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Our Ref. 080142/mjh
Your Ref. TM/KT/CL/08-02487-FUL

Dear Tracey:

**CONTAMINATED LAND REQUEST FOR PLANNING APPLICATION: 08/02487/FUL -
RENOVATE AND REUSE REMAINS OF EXISTING LIME KILN TO CREATE
DWELLINGHOUSE AT BRAEHEAD QUARRY, KEITH**

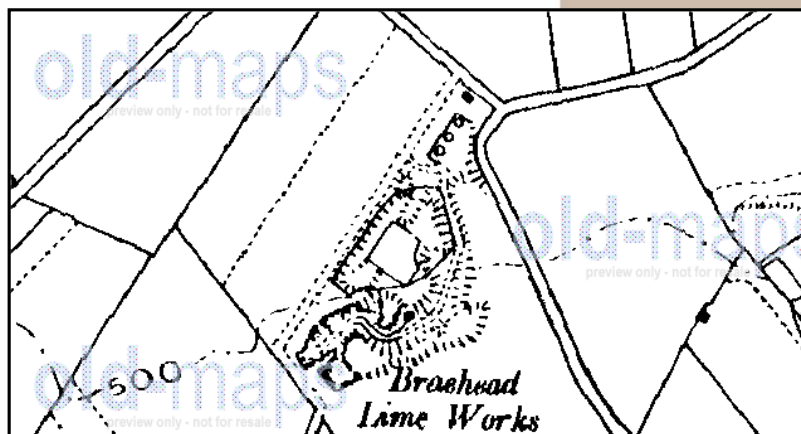
I write with reference to the above planning application and your letter dated 9th December 2008, highlighting the following sources of contamination in the vicinity of the application site;

- **Infilled quarry and lime works on site.**

In looking at the written and mapped history of the site we have identified the following;

In April 1902, the Banffshire Herald makes the first reference to the quarry operation and notes that the site is to be let as a quarry. By the 1905 second edition Ordnance Survey map (See adjacent extract) the site is identified as being the 'Braehead Lime Works', and shows an extensive area to the south east of the public road being utilised for this purpose.

Fronting the public road the OS map illustrates a rectangular shaped object with three round pillars, which based on the remains on site we assume to be the lime kiln.



Little other information exists as to the continued operation of the quarry and/or lime kiln and to when it ceased being actively worked. The current OS mapping, shows the remains of the Lime Kiln, but the quarry area is undefined.

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We do however understand that the site was eventually transferred to the Moray Council and we believe the Council utilised the quarry area as a landfill site. We have been unable to identify any written evidence of this use and are unable to comment on the composite of material deposited there.

In 2002/3, our client purchased the former quarry area from the Council and, shortly after commissioned 'Grampian Soil Surveys' to undertake soil sampling and chemical analysis of the soils around the site, and gas monitoring of the area (copies of both reports are attached for your information).

In the past few years the site has been landscaped over and replanted; consequently little evidence of the previous quarry use exists. However, the stone frontage and north-east wall of the lime kiln is still largely intact.



More recently, the applicant has dug out the lime kiln to ascertain the extent and construction of the existing building (See adjacent photographs). During the excavation operations, our client reviewed the composite of the material utilised to infill the kiln and found it to be just black earth, with no foreign material. Corollary, we consider that the material utilised to infill the Lime Kiln poses no risk to human health.

I hope the above and enclosed meets with your approval. However, please do not hesitate to contact me, should you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

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