

Minutes of Second Yorkshire and Humber AWP Meeting 2022

19 December 2022 10am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Vicky Perkin		North Yorkshire Council
Secretariat: Frances Summers		Capita
Attendees: Frances Summers (Secretary), Helen McCluskie (Doncaster Council), Louisa White (Leeds City Council), Sukaina Devraj (North Yorkshire Council), Farzana Tabasum (Breedon group, Kris Furness (West Yorkshire), James Whiteley for Carole Howard (Kirklees), Hannah Morrison (Kirklees), James Durham (North Lincolnshire), Heather Lealan (CEMEX), Ian Blake (Mineral Products), Mark North (North York Moors), Rob Smith (North Yorkshire Moors), Geoff Storey (Aggregate Industries UK Ltd.), Paul Copeland for Anita Seymour (Calderdale).		
Apologies: Vicky Perkins (Chair – North Yorkshire), Peter Huxtable (British Aggregates), Mark Kelly (CEMEX), Joan Jackson (North Yorkshire), Chris Hanson (Sheffield), Lee Weatherall (Marshalls), Nick Reeves (Kirklees), Nick Horsley (Mineral Products), Ian Garratt (Wakefield), Christopher Cole (East Riding), Carole Howard (Bradford), Christina Davey (DLUHC), Helen Miller (Leeds City Council) and Mark Wrigley (The Crown Estate).		
Agenda item	Description	Action
1.	Introductions and apologies	NB: Group noted the Chair and DLUHC should be at the meeting in future.
2.	Minutes and actions of last meeting	The minutes and actions of the last meeting were agreed.
3.	Yorkshire and Humber Aggregate Working Party Annual Monitoring Report 2021 Ratification The annual monitoring report 2021, which contains the data from 2019 and 2020, was circulated by Vanessa earlier in 2022 and by Frances Summers in	FS to send report to DLUHC. Post meeting action: FS to ensure report is uploaded to AWP webpage
4.	Local Aggregate Assessments <i>1. West Yorkshire</i> The report covers the 2021 data and shows West Yorkshire is a major consumer but does not contribute a great deal. The area has experienced a notable drop in sales, e.g. crushed rock fell to 47% of sales in 2020. The authority is monitoring the situation to identify whether this is an emerging trend.	

	<p>There has been an increase in land bank from 1.6-3.8 years.</p> <p>The authority have recently commissioned a report into marine aggregates to discover whether there is a possibility of moving away from road transportation towards other modes of sustainable transport. The study was commissioned rather than carried out in house due to lack of resources. The study was commissioned to see whether there are suitable wharfs and rail sidings to accommodate to explore whether this infrastructure needs to be safeguarded.</p> <p>Double counting of wharfs and railheads will be considered but it still will provide useful information in terms of the patterns of what is occurring. And because the authority is becoming more dependent on marine aggregate for sand and gravel, information to support the understanding and patterns would be useful. Surveys are being considered for future years. WY agreed to circulate the report when complete.</p> <p>The LAA was ratified.</p> <p><i>2. Rotherham and Doncaster</i></p> <p>Rotherham and Doncaster have historically worked together with minerals. Doncaster mainly provides limestone and all of the sand and gravel from the area, Rotherham has one site. The sand and gravel reserve is 7m tons.</p> <p>The landbank's 3 year average is 12.2 years. There is nearly 17 years worth of sand and gravel left and is the only thing that has increased in sales. Everything else is steadily depleting. Dolomite crushed rock sales is 3.2 million tones, up on previous years by quite a lot with reserves at 44million tons.</p> <p>With a landbank based on an average over 10 years, the landbank is 21.6 years. Again, sales have increased, and reserves have depleted.</p> <p>With regards planning applications, 1 new route road for a quarry has been granted.</p> <p>Doncaster's Local Plan has been recently adopted and as such it will not be reviewed any time soon. Rotherham core strategy contains 1</p>	<p>WY to circulate commissioned report into marine aggregates when complete.</p>
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	<p>extant permission, but this site is inactive. This plan will be reviewed.</p> <p>Though there is sufficient provision of crushed rock and sand and gravel, the area will remain reliant on imports. Most of reserves are soft sand (for sand and gravel) which is a historical trend.</p> <p>The authority experiences a limited return rate of 54%. Therefore a lot of figures are based on historic information or are estimated from planning application information.</p> <p>The authority have started placing a conditioning requirement for annual monitoring on application decisions. This is particularly needed for smaller operators who don't tend to send returns as easily as the larger operators.</p> <p>A - Helen agreed to circulate the conditions.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the reliance on land bank numbers for local plan preparation and monitoring where there is a suitable supply. Though the supply may exist, they may not be suitable quality to match market demand.</p> <p>The LAA was ratified.</p> <p>3. North Lincolnshire</p> <p>This report is not yet finalised.</p> <p>4. North Yorkshire</p> <p>The North Yorkshire LAA was ratified.</p>	<p>Helen to circulate conditions requiring organisations to complete annual monitoring information.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Responses to return information required for regional response</p> <p>Vanessa sent out returns early in 2022 and asked for them to be completed. At the point of the meeting only 4 returns had been received: Calderdale, ERYC, Doncaster and Rotherham, and North Lincolnshire. Thank you to those who have responded.</p> <p>FS raised the issue of not being able to meet DLUHC deadlines of compiling the regional report by Christmas if return were not being received. It was urged that any outstanding reports are sent to FS asap.</p>	<p>Any outstanding returns to be send to FS asap.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Letter to DLUHC</p> <p>Members suggested operators should be required to give LPA's their responses to ensure the information being received is sufficient and of enough breadth.</p> <p>Chasing companies takes up a lot of time and this can impact on the production of LAA's.</p>	

	<p>As the LURB is ongoing, it seems the opportune time to write to DLUHC and ask them to consider making this requirement in the changes. If this was carried out, it would provide a legal basis for LPA's to require information.</p> <p>It was agreed that the letter drafted (see appendix E) be sent to DLUHC.</p>	
7.	<p>Updates:</p> <p><i>7.1 MPA update – nothing to report</i></p> <p><i>7.2 Industry update – nothing to report</i></p> <p><i>7.3 Crown Estate update – nothing to report</i></p> <p><i>7.4 DLUHC update – nothing to report</i></p>	
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Doncaster Council will be named The City of Doncaster Council after Christmas 2022.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Please could you make yourself available or send someone else to the following meetings for 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 1000hours • Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 1000hours 	
Appendices	<p>Appendix A: 2021 AWP report</p> <p>Appendix B: 2021 West Yorkshire LAA</p> <p>Appendix C: 2021 Rotherham and Doncaster LAA</p> <p>Appendix D: 2021 North Yorkshire LAA</p> <p>Appendix E: Letter to send to DLUHC</p>	FS to circulate asap