

Minutes of London Aggregates Working Party

10 July 2024

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Mathieu Proctor, GLA

Secretariat: Ngaire Thomson, Capita

Attendee	Abbrev	Organisation
Mathieu Proctor	MP	Greater London Authority (GLA) (Chair)
Nina di Certo	NC	GLA
Ngaire Thomson	NT	Capita
Linda Beard	LB	LB Havering
Will Guyatt	DM	LB Hounslow
Mark Wrigley	MW	Crown Estate
Simon Treacy	ST	Brett
Emma Lucy Pearman	EP	Cemex
Phil Aust	PA	Day Group
Jo Baker	JB	Aggregate Industries
David Payne	DP	Mineral Products
Prag Shah	PS	LB Hillingdon
Joel Morris	JM	Heidelberg Materials (formerly Hanson)
Sidonie Kenward	SK	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
Marie Canny	MC	Marine Management Organisation

Nina di Certo left early to attend another meeting.

1. Introductions and apologies

1.1 Apologies were recorded in advance of the meeting from

Mike Phillips, Andrew Scott, Emma Lucy Pearman, Duncan McKane, Michael Clarkson, Jasvir Mann, Catherine McRory, Lauren Miller, James Trimmer, Joe

Collinson, Davis Dewar, Valerie Mowah, Ewan Coke, Tom Bright, Eben West, Jill Warren, Dean James, Gavin Polkinghorn, Katie Ryde, Ben Ayres, Lisa Russell, Jake Hamilton, Mark Kelly, Steven Wallis, Alan Everard

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Meeting notes agreed as satisfactory record of last meeting (5 March 2024).

Actions in the minutes to follow up on:

ACTION 1: NT to request information from incinerator operators.

Wasn't required as information was supplied in the secondary and recycled data returns.

ACTION 2: NT to invite LBs with railheads to join the LAWP.

New members from London Boroughs have been added to the mailing list and invited to this meeting.

ACTION 3: MB and MP to seek ratification of the AMRs for 2021 and 2022

This has happened and they are available on the GLA LAWP website.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/planning/who-we-work/planning-working-groups/london-aggregates-working-party>

ACTION 4: NT to contact Richard Reed to discuss how he defines wharf capacity

NT contacted Richard and had a meeting with Maggie, Richard and James Trimmer to discuss. James has come back with some information and this will be looked at further and incorporated into the AMR 2024 (2023 data) if appropriate.

NT to organise a further meeting with JT and others to discuss an appropriate method to identify wharf capacity.(Action ongoing)

ACTION 5: NT to work with the members of the group to agree a way forward for the 2023 AMR (2022 data) ahead of the NACG agreeing a national definition of wharf capacity.

Still in progress.

ACTION 6: NT to contact incinerator operators for 2022 data.

Wasn't required as information was supplied in the secondary and recycled data returns.

ACTION 7: NT to send forms out to the industry members of the group requesting 2022 data.

This occurred and thank you to those who responded and have provided data.

ACTION 8: MB and MP to follow up and update members at next LAWP meeting.

Ongoing - discussed in item 6 of this meeting.

ACTION 9: NT is to request ALBPO to host DLUHC to speak about the importance of minerals and aggregate data collection for London.

NT, Christina Davey and Maggie attended ALBPO on May 7th giving a presentation on the National Survey and the importance of being able to transport minerals using wharves and railheads

ACTION 10: MB to speak to the GLA mapping team and find out what already exists and what is possible.

Ongoing - discussed in item 7 of this meeting

ACTION 11: JT to provide information on carbon emissions for water versus road transportation for the next meeting.

JT was unable to attend the meeting so this matter has been deferred.

As part of the discussion on the actions DP said it was good to hear that minerals had been brought to the attention of ALBPO members again. MP agreed it was useful reminder.

SK said that the MMO will be doing training on the Marine Plan which will include some of the London Boroughs. Within the South East Marine Plan there is the infrastructure policy (SE-INF-2) which includes the safeguarding of wharves and railheads and this can be enforced.

[South East Inshore Marine Plan \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

3. Annual Monitoring Reports for 2021 and 2022

3.1 As mentioned these have now been published on the GLA website.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/planning/who-we-work/planning-working-groups/london-aggregates-working-party>

4. Progress on Annual Monitoring Report for 2023 (2022 data)

4.1 NT circulated a draft on Monday 8th July for comment by the 19th July. Once changes have been made NT will send it to MP to put through the GLA ratification process.

4.2 ST recommends naming the operators that are not supplying data and getting the operators in the meeting to contact them for data

4.3 DP suggested presenting the landbank using the 10 year average sales to calculate the landbank as well as the London Plan apportionment figures

5. DLUHC Update - National Aggregate Monitoring Survey (2023 data)

- 5.1 NT provided the update as Christina was unable to attend and had emailed some points through.

