

**RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES****REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE SOUTH WEST (RPG 10)****POLICY RE 3: MINERALS PLANNING**

MINERAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES, MINERAL OPERATORS AND OTHER AGENCIES SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO:

- IDENTIFY, IN DEVELOPMENT PLANS, MINERAL CONSULTATION AREAS AND SAFEGUARD MINERAL RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE SOURCES TO MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SUPPLIES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS. THEY SHOULD RECOGNISE THE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAND USES AND HAVE REGARD TO GUIDANCE IN PPG7 (THE COUNTRYSIDE) AND PPG9 (NATURE CONSERVATION). SCHEMES, EXCEPT THOSE OF A MINOR NATURE, SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED IN, OR WHERE THEY MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT, NATIONAL PARKS, AONBS, OR OTHER NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATED SITES SUCH AS SPAS, OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THEN ONLY WHERE AFTER THE MOST RIGOROUS EXAMINATION THEY ARE DEMONSTRATED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST;
- PROTECT AGAINST ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARISING FROM EXTRACTION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES;
- PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF EXTRACTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF MINERALS;
- PROMOTE THE USE OF NON-ROAD TRANSPORT MODES FOR THE MOVEMENT OF MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, WHERE ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE AND IDENTIFY AND SAFEGUARD APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES. WHERE ROAD TRANSPORTATION IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE OPTION AVAILABLE, MAXIMUM USE SHOULD BE MADE OF MOTORWAY, TRUNK AND PRINCIPAL ROADS, UNLESS THE USE OF OTHER ROADS IS MORE ACCEPTABLE ENVIRONMENTALLY;
- PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY BENEFICIAL RECLAMATION, INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL USES AND AFTERUSE OF EXHAUSTED MINERAL WORKINGS, WITH APPROPRIATE AFTERCARE.

**ADOPTED WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON STRUCTURE PLAN 2016**

**MSP1** A CONTRIBUTION TO MEETING LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEEDS FOR MINERALS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT A LEVEL WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PLAN AREA'S MINERAL RESOURCES AND WHICH WOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO UNACCEPTABLE IMPACTS.

MINERAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE RESISTED, UNLESS THE NEED FOR THE PARTICULAR MINERAL IS OVERRIDING.

ENCOURAGEMENT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE EFFICIENT USE OF ALL MINERALS AND MAXIMISING THE USE OF SECONDARY AND RECYCLED AGGREGATES WHEREVER PRACTICABLE, TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR MINERAL EXTRACTION.

**MSP3** LAND USED FOR MINERALS EXPLORATION OR WORKING OR FOR ASSOCIATED PLANT OR BUILDINGS SHOULD BE RESTORED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO A STATE WHICH WILL PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR A BENEFICIAL AFTER-USE APPROPRIATE TO THE LOCATION. IN PARTICULAR:

- (i) THE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL OF ANY AREA OF BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED OR ENHANCED BY RESTORATION OF THE SITE AND
- (ii) WHERE APPROPRIATE, RESTORED LAND SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO A PERIOD OF AFTERCARE.

**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 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 THESE LANDBANKS.

### **ADOPTED WILTSHIRE & SWINDON MINERALS LOCAL PLAN (NOVEMBER 2001)**

#### **POLICY 31: RESTORATION**

MINERALS DEVELOPMENT WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHEN THE PROPOSALS (INCLUDING THOSE FOR AMENDED WORKING AND RESTORATION) PROVIDE FOR THE SATISFACTORY RESTORATION OF THE SITE AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE OPPORTUNITY TO AN APPROPRIATE LANDFORM AND LANDSCAPE CHARACTER, WHICH IS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING A BENEFICIAL AFTER-USE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROVED SCHEME.

#### **POLICY 32: AFTER-USE**

ON COMPLETION OF EXTRACTION, MINERAL SITES SHOULD BE RESTORED TO A BENEFICIAL AFTER-USE, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO USE FOR EITHER NATURE CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, OR (IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY 14) AGRICULTURE.

### **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 GOVERNMENT'S 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.

