

Minutes of Yorkshire and Humber AWP Meeting 27th June 2022 Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Attendees:

Vanessa Rowell (VR)	Capita
Lee Weatherall (LW)	Marshalls/MPA
Geoff Storey (GS)	MPA
Mark North (MN)	Minerals Products Association
Nick Reeves (NR)	Kirklees Council
James Durham (JD)	North Lincolnshire Council
Farzana Tabasum (FT)	Kirklees Council
Aimee Collins (AC)	Capita
Mark Hill (MH)	North York Moore's
Christina Davey (CD)	DLUHC
Chris Hanson (CH)	Sheffield City Council
Helen McCluskie (HM)	Doncaster Council
Malcolm Ratcliff (MR)	MPA
Carole Howarth (CH)	Bradford
Christopher Cole (CC)	East Riding
Martyn Coy (MC)	Yorkshire Dales
Mark Wrigley (MW)	Crown Estate
Louise White (LWhite)	Leeds
Joan Jackson (JJ)	North Yorkshire
Roger Gray (RG)	Hull CC
Corinna Dietz (CDietz)	Marine Management Organisation

Apologies:

Andy Duncan	Rotherham
Louise White	Leeds
Mark Kelly	CEMEX
Nick Everington	Crown Estate
Richard Holmes	Sheffield
Stephen Cowan	Tarmac

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2.	Minutes and actions of last meeting
3.	YHAWP Annual Monitoring Report 2021
4.	Local Aggregate Assessments
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9.	Crown Estate Update
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1. Introductions and apologies

2. Minutes and actions of last meeting

- 2.1 VR referred to item 3 outlining that the YH AMR had been distributed the week previous and invited comments on it in the next couple of weeks.
- 2.2 VR referred to item 4 (LAA) action regarding the Midgley Farm site- this item is still outstanding.
- 2.3 VR referred to an action under item 7 (DLUHC Update) regarding reporting percentage rates of returns given by operators to CD- this action remains outstanding.

3. YHAWP Annual Monitoring Report 2021

- 3.1 VR invited comments and concerns on the AMR which was distributed the previous week.
- 3.2 MN supported the additional paragraph on page nine.
- 3.3 NR proposed a question regarding table ten, "Are there any guidelines on what is defined as major development in this context and therefore should be included in this table?" MN stated that the threshold should be defined as a site that has a 'greater than local influence in terms of aggregate demand.' VR used an example of including 'major urban extensions e.g. 1000 dwellings plus.
- 3.4 JD proposed an alternative approach to this section of the AMR, being that instead of stating large scale projects, take the overall quantum of development plan in each settlement within the Local Plan on a per yearly basis. VR proposed that this matter be discussed with Christina Davey at DLUHC.

Action: AWP to make a statement within the AMR, stating that it cannot be confirmed that a full contribution is being made towards meeting both national and local aggregate needs in the absence of data confidence.

4. Local Aggregates Assessments

- 4.1 VR stated that the only outstanding LAA is from the Humber region.
- 4.2 **West Yorkshire-** CH stated that contact has been made to the various West Yorkshire authorities requesting their information on sales and reserves to be returned. However, CH continued that a common problem which is occurring in many different authorities is data collection and therefore estimates will need to be made. CH noted that WY authorities will be going out to consultants to undertake WY LAA 2022.
- 4.3 **Doncaster and Rotherham-** HMc stated that the LAA hasn't yet been started however data has been sent through to VR. HMc continued that not many returns have been received and therefore estimations will need to be made. The LAA write up will begin soon.
- 4.4 **North Lincolnshire** JD stated that there have been issues with operators returning certain forms. Outstanding responses need to be returned before the 2021 data can be given, particularly in North Lincolnshire. This informs the Humber LAA with Hull, East Riding and North East Lincs.
- 4.5 **North Yorkshire-** JJ provided the North Yorkshire update stating that the 2021 LAA has not yet been started. JJ continued that all data from the major operators has been collected however, there has been difficulty retrieving returns from the smaller operators. Once the 2021 LAA for North Yorkshire is finalised JJ will endeavour to start the 2022 LAA.

Action: Any member of the AWP with existing knowledge of the Midgley Farm site to contact LWhite.

Action: All West Yorkshire Authorities to return datasets to CH as soon as possible.

