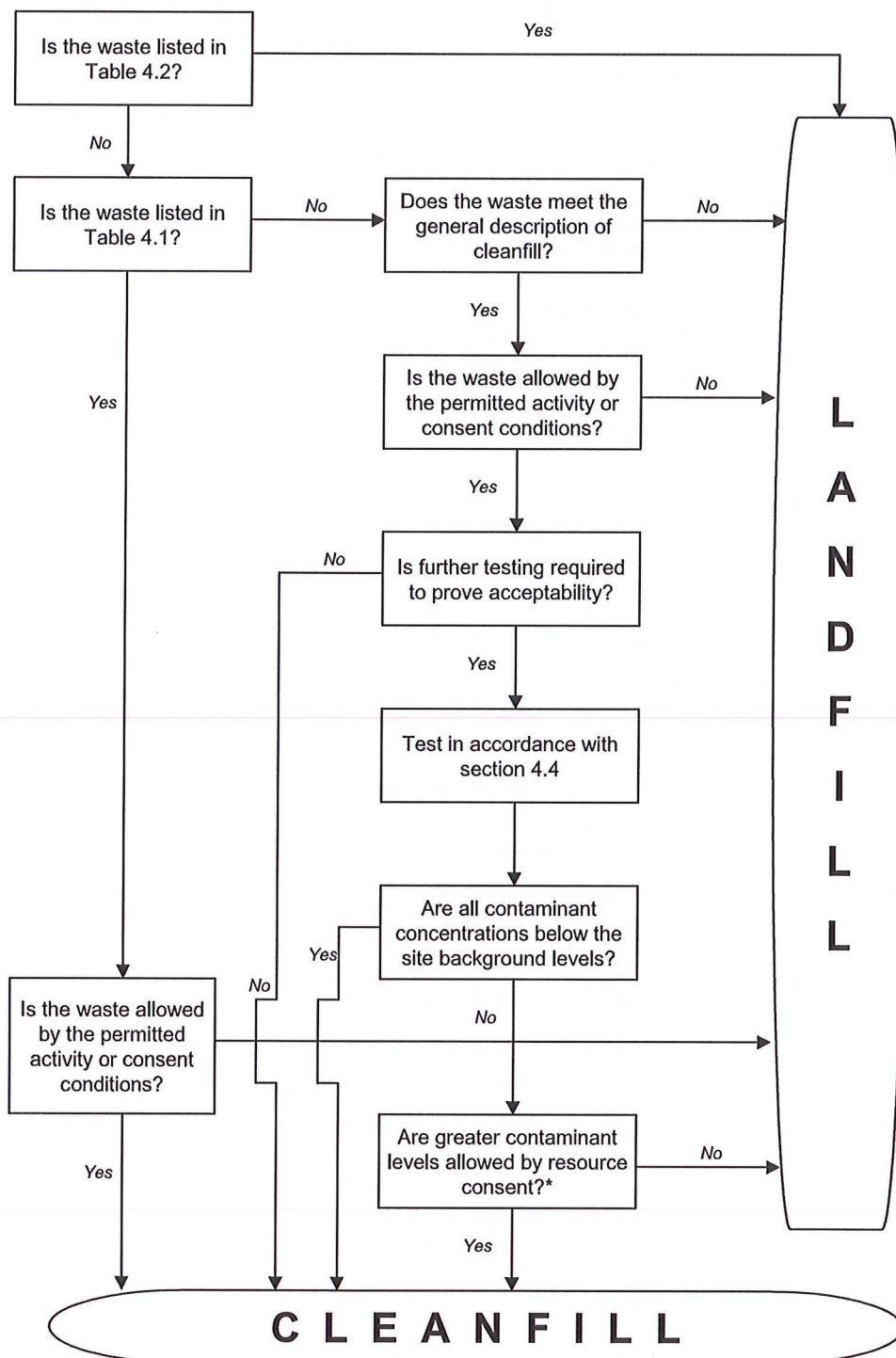


Figure 4.1: Methodology for determining acceptability of waste as cleanfill



* Further testing may be required.

Table 4.1: Cleanfills – acceptable materials

Material	Discussion
Asphalt (cured)	Weathered (cured) asphalt is acceptable: After asphalt has been exposed to the elements for some time, the initial oily surface will have gone and the asphalt is considered inert.
Bricks	Inert – will undergo no degradation.
Ceramics	Inert.
Concrete – un- reinforced	Inert material. Ensure that other attached material is removed.
Concrete –reinforced	Steel reinforcing bars will degrade. However, bars fully encased in intact concrete will be protected from corrosion by the concrete. Reinforced concrete is thus acceptable provided protruding reinforcing steel is cut off at the concrete face.
Fibre cement building products	Inert material comprising cellulose fibre, Portland cement and sand. Care needs to be taken that the product does not contain asbestos, which is unacceptable.
Glass	Inert, and poses little threat to the environment. May pose a safety risk if placed near the surface in public areas, or if later excavated. The safety risk on excavation should become immediately apparent, so glass is considered acceptable provided it is not placed immediately adjacent to the finished surface.
Road sub-base	Inert.
Soils, rock, gravel, sand, clay, etc	Acceptable if free of contamination (see 4.3.2 for definition of contaminated soil in this context).
Tiles (clay, concrete or ceramic)	Inert.

Table 4.2: Unacceptable waste

Material	Discussion
Abrasive blasting sand/agents	May contain metals, paint and other contaminants.
Asbestos (including asbestos sheeting)	Potentially hazardous. Although an inert compound, future excavation could cause significant health effects.
Asphalt (new)	New asphalt or asphalt that has been ground or pulverised may release oily substances that could leach into the environment.
Bark	Degradable; leaches tannins.
Cables	Metal cables will degrade (see Metals).
Car bodies	Contain metals, oils, plastics, asbestos and other potential contaminants.
Carpet	Degradable. May also contain formaldehyde residue from flooring.
Cesspit/stormwater sump cleanings	Contain various metal contaminants and organics.
Containers	To avoid any potential confusion, all containers are considered unacceptable. Containers may degrade or be punctured, releasing their contents or the remnants of their contents. The containers themselves may be detrimental to the environment (see plastics and metal).
Cork tiles	Degradable.
Corrugated iron	Degradable steel and zinc.
Electrical equipment and insulation	For example, fluorescent light tubes could contain PCBs (also see Plastics).
Formica	Generally stable (it is a melamine-formaldehyde polymer), but may be bonded with urea formaldehyde. This is water soluble and may leach formaldehyde compounds into groundwater. Often attached to particleboard.

Foundry sand	Contains metals.
Greenwaste (e.g. grass clippings, tree trimmings)	Will degrade and release contaminants such as ammonia and nitrates into the soil and groundwater, and may generate gases such as methane and carbon dioxide. The resulting leachate may mobilise other contaminants in the fill.
Hardboard	Degradable; contains phenol resorcinol formaldehyde.

