

Land Quality Inspections Programme – 2016 Inspections

In 2016 we completed inspections at seven sites in County Durham which have been used historically for industrial activity such as gas works, colliery and cokeworks and landfills.

The inspection process

The inspections are completed in two phases:

- Phase One – a visual survey of the area using historical maps which detail former industrial activity. This is completed in order to identify the most relevant areas where further testing may be needed.
- Phase Two – soil samples and where necessary, water samples are gathered to analyse the condition of the land. Air monitoring may also be undertaken.

You can find out more about the inspection process as well as the results of the inspections we carried out in 2016 by clicking on the relevant area below:

Area P Blackhall Rocks Landfill

Blackhall Colliery Landfill

Broompark Hospital and Colliery

Dipton Collieries

Pelton Fell Colliery, Landfill and Gasworks

Shincliffe Colliery and Cokeworks

Thornley Landfill

If you would like to know more about the inspections in these areas, please contact the pollution control team on 03000 261 152 or via email at landqualitysurvey@durham.gov.uk

You can also find out information on current inspections taking place by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/landquality

Area P Blackhall Rocks Landfill

A land quality inspection was carried out at Area P Blackhall Rocks Landfill site between December 2015 and March 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



Why did we inspect this area?

In the past, this area has been the site of a former landfill. There is a risk that the land may have been contaminated with pollutants from this industrial activity.

