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Subject: FOI/17/0135 RESPONSE TO FOI REQUEST RECEIVED 21st JANUARY 2017
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Dear Mr Platten

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to the former Cryalls Lane Rubbish Tip. I am pleased to provide the response below:

1) During which years was the Site used for the extraction of Chalk & Who was the Owner/ Operating Company?

The site was quarried for Chalk up until 1966. It is understood that old maps of the area indicate clay was also extracted in the immediate vicinity of the landfill site. Kent County Council (KCC) does not hold any further details relating to either the owner or the operator during this time.

2) When did it cease to be a working Chalk Pit.

KCC's records indicate the site was quarried for Chalk up to 1966.

3) In what year did it become a Refuse Site & was it Lined with, say, a Clay Type Material?

From 1966, Milton Rural District Council used the site for waste disposal. As was the practice at that time, refuse was loosely tipped and much of it was burned. No containment measures were implemented at the site. In 1974 management of the site was passed to KCC under the Control of Pollution Act 1974 (CoPA) regulations and Local Government re-organisation.

4) When did it cease being a Rubbish Dump & what Type of materials were deposited there?

Placement of the final capping was carried out in 1982 and by 1985 the whole of the site had been restored to grassland. There are no exact records of the tipping history of the site but information may be taken from aerial photographs of the area.

- The main part of the site (Zone 1) was used for disposal from before 1972 until 1980.
- Zone 2 was utilised before 1974 for the disposal of car wrecks.
- At the northern edge of Zone 2, Zone 3 was infilled with sludge between 1974 and 1980.
- The south-eastern corner of the site (Zone 4) was excavated in 1974 to a depth of 20m for domestic refuse disposal.
- North of that Zone 5 was similarly excavated in 1978.
- The last area to be infilled was Zone 6, only up to 4m of refuse is said to be contained within this last area.

5) Were any of the materials potentially Hazardous i.e. Medical Bio-Waste, Asbestos, Toxic Chemicals - Radioactive products etc?

There are few details on the exact nature and volumes of waste that entered the site. As tipping was taking place prior to 1972, before the implementation of CoPA, it is likely that little or no control was exercised over the types of materials that entered the site. Although it is stated that car wrecks and gully sludge entered the north-eastern areas of the site, it is likely the majority of waste in the site is of a domestic nature. Contents of landfills of this age are broadly classified as containing inert, slowly degradable, putrescible, difficult and asbestos wastes.

6) When it was re-mediated, was a membrane, or Clay barrier installed?

The capping of the site was largely completed during 1982. A mixture of capping material was used - three quarters of the site (from the south to the north) was capped with puddled Chalk; the remaining 25% was covered with Thanet Sands with the most recently filled area capped

with a mixture of Clay-with-flints and puddled Chalk. The depth of this material is historically consistent with best practice at the time, being in the order of 500mm – 700mm in thickness.

7) In what year was the Gas Burner Installed? Has the Bio-gas been 'Put to any Use' - such as a Heat Source or generation of Electricity.

An 'active' extraction system (with flare) was installed in 1986. This was subsequently upgraded through the addition of extra gas extraction wells in 1989 and 1993. In 2002 the original flare was replaced with a new one. Since this date regular maintenance of the system has been carried out with major works to repair and renew the pipework carried out during 2016. The gas is only flared, not utilised.

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Yours sincerely

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From: michael platten [mailto:mike_2p@btinternet.com]

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To: Freedom of Information - KCC; FOI@Swale.gov.uk

Subject: FIA request - 'History of Former CRYALLS LANE rubbish tip

Note :- I HAVE SENT THIS REQUEST TO BOTH KCC & SBC - as During it's lifetime BOTH Councils may have been involved ?

from:- mike platten MRSC, 48 brier road, sittingbourne, kent, ME10 1YL

The following Information is required - in order to give a short talk - to a local community group in March 2017

