



HM Treasury

Aggregates Levy Review

Working Group

Meeting 1

- Meeting theme:** Aggregates Levy: objectives of the tax
- Meeting date:** 11th April 2019
- Meeting time:** 14:30 -16:30
- Location:** Room G/57
HM Treasury
100 Parliament Street, Whitehall
London SW1A 2BQ
- Attending:** HM Treasury: Ann-Therese Farmer, Deputy Director [chairing], Florence Eastoe [minutes], Christina Hart, Saskia Neibig
HMRC: Darren Greedy, Tim Smith
BAA: Paul McManus
British Ceramics Foundation: Lee Brownsword
British Geological Survey: Andrew Bloodworth and Joseph Mankelov
CBI Minerals Group: David Payne
CECA: Susan Schnadhorst
Construction Employers Federation (NI): David Fry
Environmental Services Association: Libby Forrest
MPA: Jerry McLaughlin
MPA NI: Stephen Robinson [in person] and Gordon Best [dialling in]
MPI Scotland: Alan McKenzie
NI Environment Link: Dr Jonathan Bell [dialling in]
RSPB: Paul Morling
Wales Environment Link: James Byrne
Woodland Trust: Ann Rooney
- Apologies received:** Planning Officers Society: Vicky Perkin
Royal Town Planning Institute: James Harris
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Agenda			
Item	Description	Who	Timing
<i>Tea and coffee will be provided from 14.15</i>			
1. Welcome	Welcome and introductions	Ann-Therese Farmer	14:30
2. Process	Plan for the expert working group, and other ways to engage with the review	Saskia Neibig	14:40
3. Profile of the Industry	The state of the industry (Presentation)	CBI Minerals Group	14:50
4. The policy context of aggregate extraction	The supply and demand of material, and the impact of economic instruments on aggregate recycling (Presentation)	British Geological Survey	15:05
5. Background to setting objectives	The government's approach to reviewing the levy's objectives, including an overview of the principles and objectives for environmental taxes. (Presentation)	Christina Hart	15:15
6. Discussion point 1	The impact of the levy on the industry and environment	Open discussion	15:30
7. Discussion point 2	The Aggregates Levy's objectives	Open discussion	16:00
8. Closing remarks	Concluding thoughts and plans for the next meeting	Ann-Therese Farmer	16:20

The Aggregates Levy was announced at Budget 2000 with the following objectives:

"An aggregates levy will ensure that the environmental impacts of aggregates production not already addressed by regulation are more fully reflected in prices, encouraging a shift in demand away from virgin aggregate towards alternative materials such as recycled aggregate."

This review will look at the objectives and the impact of the levy, how effective the current design of the levy is, and the environmental and business context of the production and supply of all kinds of aggregate and the extraction of other construction materials. The review will consider potential reforms that could be made to the Aggregates Levy.

Discussion point 1: **What impact has the Aggregates Levy had on the industry and environment?**

Discussion point 2: **What aspects of the levy are more/less effective in meeting its objectives? What are your views on how the levy's objectives fit with the government's current objectives?**