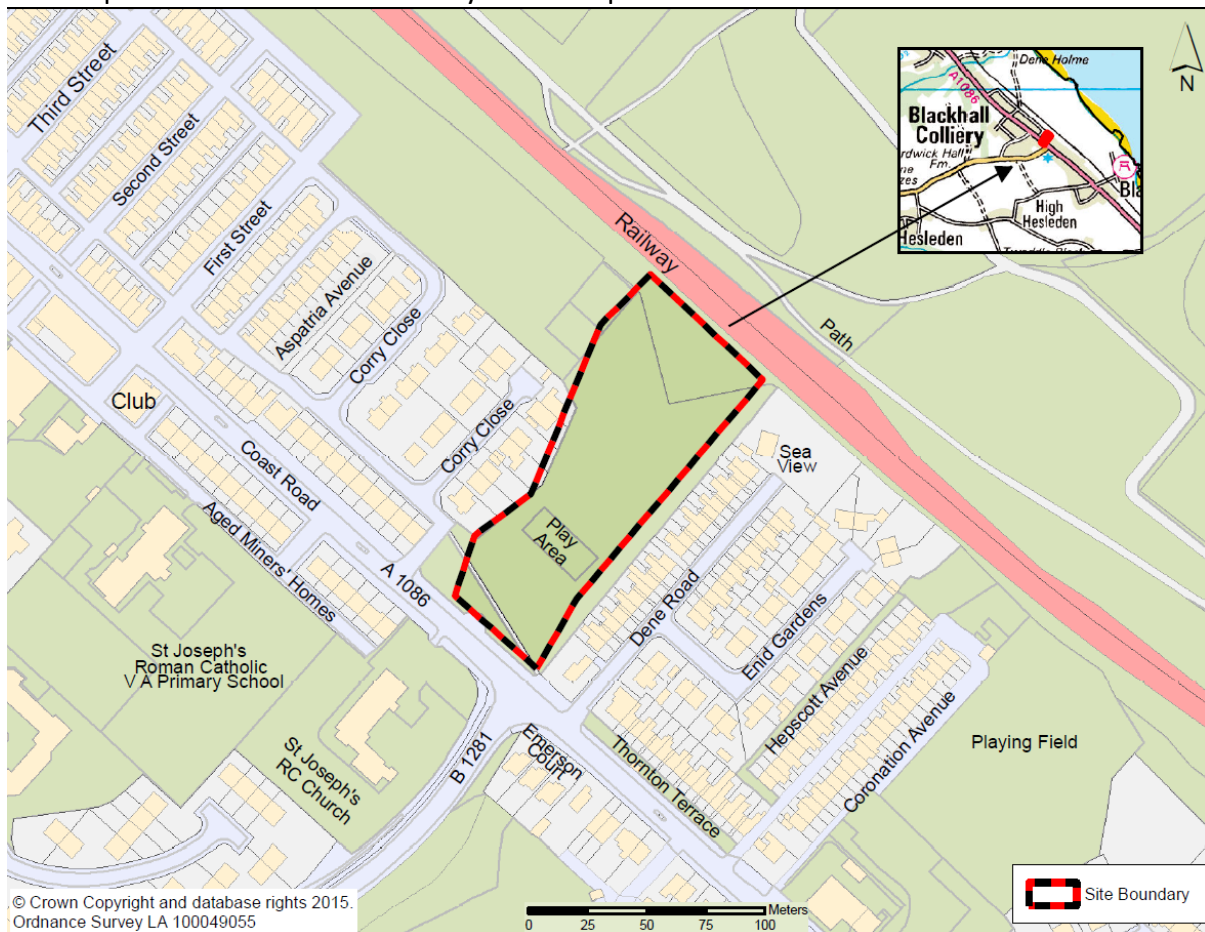
Results

The inspection report was received and reviewed in August 2016. The report concluded that in general, there was no concern with the results. We have considered the sub-contractor's recommendations and no further testing is required. The outcome has been reported back to the landowner where sampling was carried out.

Blackhall Colliery Landfill

A land quality inspection was carried out at Blackhall Colliery Landfill site between December 2015 and March 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



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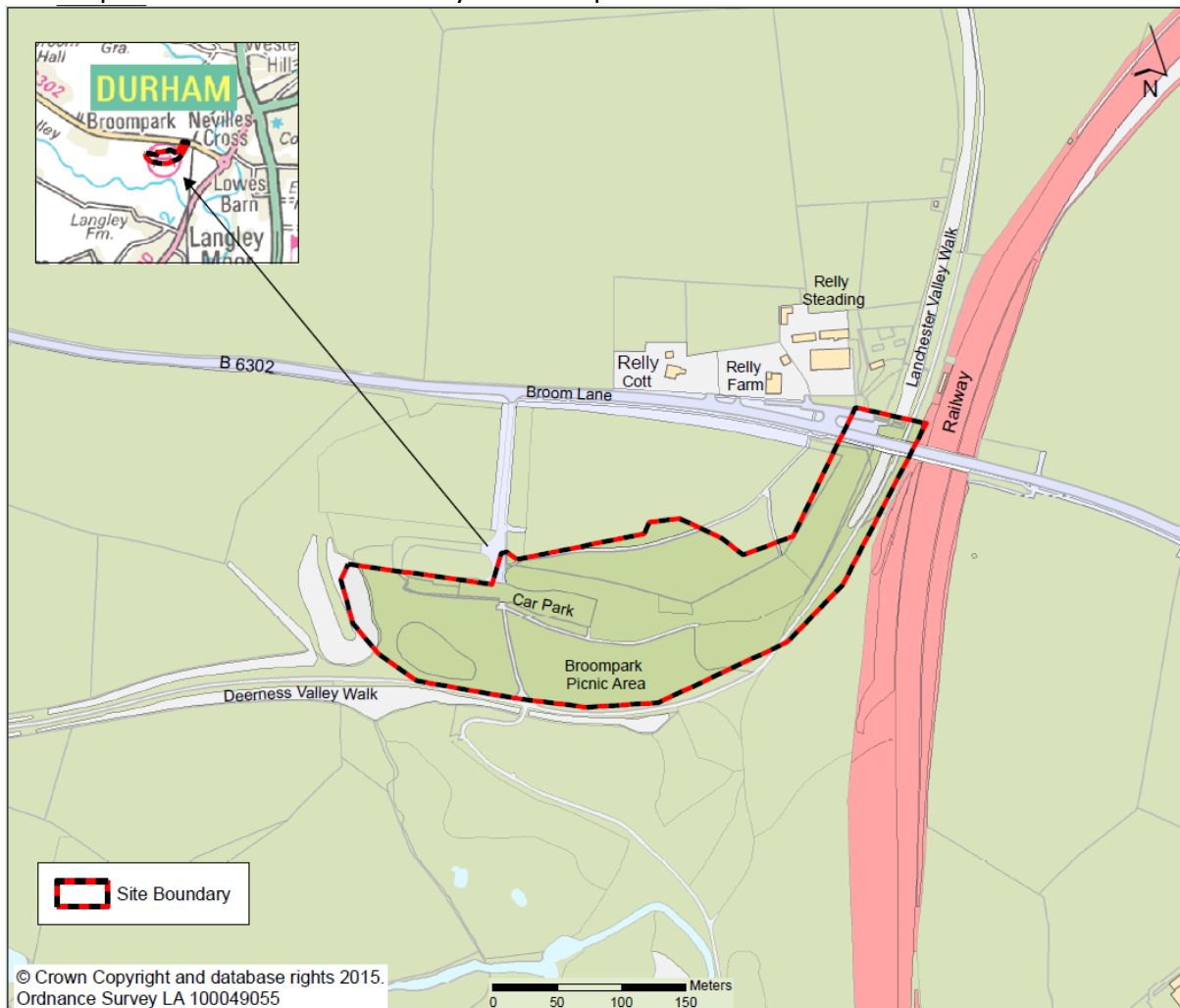
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Broompark Hospital and Colliery

A land quality inspection was carried out at Broompark Hospital and Colliery site between December 2015 and May 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



Why did we inspect this area?

