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Landfill Tax Exemption & 150% Land Remediation Tax Relief

The Government has announced changes to land remediation relief and land fill tax. The aim of which is to increase housing supply on brownfield sites by 240,000 net additional homes per year by 2016, with a total of 3 million new homes by 2020. Gleeds have been party to the consultation process and we summarise below the announcements:

Landfill Tax Exemption for Contaminated Waste

All land fill tax exemption for contaminated land will be abolished by 1 April 2012 and new applications for exemption will not be accepted after 30 November 2008. It is believed that ending the exemption will encourage on-site and off-site remediation in lieu of disposing at landfill sites.

Long Term Derelict Land

An extension to the relief to incorporate long term derelict land is to be introduced from 1 April 2009. This is likely to include the following items which currently deter development:

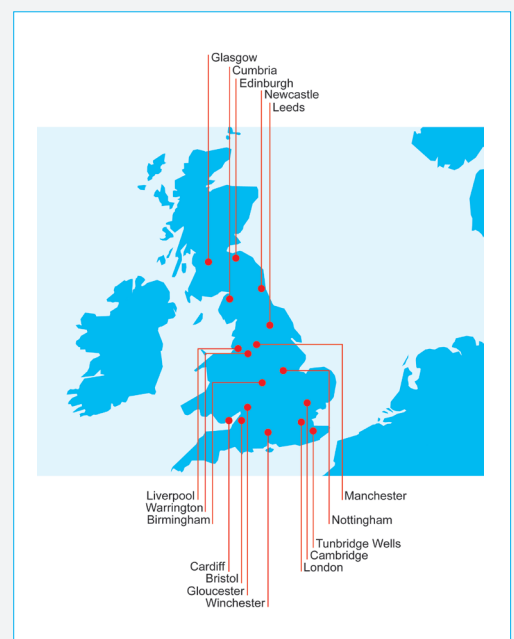
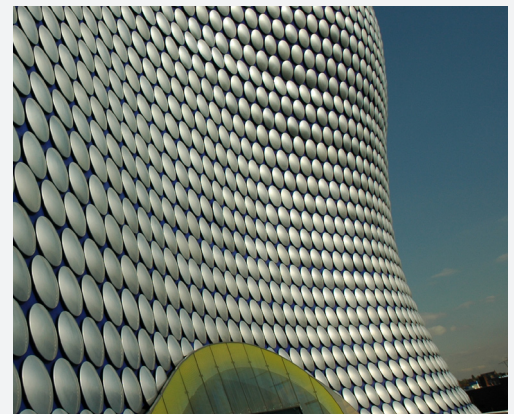
- Removal of post tensioned concrete heavy weight construction.
- Removal of building foundations and machinery bases.
- Removal of reinforced concrete pile caps.
- Removal of reinforced concrete basements.
- Below ground demolition of redundant services.

Focusing on Development

The government had initially considered linking land remediation relief to planning permission. Following consultation it has concluded that this is neither necessary nor desirable. Instead the Government wishes to improve the targeting to the relief by excluding work carried out under statutory obligations.

Japanese Knotweed

Land remediation relief is extended to expenditure incurred on the treatment of Japanese Knotweed, excluding any removal to a landfill site.



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