

## **RD014 Examination Document**

### **Note to Inspector Andrew Mead relating to the late submission of a representation from William Sinclair Horticulture Ltd**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 a representation from Martin Leay Associates, agent for William Sinclair Horticulture Ltd, was submitted to the Programme Officer, Mr Chris Hobson, and copied to Planning Officers at Salford City Council in relation to the Minerals Plan. William Sinclair Horticulture operates a peat extraction site within Salford.

It is the view of the Minerals and Waste Planning Unit that in accordance with the requirements of The Town And Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and The Town And Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 that William Sinclair Horticulture has been given the opportunity to engage in the production and development of the Greater Manchester Minerals Plan. The landowner, Peel Property Ltd, has submitted several representations relating to the Minerals Plan over the course of its development. There has been no prejudice against the operator in the consultation methods used in engaging the community with the Plan preparation process, as the Plan has been prepared and made available for consultation in line with the ten Greater Manchester Statements of Community Engagement.

Therefore the representation from William Sinclair Horticulture Ltd is considered late, and, in accordance with the relevant regulations, will not be considered as a valid representation by the Greater Manchester Councils.