

GLOSSARY

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Brownfield Site	A site that has been generally abandoned or underused where redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination. Only a small proportion of brownfield sites will meet the definition of contaminated land.
BSI	British Standards Institution
CLEA	Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment – a methodology for carrying out a Risk Assessment.
Contaminated Land	Any land which appears to the local authority in whose area it is situated to be in such a condition, by reason of substances, in, on or under the land that: a) significant harm is being caused or there is significant possibility of such harm being caused; or b) pollution of controlled waters is being, or is likely to be caused.
Controlled Waters	These include: a) inland waters, b) groundwater, c) terrestrial waters, d) coastal waters.
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and Regions
EA	The Environment Agency
GIS	Geographical Information System
ICRCL	Interdepartmental Committee on the Redevelopment of Contaminated Land.
Pathway	One or more routes by which a receptor can be exposed to a contaminant.
Pollutant Linkage	The relationship between a contaminant, a pathway and a receptor.
RAMSAR Site	A site protected under an international convention on protection of wetlands or international importance, especially as habitats for waterfowl, named after the city in Iran where the convention was signed.

Receptor	Sometimes referred to as a “target” – the health of a person, waters, ecosystem or property type that could be affected by contamination.
Remediation	Generally accepted as being the carrying out of works to prevent or minimise effects of contamination. In the case of this legislation the term also encompasses assessment of the condition of land, and subsequent monitoring of the land.
Risk Assessment	The study of a) the probability, or frequency, of a hazard occurring; and b) the magnitude of the consequences.
Source	A substance in, on or under the ground with the ability to cause harm.
Source Protection Zone	Protection zones around certain sources of groundwater used for public water supply. Within these zones, certain activities and processes are prohibited or restricted.
Special Site	Any contaminated designated due to the presence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste acid tar lagoons • Oil refining • Explosives • Integrated pollution control sites • Nuclear sites.
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest.