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Yorkshire Contaminated Land Forum Meeting

Urban Regeneration – Developing the Future of the Region

Held on 08/12/16

Yorkshire Contaminated Land Forum held its annual evening Christmas event at the Carriage Works in Leeds on the 8th December with a Case Study themed look at various regeneration projects across the region.

The first presentation was given by Rebecca Reynolds and Patricia Gill from WYG looking at the challenges of developing the 1st Phase Infrastructure at the Kirkstall Forge site in Leeds. The 26Ha site has had a long industrial heritage having been in use since 1200AD and since 1600 – 2000 had been used continuously as an Iron Forge. In order to create the infrastructure it was necessary to deal with a number of challenges such as enormous obstructions, localised areas of LNAPL, asbestos and potential unexploded ordnance. Being next to the River Aire presented a number of challenges including having to deal with a flood event which took place during the works. The 1st phase of the works are now complete and a video fly through can be seen on the YCLF website.

Danny Hope from Hydrock provided an informative presentation on the benefits of developing an effective Materials Management Plan. The first part of the presentation provided an overview of the legislation and policy relating to the movement of materials on site. Danny provided an overview of the CL:AIRE Definition of Waste: Industry Code of Practice including a best practice road map of how to demonstrate compliance with the guidance. Three case study examples highlighted different options for managing the movement of material on site: Hub and cluster, on-site treatment and re-use and 'site of origin' cut and fill. All of the case studies highlighted a sustainable approach to managing materials on site along with significant cost savings. Danny concluded the presentation by summarising potential updates to the Code of Practice in the near future.

The final presentation was given by Andrew Malley from retail development specialists Dransfield Properties. Andrew provided the audience with a fascinating insight into the way new retail development schemes are assessed

in relation to their potential viability and the hurdles which needed to be overcome to develop the new Fox Valley Retail Centre in Stocksbridge, Sheffield. Market research demonstrated that there was a strong demand for more retail shops in the Stocksbridge area. The site is a former steel works next to the existing Tata Site. There were a number of issues in relation to completing the development including negotiating access from Tata steel, developing a roundabout off a major route to Manchester, identifying a suitable power supply, land contamination and having to identify new key tenants after the key anchor tenant pulled out half way through the scheme. The development was opened in Summer 2016 and all the shops are now occupied. It is possible to see the completed development and historical video of Stocksbridge via links on the YCLF website.

The technical meeting was followed by an informal networking session supported by Chemtest, Hydrock and ALS. Further details relating to all the talks and speakers are available on the YCLF website (www.yclf.org.uk).

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