WHEN ARE MINERALS RESOURCE AND MINERALS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED?

The information below presents the preliminary assessment approach to determine whether a non-mineral development is likely to need a Mineral Resource Assessment or Mineral Infrastructure Assessment

Mineral resources shown to be present within the footprint of the non-mineral development

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Check whether the mineral resource is safeguarded by the Mineral Planning Authority: Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA)

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Quantify volume of mineral potentially sterilised by non-mineral development

CONSULTANCY INPUT

Technical assessment to be undertaken in accordance with MPA guidance
Mineral Resource Assessment
(MRA) or Mineral Infrastructure
Assessment (MIA)

Non-mineral development situated with Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) defined by the Mineral Planning Authority

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Confirm location and details of the safeguarded mineral infrastructure

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Assess if non-mineral development has the potential to impact on current and future permitted operations of the safeguarded mineral infrastructure

Benefits

- Minimise risk of Objection from MPA and / or operator of safeguarded mineral infrastructure
- Ensure appropriate use of important mineral resources
- Minimise cost and delay to non-mineral developer

Sufficient supply & conservation of UK minerals



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