

Lancashire Minerals and Waste Allocations Development Plan
Document – appendix a

Comments on Call for Site suggestions

The sites proposed for consideration are as follows:

- Jamestone Quarry, Haslingden (*Aggregate Industries*)

This is an existing gritstone quarry that is currently mothballed due to the decline in demand due to the recession. Consequently a deep lake is forming.

The operator would like to extend the quarry westwards for mineral extraction. In return they would be willing to give up an historic consent from the late 1940's that allows them to extract rock from an extensive area of hillside that would have considerable visual impact.

Observations

The proposal would appear to be satisfactory as it would remove the existing consent. If implemented this would remove a large proportion of Nab Hill and cut through the Rossendale Way. Any new consent to quarry should be designed to minimise visual and traffic impact with restoration after quarrying or use for some tourist facility.

- Scout Moor Quarry, Edenfield (*Peel Environmental/Marshalls Mono*)

A very large, old operation. Peel is the land owner and Marshalls the operator. The operator would like to extend the quarrying operation while the land owner is keen to examine the options for landfill.

Observations

Part of the area is a Biological Heritage Site as well as the location of a recently constructed Wind Farm. Access to the site would benefit from improvement and should be discussed with the Highway Authority to minimise any impact on residents from the Edenfield area.

- Fletcher Bank Quarry (*Peel Environmental/Marshalls*)

This is partly in Rossendale with the remainder in Bury. It has got existing consents for quarrying/greenwaste composting and aggregate recycling.

Observations

This site contains both Regional Geological Heritage Site and Biological heritage site designations. It is also located in the Green Belt. Any proposals should ensure that these designations are taken into account. Most of the Quarry and the main access are in the Bury MBC area.

- Land at Whitworth Quarry (*two proposals submitted by Woodman (Whitworth) Limited*)

This site was safeguarded in the previous Minerals and Waste Local Plan. It is served by a poor access which is not suitable for lots of lorry movements. The operators would like to construct a new access but to do so they need to finance it either by developing an “energy from waste” proposal or by bringing landfill from the Greater Manchester area. Whitworth Town Council is opposed to further use of this site.

Observations

Obtaining a suitable access is essential to the further use of this site. This and the amount of traffic generated would need to be to the satisfaction of the Highway Authority and the impact on residents considered. There could also be an impact on existing walking routes and proposals to extend cycle routes as part of the “Adrenaline Gateway”.

- Mayfield Chicks, Ewood Bridge (*Lancashire County Council*)

Lancashire Waste Services consider that there is need for a Household Waste Recycling Plant in the Borough to replace the limited consent site at Rakehead and the Duckworth Clough facility. Other attempts to find a suitable location, e.g. Waterbarn Mill, have failed. The recently approved Minerals and Waste Core Strategy identifies Rossendale as an “Area of Search” for such a facility. Mayfield Chicks could also possibly accommodate a Waste Transfer Station.

Observations

Research undertaken by consultants on the viability of opening the East Lancashire Railway for commuter traffic identified Ewood Bridge as a possible “Park and Ride” site. Establishing such a facility in the Rawtenstall area is essential to the viability of such a scheme which is recognised as very important to the Boroughs future prosperity. There is thus a potential conflict of uses on this site.

One option that should be considered is the possibility of accommodating both uses on the site. This would need to examine the impact on the viability of each use if the other one was permitted. Another alternative is to grant a temporary permission for a Household Waste Site until the railway scheme is further developed.

Part of the site is within the Green Belt and a very small area is subject to flooding. It would be essential to ensure that if any development is permitted it does not adversely affect the openness of the Green Belt.

- Tong Quarry near Bacup

This was a later submission. The site is currently used for the extraction of clay and shale. The operator would like to extend it, develop a landfill facility with aggregate recycling a possible option.

Observations

Any extensions or additional uses should be assessed for impact on the landscape and the adequacy of local roads to cope with lorry movements.