

Consideration of future demand

- 7.21 Sherwood Sandstone is subject to the same demand forecast and criteria as specified in MPG 6. Details are set out in Chapter 6, Paras 6.22 – 6.27 which should be referred to in conjunction with the text below. Particular attention is drawn to the revision to MPG6 and new guidelines on future demand for aggregates.
- 7.22 Using the approach approved by the East Midlands Regional Assmebly in February 2004, this Plan will base future provision on an annual production rate of 0.7 million tonnes. This compares very closely to recent average production levels which have been well below the previous apportionment figure of 1.1 million tonnes per annum agreed in 1994 (see Figure 7.1 and Table 7.1).
- 7.23 The 0.7 million tonnes per annum level of provision is not a target, but it does provide a context on which to assess future requirements. Future sales of Sherwood Sandstone are unlikely to follow a uniform trend. As noted for sand and gravel, in addition to any underlying demand trends, changes to the industry can have a significant impact on local sales.

Figure 7.1 Nottinghamshire Sherwood Sandstone Production – 1982-2001

