

Greater Manchester Minerals DPD

Draft Matters and Issues for discussion.

Main Matter 1. The Spatial Strategy

Key Issue: Whether the Spatial Strategy accurately reflects the geology of Greater Manchester and the balance of environmental considerations.

Questions:

- a. What is the Spatial Strategy which is referred to in Policy4?
- b. Why were Areas of Search chosen over Allocations or Preferred Areas?
- b. Were economic factors taken into account in discarding resources from the Areas of Search?
- c. Were planning and environmental criteria taken into account in assessing the Areas of Search, and if so, were some more heavily weighted than others?

Main Matter 2: Aggregate requirements and land banks

Key Issue: Whether the provision made in the Plan for the future supply of sand and gravel and crushed rock is appropriate.

- a. What is the Regional Context? Is the DPD compatible with RSS policy and RAWP information?
- b. Assuming the apportionment is correct, how does the Plan provide for future extraction of aggregates?
- c. Is there sufficient policy guidance to enable Greater Manchester to fulfil its aggregate supply requirements?

Main Matter 3: Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSA)

Key issue: Whether it is appropriate to exclude the urban areas from MSAs

- a. How will Mineral Safeguarding work in practice?
- b. Who will assess the need to work the mineral to determine whether prior extraction is appropriate?

c. Does exclusion of land from an MSA weight against prior extraction of a mineral should it be present?

Main Matter 4: Restoration and Aftercare

Key Issue: Whether the financial provision to guarantee restoration (Policy 12) is compatible with government advice.

a. Is the last sentence of MPG7 para 86 reflected accurately in Policy 12 (3)?

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