

**Aggregate Industries UK Ltd: Response to Statement of Common Ground reg. SOCG03 between Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council.**

The Statement of Common Ground contains strategic matters that are of regional importance in relation to the safeguarding of minerals and mineral infrastructure.

Government guidance in relation to maintaining effective cooperation requires that Statements of Common Ground for strategic mineral matters such as this are also to be signed on behalf of the Aggregate Working Party.

Aggregate Industries will be sending the Statement of Common Ground to the Secretary of the North West Aggregate Working Party for discussion at the next meeting of the Aggregate Working Party on the basis that the residential development proposed would prejudice the extraction of safeguarded mineral reserves, resources and operation of safeguarded mineral processing infrastructure ( an asphalt plant and concrete products factory).

The Statement of Common Ground should therefore be given very limited weight.