

Introduction to sites and area assessments

The minerals and waste joint plan identifies sites and areas suitable in principle for minerals and waste development.

Call for sites

In January 2011, we asked mineral site operators, landowners and other interested parties to put forward outline proposals for consideration for minerals uses, including minerals extraction sites and other mineral development infrastructure such as wharves, rail depots and secondary aggregate facilities. We were also interested in proposals for facilities for recycling aggregate where these are to be associated with minerals development. City of York Council carried out a call for sites in August 2012, but no minerals or waste sites were forthcoming.

As part of the Joint Plan first consultation, in May 2013 we issued a further 'call for sites'. This was intended to provide an opportunity for developers, landowners and other relevant parties to provide the authorities with initial details of sites they would wish to see identified as being suitable (in principle) for future development of minerals and waste facilities. The call for sites exercise acknowledged that any sites which have previously been submitted will be carried forward for consideration, and so did not need to be resubmitted.

Overall a total of 69 sites, including 44 mineral sites, three infrastructure sites and 22 waste management sites, had been submitted for consideration up to the publication of the Issues and Options consultation document in February 2014. Following the issues and options consultation, 5 new sites were put forward and 11 sites were revised. These were consulted on in a supplementary sites consultation document in January 2015. A small number of new sites or revised areas were subsequently submitted and all of the sites were consulted on during the Preferred Options consultation. A further small number of new sites were submitted following the Preferred Options stage.

Submitted sites and areas from all stages have been assessed using the site identification and assessment methodology and scope below. This is a stepped process of identification and assessment that considers a wide range of planning and sustainability issues.

Following the Preferred Options consultation the comments and further evidence have been taken into account and a list of allocated sites and preferred areas, along with some areas of search, has been produced and are detailed in Appendix 1 of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. These allocated sites and areas have been selected to help deliver the policies of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. The following table shows the sites and areas along with the policy or policies they are allocated, or identified through.



Policy	Sites linked to Policy
M07: Meeting concreting sand and gravel requirements	Land at Killerby (MJP21) Land at Home Farm, Kirkby Fleetham (MJP33) Land South of Catterick (MJP17) Land at Langwith Hall Farm (MJP06) Land at Pennycroft and Thorneyfields, Ripon (MJP14) A Preferred Area on land at Oaklands (MJP07)
M08: Meeting building sand requirements	Land at Hensall Quarry (MJP22) Land at West Heslerton Quarry (MJP30) Land adjacent to Plasmor blockworks, Great Heck

	(MJP44) Land at Mill Balk Quarry, Great Heck (MJP54)
M09: Meeting crushed rock requirements	Land at Jackdaw Crag South, Stutton (MJP23) Land at Barnsdale Bar Quarry (MJP28) Land at Went Edge Quarry, Kirk Smeaton (MJP29) Land at Gebdykes Quarry (MJP11) Land at Potgate Quarry (MJP10) Land at Settrington Quarry (MJP08) (Jurassic Limestone) Land at Darrington Quarry (MJP24) (retention of processing plant site and haul road)
M13: Continuity of supply of clay	Land to north of Hemingbrough clay pit (MJP45) A Preferred Area on land adjacent to former Escrick Brickworks (MJP55) Land north of Duttons Farm, Upper Poppleton (MJP52)
M15: Continuity of supply of building stone	Land at Brows Quarry (MJP63)
W03: Meeting waste management capacity requirements - Local Authority Collected Waste	Allerton Park (WJP08) Harewood Whin, Rufforth (WJP11) Common Lane, Burn (WJP16)
W04: Meeting waste management capacity requirements – Commercial and Industrial waste (including hazardous C&I waste)	Southmoor Energy Centre (WJP03) Former ARBRE Power Station (WJP25) North Selby Mine anaerobic digestion (WJP02) Land at Halton East, near Skipton (WJP13) Land at Tancred, near Scorton (WJP18) Land at Skibeden, near Skipton (WJP17) Land at Allerton Park, near Knaresborough (WJP08) Land at Seamer Carr, near Scarborough (WJP15) Land at Common Lane, Burn (WJP16) Land at Pollington (WJP22) Land at Fairfield Road, Whitby (WJP19) Land at Harewood Whin, Rufforth (WJP11)
W05: Meeting waste management capacity requirements - Construction, Demolition and Excavation waste (including hazardous CD&E waste)	Land at Potgate Quarry, North Stainley (WJP24) Land at Allerton Park, near Knaresborough (WJP08) Land at Darrington Quarry, Darrington (MJP27) Land at Barnsdale Bar, Kirk Smeaton (MJP26) Land at Went Edge Quarry, Kirk Smeaton (WJP10) Land at Duttons Farm, Upper Poppleton (WJP05) Land at Brotherton Quarry, Burton Salmon (WJP21) Land adjacent to former Escrick Brickworks, Escrick (WJP06)
I01: Minerals and waste transport infrastructure	Land at Barlby Road, Selby (MJP09)

The indicative boundaries are available to view using the link below, which links to the interactive policies map which is available to view at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult .

Site identification and assessment

A link to the site identification and assessment methodology is available below.

-  [Site identification and assessment methodology \[486kb\]](#) [Opens new window](#)
Details of how past consultation and recent changes to waste planning policy have helped to shape our site identification and assessment methodology is also available in a summary report:
-  [Consultation findings and waste planning guidance compatibility check \[1Mb\]](#)

Initial Screening of sites and areas

The results of the initial high level of screening of land submitted for consideration for allocation in the Joint Plan are set out in this Paper which can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwevidence in the Sites and Areas table.

Areas of Search

Evidence including from the Local Aggregate Assessment indicates that there is the potential for a shortfall of provision of sand and gravel within the Southern distribution area. Whilst national policy identifies a preference for identifying site specific allocations alternative approaches can be used where necessary. Details of how the Areas of Search have been identified are set out in the Identification of Areas of Search paper which can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwevidence in the Sites and Areas table.

Discounted and withdrawn sites

A list of sites which have been discounted following assessment, with reasons for discounting, together with a list of sites which have been withdrawn from the process by the original submitter during the period since the joint plan first consultation, can be accessed using the following link which can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwevidence in the Sites and Areas table.

Interpretation of Level 1 SFRA sequential test findings

As part of the work to support the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan a Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared. The findings and recommendations of the sequential testing of sites, in relation to flood risk, has been reviewed as part of the site assessment process so that relevant matters are addressed and that the selection of sites has been informed by the SFRA process. A paper on this topic can be found using the following link which can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwevidence in the Sites and Areas table.

Impact of Site Submissions on Agricultural Land

The Joint Plan area contains very large tracts of land in use for agriculture, a high proportion of which (particularly in the North Yorkshire County Council area) is of high quality. National planning policy supports the principle of using land of lower quality in preference to higher quality. A paper has been prepared setting out the site submissions in context with the available information on agricultural land classification, proposed restoration and whether the impact on BMVL might be permanent so that their overall relationship with this national policy objective can be considered. This can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwevidence in the Sites and Areas table

Traffic Assessment

In 2015 prior to the publication of the consultation on preferred options, a traffic assessment to consider the traffic impacts of sites being considered at that time for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. This considered a total of 31 mineral and 15 waste submission sites and the report and its appendix can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwevidence in the Sites and Areas table:

Subsequent submissions and revisions to sites have been considered via the site identification and assessment methodology and its associated consultation processes.

Sustainability Appraisal

Further information on the assessment of sites is available in the Sustainability Appraisal of the Joint Plan. The Sustainability Appraisal documents can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwsustainability .