

Minerals Local Plan Consultation

Additional consultation on sand and gravel provision 14 May – 11 July 2014

Minerals – what have they got to do with you?

Every year we all use the equivalent of 10 tonnes of minerals to maintain our way of life from building new homes, offices and roads, to providing electricity and heat. Minerals are also used in a range of more surprising products such as cosmetics and food.

But have you ever stopped to think where it all comes from? We have.

Nottinghamshire is rich in minerals and is an important producer of sand and gravel, coal and gypsum both regionally and nationally. In order to meet expected demand over the next 15 -20 years we have to identify new minerals reserves to meet predicted future demand whilst ensuring that the needs of the environment and local communities are also considered. We are currently updating the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – the planning policy blueprint against which proposals for minerals development will be assessed up to 2030.

The second stage of consultation on the 'preferred approach' was undertaken between 23 October and 18 December 2013. The majority of the feedback focused on the provision of sand and gravel over the plan period including objections to site specific allocations and revised information from the minerals industry.

As a result of this feedback significant changes to the sand and gravel provision section of the preferred approach document have been made including additional site allocations. We are therefore carrying out this additional stage of public consultation to enable everyone to comment on the changes before we undertake the next formal consultation stage and then submit the plan to Government for independent examination.

We want to know what you think about our revised approach to sand and gravel provision and if there is anything you would like to see changed and why.

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