

**OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES**

**WILTSHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN – 2011 (ADOPTED)**

**Provision of Aggregates**

**MSP5** THE MINERAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES WILL SEEK TO:

1. MAINTAIN A LANDBANK FOR SAND AND GRAVEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE. IN DOING SO, SEPARATE LANDBANKS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR SOFT SAND AND FOR SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL AND,
2. IDENTIFY PREFERRED AREAS, AREAS OF SEARCH AND SITE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SOFT SAND AND SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL IN THE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN BASED ON THE SUB-REGIONAL APPORTIONMENT AS AGREED BY THE REGIONAL AGGREGATES WORKING PARTY TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LANDBANKS.

**Nature Conservation**

- C1** THE MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S NATURE CONSERVATION RESOURCES SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED, THROUGH THE CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT, AND BY POSITIVE ACTION SUCH AS SYMPATHETIC LAND MANAGEMENT.
- C2** SITES IDENTIFIED FOR THEIR WILDLIFE OR EARTH SCIENCE IMPORTANCE AT INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND COUNTY LEVEL SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT UNLESS THE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OUTWEIGHS THE ADVERSE IMPACT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DESIGNATION.
- C3** THE NATURE CONSERVATION IMPORTANCE OF AREAS OF HIGH ECOLOGICAL VALUE, WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND IMPORTANT HABITATS SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND ENHANCED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

## **WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON MINERALS LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED)**

### **POLICY 1: ASSESSMENT OF MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

WHERE MINERAL OPERATIONS GIVE RISE TO MATERIAL PLANNING OBJECTIONS WHICH OUTWEIGH PLANNING BENEFITS, PLANNING PERMISSION WILL ONLY BE GRANTED WHEN:

THE NEED FOR THE MINERAL OUTWEIGHS ANY ADVERSE IMPACT THE DEVELOPMENT IS LIKELY TO HAVE; AND

THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE MINERAL CANNOT BE MET FROM AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE WITH LESS ADVERSE IMPACT.

### **POLICY 7: MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF MINERALS TRAFFIC**

MITIGATION OF UNACCEPTABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF MINERALS TRAFFIC WILL BE SOUGHT THROUGH APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO PROTECTING THE LOCAL NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND RESOLVING ROAD SAFETY PROBLEMS.

WHERE APPROPRIATE MITIGATION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, PLANNING PERMISSION WILL BE REFUSED.

### **POLICY 15: WATER FLOWS, LEVELS AND QUALITY**

PROPOSALS FOR MINERALS DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE RESTORATION OF MINERAL WORKINGS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHEN THE PROPOSALS (INCLUDING ANY MITIGATION MEASURES) WILL NOT, HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON:

THE FLOW, QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF GROUNDWATER, WATER ABSTRACTIONS, WATERCOURSES, OTHER WATER BODIES AND ASSOCIATED WETLAND AREAS; AND,

THE DRAINAGE OF THE SITE OR OTHER LAND, WILL NOT UNACCEPTABLY INCREASE THE RISK OF FLOODING, EITHER ON SITE OR ELSEWHERE.

### **POLICY 19: SITES OF INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL NATURE CONSERVATION IMPORTANCE**

MINERALS DEVELOPMENT THAT IS LIKELY TO MATERIALLY REDUCE THE NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF A NATIONALLY DESIGNATED NATURE CONSERVATION SITE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHEN IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH THE SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE SITE AND THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE MITIGATION MEASURES TO PREVENT UNACCEPTABLE DAMAGE.

MINERALS DEVELOPMENT THAT IS LIKELY TO MATERIALLY REDUCE THE NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF AN INTERNATIONALLY DESIGNATED NATURE CONSERVATION SITE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE MET FROM AN ALTERNATIVE EXISTING SOURCE WITH LESS ADVERSE IMPACT AND WHERE THERE ARE IMPERATIVE REASONS OF OVERRIDING PUBLIC INTEREST. WHERE PRIORITY SPECIES AND HABITATS ARE AFFECTED, DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROCEED ONLY IF REQUIRED FOR REASONS OF HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY, OR WHERE THEY WOULD RESULT IN BENEFICIAL WIDER CONSEQUENCES OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

#### **POLICY 20: SITES OF LOCAL NATURE CONSERVATION IMPORTANCE**

MINERAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE OVERALL NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE OR ANY OTHER SITE OF RECOGNISED LOCAL NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE; OR IN SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE LOSS OF WILDLIFE HABITATS IN THEM, WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHEN:

1. MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS ARISING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT, OUTWEIGH THE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE SITE; AND
2. THE PROPOSALS MINIMISE ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE UNACCEPTABLE ECOLOGICAL/NATURE CONSERVATION IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS.