In the past, this area has been the site of a former hospital and colliery. There is a risk that the land may have been contaminated with pollutants from this industrial activity.

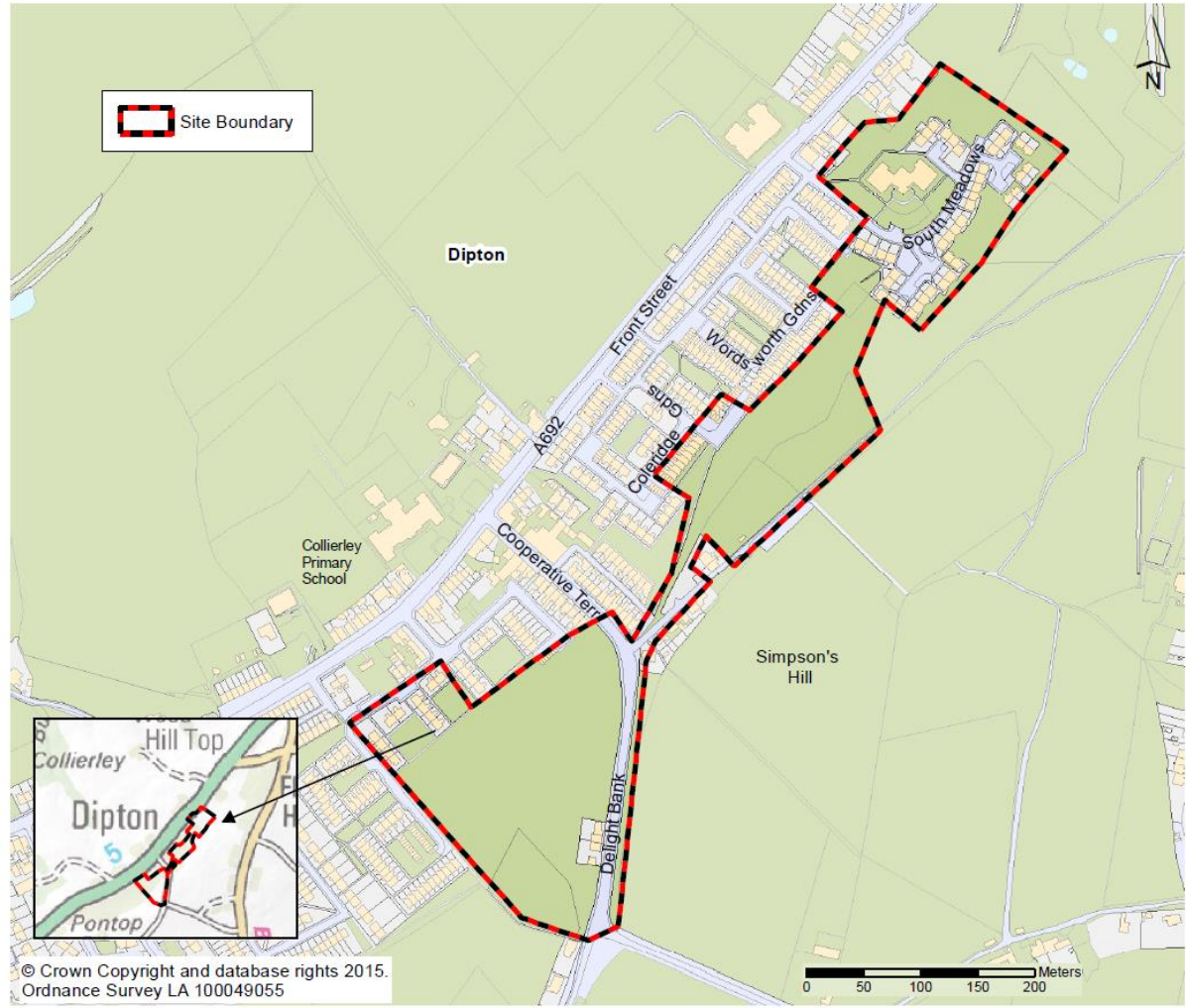
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Dipton Collieries

A land quality inspection was carried out at Dipton Collieries site between July 2015 and March 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



Why did we inspect this area?

In the past, this area has been the site of a former colliery. There is a risk that the land may have been contaminated with pollutants from this industrial activity.

