

NSDC Response to the Nottinghamshire Draft Minerals Local Plan Consultation

Question 1 - What do you think to the draft vision and strategic objectives set out in the plan?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 2 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for sustainable development?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 3 - What do you think to the draft strategic policy for minerals provision?

NSDC is supportive, particularly of 1.b.

Question 4 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for biodiversity led restoration?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 5 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for climate change?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 6 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for sustainable transport?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 7 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for the built, historic and natural environment?

In order to be thorough and consistent, it may be worth referring to the possible potential Special Protection Area (ppSPA) in paragraph 3.47. This is mentioned elsewhere in the document, including paragraph 2.13 and paragraph 5.47. Beyond this, NSDC is supportive.

Question 8 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for the Nottinghamshire Green Belt?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 9 - What do you think of the draft strategic policy for Mineral Safeguarding, Consultation Areas and associated minerals infrastructure?

NSDC is supportive of the policy. However, Plan 4 appears to indicate that Minerals Safeguarding Areas include urban areas within Newark, Nottingham City, Mansfield and Ashfield. National guidance advises that urban areas should be included in safeguarding areas where necessary – the District Council does not believe that it is necessary in this case. It seems very unlikely that these urban areas will be used for minerals development in preference to other areas of Nottinghamshire.

Question 10 - What do you think of the draft policy approach towards aggregate provision?

It is welcomed that the figures on the future need for sand and gravel that are set out in the Issues & Options Consultation have been carried forward.

Question 11 - What do you think of the draft site specific sand and gravel allocations?

The extension of quarries at Langford Lowfields South and West and Langford Lowfields North is considered preferable to the identification of new extraction sites in Newark & Sherwood District. NSDC is therefore supportive.

Question 12 - What do you think of the draft site specific Sherwood Sandstone allocations?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 13 - What do you think of the draft policy to meet expected crushed rock demand over the plan period?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 14 - What do you think to the draft policy regarding secondary and recycled aggregates?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 15 - What do you think of the draft site specific allocation for brick clay?

NSDC is supportive. It is important that the impacts on residential amenity of the quarry in Kirton continue to be managed satisfactorily.

Question 16 - What do you think of the draft site specific allocation for gypsum?

The extension of Bantymock Quarry is considered preferable to the identification of new extraction sites in Newark & Sherwood District. NSDC is therefore supportive.

Question 17 - What do you think of the draft policy to meet demand for silica sand over the plan period?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 18 - What do you think of the draft policy to meet demand for Industrial dolomite over the plan period?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 19 - What do you think to the draft policy to meet demand for building stone over the plan period?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 20 - What do you think of the draft policy relating to meet demand for coal over the plan period?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 21 - What do you think of the draft policy to meet demand for hydrocarbon minerals over the plan period?

NSDC is supportive, but would emphasise the importance of a thorough and robust assessment of impacts on the environment and residential amenity.

Question 22 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM1: Protecting local amenity?

NSDC is supportive. Page 98 is a duplicate of page 88 and three paragraphs (5.5, 5.6 and 5.7) are missing.

Question 23 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM2: Water resources and flood risk?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 24 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM3: Agricultural land and soil quality?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 25 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM4: Protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity?

NSDC is supportive, and the reference to the ppSPA in paragraph 5.47 is welcomed.

Question 26 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM5: Landscape character?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 27 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM6: Historic environment?

NSDC is supportive, and the references to the archaeological resource area at South Muskham in paragraph 4 of the policy and paragraph 5.78 are welcomed.

Question 28 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM7: Public access?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 29 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM8: Cumulative impact?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 30 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM9: Highways safety and vehicle movements/routeing?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 31 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM10: Airfield safeguarding?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 32 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM11: Planning obligations?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 33 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM12: Restoration, after-use and aftercare?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 34 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM13: Incidental mineral extraction?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 35 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM14: Irrigation lagoons?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 36 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM15: Borrow pits?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 37 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM16: Associated industrial development?

NSDC is supportive.

Question 38 - What do you think of the draft policy wording for DM17: Mineral exploration?

NSDC is supportive.