

# **1 Response Paper – Further Information About Preferred and Reserve Sites**

## **Purpose of Further Information About Preferred and Reserve Sites**

- 1.1 The section of the MLP which includes the site allocation policies concludes with a brief section clarifying that the identification of sites as Preferred Sites and Reserve Sites for mineral extraction does not automatically grant permission for their extraction, and that an application for extraction of areas outside of site boundaries would not be permitted.

## **Summary of Position Prior to March 2021 Regulation 18 (Reg 18) Consultation**

- Amendment proposed due to the re-allocation of Preferred Sites to Reserve Sites.
- Section updated to remove text around applications for extraction outside of the boundaries of the original Preferred Site or Reserve Site being automatically refused.

## **Impact of Revisions to NPPF 2021**

- 2.1 None of the amendments made to the NPPF in July 2021 had an effect on the Further Information About Preferred and Reserve Sites section of the MLP.

## **Summary of Issues Raised through March 2021 Reg 18 Consultation**

- 3.1 Through the consultation the following issue was raised:
  - Questions around the spatial distribution of quarries in Essex.

## **Addressing Issues Arising Out of March 2021 Reg 18 Consultation**

- 4.1 This section acts to address the issues raised through the March 2021 Regulation 18 Consultation in relation to this policy, as set out above, and subsequently details any changes in approach made through their consideration. These changes of approach will be incorporated within The Draft Essex Minerals Local Plan 2025-2040 Regulation 18 document which will again be subjected to a Regulation 18 public consultation.
- 5.1 There now follows a discussion of each of the main issues raised during the Match 2021 Reg18 Consultation in relation to this Plan section:

## **Questions around the spatial distribution of quarries in Essex**

- 6.1 Through the consultation comments received were suggesting future potential sites for development and questioning potential future development within Essex. It was stated that future development would pose a threat on the historic and

environmental assets. When the MWPA receives a planning application, this is assessed against Policy DM1 in the MLP, as well as every other policy in the MLP. Policy DM1 sets out a criterion that proposals for minerals development will be subject to which ensures that there is no adverse effect on the historic environment including heritage and archaeological assets, local amenity, the health and wellbeing of residents, and various environmental aspects such as drainage systems, forestry, the soil resource, and the natural and geological environment.

- 7.1 Policy S12 ensures mineral site restoration and after use which requires proposals for minerals development to demonstrate the best available techniques to ensure that “they enhance the form, quality of local character, and local distinctiveness of the landscape”. The final restoration of each site will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

## **Conclusion**

- 8.1 All comments received through the consultation agreed with the proposed amendments to Policy P2 or left no comment. Through the consultation no comments were relieved which resulted in any further proposed amendments.

**Table 1 - April 2021 Regulation 18 Consultation Responses to Further Information about Preferred Sites**

ORGANISATION	ON BEHALF OF	FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PREFERRED AND RESERVED SITES	FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PREFERRED AND RESERVED SITES	ECC RESPONSE
Name of Organisation	Are you responding on behalf of another individual or organisation? - If Yes, Who?	1.Do you agree or disagree with the rationale behind the amendments proposed in this section of the emerging Minerals Local Plan? (see Rationale Report)	Please provide any comments below:	
Runwell Parish Council (631132323)	Runwell Parish Council	Agree	N/a	N/A
Blackwater Aggregates (623162177)		Agree		N/A
CEMEX (982058282)		Agree		N/A
Gent Fairhead Aggregates (871678397)		Agree		N/A

Resident (850344129)		Agree		N/A
W H Collier Limited (769297167/ 942768790)		Agree		N/A
David L Walker Ltd (559449615)	Brice Aggregates	No comment		N/A
Coggeshall Parish Council	Coggeshall parish council	No comment		N/A
Strutt & Parker (891506607)	G&B Finch	No comment		N/A
CPRE Essex (665562826)		No comment		N/A
Thurrock Borough Council (97704900)	Thurrock borough Council	No comment	No additional comment.	Noted.
Suffolk County Council (549043477)		No comment	No comment.	Noted.
GeoEssex (538324742)		No comment	no comment	Noted.
Kelvedon & Feering Heritage Society (677892382)		No comment		N/A

ORGANISATION	ON BEHALF OF	FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PREFERRED AND RESERVED SITES	PLAN SEFURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PREFERRED AND RESERVED SITESCTION	ECC RESPONSE
Name of Organisation	Are you responding on behalf of another individual or organisation? - If Yes, Who?	2.Do you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments as set out in this section of the emerging Minerals Local Plan?	Please provide any comments and/or alternative wording for this section of the Plan below:	
Runwell Parish Council (631132323)	Runwell Parish Council	Agree	N/a	N/A
Blackwater Aggregates (623162177)		Agree		N/A
CEMEX (982058282)		Agree		N/A
Gent Fairhead Aggregates (871678397)		Agree		N/A
Resident (850344129)		Agree		N/A
W H Collier Limited (769297167/		Agree		N/A

942768790)				
Coggeshall Parish Council (598729813)	Coggeshall parish council	Agree (but wish to clarify)	<p>Other quarry sites that could be chosen include the potential area South of Coggeshall. Obviously the sand and gravel site extends out to south of Coggeshall . This site is very difficult to accept that it has even been considered due to the many unsuitable reasons behind its development. It is not a suitable site as it is too near an historical town with an old Roman Abby and church, the village has many functions one of which is residential, another agricultural and tourism, . The river Blackwater and surrounds are part of a bio diverse environment.</p> <p>The field where a quarry is threatened will lose hedges which are very old and have many species within it. The ecosystem surrounding this area will be completely disrupted and despite careful rebuilding it can never be returned and restored to how it was previously.</p>	<p>When the MWPA receives a planning application, this is assessed against Policy DM1 in the MLP, as well as every other policy in the MLP. Policy DM1 sets out a criterion that proposals for minerals development will be subject to which ensures that there is no adverse effect on the historic environment including heritage and archaeological assets, local amenity, the health and wellbeing of residents, and various environmental aspects such as drainage systems, forestry, the soil resource, and the natural and geological environment.</p> <p>Policy S12 ensures mineral site restoration and after use which requires proposals for minerals development to demonstrate the best available techniques to ensure that <u>“they enhance the form, quality of local character, and local distinctiveness of the landscape”</u>. The final restoration of each site will be decided on a case-by-case basis.</p>
David L Walker Ltd (559449615)	Brice Aggregates	No comment		N/A

Strutt & Parker (891506607)	G&B Finch	No comment		N/A
CPRE Essex (665562826)		No comment		N/A
Thurrock Borough Council (97704900)	Thurrock borough Council	No comment	No additional comment.	Noted.
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