#### **POLICY 21: HABITAT PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT**

MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED WHERE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT WOULD RESULT TO WILDLIFE HABITATS OR PROTECTED SPECIES. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BIODIVERSITY, COMPENSATORY MEASURES WILL BE SOUGHT WHERE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO WILDLIFE HABITATS ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR AS A RESULT OF ANY MINERALS DEVELOPMENT.

#### **POLICY 34: AGGREGATE LANDBANKS**

STOCKS OF PERMITTED RESERVES OF CRUSHED ROCK, SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL AND SOFT SAND (LANDBANKS) WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE PLAN PERIOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE WHEN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ACCORD WITH ALL OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES OF THIS PLAN.

### **POLICY 35: PREFERRED AREAS FOR SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL**

THE FOLLOWING AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE PROPOSALS MAP, ARE DEFINED AS PREFERRED AREAS FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL:

1. LAND EAST OF LATTON
2. EYSEY MANOR FARM
3. ALEX FARM
4. LAND NORTH WEST OF WATER EATON HOUSE
5. ROUND HOUSE FARM
6. LAND NORTH WEST OF LATTON

PLANNING PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL FROM THESE PREFERRED AREAS PROVIDED THAT THE PROPOSALS DO NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY OVERRIDING ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, AND ADDRESS THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CRITERIA SET OUT IN THE SITE ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH PREFERRED AREA.

### **POLICY 36: SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL PROPOSALS OUTSIDE PREFERRED AREAS**

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE WINNING AND WORKING OF SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL FROM OUTSIDE THE PREFERRED AREAS DEFINED IN POLICY 35 WILL BE GRANTED ONLY WHEN THE DEVELOPMENT WILL MEET AN ACTUAL OR FORECAST SHORTFALL IN THE LANDBANK, COMPLIES WITH THE SITE SELECTION CRITERIA INCORPORATED IN THE POLICIES OF CHAPTERS 2, 3 AND 5 OF THIS PLAN AND EITHER:

1. IT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY THAT SUFFICIENT MINERAL RESOURCES WILL BE RELEASED IN THE DEFINED PREFERRED AREAS TO MAKE GOOD THE SHORTFALL IN THE LANDBANK; OR
2. THE APPLICATION SITE, WHEN CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS, IS DEMONSTRATED TO BE EQUALLY, OR MORE ACCEPTABLE IN PLANNING TERMS THAN THE DEFINED PREFERRED AREAS, OR
3. IT IS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE MINERAL IS REQUIRED FOR A PARTICULAR USE FOR WHICH EXISTING SOURCES OF SUPPLY ARE NOT SUITABLE.

### **POLICY 37: THE WINNING AND WORKING OF SOFT SAND**

PERMISSION FOR THE WINNING AND WORKING OF SOFT SAND WHERE MATERIAL PLANNING OBJECTIONS OUTWEIGH PLANNING BENEFITS WILL ONLY BE GRANTED WHEN EITHER:

1. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL MEET AN ACTUAL OR FORECAST SHORTFALL IN THE SOFT SAND LANDBANK BASED ON THE MEAN ANNUAL SOFT SAND PRODUCTION RATE DERIVED FROM THE RAWP APPORTIONMENT OF THE GOVERNMENTS MOST RECENTLY APPROVED AGGREGATE FORECASTS, OR
2. IT IS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE MINERAL IS REQUIRED FOR A PARTICULAR USE FOR WHICH EXISTING PERMITTED SOFT SAND RESERVES ARE NOT SUITABLE.

IN ADDITION, ALL PROPOSALS FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SOFT SAND SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE POLICIES IN CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 OF THIS PLAN.

### **POLICY 38: EXTENSIONS TO SAND AND GRAVEL WORKINGS**

NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF POLICY 36, EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING SOFT SAND AND SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL WORKINGS WILL BE PERMITTED PROVIDED THAT EITHER:

1. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL MEET AN ACTUAL OR FORECAST SHORTFALL IN THE SOFT SAND OR SHARP SAND AND GRAVEL LANDBANK, OR
2. THE MINERAL WOULD BE STERILISED IF PLANNING PERMISSION WERE NOT GRANTED, AND

IN ALL CASES THE PROPOSALS COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES OF THIS PLAN.