

Case Study

Consultancy

Company: Lewdown Services

Profile: A former filling station

The Challenge: To decommission the filling station site and prepare it for re-development

Impact: Property was given planning and environmental permission for redevelopment in Autumn 2002

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The Company

The Company was previously a filling station, general store and repair workshop. The business served a small local community, and the filling station was a popular stopping point for coaches and others heading to Cornwall before the new trunk road was built, as it had café facilities and ample parking space, but economic circumstances forced closure of the filling station side of the business. It then became more economic to redevelop the whole site for housing.

The Aims

To complete an environmental audit of the fuel filling station, looking at the potential of toxic and carcinogenic fuel products to contaminate the soil and to enter surface and groundwater, which can lead to environmental damage and hazards to health.

The Impact

- Desktop study December 2001.
- Soil and water analysis survey completed, Summer 2002.
- Liaison with Local and Environmental Authorities, Summer/Autumn 2002
- Property given planning and environmental permission for redevelopment, Autumn 2002

The People

"Because of the regard in which Exeter Environmental Consulting Services is held by the environmental authorities, we saved thousands of pounds in decommissioning the site. We feel that EECS provides the best chance of success in an increasingly complex and expensive area of current legislation and technology" **Gerald Norris, Director, Lewdown Services.**