

The Greater Manchester Minerals Plan (adopted 2013) forms part of Bury's Development Plan and sets out policies relating to minerals, including the safeguarding of mineral resources.

The proposed development is located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area for sand and gravel, brick clay, and surface coal. Greater Manchester Minerals Plan Policy 8 - Prior Extraction of Mineral Resources Within Mineral Safeguarding Areas is relevant here. This policy seeks to protect mineral resources from sterilisation by other forms of development.

Policy 8 requires that non-mineral development proposals within the mineral safeguarding area should extract any viable mineral resources present in advance of construction, provided it is acceptable to do so. Proposals for non-mineral development within the Mineral Safeguarding Areas that do not allow for the prior extraction of minerals will only be permitted in certain circumstances (criteria 1 – 4).

The applicant does not appear to have submitted any information in relation to the Greater Manchester Minerals Plan. However, in this instance it is considered that in this location it would not be environmentally acceptable or viable to extract the mineral prior to any development due to its small scale and the proximity of the community allotments. I therefore have no objections in terms of Minerals Plan Policy 8.

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