

Accuracy of the Minerals Application Form

Having examined the Minerals Application Form we find that it is in error and/or has inconsistencies with other supporting documents or complete omissions.

We would therefore like to point out some of these:

Section 16

The answer to TYPE in is not even filled in. We presume the answer is COAL.

Section 17

We would like to point out that the answer is inconsistent with other documents.

In 17 ii) the highest existing ground level is given as 150m AOD whilst 17 iii) gives the maxim depth of excavations as 150m AOD. This implies excavations ZERO metres deep.

Sup –P009-010Environmental Statement says:

While the extraction of coal will occur at depths of up to 30m, the average is likely to be in the region of 20 metres.

17 iii) should therefor be 120m AOD or possibly less if the deepest cut is at a point where the existing ground level is lower than 150m AOD.

Section 26

The answer is incorrect:

The process of extraction and transportation to the central processing area will require the importation of aggregate material. (see ES App 7 Transport Assessment Doc 3.3.1 and ES App 4 Air Quality Assessment 5.3.2.2)

Hence other material (namely aggregate) will need to be imported on to the site.

Section 39

We would like to point out that the answer is inaccurate since it is based on the inaccurate Traffic Noise Survey which doesn't include vehicles delivering (and possibly removing) aggregate and also states that 10-15 people being employed whilst later in the minerals Application Form (section 61) it states there will be 15 FULL TIME employees.

Section 42

We would like to point out that the answer is incomplete:

No mention is made of the Dewatering Pump operation - continuous 24 hours per day

Section 46

The answer given to the question 'Will any hazardous materials be imported, used or stored on the site?' is NO. Yet 46 ii) asks for measures to be taken to prevent the spillage or seepage of fuel oils during delivery, storage and handling on site.

We find it hard to believe that in three and a half years of operations the fleet of heavy plant will not need refuelling!

It would seem NO measures are to be taken to prevent the spillage or seepage of fuel oils during delivery, storage and handling on site, leaving a potential threat to the land and the environment! This surely must not be acceptable.

Section 61

We would like to point out that the answer to is inconsistent with their document *ES App 7 Traffic Assessment* which states 10-15 employees. Hence one or the other is incorrect.

General

The form is supposed to be a stand alone summary document so that it is possible for all consultees to readily be able to assess the proposed development. In sections 12, 40, 43 i) & ii), 44, 47, 50, 51, 57, 60 and 61 ii) instead of filling in the appropriate box with summary details the applicant just refers to accompanying documents. This means ploughing through documents up to 193 pages long to extract the relevant information! This is not conducive to effective consultation and review.

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