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The move towards 'preliminary' UXO desk studies is doing UK developers an injustice. Many of these studies offer no better conclusion than is available by simply downloading a free UK bomb risk map (http://www.zetica.com/uxb_downloads.htm). To rub salt in the wound, the detail of the research underpinning many of the preliminary research reports is often rudimentary invariably resulting in a higher than actual risk being concluded. Such a high risk conclusion can mean an unwarranted increase in development costs.

Zetica's Managing Director Mike Sainsbury says; 'Zetica's desk studies are site specific and offer real value for money compared with 'preliminary' desk studies based on a compilation of regional data. A recent example of a preliminary desk study we received had blighted a site just because a bomb had fallen within the search radius of 1mile. Our detailed desk study proved the risk to be low.'

Zetica's desk studies are based on site specific information found through thorough research and the tenacity of our research team. Detailed site information such as bomb raid records, bomb damage records and the full range of readily available historical aerial photographs (not just 1 or 2) are consulted. The aim is always to provide an accurate appraisal of the potential hazard and risk, not just an overall 'feeling'.

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