

Minutes of Yorkshire and Humber AWP Meeting

1pm - 4pm – 25th July 2019

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

Chair: Vicky Perkin North Yorkshire CC

Secretariat: Maria Cotton and
Vanessa Rowell Urban Vision

Attendees:

Geoff Storey	Aggregate Industries/MPA
James Durham	East Riding of Yorkshire/Hull
Mark North	MPA
Vicky Perkin	North Yorkshire CC
Joan Jackson	North Yorkshire CC
Ryan Shepherd	Rotherham MBC
Dave Parrish	YDNP
Malcolm Ratcliffe	Clifford Watts/MPA
Rob Marsden	CEMEX/MPA
Katie Gowthorpe	ERYC
Mark Wrigley	The Crown Estate
Tiffany Lloyd	Tarmac/MPA
Stephen Cowan	Tarmac/MPA
Glenn Wakefield	Kirklees
Ben Ayres	Breedon

Apologies:

Andy Duncan	Rotherham MBC
Andy Wainright	East Riding
Carole Howarth	Bradford/WYCA
Louise White	Leeds
Michael Hodges	Breedons
Richard Holmes	Sheffield
Helen McCulskie	Doncaster

Item	Description
1.	Introductions and apologies
2.	Minutes and actions of last meeting
3.	AM 2019 – Update on data form received and timetable for production
4	Progress on Local Aggregate Assessments
5.	MPA's Update - Progress on Development Plans
6.	Industry Update – see attachments on MPA/POS Safeguarding Guidance; MPA press release and info on supply; and MPA press release and info on recycled and secondary materials
7.	High PSV Aggregates – dissertation by Ed Page (Cumbria County Council)
8.	Crown Estate update
9.	AOB
10.	Date of next meeting

1. Introductions

1.1 Vicky Perkin (VP) Welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

2. Minutes and actions of last meeting

2.1 It was mentioned that a date on the front cover of the minutes for the last meeting should be added. Otherwise the minutes were agreed

Action: VR to add the date of the last meeting (10th January 2019) to the minutes

3. AM2019 – Update on data forms received and timetable for production

3.1 VR mentioned the authorities that she thought had not returned the forms yet. Rotherham returns will be included in the Doncaster returns and North Lincolnshire Council has returned their form. VR to check if North East Lincolnshire are missing and Sheffield. VR was informed that Barnsley has no aggregates, but should still be returning the forms. JD pointed out that North East Lincolnshire, and Hull City Councils don't have primary aggregates in their areas but do have recycled/secondary aggregate operations so in theory should return a form.

3.2 MC reported that there is now a push from MHCLG to get the Annual Monitoring Reports written and completed by the end of each year. There are some AWP's that are behind in getting their AMRs finalised within the same year. MC has provided a proposed timetable for production to MHCLG which MC will circulate around AWP Members. Discussion took place around the issue of getting responses from smaller operators. One solution is to get the MPA/BAA involved in chasing up responses where it involves members of these bodies. This has been an issue for authorities in other AWP's too. Suggested that if the smaller operators do not provide a response in time, then apply assumptions from the previous year's sales (for example) to ensure that the AMRs are completed on time.

Action: MC to circulate the timetable for AMR production around the AWP Members.

4. Progress on Local Aggregate Assessments

Humber Area

4.1 The Humber LAA has been sent round for comments

North Yorkshire

4.2 In the early stages of production of the LAA.

West Yorkshire

4.3 Now have all the data. On schedule to get first draft finalised by the end of August and to circulate it round AWP members.

Yorkshire Dales

4.4 Forms part of the North Yorkshire LAA

Doncaster and Rotherham

4.5 Created a summary of the LAA but not the full LAA report.

4.6 MC stressed that it is desirable for the LAAs to be sent to VR and MC before the draft AMR is circulated in September. The LAAs need to be sent though to VR and MC before the AMR is finalised at the end of the year as these feed into the final report. MN reminded authorities that the LAAs have to properly forecast future demand for aggregates, as required by NPPF Para 207 (a), and should not just be a monitoring report, and he also believed that there is a contracted requirement to get the AM report submitted to MHCLG by a certain date. MC suggested that she sends a note round the AWP setting out the production process of the Annual Monitoring Reports and this was agreed at the meeting.

Action: MC to send a note round the AWP setting out the production process of the Annual Monitoring Reports.

5. MPA's Update - Progress on Development Plans

North Yorkshire

5.1 Have not progressed very far with the Local Plan since the last meeting. Anticipate having the Main Modifications consultation in Autumn 2019. Expect to adopt the plan in Spring 2020.

Leeds

5.2 10th July 2019 the Site Allocations LP was adopted. Currently looking to review the Waste Plan.

Yorkshire Dales

5.3 Started progressing planning policies on the recently extended park areas and this includes minerals policies. The new Local Plan will run up until 2040.

