

# **BRADFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – MINERALS CALL FOR SITES – GUIDANCE NOTE (OCTOBER 2025)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

A key element of the emerging Local Plan for Bradford District will be to set out a planning policy framework to the support supply of minerals and manage the impacts of mineral development on local communities as well as the natural and built environment. The plan must look at:

- Ensuring that the District contributes towards meeting the need for minerals required for building and construction materials, including making best use of recycled or secondary materials;
- Safeguarding key mineral resources and facilities/infrastructure for the processing and transportation of minerals; and
- Providing a framework to manage the impact of mineral related development on local communities and the natural and built environment.

This framework must be in line with the Government’s approach set out in the [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](#) and accompanying on-line [Planning Practice Guidance](#).

## **CURRENT PLANNING POLICY**

In addition to national planning policy, the Council’s current planning policy framework for minerals is set out in the [Core Strategy DPD](#), adopted in 2017, and the “saved” policies of the [Bradford Replacement Unitary Development Plan \(RUDP\)](#), dating from 2005. The former provides policy guidance, whilst the latter contains several site allocations.

## **EVIDENCE BASE**

The minerals element of the emerging Local Plan is underpinned by an evidence base, some of which is currently being reviewed alongside this Call for Sites exercise. Key pieces of evidence include the West Yorkshire Local Aggregate Assessment (WYLAA), a joint piece of work that monitors aggregate sales and reserves and seeks to identify future supply requirements, and the annual monitoring reports of the Yorkshire and Humber Aggregates Working Party (YHAWP).

A background evidence paper was prepared to accompany the Regulation 18 (Preferred Options) version of the emerging Local Plan published in early 2021. This will be updated ahead of the Regulation 19 (Publication/Submission) version.

## **CALL FOR SITES**

At this time, the Council is very keen to hear about what land and/or sites could be available in the future for mineral extraction, processing and/or transportation. This exercise is known as ‘Call for Sites’.

‘Call for Sites’ is open to all, but especially private landowners, prospective developers and the minerals industry to let the Council known about any sites / areas of land available for mineral extraction and provision of minerals infrastructure over the next 15 years (and potentially beyond).

This is a technical plan-making exercise. The information collected through ‘Call for Sites’ is vitally important in helping to prepare a deliverable development strategy and land-use planning policy. When putting forward a site/area of land, it is essential that as much information as possible is provided to help us make a thorough assessment.

The Council will scrutinise and carefully consider any sites / areas of land, which are submitted through this 'Call for Sites'. The key purpose of the exercise is to establish whether there are any potentially available, acceptable and appropriate parts of the District that could evolve into allocations for emerging Local Plan.

Any land submitted under this technical Call for Sites process will be subject to a detailed assessment. The submission of a site for consideration does not mean any kind of special planning status or presumption in favour of development, neither does it mean that the Local Plan will contain those sites as specific site allocations.

Submissions should be made digitally using our [on-line Call for Sites form](#). However, other means of submission are accepted. A submission form is available on the Call for Sites webpage which can be e-mailed to the Planning Policy team: [planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk) or posted to:

Call for Sites  
Planning Policy Team  
Planning, Transportation & Highways  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Britannia House  
Broadway  
Bradford  
BD1 1HX

To ensure your submitted site(s) / areas of land are considered by the Council, please make sure fully completed 'Call for Sites' submission forms are received by the Council by **5pm on Monday 24 November 2025**.

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER**

In deciding whether or not to put forward a site or area of land for consideration, there are several things that you may wish to take into consideration:

- Availability of potential minerals resources. A useful starting point is the British Geological Survey (BGS) solid and drift geology maps and mineral resource mapping.
- Site location. Unlike many land uses mineral extraction can only take place where they are found, influencing the location.
- Proximity to existing mineral extraction sites or mineral infrastructure, including potential opportunities for expansion of and/or co-location with sites.
- Proximity to the transport network
- Opportunities for the use of recycled and secondary aggregates instead of primary extraction.
- Existing and future land uses within the area surrounding the site, including compatibility between uses, proximity to sensitive receptors and potential impacts on existing/future occupiers
- Need to avoid detrimental impacts on the District's natural environment and countryside, built heritage, open land and adverse impacts on the South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC and SSSI.

### **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

It essential that any submission is accompanied by map showing the site boundary. This can be provided electronically using the [online Call for Sites form](#). If using the downloadable form,

an Ordnance Survey-based location plan at 1:1250 or 1:2500 scale is required with EACH submission form. A red line boundary for the promoted site in question must be included on the OS location plan. A blue line boundary must also be included on the OS location plan for all nearby land that is within the same ownership. All accompanying site location plans must be clearly labelled with the promoter's chosen site name.

If you/or your organisation have any further questions about 'Call for Sites' please contact [planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk). A member of the team will look to get back to you as quickly as they can.

All submitted data will be treated in accordance with the Council's [Local Plan Privacy Notice](#). If you have any specific questions regarding the Council's use of submitted data, please contact the council's Information Governance Team: [dpo@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:dpo@bradford.gov.uk).