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AGGREGATES

8.1 Because of the size of the permitted reserves at the general crushed rock aggregates quarries no sites have been identified at this stage for additional working areas. A planning application for additional reserves at Roan Edge Quarry is currently being considered. It is suggested that it may be appropriate to make further provision for very high specification roadstone at Ghyll Scaur Quarry near Millom. Further provision for quarrying could involve renewing existing planning permissions; deeper working within existing quarries; extensions to existing quarries or new sites.

8.2 The quarry companies have held pre-application discussions with the Council about proposals for extending Overby and High House Quarries :- see Map M6

- Overby – this involves 24ha extensions to the existing quarry which would provide an estimated additional 5.76 million tonnes of sand and gravel. The proposals also include relocation of processing operations from New Cowper Quarry to Overby.
- High House Quarry – this involves a 9.75ha extension to the existing quarry.

8.3 In connection with this Development Framework the quarry companies have put forward sites for consideration:

- An extension to Low Gelt Quarry . Map M7
- To retain the Minerals and Waste Local Plan’s Preferred Area for sand and gravel working at Cardewmires quarry. Map M8

8.4 It has also been suggested that the distribution of permitted reserves may not be adequate in the north of the county given the level of construction activity in and around Carlisle. If a greater proportion of production is to be in the north of the county then it may be necessary to bring into production another site or sites in the area south of Brampton.

QUESTION 21

Do you have any comments on additional working for aggregates as discussed in paragraphs 8.1 to 8.4
MAP M6  MWDF Potential Mineral Site
Suggested quarry extensions (see para. 8.2 and Map M2)

HIGH HOUSE QUARRY
referred to as High Field in Map M2

POTENTIAL EXTENSION

OVERBY QUARRY

POTENTIAL EXTENSION

Picture 8.1 M6 Overby & High House
**MAP M7 MWDF Potential Mineral Site**

Suggested Low Gelt Quarry extension (para 8.3 and Map M2)

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Picture 8.2 Map M7 Low Gelt Quarry
MAP M8  MWDF Potential Mineral Site
Cardewmires Preferred Area(para. 8.3, Map M2 and MWLP)
Current Development Plan Policies

8.5 For sand and gravel the Minerals and Waste Local Plan identifies an Area of Search near Aldoth and Preferred Areas next to Bullgill and Cardewmires. Bulgill is virtually worked out. The relevant Minerals and Waste Local Plan policy is set out in the box below.

**BOX 12**

**POLICY 30**

In the West Cumbria production area proposals for the extraction of sand and gravel from land within the Aldoth area of search and the Bullgill and Cardewmires preferred areas will be permitted subject to there being a demonstrable need. Planning permission will not be granted elsewhere unless a need can be demonstrated which cannot be met from the area of search, the preferred areas or existing sites, or unless significant benefits would accrue to local communities or the environment.

Alternative Aggregates

8.6 The existing facilities for producing alternative aggregates from mineral wastes or construction, demolition and excavation wastes are based on industrial estates or at quarries and landfill sites. The relevant policy in the current Minerals and Waste Local Plan is set out in Box 13. It is suggested that proposals could be considered under the Generic development Control Policies rather than specific site allocations.

**BOX 13**

**POLICY 54**

Proposals for temporary Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facilities will be permitted, subject to the submission of a satisfactory scheme, at:

- Hespin Wood Landfill Site, Carlisle
- Todhills Landfill Site, Carlisle
- Tendley Quarry, Cockermouth
- Moota Quarry, Cockermouth
- Roose Sandpit, Barrow in Furness

A proposal for a permanent Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facility at Blencowe Quarry, Penrith will be permitted subject to the submission of a satisfactory scheme and it not prejudicing the overall development of the area.
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UNDERGROUND MINING FOR ZINC

8.7 It seems unlikely that there will be serious interest in this industry; however, there are extensive dormant planning permissions in the North Pennines. Mine entrances and surface developments could be remote from these but their locational criteria are not known. It is not considered possible to identify possible locations for these. Very rigorous examination of any proposals would be necessary in the context of the general policy presumption against such developments within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

QUESTION 22

Possible site allocation policy:

In addition to demonstrating exceptional circumstances and over-riding public need, any proposals for underground zinc mining or to provide surface developments in the North Pennines, would have to meet the following criteria :-

a) that the landscape and visual impacts have been mitigated to the fullest extent;

b) that the unavoidable landscape impacts are compensated by proposed environmental enhancement measures in the locality;

c) that impacts on wildlife habitats have been minimised and that equivalent compensatory measures are proposed;

d) that all alternatives to road traffic have been fully investigated and that all practicable mitigation measures for traffic impacts are proposed;

e) that comprehensive schemes are proposed for avoiding water pollution, and controlling noise, ground vibration and dust;

f) that detailed proposals for site restoration and aftercare management are provided;

Do you have any comments on this policy?

GYPSUM AND ANHYDRITE

8.8 Mining and use of gypsum continue to be important. With regard to paragraph 6.15 in the Core Strategy and the protection of future resources, the relevant policies from the current Minerals and Waste Local Plan are suggested as a starting point for discussion. These are set out below. The main policy is that a Preferred Area for surface working of A bed gypsum is identified at Stamphill, between Kirkby Thore and Long Marton.
8.9 With regard to Policy 46 the Newbiggin Mine has closed and it is not considered appropriate or necessary to make provision to extend it. The only site related policy that would appear to need to be considered is one to protect the mine entrance and area of workings from other development that would sterilise the resource.

**QUESTION 23**

**POLICY 45**

Planning permission will only be granted for the extraction of gypsum from the Stamphill preferred area if it can be demonstrated that the supply of desulphogypsum is insufficient to meet the production requirements of the Kirkby Thore works and the gypsum is:

i. only to be used at the Kirkby Thore Works; and

ii. transported to the works by conveyor.

**POLICY 46**

Planning permission will be granted for an extension of the underground anhydrite workings within the Newbiggin Mine preferred area subject to appropriate safeguards against subsidence.

**BRICKMAKING MUDSTONES**

8.10 Possible extension areas for High Greenscoe Quarry are shown on Map M 5 together with the areas of identified environmental interest.

**SALT**

8.11 The Minerals and Waste Local Plan identifies a Preferred Area for salt extraction from the Walney Channel. It also includes a policy relating to this. There has been no interest in this industry for some years. The area is now within a European wildlife site (a Special Area of Conservation and a Special Protection Area) and any proposals would require Appropriate Assessment under the requirements of the Habitats Regulations. If a policy is to be included it would need to make reference to the protection of the wildlife interests.

**BOX 14**

**POLICY 47**

Proposals for the extraction of salt from the Walney Channel Preferred Area will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that there will be no adverse effects on the operation of the Port of Barrow and there are adequate safeguards against subsidence.
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OTHER MINERALS

8.12 It is suggested that no site specific policies are needed for industrial (high purity) limestones or local building stones. Any proposals could be considered in the context of the Generic Development Control Policies.