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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached the consultation response on behalf of Nottingham City Council.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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11 January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

New Minerals Local Plan

I write in response to your consultation on the new Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

It is noted that it is the intention that the new Minerals Local Plan will cover a period of 19 years from 2016 to 2035. This is the Issues & Options consultation stage and it does not consider or identify and new sites or extensions to existing minerals extraction sites. .

The consultation asks a series of questions. I have responded below to those that are most relevant to Nottingham City Council.

Q2 Do you agree with the draft vision? Are there other things we should include?

The vision appears to be appropriate for a Minerals Local Plan and in accordance with the NPPF.

Q3 Are the above strategic issues appropriate? Are there others we should consider?

The strategic issues identified appear to be appropriate. However it is considered that adverse impacts on the natural and historic environment should also form the basis of a strategic issue.

Q4 Do you think the average 10 year sales figure is the most suitable methodology for forecasting future aggregate demand in Nottinghamshire? If not please identify any alternatives you feel are realistic and deliverable and the evidence to support this approach.
Using a rolling average of 10 years sales data accords with the NPPF although other relevant local information, and an assessment of all supply options should also be taken into account as part of the assessment.

Q5 Do you think the same methodology (most recent average 10 year sales) should be used for each aggregate or is there merit in using different methodologies for different aggregates?

Generally the same methodology should be used unless there is clear evidence to deviate from this.

Q6 Do you think extensions to existing permitted quarries should be prioritised over new greenfield quarries?

There should not be a presumption for either new quarries or extensions to existing where increased capacity is required. Instead the most sustainable options should be pursued.

Q7 Should different approaches (new sites/extensions to existing permitted quarries) be adopted for individual mineral types?

Each site/mineral type is individual and the impacts and benefits will need to be considered on their own merits

Q8 How important is it to maintain a geographical spread of sand and gravel quarries across the County (i.e. Idle Valley, near Newark and near Nottingham) to minimise the distance minerals are transported to markets?

There is logic in having a geographical spread of sand and gravel quarries across the County as this is likely to be more sustainable, reducing transport and help meet market demand.

Q9 Would it be more appropriate to prioritise specific areas above others?

Areas with good links to the strategic transport network should be prioritised as this is likely to be more sustainable.

Q24 Are you aware of any issues relating to hydrocarbon extraction that should be considered through the Minerals Local Plan review?

A criteria based policy approach to be in line with the NPPF is supported. The City Council has an adopted position on renewable energy, which is attached for your information.

If you have any queries regarding the issues raised above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Minutes of the City Council - 18 January 2016:

Moved by Councillor Alan Clark, seconded by Councillor Michael Edwards:

“In the light of worldwide agreement on climate change in Paris, this Council considers that the UK Government has given a clear and perverse signal in its recent approach to renewables by:

- Blocking solar in rural areas
- Cutting industrial solar subsidy
- Cutting biomass subsidy
- Scrapping the Green Deal
- Introducing a carbon tax on renewable energy
- Increasing the tax on small cars
- Making clear its support for hydrocarbon mineral extraction, and
- Creating uncertainty about the future of “green collar” jobs

This Council believes that it is giving the correct signals by:

- Establishing a company to sell energy at the cheapest possible price to all types of customers
- Co-operating to rollout smart meters to help consumers manage costs
- Promoting solid wall insulation across all tenures
- Cutting air pollution by using more electric vehicles
- Installing many more solar panels
- Expanding district heating
- Supporting a low carbon Nottingham, and
- Maintaining our premier position as the most energy self-sufficient city in the UK”

RESOLVED to carry the motion.