APPENDIX B

<u>Proposed District Council Response to Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Publication</u> <u>Version</u>

The District Council welcomes the publication of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan which provides a long term sustainable plan to deliver the necessary minerals to support new development in the County.

The Council is supportive of the strategic approach that the County Council has set out in the Plan in particular the approach to calculating minerals provision. The Council is also supportive of the Biodiversity – Led approach to restoration of minerals workings and the policies ensuring that minerals extraction addresses the impact of climate change and protects residents from unnecessary traffic movements.

The Council is supportive of the approach which allows for the expansion of existing sand and gravel quarries in the District rather than the development of new ones, this is a more sustainable approach and means that existing strategies for mitigating the impact of the minerals workings can be maintained. The Council is also supportive of this approach in relation to the expansion of gypsum workings to the south of Newark.