
GUIDANCE NOTES FOR ANNEX 3: UNDERGROUND MINING

MUCH OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS TYPE OF APPLICATION CAN BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER THE MAIN MINERALS APPLICATION FORM AND ANNEX 1. THIS SECTION THEREFORE COVERS ISSUES NOT COVERED IN THOSE SECTIONS INCLUDING METHODS OF WORKING AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE SPECIFIC TO UNDERGROUND MINING, eg VENTILATION SHAFTS, WHICH ARE ON SITES NOT LINKED TO THE MAIN PITHEAD OR PROCESSING PLANT AREA.

A3.1 Drawings should also be submitted showing depth and location.

A3.2 Drawings should also be submitted to support this question and specified in Question 5 of the main minerals application form.

A3.3 Applicants should provide details of any investigations on anticipated subsidence, including extent over time and likely areas to be affected.
Applicants should also provide details of mitigation measures to prevent or reduce the occurrence of subsidence. A description should be given on methods used, and an indication of when mitigation measures will take place. Applicants may wish to refer to Planning Policy Guidance Note 14 - Development on Unstable Land.

A3.4 Applicants should ensure the location for disposal of wastes is made clear. In many cases it will also be necessary to complete Annex 4 of the minerals application form. It is recommended that you discuss this issue with the minerals planning authority prior to submitting your application.

A3.5 Applicants should seek to supply information on the treatment of mine openings on the cessation of operations. Treatment works may involve covering, capping, plugging and filling, or gating or grilling of openings, together with the erection of boundary fences or walls around mine entries, or around land which is at risk of subsidence from underground workings. Further information is provided in MPG 12 - Treatment of Disused Mine Openings and Availability of Information on Mined Ground.