

## East Midlands Aggregate Working Party

### Minutes of Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 10.30am-12.30pm

Venue: County Hall, Nottinghamshire County Council

#### Attendees

Stephen Pointer	Nottinghamshire <b>(Chair)</b>	SP
Fabian D'Costa	Leicester City	FD
Steven Osborne-James	Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City Council	SOJ
Mark North	Mineral Products	MN
Maria Cotton	Urban Vision	MC
Vanessa Rowell	Urban Vision <b>(Secretariat)</b>	VR
Laura Davidson	Northamptonshire and Rutland	LD
Laura Burton	Northamptonshire	LB
Mike Daley	Lincolnshire	MD
Kirsten Hannaford-Hill	Aggregate Industries	KH
Adrian Winkley	Lincolnshire	AW
Martin Clayton	Geoplan	MClay
John Bradshaw	Tarmac/MPA	JB
Peter Bond	Leicestershire County Council	PB
Kevin Finn	Derbyshire County Council	KF
Linda Brook	Nottinghamshire CC	LB
Graeme King	Breedon Southern Ltd	GK

#### Apologies

Amelia Lees	Leicestershire
Ailsa Berry	Peak District
Jane Newman	Peak District
Jim Davies	EA
Tim Deal	Tarmac
Richard Leonard	Lincolnshire
Howard Button	NFDC
Richard Stansfield	Derbyshire
Andrew Waterhouse	Derby
Andrew Barton	Peak District
John Wilson	Nottinghamshire
Mark Kelly	Cemex
Mark Page	Hanson

## **Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies**

1.1 Stephen Pointer (SP) invited members to introduce themselves and indicated a list of apologies had been provided and which are recorded in these minutes.

## **Item 2 – Minutes from Last Meeting**

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record. MN has been in contact with Birmingham regarding HS2. As previously discussed under item 3 of the meeting in December 2018, it was agreed that it would be useful to invite HS2 representatives along to the next EMAWP meeting.

**Action: MN to contact HS2 to discuss meeting with the EMAWP**

## **Item 3 – AM 2019**

3.1 MC reported that most local authorities have sent their return forms back to UV. Sara Lewis of MHCLG has requested a timetable for production of the Annual Monitoring Reports for the AWP. MC has now produced this. MC has scheduled the East Midlands draft AMR to be finished and circulated in October 2019, with the AMR being signed off in January 2020. MC is meeting with MHCLG on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 where the production of AMRs in a more timely fashion will be discussed.

3.2 MN mentioned that the South East AWP submits their draft LAAs by September. SP mentioned how he would like more consistency in how the LAAs are pulled together. It was further discussed at the meeting that the reason for delays in getting the returns forms back in time is usually because authorities are chasing smaller operators for a response. Those responses are needed in order to complete the returns form. LD mentioned that for Rutland when they were not receiving responses from certain operators they looked at the previous years sales and make an assumption based on that. It was suggested that other authorities could take this same approach when they are not receiving responses so that the completion of the overall returns forms are not delayed.

3.3 (Note added after meeting) It is desirable for the finalised LAAs to be sent to VR and MC before the draft AMR is circulated in September. The LAAs must be sent though to VR and MC before the AMR is finalised at the end of the year as these feed into the final report.”

## **Item 4 – Progress of LAA's (2018 data)**

Northamptonshire

4.1 Submitted their LAA on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

#### Lincolnshire

4.2 LAA to be submitted after the EM Annual Monitoring report is available so that regional information can be taken into account.

#### Nottinghamshire

4.3 The draft report will be completed before the next AWP meeting.

#### Derbyshire

4.4 Waiting for one more return to be able to write the report.

4.5 LD queried whether Lincolnshire had responded to the comments from Northamptonshire County Council on the Draft Lincolnshire LAA (reporting 2017 Data). ACW advised that a response had been sent to Urban Vision addressing those comments and that the LAA had been adopted without change. LD advised that this response had not been forwarded to Northamptonshire.

