

## **11. EXPLANATORY NOTE REGARDING MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING**

(This statement does not form part of the Local Plan)

- 11.1 The Ribble Valley District Wide Local Plan is one of fourteen being prepared by the District Councils in Lancashire. Each District Local Plan covers the whole of the area of the District Council concerned and deals with the full range of planning topics for which that council is responsible. However, Lancashire County Council is the planning authority for dealing with planning applications and formulating policy in respect of minerals and waste development throughout the county. For this reason, this Local Plan does not deal with minerals or waste matters.
- 11.2 The County Council is currently preparing a Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the whole of Lancashire. That Plan will contain policies for controlling and providing mineral and waste facilities. The deposit version of the Plan was made available during early 1997 with a view to the plan being adopted in 1998.
- 11.3 There have been extensive opportunities for District Councils, the public and other organisations to examine and comment upon the Plan's proposals. It is most likely that a public inquiry will be held in late 1997 at which objectors will be able to present evidence. It is expected that the pending Minerals and Waste Local Plan will complement District Local Plans in due course.

11.4 The deposit Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan established Mineral Consultation Areas around existing mineral working sites within which certain proposals for non-mineral development will be subject to consultation by the District planning authority with the mineral planning authority, as required by Schedule 1, paragraph 7(3)(c) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A Schedule of these sites is included as appendix 9 for reference purposes only.