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Dear Sir

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 : SECTIONS 77 AND 78  
APPLICATION AND APPEALS BY RJB MINING (UK) LTD  
CUTACRE TIP RECLAMATION AND OPENCAST COAL SITE ON LAND AT  
BOLTON, WIGAN AND SALFORD**

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to say that consideration has been given to the reports of David Bushby BA(Hons) MCD MRTPI, who held a local inquiry on 11-14 and 18-21 August 1998, and M J Culshaw MA(Cantab) MA MRTPI, who held the re-opened local inquiry, on 16-19 May 2000, into:-

- i) appeals by RJB Mining (UK) Ltd, under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, against the refusal of Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council to grant permissions for the winning and working of coal by opencast methods; extraction and recovery of coal by washing methods from Cutacre and Wharton Hall Colliery Spoil Tips; the reclamation and restoration of the land for a mixture of amenity (ecology), agriculture and woodland on land situated approximately 6 km south of Bolton, between Over Hulton and Little Hulton; and for industrial development (B1, B2 and B8) on land off Salford Road, Little Hulton, covering a total area of 234ha;
- ii) an appeal by RJB Mining (UK) Ltd, under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, against non-determination of an application to Salford City Council for the winning and working of coal by opencast methods; extraction and recovery of coal by washing methods from Cutacre and Wharton Hall Colliery Spoil Tips; the reclamation and restoration of the land for a mixture of amenity (ecology), agriculture and woodland on 48 ha of land situated approximately 6 km south of Bolton, between Over Hulton and Little Hulton; and
- iii) an application submitted to Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council, and called in by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, under section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for the winning and working of coal by opencast



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