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<p>What response to issues raised in our 5/1/15 email to Rob Smith, TDC? When will he next meet with communities?</p>	<p>See copy of that email, sent with these notes.</p>	<p>A 16 Jan email from Rob Smith seemed to indicate he expected that a letter to be sent from Paul Sheldon in week of 19 Jan would deal with the matters raised.</p>	
<p>What does TDC acknowledge as its moral responsibilities to those affected? What, if any, legal liability has it to compensate property owners?</p>	<p>JT and TW met Paul Sheldon & TDC CEO Lyndsay McKenzie in week of 5 Jan. They got a respectful hearing and an indication that the process of advising residents was far from perfect.</p>	<p>Paul Sheldon has asked the Core Group for comment on a letter he has drafted to send to those who received his 5.12.14 letter.</p>	<p>That letter should be mailed in week of 19 Jan and will respond to many of the concerns raised.</p>
<p>How should contaminated sites be remediated by those who want this: capping, removal, blending? Is there a Govt remediation fund property owners can access?</p>			
<p>What is known or is discoverable about the degree of risk from living on affected properties?</p>		<p>TDC have some records available on which development areas had topsoil removed prior to building. Paul Sheldon has offered to work on this issue.</p>	<p>Retired Professor of Environmental Health Tord Kjellstrom leads the Ruby Bay Research Centre – a group of six scientists/academics. (kjellstrom@yahoo.com) Who will follow-up this possible source of support?</p>
<p>What testing has been done? What do those tests show? What's the pattern of reducing "acceptable levels" so far? When might those levels be further reduced? What other contamination is likely on properties in the region? New subdivisions are obviously blending soil to bring it to within acceptable limits, is this the best way for the community? Where can contaminated soils be dumped - for what fees? What safety issues exist for landowners, contractors, builders aware of the potential issues dealing with contaminated soil, if the whole issue is about human health why are many of these people not aware?</p>			<p>We know of a Nelson-based Lincoln University PhD studied effects of arsenic in ground from vineyard posts. Name and contact details held by TW. Retired Professor of Environmental Health Tord Kjellstrom leads the Ruby Bay Research Centre – a group of six scientists/academics. (kjellstrom@yahoo.com) Who will follow-up these possible sources of support?</p>

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Contaminated soil movement: due to the practice of discing in the early orchards much of the contaminated soil must be in our estuaries & waterways. What testing had been done there? We must stop contaminated soil being redistributed around the district.			
What is best advice to those homeowners who wish to have their soils tested? Will TDC contribute to the cost?	Paul Sheldon has indicated TDC will provide homeowner information to assist.	We've been told Hills Laboratory (local?) will test four soil samples from your property (delivered to them) for \$100. These will have no standing for claiming properties are/are not contaminated but may satisfy individual' concerns.	We've been told a "proper, scientific" soil test will costs \$1400-\$1500, perhaps reduced to \$100 if a larger number of properties combined for testing at once.
What are the actual, specific legal requirements imposed on TDC to deal with/notify "potentially contaminated" sites?		A 2004 Crown Law Office opinion given Auckland City Council on the matter of adding "contaminated" notices to LIM/PIM is available.	Someone with a legal training could examine this for its relevance to our current situations.
What do locally-based or other politicians & Env. Minister Smith know about and/or are doing about these matters?	The office of Green MP Catherine Delahunty has offered to supply info about a lot of work done on these matters, in answer to questions we ask.	The Minister is said to be unhappy with current legislation and has asked one of his Ministries for a review of it, by end of Jan 2015.	Catherine Delahunty's EA has been asked to respond to questions raised. (TW email, 17 Jan).
What can we learn from how other local bodies & unitary authorities have approached or intend to approach these issues?	TDC scientist Paul Sheldon has indicated he's willing to apply to LIM/PIM, wording used at Hastings. It's much "milder" and fairer to homeowners.		Some other regions are taking a very cautious approach to the matters to avoid endangering export markets for NZ produce.
What info is held in personal knowledge, photographs & other records of historical land use?	Individuals have contributed anecdotal info about this.		We need people to collect, organise and hold this info.
How & where will records (of local action group) be held? How do people affected want to be kept advised: meetings? newsletters? How will interested parties be found and kept informed?	Email list currently held by TW. TW happy to assist with occasional newsletters such as this.	Topic for Core Group meeting on 18 Jan?	People needed to assist with other records.
What other matters concern local householders?	ADD THEM IN THESE NOTES & EMAIL to sender of this update.	Topic for Core Group meeting on 18 Jan?	

