

MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT:

Site Monitoring

The County Council's Planning Development Control team monitors all active minerals and waste sites in Shropshire to ensure that the operations comply with the approved details / plans and the conditions accompanying the planning permission. We will aim to make a formal inspection of the major mineral and waste sites in the county annually and more frequently where the site is undergoing a more intensive phase of development such as entry into a new working area. Sites will also be inspected in response to complaints from local residents or for specific purposes such as to monitor a quarry blast.

The focus of the inspection will vary depending on the type of site but typically issues such as restoration, current working phase, noise and dust control, drainage, traffic/access, stockpiles, screening/visual amenity and the next working area will be considered. The inspection will normally take place with a representative for the site operator. A photographic record of the inspection is taken and a note is entered on the relevant file. This may then be followed up with a letter to the operator.

Investigating Complaints / Enforcement

In addition to monitoring existing minerals and waste sites the County Council's Planning Development Control team has a statutory role investigating complaints of alleged unauthorised minerals or waste development in Shropshire. Typically we investigate around two dozen such cases each year. In so doing we work closely with other statutory bodies such as Borough/District Council planners and the Environment Agency's Waste Regulation team. The emphasis is on securing resolution of unauthorised minerals or waste development through negotiation and voluntary agreement wherever possible.

If you wish to report an observation or complaint regarding minerals or waste activity in Shropshire you can use the online comments form which is available on the planning pages of the County Council's website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf

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