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Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2016 on behalf of your constituent  
, concerning a piece of contaminated  
land in Weedon.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) used to own the area of land in question and your constituent is correct, this was sold to the Parish Council in 1978. The Parish Council were aware of the presence of asbestos contamination and this site was sold as seen and under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the MOD is not liable for the costs of remediation of the contamination and this was reflected in the sale price at the time.

On the 10 February 2016 the MOD wrote to Daventry District Council with the results of the Land Quality Assessment (LQA) which was undertaken by the MOD to assist our understanding of site contamination. The study also sought to assist Daventry District Council in its assessment of contamination at the site and to assist the Council to undertake its duties as regulator of the contaminated land regime. The LQA concluded that creation of the children's play area introduced the specific types of users, children, to the area of contamination. Without this type of user the contamination would not be considered significant.

I know that the above may prove disappointing to your constituent but I trust this clarifies the Department's position. The MOD will continue to work with the Council to address the current contamination.

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