

APPENDIX 1.

Warwickshire Minerals Plan – Preferred Option and Policies (October 2015)

General comments

- The overall Plan appears consistent with the aims and requirements that are set out in Government Guidance for facilitating the sustainable use of minerals (set out in paragraphs 142 – 149 of the NPPF).
- The Plan sets out the justification for and the policy framework to enable the extraction of mineral resources
- The plan defines mineral safeguarding areas for specific mineral classifications
- The Plan sets out policies to encourage the prior extraction of minerals (where practicable) in advance of other developments that may sterilise a mineral resource
- The Plan sets out suitable environmental criteria against which planning applications for mineral extraction will have to be assessed to ensure that no unacceptable adverse impacts of such works
- The plan puts in place policies to ensure that worked land is reclaimed at the earliest opportunity, and that high quality restoration and aftercare takes place

The Plan asks a series of questions and a suggested response to them is set out as follows:-

Question 1- Spatial Portrait

Is there any other information or data which you would like to be included in the Spatial Portrait? -If so please set out what you would like to see included?

The Plan sets out an appropriate spatial portrait of the County

- Within the spatial portrait of the Minerals Plan a specific reference to the existing sand and gravel works at Bubbenhall is documented as well as the major transport infrastructure and settlement distribution of Warwick District / the County.

Question 2- Other Issues?

Do you agree with the Key issues and are there any other issues you would like to see included in the Minerals Plan?

Q2 Response

The Plan sets out a comprehensive range of Key issues that it will need to consider with regard to mineral extraction

- The Plan sets out the minerals context of the County with Warwick District being shown as an area of mainly Triassic formations with widespread sand and gravel geology.
- The Plan sets out the key issues relating to how it will meet the intended demand for aggregates and other necessary minerals and the appropriate justification for safeguarding and ensuring future supplies to serve the construction industry. In Warwick District this relates predominantly to sand and gravel resources.

Question 3 - Spatial Vision

Do you agree with the Spatial Vision and would you like to see any changes to the wording?

Q3 Response

The Plan sets out an appropriate spatial vision for the County with regard to mineral provision

- Mineral can only be worked where they are found – notwithstanding this mineral sites have been focussed as close as possible to the County's main settlements for sustainable reason

Question 4- Objectives

Do you agree with the Minerals Plan Objectives and would you like to see any changes to their wording?

Q4 Response

The Plan sets out its objectives in a sustainable and appropriate manner including the following (below); the wording does not require any changes.

- Ensuring the prudent use of mineral resources
- Promoting the use of recycled minerals to reduce overall demand for primary mineral extraction
- Protecting the environment
- Minimising the impact of the road movement of materials on communities
- High standard restoration of workings
- Protecting high class agricultural land/ ensuring, where necessary it is replaced to its former quality

Question 5 - Spatial Strategy

Do you agree with the Spatial Strategy set out the Key Diagram in Figure 1.6 and can you set out your reasons for this

Q5 Response

The Plan focusses on attaining an appropriate distribution of potential mineral working sites across the County and the associated need to utilise main transport routes whilst also minimising the transport distances to main settlement / growth locations.

Questions 6 – 13 – Preferred Site Options

Questions 6 – 13 relate to specific mineral site allocations that are proposed in the plan. In this context the comments below are limited to those sites intended to be located in or immediately adjacent to Warwick District (4, 5 and 6)

Site 4 Wasperton (serving Warwick and Leamington Development needs)

- This site will be worked in conjunction with site 5 and should only be granted permission subject to an associated high quality and assured (timely) restoration programme.

The Plan makes little reference to national infrastructure projects and there are concerns that the utilisation of resources for HS2's construction (not mentioned/ referenced in this plan in any detail) might prejudice the successful delivery of local development / infrastructure required to meet the growth objectives of the emerging Warwick District Local Plan.

Site 5 Glebe Farm, Wasperton (serving Warwick and Leamington Development needs)

- This site will be worked in conjunction with site 4 and should only be granted permission subject to an associated high quality and assured (timely) restoration programme.

