

3.14 PROTECTION OF MINERAL AGGREGATE RESOURCES

Licensed mineral aggregate operations and areas of known high potential mineral aggregate resources (both deposits of primary and secondary significance as mapped in the Aggregate Resources Inventory of Brighton Townships, Paper 143) are designated as Aggregate Resource on Schedule “A” of this Plan. Deposits of tertiary significance or deposits that are shown to be of high potential as a result of testing, and agreed to in consultation with the Municipality and the MNR will be shown on Schedule “A” as this information becomes available.

Sensitive land uses (as defined in Section 3.16 of this Plan) should not be permitted to locate within 150 metres of existing sand and gravel pit operations that are above the water table and within 300 metres of existing sand and gravel pit operations that are below the water table, or within 150 metres of lands designated as Aggregate Resource, or within 500 metres of existing quarry operations or lands designated for future quarries, unless studies are completed to demonstrate that the encroachment of the sensitive land uses will not be impacted by such matters as groundwater interference, noise, dust, traffic and vibration.

In addition to the above policy, in areas within or adjacent to known deposits of mineral aggregate resources, development which would preclude or hinder the establishment of new mineral aggregate operations or access to the resources shall only be permitted if:

- i) Resource use would not be feasible; or
- ii) The proposed land use or development serves a greater long term public interest;
and
- iii) Issues of public health, public safety and environmental impact are addressed.

Existing licensed mineral aggregate operations shall be protected from development and activities that would preclude or hinder their expansion or continued use, or which would be incompatible for reasons of public health, public safety or environmental impact.

3.15 WAYSIDE PITS AND WAYSIDE QUARRIES

Wayside pits and quarries used on public authority contracts shall be permitted, without the need for an amendment to this Plan or rezoning, in any designation except a residential land