

Date: 23 March 2021
Our Ref: 21/00182/CTY
Please ask for: Mr Iain Crossland

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Dear Mr Hope,

Proposal: Consultation from Lancashire County Council on application ref. LCC/2021/0007 for the prior extraction of sand / gravel and subsequent restoration with inert engineering fill to facilitate a platform for employment development or agriculture with peripheral landscaping

Location: Land Adjacent And South Of Leeds Liverpool Canal Blackburn Road Chorley

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I refer to the above application and am writing to inform you that following consideration of the application, it has been decided that the Council **object** to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. There is no identified need for the extraction of the mineral reserves identified and the proposal would prevent the delivery of employment development identified by policy EP1.3 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 – 2026 within the plan period, which would be detrimental to the supply of employment land necessary within the plan period. The proposal conflicts with policy M1 of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and policy EP1.3 of the Chorley Council Local Plan 2012 - 2026 and should be refused on this basis.
2. The information submitted in support of the application is insufficient to quantify the risk of creating land instability or determine whether adequate mitigation can be secured via planning conditions and is contrary to policy BNE7 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 and should be refused on this basis.

This decision has been made having regard to the policies of the Development Plan which comprises the Adopted Central Lancashire Core Strategy (2012) and the Adopted Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026, the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and all other relevant planning policy and guidance including National Policy (the Framework), supplementary planning guidance and supplementary planning documents and Corporate documents of the Council.

Please notify me of your Council's decision on the application.

Chief Planning Officer
Chorley Council

