

**Minutes of Yorkshire and Humber AWP Meeting
18th October 2017 11am – 1pm
North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall,
Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD**

Chair: Vicky Perkin North Yorkshire CC

Secretariat: Philippa lane Urban Vision

Attendees:

Carole Howarth	Bradford / WYCA
Geoff Storey	Aggregate Industries
Helen McCluskie	Doncaster MBC
James Durham	East Riding of Yorkshire
Louise White	Leeds CC
Nick Horsley	MPA
Michael Hodges	BAA
Joan Jackson	North Yorkshire CC
Ryan Shepherd	Rotherham MBC
Iain Cunningham	North Lincolnshire Council
Carolyn Williams	Urban Vision/NW AWP
Glen Wakefield	Kirklees Council
Stuart Ray	Breedon Southern
Ian Garratt	Wakefield MDC
S Littlejohn	Leeds CC
Dave Parrish	YDNP
Malcolm Ratcliffe	WC Watts
Michael Eaglestone	Bradford MBC/WYCA

Apologies:

Mark Wrigley	The Crown Estate
Andy Duncan	Rotherham MBC
Andy Wainright	East Riding
Helen Miller	Leeds
Mark North	MPA
Mark Wrigley	The Crown Estate
Nick Everington	The Crown Estate

Rebecca Harrison	York CC
Chris Hanson	Sheffield CC
Richard Holmes	Sheffield
David Atkinson	Lafarge Tarmac
Ian King	North East Lincolnshire Council
James Barker	Kirklees Council
Roger Gray	Hull City Council

Item	Description
1.	Introductions and apologies
2.	Minutes and actions of last meeting
3.	Draft AM 2017 – Discussion and approval of final report
4	Progress on Local Aggregate Assessments (2016 data) - East Riding and Hull Aggregates Background Paper - Humber Area Local Aggregates Assessment (2015 Data)
5.	National Coordinating Group – update
6.	Communities and Local Government – update
7.	Crown Estate update
8.	Industry update
9.	MPAs update
10.	AOB
11.	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

Malcolm Ratcliffe (MR) – requested that Item 5: update from National Coordinating Group meeting be brought forward for discussion as the first Item at the meeting.

2) Minutes and actions of last meeting

VP – Invited comments. Two typos were raised.

5) National Coordinating Group – update

VP provided an update of the recent National Coordinating Group meeting held on 11th October 2017. The meeting was attended by all AWP Chairs, Secretaries, Industry representatives, BGS and CLG. The discussion centred on the approach of CLG to the AWPs and those present raised their critical issues for CLG to take back to Ministers. The current minerals resource at CLG is 0.3 FTE of Vicky Engelke's time and a small amount of Peter Latham's time. Eamon Mythen is no longer involved with minerals matters.

Nick Horsley (NH) – Also attended the meeting and explained that CLG were there to listen. There was a unified approach from AWPs and Industry raising the key issues of:

- Funding
- Need for AMRI and 4-yearly surveys
- Need to identify forward looking apportionments
- Importance of MASS

VP – the link between housing growth, infrastructure and the minerals industry was made to CLG, as well as the risk of there being no financial commitment to the AWP contracts. It was noted that there is currently a disconnect politically with housing need and minerals requirements.

Carolyn Williams (CW) – Chair of NW AWP, also attended the meeting and said that the NAWP is sending a letter to CLG to confirm the need to continue the AWPs. The Statement of Common Ground proposed in the new housing white paper will have implications for minerals and waste planning because areas like Greater Manchester will need to agree with areas where minerals are imported from. Raised with CLG that this would be very difficult without MASS.

VP – asked which other AWPs had written to CLG?

CW – South East and East Midlands

VP – suggested that a letter from all the AWPs might be useful and that this should include data on such issues as the amount of aggregates needed for work on infrastructure projects like the work on the A1 and replenishment rates.

VP and NH – The length of time it takes planning applications to go through the system was raised. If pre-application work is included, this can take 10-15 years and sites cannot be 'turned on and off', it is a slow process with little flexibility. In addition, production capacity is diminishing.

MR – Only relying on a 10-year average risks under-provision and applications on unallocated sites coming forward, there must be a way of identifying a formula for a new apportionment.

CW – Explained that a formula for a new apportionment was discussed at NCG and CLG would welcome any ideas on how this could be done.

NH – The increasing cost of projects in light of a decrease in minerals and the impact on public finance was raised. Replenishment rates of aggregates are low: 60% for sand and gravel, whilst crushed rock looks healthy but currently includes reserves at Glensanda that will drop out of the 10-year supply and this will have a large impact.

CW – Production capacity was raised as important.

NH – Other minerals were raised, e.g. dimension stone. CLG said that NPPF is scheduled for review although no big changes are proposed.

Carole Howarth (CH) – awareness at the Combined Authority of the connection between minerals, housing and infrastructure was being raised.

NH – This connection needs to be made by other bodies and does not feel that Heads of Planning understand the importance of safeguarding urban minerals infrastructure.

ACTION – PL will circulate final minutes of the NCG meeting once these are available.

ACTION – VP to liaise with other AWP Chairs regarding a letter to CLG to raise aggregate issues.

3) Draft AM2017

Philippa Lane (PL) – provided an update, including recent amendments by Helen McCluskie (HMc) of Doncaster.

HMc - explained that the updates were due to a quarry changing hands and the new operator being happier than the old one to provide improved information. This has revealed a much healthier picture.

MR – asked what impact the closure of Finningly Quarry would have?

HMc – Answered that with the improved data the impact of the closure would be less than feared.

