

Defence Critical Raw Materials Snacks 2025



Over a 5 Month period



Held 6 virtual snack sessions



Heard 20 Expert opinions



Attracted interest from 278 individuals



From across 102 organisations



Representing 10 sectors including academia



Insights from the snacks highlight that mining Defence waste is a complex challenge involving multiple stakeholders with no single owner. An emerging concept is to establish **An Ecosystem for Critical Material Security**, bringing all parties together in a collaborative, collegiate manner.

A draft paper outlining this concept will be shared for review and comment. Its objectives are to:

1. Spark discussion and collaboration across stakeholders.
2. Lead to the development of a Defence Sectoral Approach for securing critical materials through circularity.
3. Potentially secure direct funding for UK industrial base reclamation capabilities.



The 2026 snack series will begin again on **14 January 26** with *The Where of Waste*, followed by sessions covering a deep dive into battery recycling, engagement with additional Defence Primes, MOD updates, NATO, and Innovate UK.

Driving sustainable Defence supply chains through collaboration.