

Greater Manchester Minerals Plan Examination
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Subject: THE GREATER MANCHESTER MINERALS PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT: EXAMINATION HEARINGS & PRELIMINARY MEETING

I write to you as the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan Development Plan Document (known as the Minerals Plan) has now formally been submitted for Examination.

A public Examination will be held to consider the soundness of the Greater Manchester Minerals Plan. The Secretary of State has appointed Mr Andrew Mead BSc (Hons) MRTPI MIQ to conduct the Examination. The Public Examination is scheduled to take place at 10am **Tuesday 21st February 2012** in **meeting rooms 5 & 6, Stockport Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3XE**. I have been appointed as Programme Officer for the Examination and will deal with all procedural, administrative and programming matters.

The Inspector will hold a preliminary meeting on Tuesday **6th December 2011**, in room 2.08 Didsbury East, Manchester City Council, Number 1 First Street, Manchester, M15 4FN starting promptly at **11am**. The Inspector wishes to hold the meeting because there are matters which he wishes to discuss with the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit. The matters which the Inspector wishes to raise are:

1. The lack of a Landbank policy which would give effect to Objective 4.
2. The scale and readability of Map 2: Areas of Search.
3. The mechanics of the safeguarding process in MSAs.
4. The procedures and timeline for any changes (soundness and/or minor) which require publicity.

The Inspector is not seeking to pre-empt discussions at the hearings. A full note of the meeting will be sent out as soon as possible after the meeting.

I would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me, in the pre-paid envelope provided. To help make practical arrangements please let me know if you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting by the 29th November 2011,

by either:-

- a. completing and returning the enclosed reply slip, or**
- b. emailing me on: christopher.hobson@urbanvision.org.uk or**
- c. telephoning me on 0161 604 7791**

For b. or c. above please ensure you also answer questions 2 and 3 on the return slip.

Whilst I am aware that you may have previously provided some of this information to the Council, it is ESSENTIAL (for the programming of the Examination) that I know your current position. Your co-operation is appreciated).

If your original representation has now been satisfied and can be treated as withdrawn it would be most helpful if you would confirm this to me in writing. Should you wish to discuss the above please don't hesitate to contact me as detailed above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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