



# Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

## Background Paper

### Site Selection Update – Shelford West and Shelford East

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As part of the additional consultation on sand and gravel provision undertaken between May and July 2014, the minerals operator promoting the sites at Shelford put forward revised proposals to overcome the access issues identified with the previous schemes. This document summarises the amended proposals along with the revised Sustainability Appraisal outcomes for both sites – Shelford East and Shelford West, and how they compare to other potential sand and gravel sites.

This document should be read alongside the Site Selection background paper published in May 2014.

### **Conclusions of the two revised sites at Shelford**

#### **PA40 Shelford East, near Nottingham**

This is a new site that is located approximately 9km east north east of Nottingham. It is bounded by the River Trent and Shelford Manor to the north, the A6097 to the east, Shelford Village to the west and agricultural land rising up to an escarpment to the south. Output from the site would be 500,000 tonnes per annum and would be worked over a period of approximately 7 years. The operator has stated that if allocated, the site could be operational in 2016.

The revised proposal includes: Relocating the plant site close to the A6097 to enable direct access on to the 'A' road and the construction of a wharf to enable around 180,000 of sand and gravel per annum to be barged along the River Trent to a processing plant at Colwick industrial estate.

The Sustainability Appraisal conclusions remain largely unchanged from the assessment undertaken in May 2014. The key points to note included the positive contribution to the economic aspects of sustainability, but also the negative impacts in terms of landscape and historic environment. As a result of the proposal to barge a proportion of the mineral by river, the site scores positively on SA Objective 3 – Sustainable patterns and modes of transport. This has improved the overall SA score for the site, however it still remains very negative. (-13)

#### **PA41 Shelford West, Near Nottingham**

This is a new site that is located approximately 9km east north east of Nottingham. It is bounded by the River Trent to the north and west, the village of Shelford to the east and agricultural land rising up to an escarpment to the south. Output from the site would be 500,000 tonnes per annum and would be worked over a period of approximately 14 years. The operator has stated that if allocated, the site could be operational in 2016.

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The Sustainability Appraisal conclusions remain largely unchanged from the assessment undertaken in May 2014. The key points to note included the positive contribution to the economic aspects of sustainability, but also the negative impacts in terms of landscape and historic environment. As a result of the proposal to barge a proportion of the mineral by river, the site scores positively on SA Objective 3 – Sustainable patterns and modes of transport. This has improved the overall SA score for the site. (-6)

Consultation with the public, stakeholders and the industry is being undertaken between October and December 2014 to assess the suitability of the site before a decision is made regarding the potential allocation of the site.

## Scoring outcome of the Sustainability Appraisal for sand and gravel sites

Site	Appraisal			Amendments as a result of the additional consultation on sand and gravel provision. (amendments highlighted bold)
	Operational	Long-term	Total	
<b><u>NORTH</u></b>				
PA35: Sturton le Steeple	-5	-3	-8	
PA06: Botany Bay	-8	-2	-10	
PA38: Finningley extension	-12	+2	-10	
PA02: Bawtry Road north	-11	-2	-13	
PA31: Scrooby north	-9	-4	-13	
PA32: Scrooby south	-9	-4	-13	
PA01: Barnby Moor	-13	-2	-15	Site boundary amended by operator, now further from the village.
<b><u>NEWARK</u></b>				
PA19: Girton West	-4	+1	-3	
PA24: Langford South	-5	+2	-3	Allocation reduced in size to exclude the Scheduled Ancient Monument
PA23: Langford North	-7	+3	-4	
PA03: Besthorpe East	-5	0	-5	

PA04: Besthorpe South	-6	0	-6	
PA21: Home Farm	-7	+1	-6	1. Deliverability of the site questioned. 2. Effectively two sites linked
PA25: Langford West	-8	0	-8	Site originally discounted due to lack of need. Restoration supported by RSPB who are involved in the existing quarry
PA08: Burr ridge Farm	-9	0	-9	
PA10: Coddington	-6	-3	-9	
PA17: Flash Farm	-10	+1	-9	Site originally rejected due to lack of operator, operator is now in place
PA11: Cromwell south	-12	+1	-11	
PA26: Little Carlton	-10	-5	-15	
<b><u>SOUTH</u></b>				
PA16: East Leake north (Elms Farm)	-2	-4	-6	
<b>PA41: Shelford West</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>Improved SA score due to revised proposal to locate processing plant close to the A6097 and to barge a portion of the sand and gravel along the River Trent.</b>
PA39: East Leake east (Rempstone Estate)	-6	-2	-8	
PA46: Barton-In-Fabis	-10	-2	-12	Direct access to the A453
<b>PA40: Shelford East</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>Improved SA score due to revised proposal to locate processing plant close to the A6097 and to barge a portion of the sand and gravel along the River Trent.</b>