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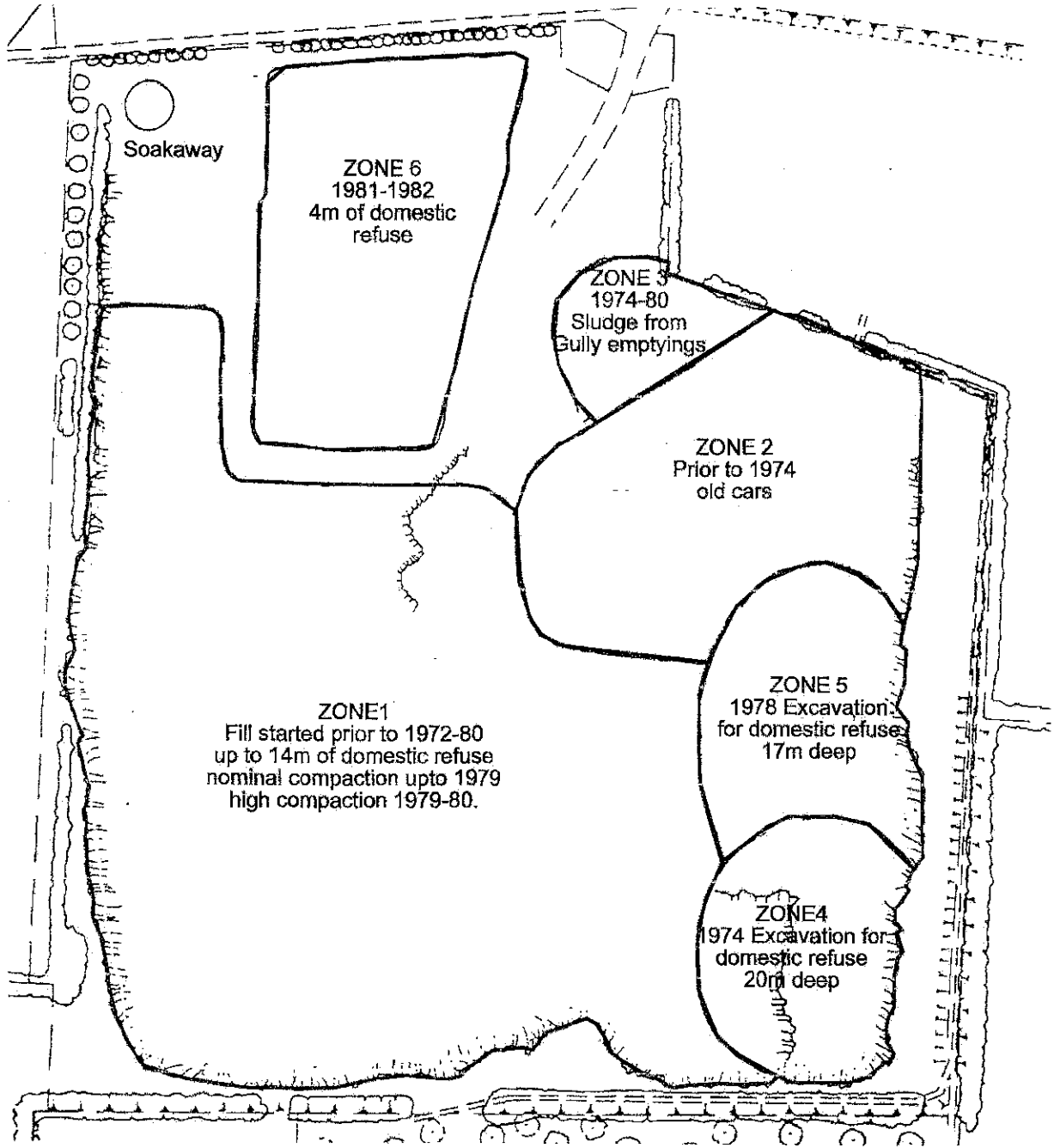
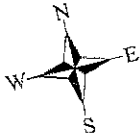
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The Act requires you to respond within 20 Working Days - i.e. 17th February 2017



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