



GOVERNMENT OFFICE
FOR THE SOUTH WEST

SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE WILTSHIRE & SWINDON MINERALS

LOCAL PLAN 2001

Policy No.	Name
Policy 3	Considerations in the Assessment of Minerals Development Proposals – this policy sets out criteria against which applications for minerals development will be judged.
Policy 5	The Safeguarding of Mineral Resources – this policy sets out criteria to be used when safeguarding mineral resources from potential sterilisation by alternative forms of development.
Policy 6	The Choice of Transport Mode – this policy sets out a sustainable approach for considering applications for minerals development from the perspective of transport.
Policy 7	Minimising the Impact of Minerals Traffic – this policy requires applicants to consider how minerals (and mineral derived products) can be sustainably transported and encourages operators to use the most appropriate roads through Wiltshire and Swindon.
Policy 9	Safeguarding of Rail Aggregate Depots – this policy offers protection for the existing RAD facility at Wootton Bassett.
Policy 10	Proposals for New Rail Aggregate Depots – this policy presents a criteria based approach to the determination of applications for new or improved RADs in the Plan Area.
Policy 11	Plant and Ancillary Structures – this policy presents a series of criteria for assessing and determining proposals for ancillary plant and structures at minerals sites.
Policy 12	Importation of Mineral to Plant – this policy simply seeks to ensure that the importation of mineral to existing plant facilities does not lead to an unacceptable adverse environmental impact.
Policy 13	Residential Amenity – this policy aims to ensure that proposals for minerals development do not adversely affect amenity and character of nearby dwellings and settlements.
Policy 15	Water Flows, Levels and Quality – this policy seeks to protect flows, quantity and quality of ground water, water abstractions, water bodies, wetland areas and watercourses. It also covers issues relating to flood risk.
Policy 16	De-watering of Mineral Workings – this policy seeks to control the effects of proposals for de-watering mineral sites on properties, watercourses, lakes and natural habitats.
Policy 17	Hydrological / Hydrogeological Monitoring – this policy seeks to ensure that applications for minerals development are supported by monitoring regimes designed to assess and mitigate effects on the water environment.
Policy 18	Riparian Buffer Zones – this policy seeks to protect the integrity of water bodies and water courses.
Policy 19	Sites of International / National Nature Conservation Importance – this policy sets a broad hierarchical approach to ensuring that sites of international / national nature conservation interest are protected from the adverse effects of minerals development.
Policy 20	Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance – this policy sets out criteria for ensuring that minerals proposals do not materially affect local nature conservation interests.
Policy 21	Habitat Protection and Enhancement – this policy seeks to ensure that there is no net loss of

	habitat as a result of minerals development.
Policy 25	Archaeology of National Importance – this policy seeks to protect archaeological sites and features of national importance.
Policy 28	The Safeguarding of Disused Canals – this policy aims to ensure that the route and vertical alignment of disused canals are safeguarded from minerals development.
Policy 29	Airfield Safeguarding – this policy seeks to protect the integrity of airfield safeguarding zones and Salisbury Plain from the adverse effects of minerals development.
Policy 33	Wider Benefits of Restored Mineral Workings – this policy sets out the principles to be applied by the MPAs when considering the use of voluntary agreements to secure long-term public benefits from restored mineral sites.
Policy 35	Preferred Areas for Sharp Sand and Gravel - this policy identifies a series of sites for minerals extraction.
Policy 36	Sharp Sand and Gravel Proposals Outside Preferred Areas – this policy provides a context for assessing proposals for sharp sand and gravel extraction on sites that fall outside the Preferred Areas in the Upper Thames Valley.
Policy 37	The Winning and Working of Soft Sand – this policy provides a policy context for determining applications for soft sand extraction.
Policy 38	Extensions to Sand and Gravel Workings – this policy sets out the basic criteria for assessing applications to extend sand and gravel workings.
Policy 39	The Winning and Working of Crushed Rock – this policy sets out the basis upon which applications for new or extended crushed rock quarries would be considered.
Policy 40	Alternative and Secondary Aggregates – this policy sets out criteria for assessing proposals for minerals recycling / reception facilities. It also seeks to promote and support proposals for use and re-use of alternative aggregates.
Policy 41	Borrow Pits – this policy sets out criteria for assessing proposals for borrow pits related to specific construction projects.
Policy 43	Access to Mineral Workings in the Upper Thames Valley – this policy sets out a package of highway improvements in the Upper Thames Valley (C116 / C124; proposed Eastern Spine Road) to support the implementation of the Preferred Areas.
Policy 44	Highway Requirements of Mineral Workings in the Upper Thames Valley – again, this policy relates to the development of the Preferred Areas and the need to ensure that affected sections of the local highway network (C116 / C124) are improved to accommodate vehicle traffic.
Policy 45	Nature Conservation in the Cotswold Water Park – this policy aims to ensure that proposals for minerals development (including restoration and after-use) in the Cotswold Water Park are compatible with the nature conservation objectives of the area as well as contributing to overall biodiversity.
Policy 47	Restoration of Mineral Workings in the Upper Thames Valley – this policy applies specifically to the issue of restoring the Preferred Areas in the Upper Thames Valley.
Policy 48	Landbanks for Cement Raw Materials – this policy provides a basic commitment to maintaining stocks of permitted reserves of cement raw materials (chalk and clay) to serve the Westbury Cement Works.
Policy 49	Preferred Areas for Proposals for Cement Raw Materials – this policy identifies Preferred Areas for cement raw materials in the vicinity of the Westbury Cement Works and criteria for determining any applications.
Policy 50	Proposals for Raw Materials for Cement From Outside the Preferred Areas for chalk and Clay – this policy provides an 'exceptions' test for assessing proposals for chalk and clay extraction for cement uses outside of Preferred Areas.
Policy 51	Non-Aggregate Minerals for Non-Cement Uses – this generic policy seeks to provide a broad context within which applications for all non-aggregate minerals development can be assessed (e.g. applications for building stone, agricultural chalk etc.
Annexe 1	Site Assessment Criteria – this element of the Adopted Minerals Local Plan sets out a range of criteria to be adhered to by applicants when considering submitting applications for minerals development in the Upper Thames Valley.