

# Warwickshire Minerals Development Framework



# Minerals Core Strategy “*Preferred Options*”

- Follows on from “*Issues and Options*”
- Preferred Option and Associated Policy Principles
- 6 Week Statutory Consultation Period
- Closes 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

# Preferred Options

## **Structure:**

- Warwickshire in Context
- Policy Background, (EU, National, Regional and Local.
- Organisations Responsible for Mineral Planning
- Previous Consultation Process
- Vision and Key Objectives

# Preferred Options

## Vision

***“To secure and manage the long term sustainable supply of both primary and secondary minerals serving local, regional and national needs whilst conserving and enhancing the environment and promoting long term community and economic benefits”***

# Preferred Options

## **Key Objectives** (Summary)

- Support the prudent use and safeguarding of Warwickshire's Mineral Resources
- Minimise the Production of Waste and Promote Recycling and the use of Secondary Minerals
- Conserve and Enhance the Natural and Historic Environments
- To have Full Regard for the Concerns of Communities.

## Preferred Options

- Minimise the impacts of HGV's on the road network.
- Ensure Restoration is to a high Standard
- Consider the impacts of Climate Change in planning for the future supply of minerals

Response to this section of the Issues and Options Paper was probably the highest.

# Planning for the Future Supply of Minerals

Demand is linked to economic and construction activity.

- Reduction on amount of Permitted Reserves on a National Scale but particularly in the SE.
- West Midland RSS housing Options 1, 2 or 3.
- Growth Areas - Thames Gateway  
**Stansted – Cambridge – P'boro**  
**Ashford**  
**Milton Keynes – South Midlands**

# Planning for the Future Supply of Minerals

Growth Points –

100,000 additional homes 2006 - 2016

45 New Growth Points –

Coventry,

Birmingham,

Daventry,

Leicester

Derby

# Planning for the Future Supply of Minerals

## Climate Change

Resource Implications for Flood Defences.

## Energy Review

Building new generation of Nuclear Stations and Waste Facilities.

Implications for UK Coal Production

# SPATIAL STRATEGY

Recognise Minerals are where they are.

Focus Aggregate Production in close Proximity to the Principal Road Network

Encourage the use of extensions to mineral workings where acceptable.

(Can be most sustainable options).

Seek to Avoid AONB's, SSSI's and other designations unless there is a demonstrated need and the effects can be mitigated.

# Key Issues

Same Format and Key Issues to “Issues and Options

Identifies Key Issue with Reasoning, may be a selected option or new option

Policy Principles

# Key Issues

**Key Issue 1:** Criteria for Assessing Mineral Developments

Selected Option B -

Policy: Criteria for Assessing Mineral Development

Policy: Flood Risk

Policy: Allocated and Safeguarded Sites

Policy: Mineral Consultation Areas

## Key Issues

**Key Issue 2:** Sand and Gravel Extraction  
Preferred Option – Allocated Sites

Policy Principle: Sand and Gravel Landbanks

Policy Principle: Preferred Areas (Allocated sites)

Policy Principle: Borrow Pits

**Key Issue 3:** Location of Future Sand and Gravel  
Extraction

Policy Principle: Extensions and around the Principle  
Road Network

# Key Issues

Key Issue 4: Crushed Rock

Key Issue 5: Secondary and Recycled Aggregates

Key Issue 6: Brick Clay

Key Issue 7: Building and Restoration Stone

Key Issue 8: Opencast Coal

Key Issue 9: Deep Mining of Coal

Key Issue 10: Raw Materials for Cement Manufacture

Key Issue 11: Onshore Oil, Gas and Geothermal  
Energy

# Key Issues

Key Issue 12: Transport

Key Issue 13: Transport by Rail

Key Issue 14: Mitigation

Key Issue 15: Buffer Zones

Key Issue 16: Restoration and After-Use

Key Issue 17: Planning for Restoration

Key Issue 18: Monitoring and Enforcement

Key Issue 19: Long Term Community Involvement

## Clarification

*Interest from Bidford had waned!*

**\*\* They Think We Don't Care Anymore & Aren't Watching \*\***

We recognise that you do care as the Parish Council have been actively involved in the MDF process since it began and have attended all the Workshops and made written representations along with other residents of Bidford.

# Clarification

## Landfill:

National guidance is discouraging landfill

Regional guidance is again discouraging the development of new landfills unless there is an special circumstances or an established local need

Poorly located if it were to provide additional capacity for Warwickshire

Can never say never but very unlikely

# Clarification

## Conveyors and Extensions

Extensions to existing mineral workings may have less environmental impacts than the creation of whole new quarries.

## Clarification

### Buffer Zones

It is not proposed to state predetermined buffer zones around all mineral developments **BUT** they will be established to reflect particular circumstances at each and every quarry development.

This will not be a green light for operators to develop up to the boundaries with residential development.

## Clarification

### Guidance on Restoration

No overall restoration strategy for individual sites  
**BUT** all sites **will have** approved restoration schemes.

All mineral extraction sites have to be fully restored to a high environmental standard.

Planning Permissions remain with the land, therefore it is the ultimate responsibility of the landowner.

## Clarification

*“The Minerals Industry is currently ‘winning’ the debate”.*

Industry, Communities, Interest Groups, Government Agencies and other Stakeholders are all involved in the development of the Core Strategy

The core strategy preferred options takes account of the responses from **ALL** of the stakeholders that choose to contribute as appropriate

There will be no “winners” or “losers” as the arbitrator to ensure fair play will be the Secretary of State who will take into account the views of all stakeholders as necessary