

**LEICESTERSHIRE
MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**CORE STRATEGY &
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES**

**HEARING AGENDA
SUPPLY: MINERALS OTHER THAN AGGREGATES**

Whether the section on the spatial characteristics of the area adequately informs the strategic policies on minerals other than aggregates

1. With regard to the quantities of mineral sales, are separate figures available for sales of brick clay and building stone (Table 1)?

Whether there is clear evidence and guidance on how much extraction of brick clay is intended to take place and how best to maintain an adequate and steady supply

2. (Was Q4) Is the need for brick clay quantified? Is a greater supply (or lesser supply) justified?
3. (Was Q5) In Policy CS3, does any special provision need to be made in respect of premium brick clays (Para 4.42)?
4. (Was Q2) In Para 4.35 and Policy CS3 (Brick clays), are years of production being confused with years of landbank capacity? Is maintenance of a 25 year landbank an appropriate way forward? How appropriate is the reference to landbanks in Policy CS3? Should Policy CS3 specifically refer to a landbank of 25 years? [Ibstock]
5. (Was Q3) Should there be active support for the extension of workings where there are reserves of less than 25 years / exclusion of support in circumstances where there are extensive reserves? [GOEM]

Whether there is clear evidence and guidance on the locations where brick clay extraction may take place

6. Does Policy CS3 logically follow on from the text?
7. Policy CS3 would only allow extensions to existing sites where they are required to support levels of capital expenditure. What about cases where a straightforward continuation of production is required in circumstances where there would be no environmental problems?
8. In respect on new brick clay extraction sites (Policy CS3), how is a minerals operator to know about production capacity at other sites? Is this set down somewhere? Why is there a tie to landbanks / production capacity? Is there an assumption that needs could be met at existing sites?
9. With regard to Para 4.83, should the whole of the brick clay resource be protected; also shown on the Key Diagram? [GOEM]

Whether there is clear evidence and guidance on how much extraction of fireclay is intended to take place and how best to maintain an adequate and steady supply

10. In Para 4.37, is 1.7m tonnes the size of the stockpile or the reserves? Is the planning permission (that expires in 2012) for extraction? How rapidly is the stockpile being depleted?
11. What and where is the evidence base setting out information on clay operators (Para 4.39)?
12. Should there be a study on fireclay reserves (Para 4.41)?
13. In respect of Para 4.41 and Policy CS4 (Fireclay), what sort of evidence would be required to demonstrate a proven need? [GOEM]
14. Should Policy CS4 contain a target for fireclay production? [GOEM]
15. Should the extraction of fireclay be referred to in Policy CS7 as a factor in favour of new opencast coal proposals? [GOEM]
16. Should reference be made to the prior extraction of brick clay (Para 4.84) [GOEM]

Whether there is clear evidence and guidance on how much extraction of gypsum is intended to take place and how best to maintain an adequate and steady supply

17. Para 4.48 states that sufficient reserves of gypsum exist. How much / what rates of consumption / how long will the reserves last / what are the lead-in times for exploiting additional resources / how important are the reserves of gypsum nationally or regionally?

Whether there is clear evidence and guidance on how much extraction of building and roofing stone is intended to take place and how best to maintain an adequate and steady supply

18. Should there be a survey of building stone resources (Para 4.52)?
19. Should Policy CS6 (Building and roofing stone) refer to circumstances where new quarrying could be appropriate (Para 4.53)?

Whether there is clear evidence and guidance on the locations where coal extraction may take place

20. Should sufficient environmentally acceptable sources of future coal working be identified under the provisions of Policy CS7? [UK Coal]

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