



Standing Advice Note - Mineral Safeguarding

This standing advice note relates to proposed development that is within or adjoins a



Responsibilities for safeguarding:

Organisation/party	Role
Applicant/developer	Determine if the application site falls within (either wholly or partly) an MSA (See glossary). If within an MSA, seek95 (see)1344.5 Td ()7 re V



Prior working

In some circumstances the complete or partial prior working of an underlying mineral resource can enable a development to proceed without a safeguarding objection from Surrey County Council. Prior working will be at a number of levels. Even in circumstances where significant prior extraction is not practicable or viable there may still be scope for incidental extraction where the mineral is processed and used on site.

In order to ascertain the potential for the prior working of the underlying mineral within an MSA, the applicant should



submitted even in situations where the principle of development in a MSA has been accepted through a local plan site allocation.

Minerals Infrastructure Assessments

Proposals for significant development (Please see glossary for definition) affecting safeguarded mineral infrastructure sites or within MSAs around these, including rail depots, should be supported by a Minerals Infrastructure Assessment. This should provide sufficient evidence to enable the MPA to assess whether the proposed development is likely to have an adverse effect on the facility including its capacity.

Minerals Infrastructure Assessments should identify the potential sensitivity of the proposed development and demonstrate that the proposed non-mineral development will not be sensitive to effects arising from the operation of the infrastructure. Early consultation with the MPA and operator(s) of the facilities in the MSA is encouraged to ensure that any sensitivity issues are considered at the beginning of the process and so can adequately be incorporated into planned development.

For further information email: planning.consultations@surreycc.gov.uk

Glossary

Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs) - MSAs are areas designated by the Mineral Planning Authority and cover known deposits of minerals. In Surrey the MSAs are coterminous with Mineral Consultation Areas. The location and extent of MSAs are shown on Surrey County [online map viewer](#). MSAs include Preferred Areas and Areas of Search.

Significant development - Significant development is currently defined in the Consultation Protocol November 2016 PDF as any developments involving one dwelling or more, or any new building with the gross floor area to be created is over 500m².