

Talks on future of TBA site

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A PUBLIC meeting is being held this week in an attempt to form an action group to tackle the problems at the former Turner Brothers site.

The area previously housed the nation's biggest asbestos factory, which closed in 2001.

Since then campaigners have been trying to prevent houses being built on the contaminated site.

The aim of the group is to address current issues

and promote a long-term solution.

Mick Coates, who is organising the meeting, said: "The point of the meeting is to set up a community group to solve the problem of Turners and to find a way forward.

"Over the past 10 years it's been about resisting building houses on the site - the land is contaminated.

"The TBA working party hasn't met since March, but that was more about making sure the public was safe from any problems with the site.

"What we're trying to do is set up a group as suggested by council officers.

"The obvious answer is turning it into a country park that would lead up to Healey Dell and provide a green way out of the town along the river.

"In the background there is still a feeling that developers would like to put houses there and the problem is we don't know who owns it because they're registered in The Virgin Islands."

The 6pm meeting is at Number One Riverside tomorrow (Thursday).

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