

Each of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities have prepared an Adoption Statement in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) which gives notice that the Council has resolved to formally adopt the Joint Minerals Development Plan Document on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (the 'Minerals Plan') identifies how Greater Manchester will deliver the spatial vision for minerals development to 2028. The Minerals Plan sets out policies to guide future minerals development and identifies Areas of Search and Mineral Safeguarding Areas in order to meet aggregate requirements and to protect minerals resources across Greater Manchester to 2028. The Plan identifies Areas Search and Mineral Safeguarding Areas across Greater Manchester.

The Minerals Plan production has been accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal, which sets out the likely social, economic and environmental effects of the policies and proposals. The Minerals Plan forms part of each Council's Local Plan and has been produced following extensive public consultation. Monitoring measures are outlined in the Minerals Plan.

The Minerals Plan was considered by an independent Inspector as part of a Public Examination between February and November 2012. The Inspector's Report was published on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and concluded that the Minerals Plan was 'sound', subject to five soundness changes. The Report also endorsed other minor changes that the councils suggested. The adopted Minerals Plan incorporates the recommendations of the Inspector.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Minerals Plan may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- (a) the document is not within the appropriate power;
- (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

An application must be made promptly, and in any event, no later than the end of the period of six weeks of the date of adoption of this Joint Minerals Development Plan Document, i.e. by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Copies of each Authority's Adoption Statement, the adopted Minerals Plan, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Inspector's Report are available for inspection on the Minerals Plan website at [www.gmineralsplan.co.uk](http://www.gmineralsplan.co.uk), and at deposit points during their normal opening hours.