

Minutes of Yorkshire and Humber AWP Meeting

10.30am -12.30pm

North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall,
Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD

Chair: Vicky Perkin North Yorkshire CC

Secretariat: Carolyn Williams Urban Vision

Attendees:

Geoff Storey	Aggregate Industries
Helen McCluskie	Doncaster MBC
James Durham	East Riding of Yorkshire
David Atkinson	Tarmac /MPA
Mark North	MPA
Michael Hodges	BAA
Joan Jackson	North Yorkshire CC
Ryan Shepherd	Rotherham MBC
Glenn Wakefield	Kirklees Council
Dave Parrish	YDNP
Malcolm Ratcliffe	WC Watts
Mark Hill	NYMNPA
Carole Howarth	Bradford/WYCA
Amy Balding	MMO
Rob Marsden	CEMEX/MPA
Louise White	Leeds

Apologies:

Andy Duncan	Rotherham MBC
Andy Wainright	East Riding
Helen Miller	Leeds
Tom Brown	Hanson
Mark Wrigley	The Crown Estate
Jo Davies	Breedons
Richard Holmes	Sheffield

Item	Description
1.	Introductions and apologies
2.	Minutes and actions of last meeting
3.	AM 2018 – Discussion of Draft report
4	Progress on Local Aggregate Assessments (2017 data) - Ratification East Riding LAA, WY LAA and Doncaster and Rotherham LAA
5.	MHCLG and next 4 yearly aggregates survey update and SoCG Duty to Cooperate and Statements of Common Ground – AWP’s now signatories on SoCG for Minerals Plans PPG Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 61-017-20180913 Progress on development plans
6.	MPA’s Update - Progress on Development Plans
7.	Crown Estate update
8.	Industry update MPA Construction & markets EM information
9.	AOB
10.	Date of next meeting

1) Introduction and apologies

Vicky Perkin (VP) – Welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Any Other Business to be discussed at the end. It was also agreed to send around the current distribution list to check this is still correct.

2) Minutes and actions of last meeting

VP – Invited comments. One amended was noted for p5, the minutes were then accepted as an accurate record.

3) Draft AM2018

VP opened the item up for discussion and invited any comments on this latest draft. Carolyn Williams (CW) – provided a summary of the 2018 report and highlighted areas where information/input was required by relevant authorities.

Mark North (MN) reiterated concerns expressed at the meeting in July regarding text in the AWP AMR in Paragraph 1.3 which states that the AWP is required to consider if the area is making a full contribution to meeting both national and local aggregate needs. He would like further wording adding, above that in the new para 3.8, recognising that we still do not have the data to fulfil this role.

Malcolm Radcliffe(MR) suggested that the AMR could look at what is in emerging and adopted Local Plans to assess trends. Carolyn Williams (CW) noted that this information should already be fed in to the LAAs.

James Durham (JD) discussed the changes brought about through the revisions to the NPPF and housing methodology which has resulted in a new lower figure for some areas, so this would not support growth assumptions.

Carole Howarth (CH) noted some disparities in figures and will provide a separate update to CW so the AMR can be amended accordingly.

The AMR was accepted with minor drafting changes.

Action: CW to update report as agreed and circulate final version.

4) Progress on Local Aggregate Assessments (2017 data)

MR raised his previous concerns that there is inadequate forecasting within the LAA's East Riding and Doncaster and Rotherham, no issues were raised by him against the WY LAA. MR commented that government needs to do more on identifying what areas should be planning for to avoid disparities between LAA's.

JD commented that guidance states the use of the 10yr and 3yr average which East Riding have used. The 3yr figures currently indicate an uplift and as such, they are using this as the basis for forward planning but will keep it under review. Using the 10yr average would mean planning for a lower figure.

MN added that LAA's need to forecast which is not always happening. Some LAA's are more in line with monitoring reports and are not forecasting but simply discussing what has happened. It is noted that in absence of up to date national guideline figures this is difficult to do. Pressure needs to be applied to Government for revised figures. VP noted the AWP is making representation on this matter in the correct forums.

CH added that there is a danger in concentrating too much on housing alone. The WYCA has had discussions with colleagues in Transport for the North and there is potential for substantial demand from this area for material in the coming years, not accounting for HS2, and it is not clear where the material for this future need will come from. On top of this there are a number of road schemes which will also require aggregates, and this has not been accounted for. The WY LAA has a high uplift to account for as much as possible to ensure all aggregate needs are considered.

Geoff Storey (GS) commented that when there is certainty over a scheme, the industry could be consulted on need to put forward estimates of what will be required.

MN concurred with CH comments, adding that housing accounts for around 25% of demand for aggregates. HS2 will place huge demand on local markets and none of this has been accounted for.

Helen McCluskie (HM) understands the issues raised but each MPA is looking at things differently because there is not standard methodology for doing this work.

VP added that if authorities do go out on a limb with forecasting you are then restricted when challenged at EiP.

CW commented that this is an issue which could be taken to the Minerals Planning Advisory Group. (MPAG).

MR noted that he has developed a methodology but this only gives a regional requirement and cannot as yet break it down within the region.

GS noted that Ruth George MP (vice Chair for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Mining and Quarrying) is also pushing the minerals agenda nationally.

GS and David Atkinson (DA) had specific change requests for LAA's and would liaise direct with WY officers on the WYLAA and Doncaster and Rotherham on their LAA.

The AWP moved to ratify the LAA's as set out above and noted the concerns raised by MR.

