

**Greater Manchester Minerals Plan DPD**  
**Examination in Public**  
**Programme of Hearing Sessions**  
**February 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<p>Wednesday- <b>22.02.12</b></p> <p>Meeting Room 6, Stockport Town Hall</p>	<p>Session 1</p>	<p><b><u>10am – Inspectors Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Followed by:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Matter 1- The Spatial Strategy</u></b></p> <p><i>Issue: Whether the spatial strategy accurately reflects the geology of Greater Manchester and the balance of environmental considerations.</i></p> <p>In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Spatial Strategy which is referred to in Policy 4?</li> <li>• Why were Areas of Search chosen over Allocations or Preferred Areas?</li> <li>• Were economic factors taken into account in discarding resources from the Areas of Search?</li> <li>• Were planning and environmental criteria taken into account in assessing the Areas of Search, and if so, were some more heavily weighted than others?</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Lunch break</u></b></p> <p><b><u>2pm onwards</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Matter 4: Restoration and Aftercare</u></b></p> <p><i>Whether the financial provision to guarantee restoration (Policy 12) is compatible with government advice.</i></p> <p>In particular: Is the last sentence of MPG7 para 86 reflected accurately in Policy 12 (3)?</p>	<p><i>The Councils</i></p> <p><i>The Minerals Planning Group</i></p> <p><i>The Coal Authority</i></p> <p><i>Mineral Products Association</i></p> <p><i>The Councils</i></p> <p><i>The Minerals Planning Group</i></p> <p><i>The Coal Authority</i></p> <p><i>Mineral Products Association</i></p>

<p>Thursday- <b>23.02.12</b></p> <p>Meeting Room 6, Stockport Town Hall</p>	<p>Session 2</p>	<p><b><u>10am: Matter 2- Aggregate Requirements and Land banks</u></b></p> <p><i>Issue: Whether the provision made in the Plan for the future supply of sand and gravel and crushed rock is appropriate.</i></p> <p>In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Regional Context? Is the DPD compatible with RSS policy and RAWP information?</li> <li>• Assuming the apportionment is correct, how does the Plan provide for future extraction of aggregates?</li> <li>• Is there sufficient policy guidance to enable Greater Manchester to fulfil its aggregate supply requirements?</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Lunch Break</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Matter 3- Mineral Safeguarding Areas</u></b></p> <p><i>Whether it is appropriate to exclude the urban areas from MSA's</i></p> <p>In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will Mineral Safeguarding work in practice?</li> <li>• Who will assess the need to work the mineral to determine whether prior extraction is appropriate?</li> <li>• Does exclusion of land from an MSA weigh against prior extraction of a mineral should it be present?</li> </ul>	<p><i>The Councils</i></p> <p>The Minerals Planning Group</p> <p><i>The Coal Authority</i></p> <p><i>Mineral Products Association</i></p> <p><i>The Councils</i></p> <p><i>The Coal Authority</i></p> <p>The Minerals Planning Group</p> <p>Mineral Products Association</p> <p>Confederation of UK Coal Producers (CoalPro)</p>
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