Many Boroughs still need to complete Form B

As well as submitting form B data, several boroughs still need to complete Form A.

ACTION 1: NT will contact Boroughs to remind them to submit the forms

6. London Local Aggregates Assessment (LAA)

- 6.1 Generally there are meant to be separate LAAs for each Mineral Planning Authorities. For the GLA it is therefore seen as being voluntary to produce a LAA, as technically the GLA is not a MPA. Having said that GLA does need evidence for any review of London Plan Policy SI10 but can't commit to a new London LAA at the moment.
- 6.2 PA pointed out that is voluntary for the GLA as they would be filling the gap but it is the London Boroughs that should be producing the LAAs for London. There was a brief discussion on this.

For clarification the NPPG does state the mineral planning authorities are expected to produce an LAA to assess the demand for and supply of aggregates.

Paragraph: 060 Reference ID: 27-060-20140306

7. GLA's mapping of railheads/ depots/ aggregates-related land and (safeguarded) wharves

- 7.1 MP - GLA has the data for the safeguarded wharves but only has some of the railheads. As the direction on the London Plan becomes clearer more data maybe collected. Direction on this should become clearer by the next meeting.

8. Greater London Authority Update

- 8.1 MP - London Plan Update - according to current NPPF (paragraph 33) the London Plan Policies need to be kept up to date and reviewed every 5 years. The new Mayoral administration wants to implement the new manifesto. So GLA have commenced working on a revised London Plan. High level milestones identified at this stage include a public consultation in late 2025, an examination in public in 2026, and adoption in 2027.
- 8.2 There will be some early stage public engagement earlier in 2025, and NT can raise awareness of this with the LAWP in due course.

- 8.3 ST pleased that the GLA are talking about recognising the link between house building/ infrastructure projects and aggregate supply. The supply shouldn't be assumed. The new government has made statements on housing numbers and this only reinforces the importance of safeguarding railheads and landbanks.
- 8.4 DP - the Minerals Product Association has been communication with Christina and MHCLG (DLUHC) requesting them to update the [National Guidelines for Aggregate Provision](#).
- 8.5 JB asked for an update on the London Industrial Land Supply Study which several of the operators had responded to consultation on. MP – There are new demand and supply studies for industrial land underway.

9. Local Plan Updates

- 9.1 Havering (LB) – Local Plan adopted in 2021. The LPA have started a review and have been gathering the evidence base. Expecting to have a Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation in Autumn.
- 9.2 Hounslow (DM) – Reviewing the Plan as a single Local Plan. Regulation 19 consultation will occur later this summer perhaps some time in August. In terms of the aggregates/minerals evidence for the Local Plan there is no update or new specific evidence, but the minerals safeguards and allocations to meet our London Plan target are being carried forward.

10. Industry updates

- 10.1 MMO - SK – Have started work on the replacement East Marine Plan. There will be consultation sessions and the group can get involved.
- 10.2 Aggregate Industries – JB – Have been dealing with a hostile planning application at Robins Wharf in Gravesend this supplies aggregate into London and this has been approved by the Gravesend Council but it will need to be referred to DLUHC (MHCLG). The application puts the supply of mineral into the London and this part of South East England under serious threat, the wharf and the land is in full operation and highlights why safeguarding of wharves and other infrastructure related to aggregate is so important. Kent County Council as well as Aggregate Industries, Brett and the PLA have opposed the application. Applicant does not own the site. So land will need to be CPO'd. This is a huge concern for the aggregate industry.

[20221064 | Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except for the primary means of access and road layout, for a phased mixed-use redevelopment involving the demolition of existing buildings and structures including site preparation / remediation works, and the development of residential units \(Use Class C3\), Class E uses including floorspace for retail Class E\(a\)\), food/beverage and drinking establishments \(Use Class E\(b\)\), local services \(Use Class E\(c\)\), indoor sport/recreation/fitness \(use Class E\(d\)\), healthcare space \(Use Class E\(e\)\), creche/nursery uses \(Use Class E\(f\)\), office floorspace \(Use Class E\(g\)\(i\)\), a new multi-use stadium with associated business and leisure facilities \(sui generis\), hotel \(Use Class C1\), community uses floorspace \(Use Class F2\). The phased redevelopment will include other](#)

[sui generis uses, delivery of open space and significant realignment of the road network including the A226 Galley Hill Road / Stonebridge Road / Lower Road with hard / soft landscaping, car and cycle parking provisions, infrastructure works, ancillary and associated works. | Northfleet Harbourside - Land Surrounding Ebbsfleet United Football Club, Stonebridge Road, Northfleet \(gravesham.gov.uk\)](#)

11. AOB

- 11.1 NT- received an email which was shared with the group on the London Local Nature Recovery Strategy, inviting people to take part in a workshop to help shape the [London Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#). MP said there will be more consultation and opportunities to participate in the future.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NT to arrange the next meeting for the end of October / start of November 2024.