

Planning and Development Control in Areas affected by Past Mineral Extraction: "tub before the pony"?

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Abstract

Development work at sites of former mining operations can be problematic. Issues arising from ground instability, tip security and contamination issues can cause significant problems in design and construction. However it appears that recent years have seen a significant increase in the concerns associated with contamination in the planning process, with ground conditions receiving less attention.

These comments are considered against the background of two site investigation projects undertaken in Flintshire. These projects are typical of the range of past mineral activity in the county, and relate to coal mining and lead/zinc working.