

**CUMBRIA MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
SITE ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS MAP
EXAMINATION HEARING SESSION 3: MINERAL SAFEGUARDING AREA FOR SLATE**

**RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTOR'S ISSUES AND QUESTIONS
BURLINGTON SLATE LIMITED
(REPRESENTATION REFERENCE 26)**

The representations made on behalf of Burlington Slate pointed out that it is unlikely that sufficient slate can be extracted from the area that has planning permission at Kirkby Quarry to maintain production throughout the period covered by the CMWDF. The lack of a Mineral Safeguarding Area for slate that covers the Wray Castle Formation is therefore of concern to the quarry operator.

The County Council has responded by indicating that this was not considered previously because it was not requested but a Mineral Safeguarding Area for slate should have been included in the Site Allocations and Proposals Map regardless of any individual quarry operator's requirements. Core Strategy Policy 14 clearly states that Mineral Safeguarding Areas for 'resources of local building stones' will be identified and, as it stands, the Site Allocations and Proposals Map are not consistent with this and must therefore be considered to be 'unsound'.

The Council goes on to suggest that a Mineral Safeguarding Area for slate 'could be considered' in the 'upcoming' review of the Core Strategy. This would be acceptable to Burlington if the text of the Site Allocations Policies includes a statement to the effect that a Mineral Safeguarding Area for slate will definitely become part of the CMWDF and to a specified timescale.