



# Site selection

Water and Abandoned Metal Mines (WAMM) programme  
Cleaning up rivers polluted by abandoned mines

## Site 10: The preferred site

This is our preferred location for the treatment ponds because:

1. It is large enough to treat 20 litres per second of mine water.
2. The site can be designed to blend into the landscape and minimise visual impacts on the local areas.
3. There are fewer ecological or historical heritage barriers to building at the site.

## Discounted sites

We considered more than 10 potential sites across the area for a treatment scheme. The map on the right shows some of these sites.

These were rejected for a number of reasons including: area too small, too far from the adit, historical and ecological designations, landowner comments, proximity to residential or business properties, engineering factors.

## Surveys and investigations continue

Although we have a preferred site, we will continue to carry out surveys and investigations to help refine the design of the scheme and prepare an application for planning permission.

We will not be able to build and operate the mine water scheme until we have obtained planning permission from Northumberland County Council along with other environmental permits.

Key documents about the proposed scheme, including more details on how we selected our preferred site will be published online. Please let us know if you would like a printed copy of any details and we will provide it to you.

