

Mineral Assessment

The purpose of a Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA) is to ensure that a mineral resource is adequately protected and effectively considered in land-use planning decisions so that, like other finite resources, it is not needlessly sterilised. The application site is within a Mineral Safeguarding Zone as shown on the attached extract from the Local Plan Policy Map for this part of Keyingham. Minerals Assessment should provide an appropriate assessment of the mineral resource, its potential for use in the forthcoming development and an assessment of whether it is feasible and viable to extract the mineral resource ahead of development to prevent unnecessary sterilisation. Where mineral resources would be sterilised by a proposal, Policy EC6 of the Local Plan sets out a range of tests that need to be met in order to enable planning permission to be granted. It is the purpose of this to demonstrate that the site, by virtue of its limited size and extent and its proximity to surrounding residential development and proximity to designated heritage assets means the extraction of any form of deposits would be totally impractical in this instance.