Dave Parrish (DP) – Table 4.5, Horton Quarry is permitted until 2042 for extraction of Limestone and High PSV Stone.

Michael Eaglestone (ME) – Barton Quarry now operated by Breedon Northern.

Iain Cunningham (IC) – Table 6.5 – South Ferriby is all industrial chalk. Manton Quarry, limestone, should be added to the table.

Ian Garratt (IG) – Page 25, Park Balk Farm Quarry end date is 2023. Page 24, Darrington Quarry end date is 2029.

Michael Hodges (MH) – Page 24, Dunsville Quarry should be Breedon Southern. Holme Hall Quarry should also be Breedon Southern.

Glen Wakefield (GW) – Add Forge Lane Quarry to table 5.5: sand and gravel, end date – 2024, active and in Kirklees.

MH – Add Duckett Hill Quarry to Table 4.5: Limestone, end date 2042, Breedon North, NYCC.

Louise White (LW) – Page 23, Arthington Quarry end date is 2042, Britannia Quarry is 2042, Hawksworth Quarry is included twice – leave in as Odda Quarry. Odda Lane Quarry end date is 2042. Howley Park Quarry end date is 2042. LW will contact PL regarding end dates of other quarries.

VP – Thanked members for the amendments and suggested a 1-week turnaround for comments on a final draft AWP Report and then it will be approved.

4) Progress on Local Aggregate Assessments (2016 data)

James Durham (JD) and IC – reported that the Humber Area LAA (2015 data) had been circulated for approval.

MR – explained that he could not accept a 3-year average figure being used for forward planning as this is just an indicator. He considers that the 10-year average should be the basis of forecasting and that the LAA should be amended to reflect this. This is also the MPA view. MR requested that the AWP record that Authorities and Industry have given different opinions and do not agree. He does not want a precedent to be set.

CW – does not consider this to be an issue as in this case the 3-year average is higher than the 10-year average and the use of the 3 years for forecasting would be explained within the LAA.

JD – explained that the 3-year average is higher than the pre-recession figure and that the background paper to the LAA provides information on different calculations.

MR – requested additional time for a final review of the LAA, to which JD agreed. A timescale of 10 working days was agreed.

VP – established that all other AWP members were happy with the LAA.

MR, on behalf of W Clifford Watts, stated that he was of a dissenting view to the AWP and is opposed to the use of the 3-year average sales figure as a proxy for an aggregates forecast.

ACTION – MR to provide further comments to JD on this matter within 10 working days

CH – Raised the issue that LAAs are out of step with one another in terms of timetabling.

VP – agreed that in an ideal world LAAs would be produced at the same time but circumstances impact on the ability to produce these on time.

GS – suggested that the real test would be at a Hearing if old data was used.

Joan Jackson (JJ) – Explained that the NYCC 2015 LAA had been published and work is ongoing on the 2016 LAA.

HMc – The Rotherham and Doncaster LAA has been circulated. PL confirmed that this would be circulated to the AWP for comments.

ACTION – PL to circulate Doncaster and Rotherham LAA to AWP Members

CH – Consultation has been done on the West Yorkshire LAA and this will be taken to the portfolio holder in December for ratification. Key issues include landings at wharfs on the Humber which have seen a big increase from 2015 to 2016. There is potential for aggregates to be moved from YDNP to Leeds and the possibility of it moving onwards by rail to Bradford needs to be flagged up.

6) CLG update

PL – explained that there was no specific update from CLG but that the information under Item 5 was relevant for this time.

7) Crown Estates Update

No update

8) Industry update

NH – The NCG meeting is the main news. A paper on the long term supply of aggregates was circulated previously . A regional perspective on this has been requested but MPA are not sure this is possible, although they are looking into this.

9) MPA Updates

VP – North Yorkshire CC Plan has made it through Executive and submission is planned for November.

IC – North Lincolnshire are working on a new Local Plan to 2036. An awareness raising exercise has been done and Issues and Options are expected soon. They are also considering stakeholder events. Approximately 10 sites have been submitted so far as part of a call for sites.

GW – Kirklees EiP on minerals issues will be in November. There are 2 Inspectors, one for M&W matters and one for all other matters. The MIQs have been received by the Council.

CH – Bradford have adopted their Core Strategy and are progressing their Allocations plan.

HMc – Doncaster were expecting to consult on a local Plan in July but the housing figures were challenged and they are waiting for a decision on this.

IG – No change at Wakefield from previous report. Commencing a review but this will be housing-focussed.

LW – Leeds - recalculation of housing targets has impacted on the Site Allocations Plan. The EiP for other areas can progress, but not for housing. The recalculation has a potential impact on the LAA. Looking to review the minerals plan next year.

JD – East Riding are refining their plan and expect Preferred Submission Revision in early 2018.

RS – Rotherham Sites and Policy Document still in examination period and consultation on changes will take place early 2018.

DP – Local Plan Adopted in 2016 Planning Permission granted for Arcow Quarry, 3.1 mt of PSV Stone, rail linked site. Application pending at Swinden Quarry for deepening by 50m and release of 11.3m tonnes of material by 2039.

10) AOB

HMc – requested that the Northern Minerals and Waste Group be discussed under AOB. Asked if it would be beneficial to have a northern version of the M&W Group, which could be held after the AWP or could be a ‘Google Group’.

VP – considers such a group would be very useful, especially now that there are so few minerals and waste planning officers. A Google Group might be more practical.

11) Date and Time of Next Meeting

PL to liaise with Vicky and MPA and circulate potential dates for a meeting to be held prior to the end of March 2018.