

Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste response

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 sandstone, surface coal and brick clay and therefore Greater Manchester Minerals Plan Policy 8 - Prior Extraction of Mineral Resources Within Mineral Safeguarding Areas is relevant. This policy seeks to protect mineral resources from sterilisation by other forms of development. Policy 8 sets out a number of exemptions (criteria i-viii) for when the safeguarding policy is not relevant, but none apply here. Policy 8 sets out that 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 application does not appear to make any reference to safeguarded minerals or Policy 8.

It is noted however that the proposed development site is relatively small and constrained by proximity to existing dwellings and an existing road. It is therefore unlikely that prior extraction of any mineral would be feasible in this case.