5. YHAWP Surveys 2022

- 5.1 HMc reported that requests have been made with conditioning monitoring requirements- which was discussed in a YHAWP meeting in 2021.
- 5.2 JD and MN bring up again the suggestion of composing a letter to DLUHC outlining the need to reinstate the Annual Mineral Raised Inquiry (AMRI). MR endorses this.
- 5.3 MN asked MPAs to provide figures of both the number of separate operators they have and how many of them are not providing returns.
- 5.4 **HMc-** No issues with the large companies providing returns. Smaller operators are struggling with returns due to lack of resources and staffing issues. HMc continued that approx. 5/6 of the 15 in Doncaster are not providing adequate returns.
- 5.5 **JD-** Reported that there are 7 primary aggregates operators in North Lincolnshire and 2 have not responded. JD continued stating that because the response rate is so low-the Recycled and Secondary Aggregate form hasn't been sent out this year in North Lincolnshire as the data received is so incomplete it is meaningless when estimates for R & S Aggs can be made using the EA Waste Data Interrogator.

5.6 **JJ-** North Yorkshire has approx. 12 aggregate operators, of which the 5 largest have responded however the smaller operators have not.

5.7 **FT-** There are approx. 9 main operators in Kirklees- only 2 have not completed their returns.

6. West Yorkshire Marine Aggregates Appraisal

6.1 VR stated that there is a further meeting to be had on this topic the following day (28th June 2022).

6.2 CH began the conversation and stated that invites for the meeting the following day had been sent out to both the industry and other stakeholders. CH explained that the West Yorkshire Authorities had decided to complete further studies related to aggregates and it was decided by the Heads of Planning that a study on facilitating marine aggregates into WL should be done- updating the relevant parts of the previous marine aggregate study. This update will be based on West Yorkshire and the study will hope to identify the land and safeguarding requirements to significantly increase the supply and delivery of marine aggregates into West Yorkshire.

6.3 CH explained that the timetable for the study is completion by Autumn/Winter of 2022. Following ratification this is likely to be made publicly available.

6.4 JD asked CH if this study will include regions such as the Humber and East Riding. CH answered stating that the remit will primarily looking at West Yorkshire. However, CH invited JD to come forward with any further ideas and possibilities regarding the surrounding regions.

6.5 NR stated that in Kirklees there has been a climate emergency by the council and therefore it should be outlined clearly that as much aggregate as possible should be transferred via boat and rail.

6.6 MN confirms attendance for this meeting.

6.7 VR concluded by stating that the NAWWP had a meeting in March 2022, regarding marine aggregates due to a shortage of land-won sand and gravel in that region. The resounding message from that meeting was that it is not viable for marine aggregate to be brought onshore due to there not being enough demand as well as cost and viability issues.

6.8 GS warned of the issue that with regards to the canal network, tonnages of vessels who can navigate these canals are required to be quite small.

Action: VR to forward to CH the minutes of the NAWWP Marine Aggregate Meeting held in March 2022.

7. MPAs Update

- 7.1 NYCC- JJ outlined that the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan was adopted by three authorities earlier this year at long last- no challenges were received. JJ stated that NYCC are in the process of becoming a Unitary Authority with seven District Councils. A review of the Local Plan will not be until this is completed.
- 7.2 Bradford- CH stated that the reg 18 consultation took place in Feb/March 2021. The Council are currently undertaking further flood risk assessments, highway studies etc, however no major changes have been proposed for the minerals policies outlined in the adopted Bradford Core Strategy. Therefore, the emerging Local Plan will not have a particular impact on minerals and waste- the publication draft of this Local Plan should be available in the near future, with submission in 2023 and examination due to be in late 2023/early 2024.
- 7.3 Kirklees- NR reported that the current plan was adopted in February 2019 and there are no plans in place for changes.
- 7.4 Sheffield- CH reported that Sheffield are still at Reg 18 stage, with aspirations to publish a Reg 19 consultation by November 2022.
- 7.5 Doncaster- HMc outlined that the current Local Plan was adopted in September 2021.
- 7.6 Rotherham- The Core Strategy is the current Local Plan- which was adopted in 2014. A review of this is coming, however it is likely it will be held off until the potential consultation the following month (August 2022).
- 7.7 East Riding- CC reported no further updates, however East Riding are hopeful that the Reg 19 will be published in Autumn of the year. Also, the Local Development Scheme has now been updated and the Joint Minerals Plan with Hull (2019) is still in use.
- 7.8 North Lincolnshire- JD reported that North Lincolnshire are currently out for consultation on an addendum to the Local Plan which includes minerals and waste. Consultation continues until Monday 4th July 2022 with submission scheduled for shortly after and adoption aimed for mid-2023.
- 7.9 Yorkshire Dales- MC stated that a new Local Plan is being looked at in the coming years with the current plan in place being adopted in 2016. GS asked MC what the current position was of the Yorkshire Dales in terms of policy perspectives going forward on the 2042 end date. MC answered that the emerging Local Plan will hold details of this, but the general argument is that scaling down will occur.

