
Report to: Place Panel

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Subject: **WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL AGGREGATE ASSESSMENT 2018**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide the Place Panel with an update and to note the emerging West Yorkshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2018 (WY LAA). This paper proposes that Place Panel recommend that the respective planning authorities take the WY LAA 2018 through their own approval processes.

2. Information

- 2.1 Production of the WY LAA is coordinated by the Combined Authority on behalf of the West Yorkshire planning authorities. The Combined Authority is not a Mineral Planning Authority and is therefore not required to sign the WY LAA.
- 2.2 The WY LAA is a technical paper to consider demand and supply of aggregates, and flag potential issues in this regard. It is a joint evidence paper to be utilised by authorities to support their local plan work and to support the assessment of planning applications.
- 2.3 The West Yorkshire partner councils agreed in 2013 to work together to produce an annual WY LAA. Since 2013, the production of a WY LAA has been coordinated by the Combined Authority for the purposes of progressing partner councils Local Plans and to assist in the determination of planning applications, and providing joint evidence for the Combined Authority for the Strategic Economic Plan and emerging Local Inclusive Industrial Strategy.
- 2.4 Paragraph 207 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Mineral Planning Authorities (MPA) should plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregates by (amongst other measures):
- Preparing an **annual Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA)**, either individually or jointly by agreement with one or more other MPAs, based

on a rolling average of 10 years sales data and other relevant local information, and an assessment of all supply options (including marine dredged, secondary and recycled sources); and

- Participating in an **Aggregate Working Party (AWP)** and taking the advice of the AWP into account when preparing their LAA.

2.5 The full WY LAA is included in Appendix 1. The main points to note are:

- There remains a clear and continuing link between housing and aggregate sales/need;
- A large proportion of the crushed rock aggregate produced in West Yorkshire is unsuitable for higher specification uses, such as concrete making and roadstone;
- West Yorkshire produces very little sand and gravel;
- West Yorkshire has a continuing high dependency upon neighbouring authorities for the majority of its construction aggregate needs. In particular from North Yorkshire, Doncaster and high specification sandstone aggregates from the Yorkshire Dales National Park;
- There is concern regarding the continued supply of high specification aggregate from the Yorkshire Dales National Park, as the draft North Yorkshire LAA 2018 states that “potential for reserves of high quality polished stone value (PSV) aggregate in the Yorkshire Dales National Park to be significantly reduced in the mid-term”;
- There is concern regarding potential shortfalls of supply of both sand and gravel and magnesian limestone identified within the North Yorkshire LAA; and
- There remains a pressing need for a shift from the transportation of aggregates by road to other modes of transport (in particular rail).

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6. External Consultees

6.1 Stakeholder consultation has been undertaken (i.e the minerals industry and other relevant Minerals Planning Authorities).

7. Recommendations

7.1 To note the contents of the WY LAA 2018 and to recommend that the respective planning authorities take the WY LAA 2018 through their own approval processes.

8. Background Documents

None.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Draft WY Local Aggregate Assessment 2018