Kirklees

5.4 Local Plan adopted 25th February 2019 which includes minerals policies.

Hull and East Riding

5.5 Inspector's Report regarding the East Riding and Hull Joint Minerals Local Plan has been issued and circulated around the AWP. The plan has been found sound subject to modifications. Expected to adopt the plan 9th October 2019 within the East Riding.

Rotherham

5.6 Partial update of the Core Strategy to commence in 2020 which mainly focusses on housing. In terms of minerals the Council are considering issues related to fracking in the Core Strategy. Timescales will be set out in an updated Local Development Scheme which is expected to be reported to Members by the end of the year for approval.

Doncaster

5.7 Progressing the Local Plan to Regulation 19

Wakefield

5.8 Initially drafting the new Local Plan which will run up until 2036.

6. Industry Update

6.1 MPA Market Update - Construction market demand for mineral products started the year slowly, in line with a general flattening in new construction work. Aggregates sales volumes were 4.2% lower in 2019Q1 compared to the previous quarter, followed by softer declines in RMC (-4.0%), mortar (-2.8%) and asphalt (-1.9%). MPA is currently in the process of collecting market sales volumes for 2019Q2, which will be made available on 31st July 2019. Overall, construction activity and MPA markets are both expected to remain subdued for the remainder of the year, before resuming growth from 2020, underpinned by an acceleration in new infrastructure work.

6.2 Economic Outlook - Recent evidence suggests the UK economy is stalling, as the temporary boost generated by stockpiling and building inventories ahead of the original Brexit date in March is beginning to unwind. The Bank of England estimates that GDP remained flat in 2019Q2, while NIESR struck a more pessimistic tone, estimating a contraction over the quarter driven by weaknesses in manufacturing and construction. Given the extension of Article 50 to the end of October 2019, uncertainty regarding the timing and framework under which the UK will leave the EU remains. As a result, business investment intentions for the year ahead were at their lowest since January 2010.

6.3 Construction - Total construction output grew 0.4% in the 3 months to April compared to the previous 3 months, driven by new infrastructure and non-housing repair & maintenance work, while being offset by a further decline in commercial work. Housebuilding has remained at high levels since the beginning of the year, but activity has slowed in comparison to 2018H2. There is evidence that private house builders have begun to scale back projects.

6.4 MN reported that the MPA had recently met with MHCLG. MN reported that Sara Lewis is reviewing historic AM Surveys and AWP minutes. It is also hoped subject to Ministerial sign off that the 4/5 year mineral survey will be undertaken in 2010. To this end here is going to be a steering committee to review the survey forms and adapt as necessary for the 2010 survey. It is also hoped that there is some budget in the current budget to review some of the mineral fact sheets. The new Construction Aggregate fact sheet has just been reviewed by the BGS and been republished.

7. High PSV Aggregates (Geoff Storey)

7.1 High PSV refers to high grip road surfacing material. Cumbria Council has been stating that there is no need. There are some LAAs which include PSV aggregates, but ideally all LAAs need to assess what the reserves are, sales etc. in order to work out the need. The last study on PSV reserves was conducted in 2003/04. The conclusion of Ed Page's study (attached to this item) is valid and there needs to be a strategic overview. Agreed that it needs to be raised with MHCLG that there should be a renewed needs assessment

on PSV aggregates and DP mentioned that this should also cover construction techniques and how they have changed. DP mentioned that High PSV (HAS) aggregate is included on the survey forms and Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority collects this information. MN states that he is happy to take the High PSV aggregate study suggestion to MHCLG.

7.2 MR suggested that secretariat of the AWP's do the function of communication between the AWP's on High PSV aggregates.

Action: MN to take the High PSV aggregate study suggestion to MHCLG and to suggest that PSV be included in the survey forms.

8. Crown Estate Update

8.1 The MMO is going to be consulting on the introduction of a Marine Plan for the seabed bordering the YHAWP area, possibly this autumn. The Marine Aggregates Tender round (2018) is drawing to a close with new exploration areas being awarded, subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment, from September 2019.

9. AOB

9.1 GS – mentioned the recent Inspectors Post Hearing Note regarding the Lancaster Local Plan in relation to a Mineral Safeguarding Areas and a housing allocation. The advice from the Inspector is to remove the housing allocation from the Local Plan.

9.2 MN mentioned that there were various changes to the NPPG on 22nd July including guidance on the Green Belt.

9.3 Discussion took place around SoCGs and AWP Members being signatories of these. MC will be raising with MHCLG that there is conflict of interest between industry and local authority Members signing these. There is also the issue of local authority members not having the delegated powers to sign these off.

10. Date of next meeting

10.1 Tuesday 29th October – 10am-1pm at North Yorkshire County Council