

Have your say on new quarries report

Aggregates are vital for the construction of roads, railways, schools, homes and all types of buildings. They are used in large volumes and include sand, gravel, crushed rock and recycled materials. The varied geology of North Wales means that there are large resources of aggregate materials which have been quarried for centuries; sand is also dredged offshore. Aggregates can also be produced from waste such as that arising from roofing slate production and from the demolition of buildings. North Wales is self-sufficient in aggregates and also exports considerable amounts to those parts of England where there are few other local sources.

But the hardness of rocks which makes them reliable aggregates, also produces rugged landscapes and headlands. Slate waste requires long journeys to reach big markets. There are no simple solutions.

The purpose of the Regional Technical Statement is to set out a strategy for the fair provision of aggregates in the North Wales region until 2021. It has been coordinated by consultants in liaison with Mineral Planning Authorities, Government agencies and industry.

It builds upon national policies for Wales as a whole and when confirmed, will provide the technical framework for the preparation of detailed policies presented in Local Development Plans.

The statement contains a detailed analysis of recycled materials, marine and quarried aggregates, demand, transport, environmental issues and resources. It also includes targets to increase the use of waste.

You are invited to study the report which is available on line at <http://www.nwrawp-wales.org.uk> or <http://www.grhgca-cymru.org.uk> or copies can be inspected at the main planning offices for Anglesey, Gwynedd, Snowdonia National Park, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham. Please submit your comments by 4th April 2008 to: ian@nationalstonecentre.org.uk or **Ian Thomas, Secretary to North Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party c/o National Stone Centre, Porter Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4LS Tel: 01629 824833**



Cyfle i ymateb i adroddiad newydd ar chwareli

Mae agregau'n hanfodol ar gyfer adeiladu ffyrdd, rheilffyrdd, ysgolion, tai ac adeiladau o bob math. Defnyddir llawer iawn ohonynt, yn cynnwys tywod, gro, cerrig mân a deunyddiau a ailgylchwyd. Golyga daeareg amrywiol Gogledd Cymru bod llawer iawn o greigiau wedi bod yn cael eu cloddio ers canrifoedd; a chodir tywod o waelod y môr hefyd. Gellir cynhyrchu agregau hefyd o wastraff megis yr hyn a geir yn sgil cynhyrchu llechi to a dymchwel adeiladau. Mae Gogledd Cymru'n hunangynhaliol o ran agregau ac mae llawer o ddeunydd yn cael ei anfon i'r rhannau o Loegr lle mae'r adnoddau lleol yn brin.

Ond caledwch y creigiau, sydd yn golygu eu bod yn dda i gynhyrchu agregau ohonynt, sydd hefyd yn creu'r tirwedd garw a'r pentiroedd trawiadol. Rhaid cludo gwastraff llechi ymhell i gyrraedd y marchnadoedd mawrion. Nid oes ateb hawdd.

Pwrpas y Datganiad Technegol Rhanbarthol yw cyflwyno strategaeth ar gyfer cynhyrchu agregau mewn modd teg yng Ngogledd Cymru yn ystod y cyfnod hyd 2021. Fe'i cydlynwyd gan ymgynghorwyr mewn cysylltiad agos â'r Awdurdodau Cynllunio Mwynau, asiantaethau'r Llywodraeth a diwydiant.

Mae'n adeiladu ar y polisiau cenedlaethol ar gyfer Cymru gyfan ac wedi iddo gael ei gadarnhau bydd yn fframwaith technegol ar gyfer paratoi polisiau manwl a gyflwynir yn y Cynlluniau Datblygu Lleol.

Mae'r datganiad yn cynnwys dadansoddiad manwl o ddeunyddiau a ailgylchir, agregau morol ac agregau chwareli, y galw, cludiant, materion amgylcheddol ac adnoddau. Mae hefyd yn cynnwys targedau ar gyfer cynyddu'r defnydd o wastraff.

Gwahoddir chi i astudio'r adroddiad sydd ar gael ar-lein ar <http://www.nwrawp-wales.org.uk> neu <http://www.grhgca-cymru.org.uk> neu gellir darllen copïau ym mhrif swyddfeydd cynllunio Ynys Môn, Gwynedd, Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Conwy, Sir Ddinbych, Sir y Fflint a Wrecsam. Gofynnir i chi anfon eich sylwadau erbyn 4^{ydd} Ebrill 2008 at: ian@nationalstonecentre.org.uk or **Ian Thomas, Ysgrifennydd Gweithgor Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru ar Agregau D/o National Stone Centre, Porter Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4LS. Rhif ffôn: 01629 824833**

