

ES33: ADVICE ON REMOVAL & DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS CEMENT PRODUCTS

Asbestos cement is a well bonded, sheet building material, commonly used for roofing and outbuildings such as garages. Care must be taken not to confuse it with asbestos insulating board which is similar in appearance, but much more hazardous since it is softer and often contains more dangerous types of asbestos. The following advice applies to asbestos cement only; other types of asbestos-containing materials are usually more hazardous and require more stringent precautions.

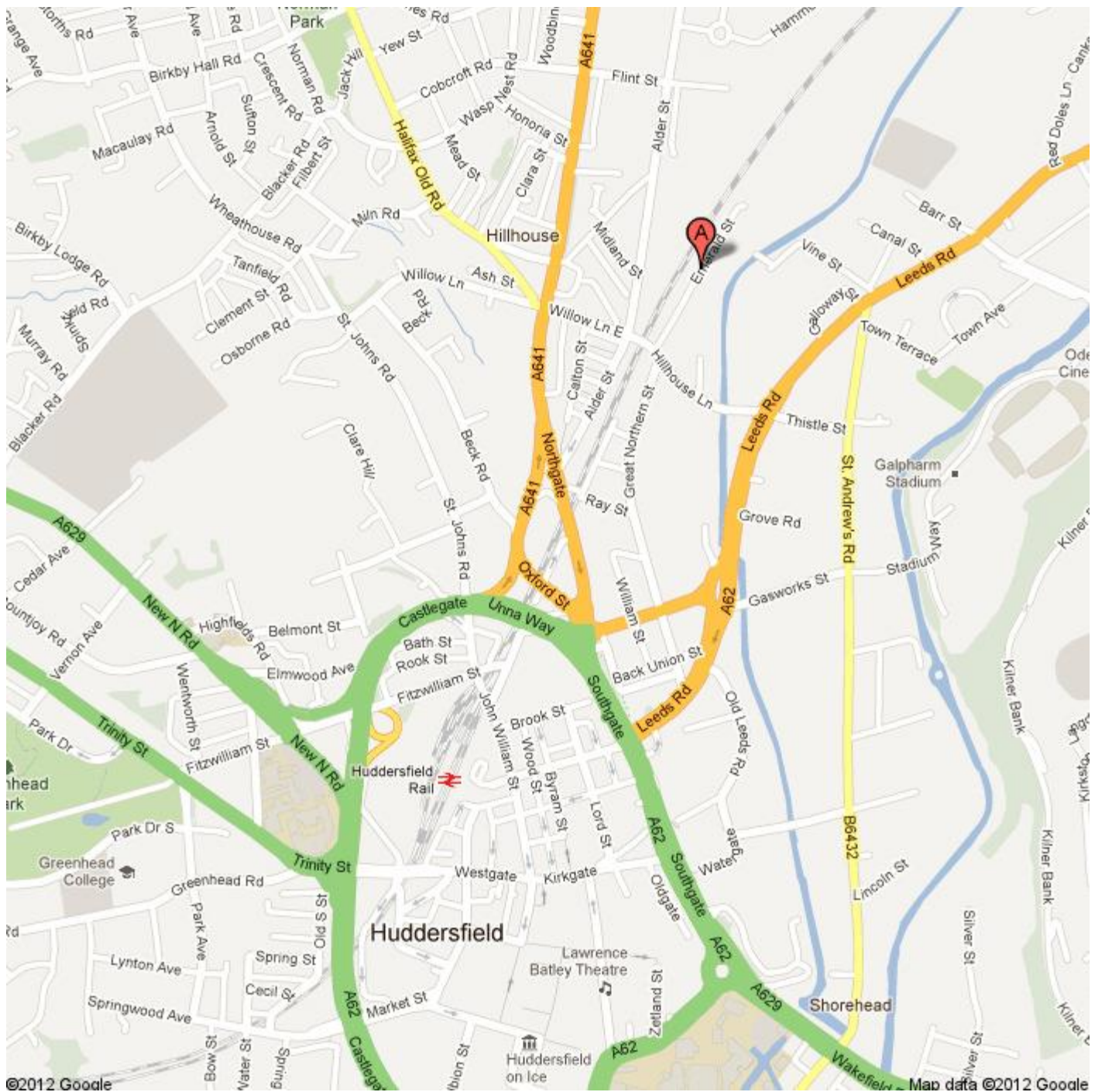
For advice relating to anything other than garage roof and wall sheets, guttering or fall pipes, please contact a UKAS accredited asbestos laboratory for sampling/testing advice or contact a commercial operator.

If you are in any doubt as to whether the product contains asbestos please contact UKAS www.ukas.org/testing and they will give you details of companies that can identify the type of asbestos, and provide advice and arrange removal if required. There will be a charge for these services.

Breathing asbestos dust is dangerous. Any work on asbestos cement may generate asbestos dust and we advise that the following precautions are taken to minimise the risk:

1. Avoid creating dust from asbestos cement.
2. Never sand down or wire-brush asbestos cement.
3. Do not use power tools on asbestos cement.
4. Avoid breaking asbestos cement.
5. When working with asbestos cement it is advisable to wear disposable overalls and face mask. Check that they are suitable for use with asbestos. You can get advice from safety equipment centres. After use, these should be disposed of and treated as asbestos waste.
6. When removing asbestos cement, thoroughly wet it first, particularly around any fixings. Use an ordinary hosepipe or watering can for this, not a high-powered water jet. Add detergent to the water if possible.
7. If fixings are difficult to undo, try to cut them off rather than break the asbestos cement.
8. **Asbestos cement waste MUST be wrapped in a double layer of strong polythene and loose edges sealed with tape before taking it to the disposal skip.**
9. Private householders should take their asbestos waste to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Emerald Street, Huddersfield (please see Map 1 overleaf). You must ring the site, **01484 536967**, at least 24 hours before you go, to book a time to take the asbestos. If you cannot get through straight away, please keep trying.
10. This service is provided for Kirklees residents only. You must provide proof of residency at the Household Waste Recycling Centre.
NB THIS SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO COMMERCIAL OPERATORS
11. Further advice can be obtained from the HSE - www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos

Household Waste Recycling Centre, Emerald Street, Huddersfield, HD1 6BY
Tel 01484 536967



Useful Links:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/basics.htm> - HSE Asbestos Basics

Basic information on asbestos and asbestos containing materials

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/essentials/index.htm> - Asbestos Essentials

Help sheets outlining work practices for asbestos materials, both licensed and non licensed