Title
Minerals Development Plan Document

Subject Matter

This Adoption Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and gives notice that Oldham Council has resolved to formally adopt its Joint Minerals Development Plan Document on 26th April 2013.

The Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (the ‘Minerals Plan’) identifies how Greater Manchester will deliver the spatial vision for minerals development to 2028. The Minerals Plan sets out policies to guide future minerals development and identifies Areas of Search and Mineral Safeguarding Areas in order to meet aggregate requirements and to protect minerals resources across Greater Manchester to 2028. Areas of Search and Mineral Safeguarding Areas have been indentified in Oldham Council.

The Minerals Plan production has been accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal, which sets out the likely social, economic and environmental effects of the policies and proposals. The Minerals Plan forms part of Oldham’s Local Plan and has been produced following extensive public consultation. Monitoring measures are outlined in the Minerals Plan.

The Minerals Plan was considered by an independent Inspector as part of a Public Examination between February and November 2012. The Inspector’s Report was published on the 18th January 2013 and concluded that the Minerals Plan was ‘sound’, subject to five soundness changes. The Report also endorsed other minor changes that the councils suggested. The adopted Minerals Plan incorporates the recommendations of the Inspector.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Minerals Plan may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:
(a) the document is not within the appropriate power;
(b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

An application must be made promptly, and in any event, no later than the end of the period of six weeks of the date of adoption of this Joint Minerals Development Plan Document, i.e. by 7th June 2013.
Date of adoption
26 April 2013

Area covered by the document
The ten Metropolitan boroughs of Greater Manchester. In Oldham it relates to the whole of the borough, except the part that falls within the Peak District National Park.

Availability
Copies of this Adoption Statement, the adopted Minerals Plan, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Inspector’s Report are available for inspection on the Minerals Plan website at www.gmmineralsplan.co.uk, and at the following places and times:

Civic Centre, Access Oldham and Planning Reception (Monday - Friday, 8.40am - 5pm, except Wednesdays when its 9:30 – 5pm)

Chadderton Library (Monday – Thursday 9am - 8pm, Friday and Saturday 9am - 5pm)

Crompton Library, Failsworth Library, Lees Library and Royton Library (Monday - Thursday 9am - 7pm, Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am-1pm)

Fitton Hill Library, Greenfield Library, Limehurst Library and Northmoor Library (Monday Closed, Tuesday 2pm – 5pm, Wednesday and Thursday 2pm – 7pm, Friday and Saturday 9.30am - 1pm)

Oldham Library (Monday – Thursday 9am - 9.30pm, Friday and Saturday 9am - 5pm)

Uppermill Library (Monday - Thursday 9am - 7pm, Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1pm)

Delph Library (Monday and Tuesday 2pm - 5pm, Wednesday and Thursday 2pm – 5.30pm, Friday – Saturday 9.30am - 1pm)

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