

**LEICESTERSHIRE
MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**CORE STRATEGY &
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES**

**HEARING AGENDA
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Whether there would be inappropriate repetition or reformulation of national policies.

1. Having regard to MPS 1, are elements of national policy repeated in Policies CS11, DC1, DC3, DC5, DC7, DC10, DC11, DC12, DC13, DC15 and DC16? If so, what amendments would be appropriate? [GOEM; Lafarge; UK Coal]
2. Having regard to the contents of Circulars 02/08, 11/95 and 05/05, how appropriate is the inclusion of Policies DC17, DC18 and DC19? Do they present policy that should be the starting point for the consideration of planning applications? [GOEM]

Whether the provisions in respect of sustainable mineral development and design are clear and appropriate

3. In Policy DC1, to what is the phrase “no significant loss in other sustainability objectives” alluding? Would the DPD benefit from further explanatory text in this regard? Should there be specific reference to the historic environment? [EH]
4. If Policy DC2 and the supporting text were headed “Sustainable Design”, would this better reflect the policy intentions?

Whether the provisions in respect of the natural and historic environment are clear and appropriate

5. In Policy DC2, how realistic is a criterion requiring enhancement? Would an alternative be to require development to contribute positively?
6. Should Para 5.8 refer to the historic environment? [NE]
7. Is it necessary to include listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments within Policy DC3 given their statutory protection?
8. In relation to Policy DC3 should there be a distinction between direct and indirect effects; also to the effect that any overriding reasons should be of national importance? [EH]
9. Should Paragraph 5.17 recognise that some Conservation Areas may be of national importance?
10. Policy DC4 refers to special landscape areas and landscape feature of importance (such as open space in built-up areas). Are these specific designations? Do the landscape areas accord with PPS 7 Paras 24 and 25?

11. Should Policy DC5 be re-phrased so as to give greater credibility and weight to countryside matters? Should emphasis be given to safeguarding the general appearance and character of the landscape and the countryside? [NE]
12. Is Policy DC5 locally distinctive? Should the policy refer to the countryside or the open countryside? [BDC]
13. Is the wording of Policy DC5 too restrictive? [Ibstock]
14. Should Policy DC6 make clear that woodland planting should have regard to Landscape Character Areas? What is the source document in this regard? Should there be greater emphasis on planting in the National Forest area?
15. Does Policy DC7 add anything to the content of PPG 16? If not, what amendments would be appropriate? How are "important archaeological remains" to be defined and where could developers find details?

Whether the provisions in respect of the protection of natural resources are clear and appropriate

16. In Policy DC8, would it be better to avoid the phrase "to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority"?
17. In respect of the water environment, and in areas without a strategic flood risk assessment, should there be a requirement for site specific flood risk assessments for waste development in Zones 2 or 3? [EA]

Whether the provisions in respect of community and environmental protection are clear and appropriate

18. Should Policy DC12 refer to "unacceptable impacts"?
19. What is the value of Policy DC13? Are there areas that are vulnerable to cumulative effects? How will cumulative effects be assessed? [GOEM; Lafarge; UK Coal; Ibstock]

Whether the provisions in respect of transport are clear and appropriate

20. Would Policy DC14 be better expressed in positive terms? For example, developers could be required to examine and pursue alternatives to road transport where such opportunities are presented by the location and site.
21. In the policies referring to transport impacts, should there be reference to minimising adverse effects?

Whether the provisions in respect of controlling minerals workings and the reclamation of mineral sites are clear and appropriate

22. Is the wording of Policy DC16 (Air safeguarding) sufficiently precise? [Ibstock; Midland Quarry Products; Quarry Products Association; Tarmac; EMA]
23. Should Box 3 (Policy DC17) refer to the need for Appropriate Assessment for any development having an impact on the River Mease SAC?

24. Should Box 3 (Policy DC17) and Box 7 (Policy DC20) refer to future ground stability? [Coal Authority]
25. Should "bird strike" conditions be added to the list at Box 4? [EMA]
26. Should reclamation matters for inclusion in planning applications (Policy DC20, Box 7) refer to the National Forest, Charnwood Forest and contributions to Green Infrastructure? [CBC]

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