**Action: MC to send round the AWP the Urban Vision Planning policy and consultancy email address which should be used by AWP Members.**

**Action: All authorities to send an email to UV on the documents that they will be bringing for discussion at the AWP.**

**Action: All authorities to send to UV their key milestones and 2019 LAAs and where they are currently with their 2018 data collection.**

#### **Item 5 – MHCLG and 4 yearly aggregates survey update**

5.1 There has been an increase in interest at MHCLG in minerals and the functioning of AWP's. MC mentioned the Secretariat meeting with MHCLG on 12<sup>th</sup> July where there will be discussion regarding the more pressing need for AMRs to be completed on time.

**Action: MC to report back on the discussions that took place at the meeting to the AWP as well as the British Geological Survey.**

#### **Item 6 – AWP's and Duty to Cooperate/Statement of Common Ground**

6.1 Discussion around how it is difficult for AWP's to sign off SoCGs with there being a conflict of interest existing particularly for members of the AWP from the industry. There is also an issue for local authority members in so much as them not having delegated powers to sign SoCGs off. MC mentioned the situation at the NWAWP regarding the Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council SoCG and issue around signing it off at the AWP. MN mentioned that he will get information from the South East AWP and the East of England AWP to see how they have approached the matter. MN also stated that he will circulate the Cambridgeshire County Council SoCG as a good example. MC suggested and it was agreed that the matter of SoCGs should be on the agenda for the MHCLG and secretaries of the AWP's meeting.

**Action: MN to obtain information from SEAWP and EoEAWP on how they approach the matter of signing off SOCGs**

**Action: MN to circulate the Cambridgeshire County Council SoCG as a good example**

**Action: MC to get the matter of SoCGs on the agenda for the secretariat meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **Item 7 – MPAs update – Local Plan progress**

### Northamptonshire

7.1 Nothing in place for an updated Local Plan. In Rutland there is a proposal for a Garden Village. The Local Plan for Rutland is scheduled for adoption September 2020.

### Leicester City and Leicestershire

7.2 Leicester City Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation happening in October 2019. Adoption scheduled early 2021. Leicestershire County Council looking to adopt the Minerals and Waste Plan within the next 2-3 months.

### Lincolnshire

7.3 Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme to be updated towards the end of this year.

### Derbyshire

7.4 Caught up in SoCG issues regarding the Minerals Plan update.

### Nottinghamshire

7.5 Full Council recently approved regulation 19 consultation on the Local Plan which will take place between 30<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> October. Looking to submit to

SoS January 2020 and reckon examination will take place spring 2020 with adoption expected Autumn 2020. A review of the waste plan is taking place and the Issues and Options consultation on this is scheduled to take place before Christmas 2019.

7.6 Nottingham City Council – Currently out for consultation on the Site allocations Local Plan

## **Item 8 – Update from Industry**

### **MPA Market Update**

8.1 Construction market demand for mineral products started the year slowly, in line with a general flattening in new construction work. Aggregates sales volumes were 4.2% lower in 2019Q1 compared to the previous quarter, followed by softer declines in RMC (-4.0%), mortar (-2.8%) and asphalt (-1.9%). MPA is currently in the process of collecting market sales volumes for 2019Q2, which will be made available on 31st July 2019. Overall, construction activity and MPA markets are both expected to remain subdued for the remainder of the year, before resuming growth from 2020, underpinned by an acceleration in new infrastructure work.

### **Economic Outlook**

8.2 Recent evidence suggests the UK economy is stalling, as the temporary boost generated by stockpiling and building inventories ahead of the original Brexit date in March is beginning to unwind. The Bank of England estimates that GDP remained flat in 2019Q2, while NIESR struck a more pessimistic tone, estimating a contraction over the quarter driven by weaknesses in manufacturing and construction. Given the extension of Article 50 to the end of October 2019, uncertainty regarding the timing and framework under which the UK will leave the EU remains. As a result, business investment intentions for the year ahead were at their lowest since January 2010.

### **Construction**

8.3 Total construction output grew 0.4% in the 3 months to April compared to the previous 3 months, driven by new infrastructure and non-housing repair & maintenance work, while being offset by a further decline in commercial work. Housebuilding has remained at high levels since the beginning of the year, but activity has slowed in comparison to 2018H2. There is evidence that private house builders have begun to scale back projects.

## **Item 8 –Any other business**

8.1 No other business was raised at the meeting

## **Item 9 – Date of Next Meeting**

9.1 Agreed at the meeting that the next EMAWP meeting will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 10.30am-12.30am at Nottinghamshire County Council.