immediately within your organisation.

Time efficiency and focus

Remove yourself from day to day distractions and benefit from a series of focused presentations, designed to tackle key issues and impart practical advice and guidance.

Q&A panel discussions

In addition to expert-led presentations, there will also be a number of Q&A discussion sessions throughout the day, giving you the opportunity to address your specific questions and challenges and share your opinions with others.

Networking

Meet and mingle with senior professionals in your sector - an invaluable networking and knowledge-sharing opportunity.

9.00 Registration and Refreshments

9.30 Opening Remarks from the Morning Chair

Dr Tom Henman, Director - Geosciences, RSK

Contaminated Land & Groundwater Risk Assessment

9.40 Ground Gas: Managing Scotland's Mining Legacy with Appropriate Ground Gas Risk Assessment & Protection

- Assessing the extent of the risks from former mining activity in Scotland, including specific hazards and risks associated with mine gas:
 - the gases, their properties and the source-pathway- receptor model
- Clarifying the current regulatory stance on ground gas risk assessment on development sites, including former mine-works:
 - to what extent are increased energy efficiency requirements and climate change impacting on this?
 - assessing the effect of ground conditions on gas occurrence and management
- Assessing possible implications arising from the Gorebridge mine-gas case
 - what is the likely impact of mandatory gas protection on new developments for Local Council CLOs and EHOs and their consultants?
- Managing the issues around the effective validation and verification of gas protection measures
- Mine gas management and opportunities for the future

10.05 Maximising the Benefits of Digital Data Collection for Timelier & More Accurate Site Investigation

- Examining key criteria to consider when selecting an appropriate technology
- Effective use of remote telemetry monitoring systems to improve field data collection
- Using GIS to add value to your desk study and SI data to give a better visualisation and understanding of the site
- Project examples of new technology implementation

10.30 Morning Refreshments & Networking

Optimising the Viability and Deliverability of Brownfield Land in Development

11.00 Update on Changes to the Scottish Planning Framework and Implications for Brownfield & Contaminated Land Development

- Update on the new Scottish Planning Bill and timescales for the development of National Planning Framework 4
- Clarifying the role of brownfield in Local Development (LDP) and Local Place Plans (LPP)
 - what safeguards will be put in place to effectively deal with contaminated land?
 - how can enforcement of planning conditions be better monitored and verified?
- Evaluating what further steps are needed to facilitate brownfield development and “unlock” viable land:
 - how will the new NPF4 improve delivery of housing and infrastructure across Scotland?

Gordon Thomson, Associate Director, Lichfields

11.25 Transforming Vacant & Derelict Land in Scotland – Unlocking Inclusive Growth

- Outlining key aims and objectives of the strategy to deal with vacant and derelict land in Scotland
- Exploring potential tools and mechanisms that could be used to address the problem
- Finding innovative ways to bring the land back into productive use – what funding mechanisms are available?
- Examining possible obligations and liabilities if communities intend to bring urban land back into use

Dr Martin Valenti FRSGS, *Strategic Director*, Scottish Land Commission

11.50 Enabling Brownfield Development in Scotland – A Developer’s Perspective

- Outlining our view on current and future brownfield challenges and solutions
- Managing contamination and geo-technical challenges on potential development sites
- Exploring how the process from investigation-remediation-development could be simplified and accelerated
- Working effectively with Scottish Government, Local Authorities, consultants & contractors to bring brownfield land back into use – case study examples

12.15 Q&A

12.30 Networking Lunch

Contaminated Land Remediation Solutions

13.15 Asbestos in Soil: Practicalities of Working on Sites with Low Level, ‘Trace’ & Sporadic Asbestos Contamination

- Defining soils with low level, ‘trace’, “negligible” and sporadic asbestos contamination
- Best practice for applying CARSOIL guidance to a site with minor asbestos contamination issues:
 - what is defined as “acceptable risk”?
 - what is the guidance for dealing with asbestos fibres in the air?
- Effectively managing material with minor asbestos contamination:
 - segregation of materials and avoiding cross contamination
 - techniques for processing and remediating low levels of asbestos fibres in soil
 - waste classification and reduction and assessing the costs of disposal
 - giving confidence to landfill and waste site operators in managing this material
- Examining the technical and legal implications of re-using material with minor asbestos-contamination:
 - deciding what material can be re-used on site
 - gauging the Regulator’s view on re-use
 - the longer-term risks of re-using & how it should be monitored over time
- Case study: Practicalities of identifying, remediating and re-using asbestos-contaminated materials on-site

13.40 Q&A

Remediation Case Studies

This session will feature technical case studies of innovative technologies and remediation and brownfield development projects in Scotland

13.45 Smouldering Remediation of Heavily Contaminated Soils: Case Studies in Ex Situ and In Situ Applications

Smouldering remediation is capable of removing 99.9+% of heavy hydrocarbon contamination from soil using self-sustaining flameless combustion. Non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) contaminant serves as fuel for smouldering supplying energy to the exothermic combustion reactions within the inert porous soil medium. Process efficiency increases with scale. In cases where insufficient NAPL is present, a benign fuel such as vegetable oil can be added to support smouldering. This presentation will examine in situ and ex situ case studies at sites around the world as well as frontiers in smouldering remediation research

Dr Christine Switzer, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Strathclyde

15.30 Afternoon Refreshments & Networking

Waste Management & Re-use of Materials in Remediation Projects

15.50 Outlining the changes to waste management policy and legislation in Scotland and the implications for contaminated land projects

- Detailing recent and forthcoming changes to waste policy in Scotland:
 - integrated authorisation framework
 - SEPA and sector plans
 - bio-degradeable municipal waste to landfill ban from 2021
- Outlining how enhanced compliance will affect sites going forward:
 - clarifying duty of care and associated liabilities
- Assessing the cost implications for brownfield and construction projects:
 - what can be done to manage and mitigate these?

Laura Tainsh, Partner & Head of Environment & Waste, Davidson Chalmers LLP

16.15 Best Practice Waste Management Strategies for Remediation & Construction Projects in Scotland

- Ensuring effective classification and risk-assessment of materials in line with current guidance
- Developing an effective Materials Management Plan (MMP) as part of your remedial strategy
- Evaluating different treatment, storage, disposal and re-use options to ensure the safe, compliant and cost-effective movement of materials on and off-site
- Accurately testing, reporting and verifying waste re-use on-site: what levels of testing should be undertaken?
- Project examples of innovative waste treatment and re-use

16.40 Q&A

16.50 Closing Remarks from the Chair

17.00 Close of conference followed by a Networking Drinks Reception