### **ADOPTED SALISBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN JUNE 2003**

- G1** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ENSURING THAT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS:
- (i) ACHIEVE AN OVERALL PATTERN OF LAND USES WHICH REDUCE THE NEED TO TRAVEL AND SUPPORT INCREASED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, CYCLING AND WALKING;
  - (ii) PROMOTE THE VITALITY AND VIABILITY OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES;
  - (iii) CONSERVE BOTH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE DISTRICT; AND
  - (iv) MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF LAND IN URBAN AREAS, PARTICULARLY ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED SITES.

**G2** NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- (i) A SATISFACTORY MEANS OF ACCESS AND TURNING SPACE WITHIN THE SITE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TOGETHER WITH PARKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE AT APPENDICES (V) AND (VI) OF THE LOCAL PLAN;
- (ii) AVOIDANCE OF PLACING AN UNDUE BURDEN ON EXISTING OR PROPOSED SERVICES AND FACILITIES, THE EXISTING OR PROPOSED LOCAL ROAD NETWORK OR OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE;
- (iii) A MINIMUM LOSS OF DISTURBANCE TO FORESTRY LAND AND THE BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND, AND AVOID THE SEVERANCE OF HOLDINGS;
- (iv) RESPECT FOR EXISTING BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPE, ECOLOGICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES AND INCLUDE MEASURES FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH FEATURES AND THE LANDSCAPING OF THE SITE WHERE APPROPRIATE;
- (v) AVOIDANCE OF THE LOSS OF IMPORTANT OPEN AREAS, A GAP IN A FRONTAGE OR NATURAL OR BUILT FEATURES (SUCH AS TREES, HEDGES OR OTHER HABITATS, WALL, FENCES AND BANKS), WHICH IT IS DESIRABLE TO RETAIN;
- (vi) AVOIDANCE OF UNDULY DISTURBING, INTERFERING, CONFLICTING WITH OR OVERLOOKING ADJOINING DWELLINGS OR USES TO THE DETRIMENT OF EXISTING OCCUPIERS;
- (vii) AVOIDANCE OF LOCATIONS WHICH ARE LIABLE TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DUE TO THEIR PROXIMITY TO INCOMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT;
- (viii) AVOIDANCE OF DETRIMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR POLLUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT BY THE EMISSION OF EXCESSIVE NOISE, LIGHT INTRUSION, SMOKE, FUMES, EFFLUENT OR VIBRATION; AND INCORPORATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN THROUGH BUILDING DESIGN, LAYOUT AND ORIENTATION.

**C2** DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED AND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS IT WOULD BENEFIT THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND MAINTAIN OR ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT.

**C6** WITHIN THE SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREA, PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL BE CONSIDERED HAVING PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE LANDSCAPE. WHERE PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF THE LANDSCAPE ARE ACCEPTABLE, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA;

- (i) THE SITING AND SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT TO BE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE LANDSCAPE; AND
- (ii) HIGH STANDARDS OF LANDSCAPING AND DESIGN, USING MATERIALS WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE LOCALITY AND REFLECT THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA.

- C9** USING THE LIMITED POWERS AVAILABLE TO IT (SUCH AS IMPOSING TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS AND PLANNING CONDITIONS, AND COMMENTING ON FELLING LICENCE APPLICATIONS AND FORESTRY/WOODLAND GRANT APPLICATIONS) THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL SEEK TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF WOODLAND OF LANDSCAPE, HISTORICAL OR NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING OF INDIGENOUS TREE SPECIES APPROPRIATE TO THE AREA. TREE PLANTING PROPOSALS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE LANDSCAPE OR NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF DOWNLAND OR RIVER VALLEY MEADOWS WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED.
- C11** DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON NON-STATUTORY SITES OR AREAS SUCH AS AREAS OF HIGH ECOLOGICAL VALUE, COUNTY WILDLIFE SITES, OR OTHER NON-STATUTORY SITES WHICH ARE OF LOCAL RATHER THAN NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE OR GEOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE, WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OUTWEIGHS THE LOCAL NATURE CONSERVATION INTERESTS PRESENT. WHERE PERMISSION IS GRANTED, CONDITIONS WILL BE USED TO ENSURE THAT HARM TO WILDLIFE OR GEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IS MINIMISED AND TO SECURE REPLACEMENT VALUE FOR ANY LOST HABITATS OR FEATURES. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WHERE THE HABITAT OR SPECIES IS SUBJECT TO A BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN.