

**LEICESTERSHIRE
MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**CORE STRATEGY &
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES**

**HEARING AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Whether the section on spatial characteristics of the area adequately informs the strategic and development control policies on environmental matters

1. In the context of the spatial characteristics of the area, should there be reference to the County Historic Landscape Characterisation? [EH]
2. In respect of built heritage (Para 2.24), is there anything to be said about the important use of local materials in the vernacular architecture of the county?

Whether local sources of building and roofing stone should be safeguarded

3. Should important sources of building and roofing stone be safeguarded under Policy CS10 (Resource management)? [EH]

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

4. Should Policy CS11 refer to sites of geological interest? [NE]
5. Where is the geographical extent of the Strategic River Corridors (Para 4.95 and Policy CS12) to be found? What is the definitive list of rivers / corridors?
6. In respect of the Strategic River Corridors (Policy CS12), should there be reference to the potential contribution to floodplain, biodiversity and recreational functions and specifically to the future roles of the Brooksby, Lockington and Fosse Way sand and gravel quarries? [GOEM]
7. Do the various policies give sufficient support to the National Forest and to Charnwood Forest? Should Policy CS14 be more positive in terms of establishing and improving the National Forest? Is the supporting text relevant and does it clearly identify and support the policy intention? [CBC]
8. Should paragraph 4.102 refer to cultural heritage sensitivities and opportunities in the National Forest? [EH]
9. In Para 4.103, should references to the undeveloped nature and general amenity value of Green Wedges be deleted? [GOEM]
10. Is the level of protection afforded to Green Wedges (Para 4.104) very similar to that of Green Belt policy? [GOEM; CBC; Istock]
11. What function would Policy CS15 fulfil? [GOEM]

12. Should Policy CS15 refer to minimising effects on the environment? [EH]
13. Should Policy CS15 refer to safeguarding the living conditions of local residents and restoration to high standards (as in Para 4.104)?
14. How effective are the proposals for rail / water transport (Policy CS16(iii)) [GOEM]

Whether the provisions in respect of reclamation and the future use of mineral sites are clear and appropriate

15. In the context of reclamation (Para 4.112 et seq), should there be reference to minewater treatment schemes? [Coal Authority]
16. Paragraph 4.113 refers to the requirement to identify the uses to which former mineral extraction sites should be put. Where is this followed up in the DPD?
17. Should Policy CS17 support phased restoration and the preferable extension of quarries suitable for phased restoration? Should quarries not suitable for phased restoration (and therefore suitable for early restoration) be identified? [GOEM]
18. Should Policy CS17 and the related text be more explicit about the opportunities for landscape re-creation and improving the setting of historic assets and areas? [EH]
19. Should Policy CS17 refer to minimising future public safety hazards and ground stability problems? [Coal Authority]
20. Should Policy CS17 refer to Green Infrastructure? [NE]

Whether adequate provision is made for managing proposals in the catchment of the River Mease SAC

21. How will the core strategy manage proposals in the catchment of the River Mease SAC? [GOEM]

Anticipated participants:

MPA
GOEM
Charnwood Borough Council (CBC)
Natural England (NE)
English Heritage (EH)
Ibstock Group Ltd
The Coal Authority