

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
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## Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000127  
Date 28 March 2017

### ***Mine Shafts***

#### **Request:**

For the attention of The Freedom of Information Officer.

Could you please provide answers to the questions below by email?

Could you please provide me with the locations of existing mine shafts, adits and quarry extents for mineral extraction in your local authority area, along with locations of any pending or agreed planning consents for mineral extraction within Wolverhampton City Council's district?

If possible please provide the mining data in a GIS vector format, I would prefer ESRI Shapefile (SHP) format. (Any popular GIS-based format such as GML, MapInfo MAP, OpenGIS, GeoJSON or AutoCAD DXF may also be used. If vector based data is not available please provide a list of addresses or X-Y coordinates or a raster based map.)

Thank you for your request for information about the above. We are dealing with your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 rather than Freedom of Information. In response to your request, please find our response below

### **Former Limestone Mining**

The City of Wolverhampton Council does hold information relating to former underground limestone mining, and the associated development consideration zones, but this data is not available in a GIS vector format. The Council provides property specific mining reports for a fee charge. However, information referring to the location of former limestone quarrying (i.e. workings from the surface) is widely available on historical Ordnance Survey plans.

A postcode area referral system is utilized by the Council for limestone mining reporting, with the following postcodes being within the City of Wolverhampton Council Limestone Mine Referral Area.

### Limestone Mining Referral Area Postcodes

WV14 9BB	WV4 6QL
WV14 9RH	WV4 6QP
WV14 9RJ	WV4 6QR
WV14 9RL	WVR6QW
WV14 9RN	WV4 6RB
WV14 9RP	
WV14 9RQ	DY3 1LT
WV14 9SD	

If an enquiry property is within the City of Wolverhampton Boundary and has one of the above listed Referral Area Postcodes, then a Limestone Mining Report should be obtained by written request detailing the property address, together with a location boundary plan and cheque payment for £48.00 inc VAT, made payable to:

**Wolverhampton City Council**, sent to the following address:-

Projects and Works  
Corporate Landlord  
Place Directorate  
City of Wolverhampton Council  
Civic Centre  
St Peter's Square  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 1RL

### Coal Mining

Following reasonable enquiries, we can confirm that Regulation 6(1) (b) of the Environmental Information Regulations (2004) would apply to the information requested for Coal Mining. This regulation specifically states that where information is already publicly available, there is no obligation on an authority to provide it. If a public authority considers that the information is publicly available elsewhere, it must be able to direct the requestor to where the information can be obtained.

All enquiries regarding the Coal Authority's mine entry data should be addressed to them as the public authority responsible for coal mine entry information. Therefore, to advise and assist you further, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the Coal Authority, please see link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority>

### Mineral Extraction Planning Consents

The City of Wolverhampton Council Planning Department have stated that there are no consents / outstanding planning applications for mineral extraction within the City.