Results

The inspection report was received and reviewed in March 2016. The report concluded that in general, there was no concern with the results. We have considered the sub-contractor's recommendations and no further testing is required. The outcome has been reported back to the landowner where sampling was carried out.

Pelton Fell Colliery, Landfill and Gasworks

A land quality inspection was carried out at Pelton Fell Colliery, Landfill and Gasworks site between December 2015 and September 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



Why did we inspect this area?

In the past, this area has been the site of a former colliery, landfill and gas works. There is a risk that the land may have been contaminated with pollutants from these industrial activities.

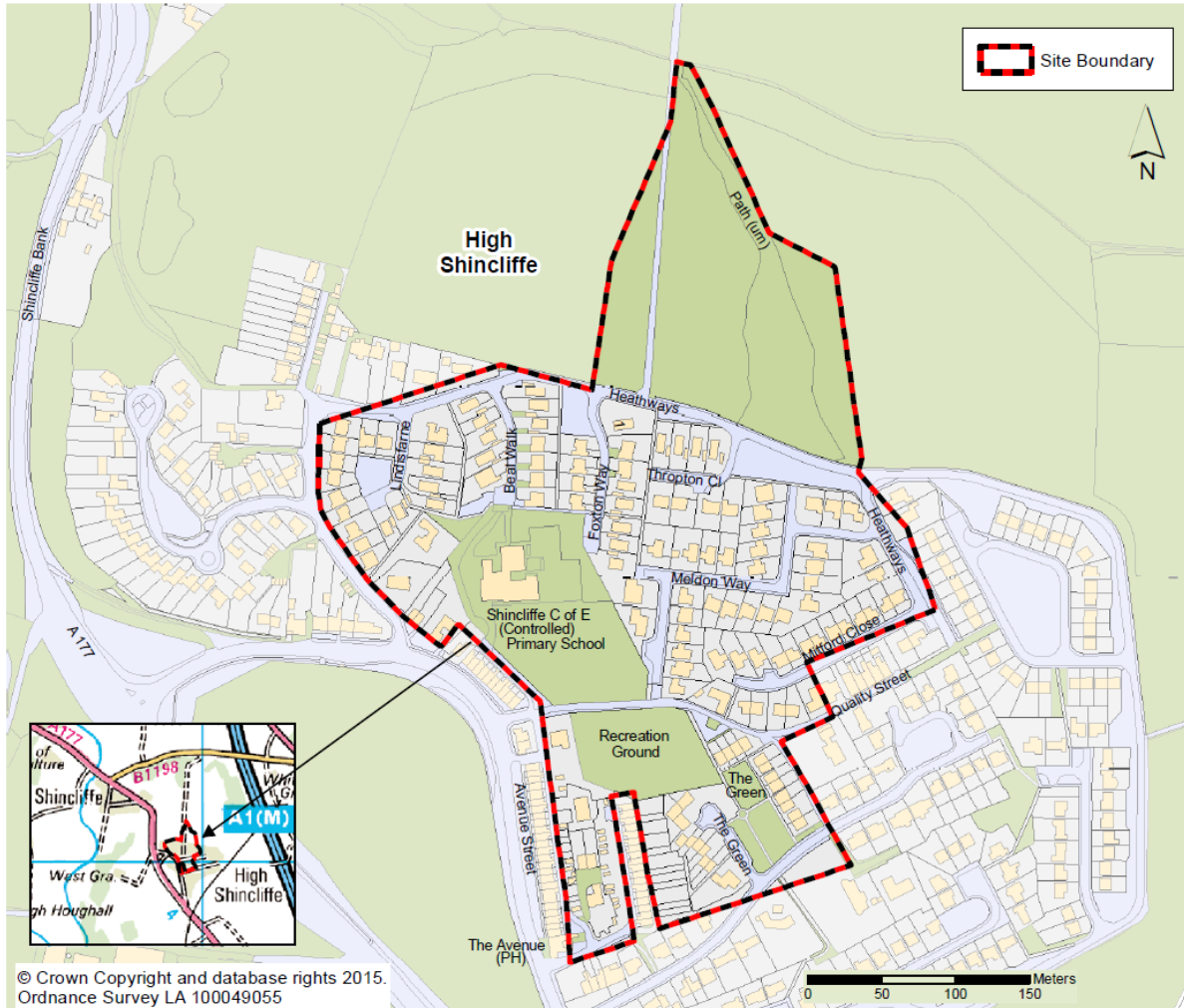
Results

The inspection report was received and reviewed in October 2016. The report concluded that in general, there was no concern with the results. We have considered the sub-contractor's recommendations and no further testing is required. The outcome has been reported back to the landowner where sampling was carried out.

