

**AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION  
KNOWSLEY UDP, SITE 22.03**

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This site has been assessed as being Urban as per the "Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales - Revised Guidelines and Criteria for Grading the Quality of Agricultural Land" (MAFF 1988).

This is because the site consists of a colliery spoil tip which is being worked for overburden in the construction of the M57 extension. British Coal confirm that there are no proposals to restore this site to agricultural or a soft use. Thus, this site can only be mapped as Urban.

## **FILE NOTE**

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Initial site observations whilst surveying the adjacent site ( 011/95 Site 51.03 ) indicated that the Cronton Colliery site was not in agricultural use. It consisted of woodland ( saplings and mature ) around the periphery and spoil material over the majority of the site.

Phoned Mr. Glen Martin at British Coal to discuss the site. Mr Martin had on site knowledge and examined an air photo to support his comments. He confirmed that none of the site is in agricultural use. It has some woodland screening by the Cronton Road and failing saplings near Old Halsnead. The remainder of the site is a spoil tip which is being worked for overburden in the construction of the M 57 extension. There are no plans for any agricultural restoration by the owners. There is no soil available for restoration to a soft use.

With the evidence above it is apparent that this land is not in agricultural use and it is not intended to be restored to a soft use. Therefore, according to the revised guidelines this land can only be mapped as urban.

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