

Thank you for consulting minerals and waste on the above application.

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, 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 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).

Policy 8 sets out a number of exemptions (criteria i-viii) for when the safeguarding policy is not relevant, but none apply here.

The applicant has provided a Mineral Assessment Report as part of the planning application which demonstrates how the proposal meets criteria 1 – 3 of Policy 8.

I therefore have no objections in terms of Minerals Plan Policy 8.