

Choosing the right **environmental risk expert** for commercial and residential transactions

At Groundsure we don't just report, we believe in supporting our clients by placing environmental risk in an appropriate commercial context.

“Groundsure’s commercial and pragmatic approach in understanding the perspectives of a lender make them an ideal partner to support our internal property credit risk process. Their solutions provide workable real world outcomes and do not simply place barriers in the path of our day to day business of lending”.

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“Working with Groundsure enables us to assess and manage environmental risk in a way that supports and projects our clients’ objectives. Their tailored support and specialist environmental advice is essential in helping us mitigate financial risk of land and property transactions and is a decisive factor in whether transactions proceed.”

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What we can do

As well as our comprehensive environmental search reports, Groundsure offers specialist advice on a wide range of environmental issues; from the environmental risks associated with your business activities through to the development of brownfield land.

We provide consultancy support in the following areas:

- Due diligence / lender liability assessments
- Environmental Risk Analysis support
- Phase I Environmental Risk Assessment
- Phase 2 Environmental Site Investigations
- Formal Independent Second Opinions – Review of existing environmental information
- Operational Environmental Risk Audits

*Our reach includes
the whole of the UK.*



How we do it

We combine our unique and unmatched data with specialist environmental knowledge drawn from across our expert consultancy team to give you reliable information, insight and guidance.

Our focus is always on our customers and making sure our advice is timely and relevant. This allows us to provide the most cost-effective and commercially viable solution to

fit the brief. If we can't help with a particular issue, we will always introduce you to an accredited specialist who can.

Our versatility is demonstrated by the variety of our projects, from supporting our clients through the Planning process to supporting the internal property credit risk processes of three major UK lenders.

How can we help you?

If you think we can help support you or your clients with environmental expertise or advice, please contact us:

Call **08444 159 000** | Email info@groundsure.com

Who we've worked with

We currently support lenders, investors, surveyors, architects, planners developers and major land owners.



Some examples of how we've helped our clients include:

- Directly assisting lenders manage environmental risk in UK and international debt finance arrangements, including development and use of risk algorithm processes for instantaneous property assessment
- Site acquisition support for a large industrial site located on an historic landfill. Groundsure's assessment of environmental liability confirmed the overestimation of the landfill boundary, facilitating the transaction without the need for costly and time consuming intrusive works.
- Assessment of vast areas of former colliery land (> 10,000 ha) for UK Coal to support business refinancing and subsequent divestment opportunities.
- Regulatory support and intrusive site assessment for the development of a 20ha solar farm in South West England completed within a tight two-week time schedule.
- Facilitation of property transaction via environmental audit and production of a site specific Environmental Management Plan for incorporation into the lending agreement.

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If you choose to work with Groundsure, you can be certain that you will work with a team of contaminated land risk assessment and environmental due diligence experts. They are passionate about environmental consultancy and available to support your Phase 1 and Phase 2 risk assessments and offer bespoke consultancy advice.

Ceri Sansom BSc, MSc, CEnv, MIEMA
Head of Projects

Ceri has been working in the environmental sector for 25 years, with experience in project and client management and as technical lead. She has previously worked for St Helena Government, and several consulting engineers, focusing on contaminated land site investigation and risk assessment, environmental due diligence, waste and environmental management systems

Adam Grant MSc, FGS, PIEMA, AMIEnvSc
Environmental Consultant

Adam has spent 6 years within Groundsure's consultancy teams. He is experienced in both residential and commercial property risk assessments and has strong team and client management skills. He is primarily responsible for project delivery of a variety of environmental reports and services, maintaining our excellent service record.

Frederick Brocklehurst BSc(Hons), AIEMA
Environmental Consultant

Freddy has 3 years' experience in Residential, Commercial and Projects teams delivering risk assessments for finance and development. He has excellent client customer skills communicating findings to layman and experienced clients as required.

Alistair Dick BSc, MSc, FGS
Principal Consultant

Alistair has over ten years' experience in the environmental consultancy sector. Having returned to Groundsure after a period with Mott MacDonald working on Thames Tideway East. Alistair brings strong customer service approach using his experience in contamination risk assessment from resident engineer on major infrastructure sites to advising on domestic planning approvals and due diligence advice on commercial/ light industrial premises.

Thomas Parkinson BSc (Hons), AIEMA
Environmental Consultant

With 2 years' experience in the waste management industry responding to and investigating environmental incidents Tom brings site experience to his assessments. Tom joined Groundsure 2 years ago completing commercial property financial liability assessments, before joining the Projects team. Where he delivers Phase 1 and bespoke projects, including Northern Ireland enquiries.

The following companies have all benefitted from the work of the Groundsure Projects Team:

Barclays Bank, Network Rail, Property Solutions Group, Co-operative Group, Associated British Foods, The Pensions Solutions Group, West Register Property RBS, Santander plc, HSR Law, Environment Agency, Cluttons LLP, Macdonald Egan, Eversheds, UK Coal, St Helena Government, UK Highways Agency, British Gas Holdings, RJB Mining, NHS Estates, Fairview Homes, RPS Group and Lloyds Bank Plc.

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