Additional Representations made by Nottingham City Council in response to the Inspector's Supplementary Questions as part of the Examination in to the Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan



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Overview

Nottingham City Council responded to the Inspector's original Matters, Issues and Questions, issued on 27 February 2020, specifically to questions related to Matter 3: Minerals Provision Policies.

Since then, the Inspector has issued a further set of Supplementary Questions on 6 May 2020, which relate to each of the 5 original Matters.

The Inspector has instructed that additional responses will only be accepted from those identified as participants for the individual matters. However, Nottingham City Council has additional points that it wishes to make in relation to Matters 1, 2 and 5 as these relate to comments made to Matter 3 or the original submission.

Inspector's Supplementary Questions		Nottingham City Council's response
No.	Question	
13	Should Policy SP2 refer to the need to achieve a net gain in biodiversity?	Yes, the City Council agrees with the Inspector that Policy SP2 should refer to the need to have net gain in biodiversity.
21	Should further text be added to paragraph 3.49 to refer to national policy in securing a net gain in biodiversity? I suggest the following, but the Council may wish to suggest alternative wording: <i>"It is therefore important that new minerals development is correctly managed and to ensure that no adverse impacts occur to designated sites, or priority habitats and species as far as possible. Policy SP2 promotes a biodiversity-led restoration approach which seeks to maximise the biodiversity gains resulting from the restoration of mineral sites and a net gain in biodiversity".</i>	Yes, the City Council agrees with the Inspector that this change to the text should be made.

Matter 2 – Vision, Strategic Objectives and Strategic Policies