The Plan makes little reference to national infrastructure projects and there are concerns that the utilisation of resources for HS2's construction (not mentioned/ referenced in this plan in any detail) might prejudice the successful delivery of local development / infrastructure required to meet the growth objectives of the emerging Warwick District Local Plan.

Site 6 Coney Grey Farm, Ryton - (serving Coventry and Kenilworth Development needs)

- This site should only be granted permission subject to an associated high quality and assured (timely) restoration programme.

The Plan makes little reference to national infrastructure projects and there are concerns that the utilisation of resources for HS2's construction (not mentioned/ referenced in this plan in any detail) might prejudice the successful delivery of local development / infrastructure required to meet the growth objectives of the emerging Warwick District Local Plan.

Further comment relating to sites 4 and 5 in particular

It is noted that some sand and gravel locations near Salford Priors and Bidford have areas near to settlements that are excluded from potential mineral workings (hatched red on plans)

Please can the rationale for discounting these areas be explained???

Is there a case that the workings near Barford might be subject to a similar approach/ application of a mineral workings exclusion zone???

Question 14 - Supply of Minerals and Materials

Do you agree with Policy MCS1 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q14 Response- Agree - no further comments

Question 15 - Provision of Aggregate Minerals

Do you agree with Policy MCS2 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q15 Response – suggest changes as follows

8.8 Designation of a site in the local plan does not guarantee that planning permission will be granted. However, the expectation is that a proposal is capable of being formulated and brought forward within these sites and ~~can~~ is considered likely to be made acceptable in planning terms. Proposals therefore need to be viable, well prepared, carefully sited and designed and capable of being delivered during the life of the plan.

The previous wording pre-determines any decision on a planning application as set out.

The accurate monitoring of the landbank position for sand and gravel reserves will be important when assessing applications for further extraction. The justification for further works will have to be based on accurate data.

Question 16 - Crushed Rock

Do you agree with Policy MCS3 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q16 Response - Agree- no further comments

Question 17 - Secondary and Recycled Aggregates

Do you agree with Policy MCS4 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q17 Response – Agree- no further comments

Question 18 - Safeguarding of Minerals

Do you agree with Policy MCS5 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q18 Response – Agree- no further comments

Question 19 - Brick Clay

Do you agree with Policy MCS6 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q19 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 20 - Building Stone

Do you agree with Policy MCS7 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q20 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 21- Coal Mining

Do you agree with Policy MCS8 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q21 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 22 - Conventional Hydrocarbons

Do you agree with Policy MCS9 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification

Q22 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 23 - Unconventional hydrocarbons

Do you agree with Policy MCS10 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q23 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 24 - Underground Coal Gasification

Do you agree with Policy MCS11 and do you have any further comments on the policy wording and justification?

Q24 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 25- Natural and built environment

Do you agree with Policy DM1 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q25 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 26 - Health, Economic and Amenity Impacts

Do you agree with Policy DM2 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q26 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 27 - Sustainable Transportation

Do you agree with Policy DM3 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q27 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 28 - Public Rights of Way and Recreational Highways

Do you agree with Policy DM4 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q28 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 29 - Flood Risk and Water Quality

Do you agree with Policy DM5 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q29 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 30 - Aviation Safeguarding

Do you agree with Policy DM6 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q30 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 31- Reinstatement, reclamation, restoration and aftercare

Do you agree with Policy DM7 and do you agree with the Policy Wording

Q31 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 32 - Mineral Safeguarding

Do you agree with Policy DM8 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q32 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 33 - ‘Whole Life’ Approach to Mineral Developments

Do you agree with Policy DM9 and do you agree with the Policy Wording?

Q33 Response – Agree - no further comments

Question 34 - Implementation and Monitoring

Do you agree with the methodology for implementation and monitoring in the county and do you have any further comments?

Q34 Response – Agree - no further comments