

East Midlands Airport

Further representations on the Leicestershire Minerals Core Strategy and Development Control Policies

Minerals Development Control Policies

Question 22

Is the wording of Policy DC16 (Air safeguarding) sufficiently precise?

We consider the wording of the proposed policy to be clear and precise, and support the policy and supporting text. Paragraphs 5.44-5.45 in particular provide supporting information for the policy which is clear and relevant and directs readers to the appropriate Government Guidance (Circular 01/2003). We consider that the policy and supporting text provides a relevant, useful, and necessary representation of Circular 01/2003 in the Draft Plan, and is justified by being founded on a robust and credible evidence base; and the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives. The policy is also effective as it is deliverable, is able to be monitored and is also clearly consistent with national policy.

Question 25

Should “bird strike” conditions be added to the list at Box 4?

It would seem appropriate for such conditions to be added to Box 4. In certain, although not all, situations it may be possible to mitigate against bird strike issues through the use of appropriately worded and monitored conditions and/or legal agreements where otherwise refusal on the grounds of Circular 01/2003 and Policy DC16 may have occurred. The Airport has previously negotiated many such conditions and the issue of birdstrike seems to be no less important or relevant than the matters already contained within the Box.