Shincliffe Colliery and Coke Works

A land quality inspection was carried out at Shincliffe Colliery and Coke Works site between November 2015 and March 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



Why did we inspect this area?

In the past, this area has been the site of a former colliery and coke works. There is a risk that the land may have been contaminated with pollutants from this industrial activity.

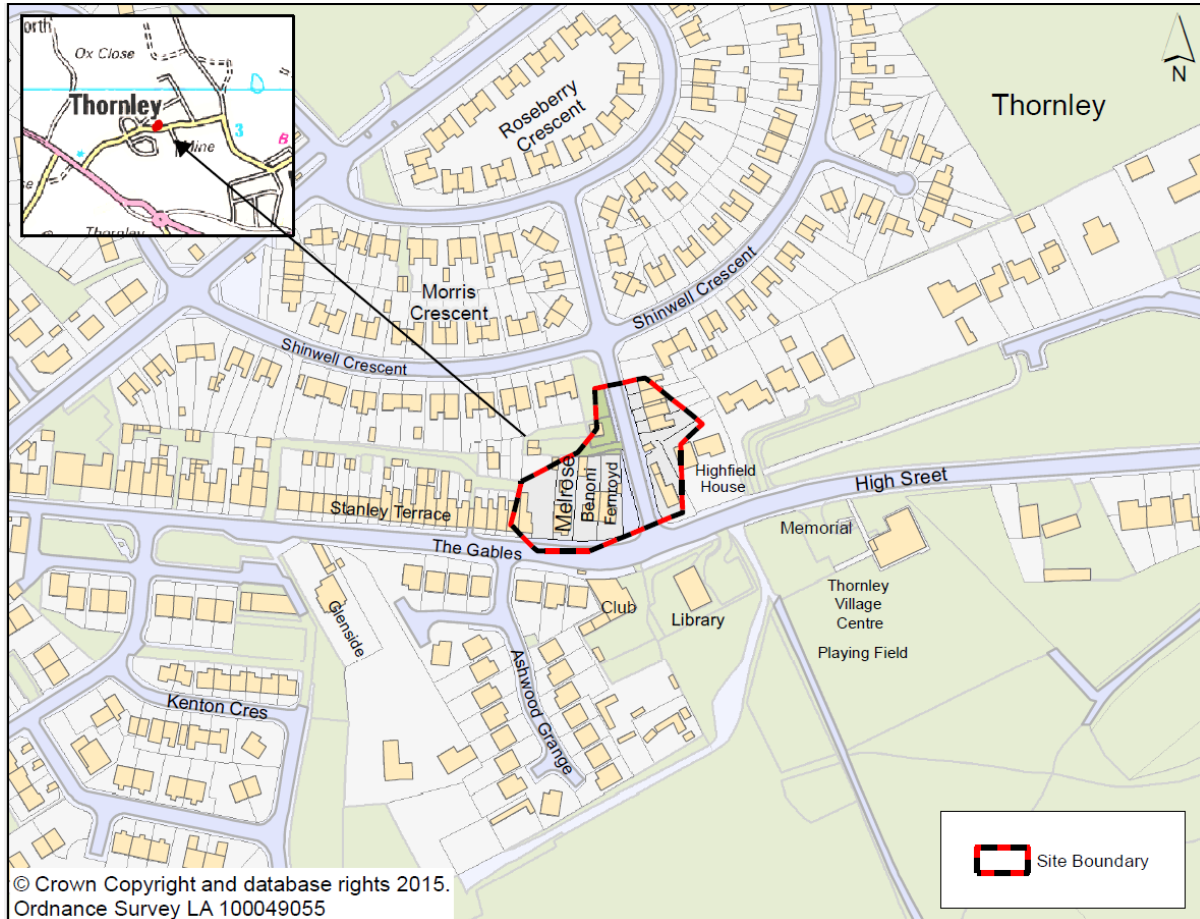
Results

The inspection report was received and reviewed in March 2016. The report concluded that in general, there was no concern with the results. We have considered the sub-contractor's recommendations and no further testing is required. The outcome has been reported back to the landowners where sampling was carried out.

Thornley Landfill

A land quality inspection was carried out at Thornley Landfill site between January 2016 and June 2016.

The map below shows the boundary of the inspection area on this former industrial site.



Why did we inspect this area?

In the past, this area has been the site of a former landfill. There is a risk that the land may have been contaminated with pollutants from this industrial activity.

Results

The inspection report was received and reviewed in August 2016. The report concluded that in general, there was no concern with the results. We have considered the sub-contractor's recommendations and no further testing is required. The outcome has been reported back to the residents and landowners where sampling was carried out.