

Mineral Planning

Offering experience and expertise to help SMEs

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The British Aggregates Association (BAA) was formed in 1999 as the voice of the UK's independent SME quarry operators. It provides support and advice on every health and safety, planning, technical and regulatory issue.

It also ensures the voice of the independent sector is heard at all levels in the UK and EU. In addition to receiving support, BAA members benefit from direct access to top decision makers in government. The BAA and its members therefore are well aware of the challenges currently facing the industry and those still to come following Brexit.

To keep up to date and informed, BAA members and officers serve on all the English and Welsh Aggregate Working Parties (AWPs) and are committed to trying to

maintain and improve the current managed aggregates supply. Of particular concern is the situation facing funding from the AWP's and engagement from government and others.

In addition to this, through the BAA's support and involvement with other bodies, including the UK Minerals Forum, we seek to help inform government and non-governmental organisations of current issues and preferable directions on a wide variety of topics, not least planning archaeology and health and safety.

The BAA is also heavily involved with the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee and has developed its own award-winning operating standards scheme, now implemented in more than half of members' operations and will shortly be available as a multi-site scheme.

And in a continuing effort to provide support for members, last October the association created the role of liaison officer and appointed me to the post. I have been involved in the construction materials supply industry for over 30 years, having started my career with Ready Mixed Concrete before spells at Steetley and Redlands. In 1991 I started my own company in Yorkshire supplying sand and gravel.

My role will involve serving on aggregate working parties across the country and other related planning committees including archaeological and educational groups.

Trefor Evans is the new liaison officer for the British Aggregates Association