

NEW CHAIR FOR SPECIALIST IN LAND CONDITION PANEL

The new Chair of the Specialist in Land Condition (SiLC) Professional and Technical Panel (PTP) has pledged to drive it forward to “a new level”.

After a short spell as Acting Chair of the SiLC PTP, Phil Crowcroft, a Partner at Environmental Resources Management (ERM), has stepped in to replace former Chair Paul Syms.

As the new Chair, Phil is confident that he can push the SiLC qualification and the activities of the PTP beyond their current status. *“I am delighted to accept the post of Chairperson of the SiLC PTP. SiLC registration is something I have supported with enthusiasm since its inception, and I am looking forward to taking the scheme forward to a new level, broadening the remit and helping to improve standards in the brownfield sector.”*

Claire Lea, Director of Membership Services at the IEMA (who are the SiLC Secretariat) and Member of the SiLC PTP, says *“I am delighted that Phil has taken on the role of Chair of the SiLC Professional and Technical Panel. The SiLC scheme is at a key stage of development, seeking to provide a professional development framework for land condition professionals.”*

“As a long term supporter of the SiLC scheme, Phil’s leadership and support will ensure that the scheme develops and the profile of SiLCs and the SiLC scheme continues to increase.”

Phil Crowcroft has worked in the environmental industry for over 30 years and is a regular contributor to initiatives to improve standards and guidance on brownfield issues. Alongside his commitments at ERM, Phil is also a Registered SiLC Assessor.

The SiLC register and PTP was established in 1999 following recommendations from the Government's Urban Task Force which identified the benefits of greater consistency in handling information on land contamination. It also recommended the introduction of standardised documentation describing the condition of the land. This led to the creation and implementation of the standard "Land Condition Record" (LCR). The SiLC Professional and Technical Panel (PTP) was established to develop a system for the registration of individuals completing the Land Condition Record (LCR). An individual who becomes registered will be a 'Specialist in Land Condition' and be known as a SiLC. The use of a registered SiLC will give the highest level of credibility to the information that is included in the LCR.

For more information on SiLC, the PTP and the Land Condition Record, please visit www.silc.org.uk. For all information relating to the IEMA please visit www.iema.net.

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