8. Industry Update

8.1 MN began the industry update by referring to the Market Forecast Information Brief which was circulated around the AWP earlier that day. Current construction demand for mineral products remains strong, despite significant cost increases due to energy, raw materials and labour.

Construction work already on the ground and a healthy pipeline of new projects should support further growth in mineral products sales in each year of the forecast period (2022-24). By the end of 2024, asphalt sales are forecast to be 7% higher than in 2021, 8% higher for primary aggregates and mortar, and 9% higher for ready-mixed concrete. However, growth momentum is expected to slow, particularly toward the end of 2022, as surging inflation and cost pressures are expected to drag on construction demand.

- 8.2 MN continued the update by referring to the MPA Regional Overview and Forecasts of Construction and Mineral Products Markets in Great Britain. This breaks down per region including Yorkshire and Humber sites, historic data and forecast data.
- 8.3 MN then moved on to the 2042 documentation which VR will circulate to the AWP members after the meeting. This states that crushed rock in England and Wales could experience 142 sites closing before 2042 with a further 115 sites expiring in 2042- these sites represent 68% of crushed rock reserves.
- 8.4 MN explained that this has been discussed with DLUHC and they are aware of the situation however there has been no answer yet. There is a group being set up within the MPA to look at the issue and how to address it.
- 8.5 GS mentioned the submission by national highway of the DCO for the A66- which is the largest highway improvement scheme in the North of England. Details of this are now live on the DCO website.
- 8.6 MR warned that if the Yorkshire Dales stop the production of aggregates, up to 4 million tonnes a year will have to be sourced elsewhere. GS continued by stating that a lot of the sites that have already shut were hemmed in by SAC designations and that it will be unlikely that there will be any greenfield quarries opening in the Yorkshire Dales.

9. Crown Estate Update

- 9.1 MW began the Crown Estate update with the offshore minerals sector which is currently running a marine aggregate tender to which there has been a strong level of interest. The bids for this closed in January 2022 and the Crown Estate are nearing the end of the moderation process, with an anticipated recommendation on which bids to be taken forward due in July 2022.
- 9.2 MW continued by referencing the 2021 Marine Aggregate Landing Statistics which are now available on the Crown Estate website. The 2022 Capability Portfolio Brochure will be published later this year.

10. DLUHC Update

- 10.1 CD began the update by stating that the main focus is on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill and posts links within the Teams chat to an introduction on the bill. CD explained that there will be no changes to MASS as a result of the

Bill however there will be changes to the plan-led system and the decision-making process.

10.2 CD continued and mentioned the National Aggregate Coordinating Group Meeting scheduled for the following week which is the first time this group will have met for a number of years. One of the main topics to be discussed at this meeting will be around the National Guidelines and how to approach updating those.

10.3 VR raised the issue of mandatory operator returns and whether there have been any updates around this matter. CD answered that this has not moved forward into action as of yet- however it is being raised throughout all AWP's and confirms that it is being raised in discussions at DLUHC.

10.3 MN raised again the issue of putting numbers to HS2 for the benefit of LAAs. CD answered that the conversations that have happened have been beneficial and as a result HS2 have provided their figures for their next phase of the projects.

10.4 GS asked CD to confirm if the supply side and reserves position of high spec aggregates topic is to be discussed at the National Aggregates Coordinating Group Meeting the following week. CD stated that this has not been put on the agenda however CD has asked VR for a list of issues to mention, and it will be brought up.

10.5 MN references the 2042 end date to CD and asked for it to be put on the list of issues with DLUHC.

11. AOB

11.1 MR asked if the YHAWP will generate any ideas around their attitude on the Yorkshire Wolds AONB as there is a site that may be significantly affected. JD echoed this and stated that it is an extension of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB also, which is not going to be resolved in the near future.

11.2 JD reiterated the importance of compulsory operator returns and asked if it is still of interest to the YHAWP to write a letter to CD surrounding this. VR confirmed that the other AWP's would have an appetite for this, MN, HMc and GS echoed this. CD stated that this would be beneficial.

Action: Each MPA to send their statistics of operator returns to VR so that a table can be put together to present to DLUHC. VR to liaise with other AWP's with a view to submitting a joint letter to DLUHC.