

8.11 Excavated Material Assessment

Many developments require the excavation of material, either from foundations or to level a sloping site. The resulting material has, with some applications in the past, not been considered as part of the submission proposals. This has resulted in tipping at some sites with adverse impact on the landscape or on other occasions excessive lorry movements to remove material that has had an impact on narrow country lanes, even though the development itself has been acceptable.

It is important that the amount of excavated material from a proposed development is estimated and a method statement as to how it will be dealt with set out with the planning application submission. With some proposals such as the construction of agricultural barns or the formation of equestrian arenas the material which is excavated can be many hundreds of tonnes. If the material is clean it could be used on site, say to construct a hedge bank, extend a track or fill in undulations in a field. In these circumstances, this should be explained in the Assessment and the areas for the deposit of the material included within the application red lined site.

An assessment is only required when the estimated excavated material exceeds 250 cubic metres, although it is good practice to explain how any excavated material will be dealt with in all application cases.

Requirements.

That an Excavated Material Assessment be submitted with all applications where the material to be excavated exceeds 250 cubic metres in volume. The Assessment should identify the volume and type of material to be excavated, opportunities for the reuse and recovery of materials on site and demonstrate how off-site disposal of waste will be minimized and managed.

