

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, sandstone, and coal and brick clay and therefore Greater Manchester Minerals Plan Policy 8 - Prior Extraction of Mineral Resources Within Mineral Safeguarding Areas is relevant.

The proposed site is adjacent to existing industrial development and the proposal would meet criterion 2 of Policy 8 – *it can clearly be demonstrated that it is not environmentally acceptable or economically viable to extract the mineral prior to non-mineral development taking place*. The proposal would therefore be acceptable in terms of Minerals Plan Policy 8.

Minerals and Waste Planner – Planning and Housing Team