Action: GS & DA to provide comments on specific LAA's direct to the authorities concerned.

5) MHCLG and next 4 yearly aggregates survey update and SoCG

CW updated the AWP on the letter that had been sent to MHCLG and on correspondence from Richard Greaves (Essex CC) who has been in contact with Simon Gallagher from MHCLG on behalf of the Minerals PAG. It is looking positive for a further 12 month extension but nothing has been confirmed yet.

MN added that the MPA had also recently met with Simon Gallagher and that discussions had been positive and MHCLG are recognising the importance of AWP's and the work they have done and the role of MASS in supporting growth. Simon Gallagher confirmed to the MPA that the AWP contracts would be rolled forward for a year. MN also noted that the PPG on minerals is being reviewed and updated and expected the end of Q1 2019.

CW raised the item on SoCG following discussions at the recent NW AWP. Paragraph: 017 ID: 61-017-20180913 of PPG now includes a reference for AWP's as signatories on SoCG for minerals plans. CW questioned had anyone thought what that would be? As AWP's are supported by both local authorities and industry it is not always possible to agree a consensus opinion on local plans and as such it is not clear how AWP's could sign up to minerals plans.

The AWP agreed that more detail is needed on this and maybe a matter to take to the minerals PAG to address with MHCLG.

6) MPA's Update - Progress on Development Plans

Bradford: Minerals are covered in the Core Strategy which is adopted. Minerals allocations DPD is expected to be at PO stage by summer 2019. This will be part of the general allocations which has delayed this work.

Wakefield:

About to go out for consultation on development of a new local plan shortly.

NYCC: The plan was submitted Nov 2017 with hearings Feb through to Apr 2018. A further hearing session on hydro carbon issues is being held on 24th and 25th January 2019. This is just on hydrocarbons and questions are available on line.

Leeds: Site allocations consultation starts on 21st January 2019 for 6 weeks. Inspectors report is due 6 weeks following this consultation with an adoption date of June 2019. Minerals policies have been reviewed internally only for now and it is considered that some are out of date and need to be reviewed and the AWP are invited to get involved with this process. There are depleting reserves within Leeds for concreting aggregates and concern that processing sites could be lost or moved as a result of HS2.

Kirklees: EiP Oct 2017, this included M&W which were heard at session in January 2018. Progressing towards adoption of the Local Plan at the end of February following consultation on the modifications.

Rotherham:

All plans adopted, local plan currently up to date. Plans will be 5 yrs old in Sept 2019 so will start looking at policies and need for review towards the end of the year.

Doncaster:

Chapter of the LP on minerals which was consulted on before Christmas. Publication due late spring/early summer 2019.

East Riding & Hull:

EiP hearings held 2nd week January 2019. Some minor changes being proposed to the policies, the vision and policy on climate change. Hopeful for a positive report. Modification consultation for 6 wks with aim for adoption by summer 2019.

YDNP: Plan was adopted in 2016. Starting early work on a new Local Plan to cover the extension area on the national park up to 2040.

7) Crown estate

The aggregate tender round held in 2018 saw the highest level of interest expressed in more than ten years; any awards will be subject to plan-level HRA (Habitat Regulations Assessment) before the grant of any five year Exploration & Option Agreements from July 2019.

A number of annual publications, mainly for the 2017 calendar year, are available through The Crown Estate website.

8) Industry update

MN provided the below update to the AWP, regional specific data had also been provided in 2018.

Economic & Market Outlook

MPA MARKET SALES. Demand for mineral products resulted in a broad-based weakening and increased volatility of markets during 2018. In addition, lower confidence in major infrastructure projects starting in 2019, given the continuous delays in the roads programme and main works on HS2, also resulted in downgrades to the MPA market outlook in 2019. Outside mortar, mineral products markets are facing another year of flat to marginally negative sales volumes, with growth only expected to resume from 2020.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. The political debate surrounding the Withdrawal Agreement is adding to a general climate of uncertainty and low business confidence. Business surveys showed UK economic activity slowed in October, and business optimism about the year ahead deteriorated. The OECD forecasts UK growth of 1.4% in 2019 but also indicates that a failure to negotiate a Withdrawal Agreement, including a transitional period, is in their view the greatest risk to the UK Economic outlook in the near term. This adds to a series of economic analyses predicting that closer arrangements between the UK and the EU would limit any economic damage, whilst a 'No Deal' Brexit would result in the worse scenario.

CONSTRUCTION. In the first 9 months of the year, construction activity was 0.7% higher compared to the same period last year, with new work remaining broadly flat. Momentum in house building and some growth in infrastructure and non-housing repair & maintenance were the main drivers in activity, offset by falls in commercial and public non-housing work. Looking forward, the CPA forecasts construction activity to remain flat in 2018. Modest growth in 2019 and 2020 will be underpinned by continued growth in housing, but, increasingly, by major infrastructure projects in the transport and energy sectors. Meanwhile, commercial work is forecast to remain weak until 2020.

9) AOB

VP noted an agents of change positive decision on a Cemex site, information to be sent to CW for circulation with the minutes.

Amy Balding (AB) provided the below updated and links on marines plans.

East Marine Plans monitoring survey can be found [here](#) with more information in our blog [here](#). The closing date for this survey is the 25th January

North East Marine Plans development: iteration 3 workshops - [Newcastle](#) on the 29th January and [Redcar](#) on the 30th January. There will also be online engagement to accompany these workshops

10)Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be held first 2 weeks in July, date to be confirmed.