

Thank you for consulting minerals and waste on the above outline application. The site is covered by Policy 8 of the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan (2013), which forms part of Bury's Development Plan. Policy 8 regards sterilising mineral resources due to non-mineral developments commencing on land that is safeguarded for mineral extraction. The part of the site where the new homes are being built is within the Mineral Safeguarded Areas for Brickclay and Surface Coal, whilst the access road is also covered by the Safeguarded Areas for Sand and Gravel in addition to Brickclay and Surface Coal.

However, the planning statement states that the site has been previously granted permission in 2015, and a material start has commenced. If that is the case, there is no new requirement to provide evidence that it adheres to the relevant policies in the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan. In addition, it is unlikely that mineral extraction would be appropriate in this location, due to its close proximity to existing housing in Simister.