

The Old School, Postland Road, Crowland Planning Permission H02-1046-17

Discharge of condition 3, Contamination.

The school was built in 1857. The 1887 -1900 OS map shows the school in place. It was very much on the edge of Crowland.

There are no maps we can find pre 1857 which show any detail for the area.

There is therefore no evidence that the site was anything other than a field before the school. A field and a school would not produce any significant contamination.

We understand that there was backfilling of ditches in the area in 1975 with unknown materials being used with a potential risk of gas. It would seem unlikely that ditches would have crossed the main school site which would have been in use as a school at the time.

However there is no below ground excavation that is required to undertake the works required to convert the building to residential use.

All workers on site will be informed that if they smell any gas, or other unusual smells, they should stop work immediately. Such an event will be notified to the Local Planning Authority and a report submitted detailing what action has been taken to enable work to restart.

The old boiler (see photo) on the site was disconnected some time ago, before the current owner took possession, and will be disposed of to a licensed waste site.

