

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS  
SPECIFIC SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD EXAMINATION

**Position statement on behalf of Suffolk County Council**

**Main matter 3 – Implementation and monitoring**

Participants: Council; Bretts; Lafarge; Poundfield.

**Agenda item 1) Viability of proposed allocated sites**

- All but one of the identified sites are associated with a minerals company and the exception has been the subject of interest from more than one minerals company and therefore the economic viability of the mineral resources are confirmed.

**Agenda item 2) Monitoring of sales and reserves**

- The County Council carries out an Annual Monitoring survey and every four years this feeds into the national Aggregates Monitoring survey. Information includes sales and permitted reserves remaining.

**Agenda item 3) Triggers for review**

- The plan is to be reviewed on a rolling basis once every five years or sooner when circumstances dictate.

**Agenda item 4) Handling of windfall sites**

- It is recognised that windfall sites can make an important contribution towards meeting demand and that applications would be judged against development plan policies.

**Agenda item 5) Environmental monitoring and restoration**

- Applications are also assessed in terms of environmental impact indicators and the results recorded. Restoration and other aspects are monitored by officers who visit the sites regularly. The County Council also produces an Annual Monitoring Report which contains the following information.
  - i) The likelihood of any preferred sites for mineral working not being brought forward for consideration;
  - ii) The numbers of planning applications for mineral extraction coming forward for consideration to replenish aggregate sales and the decisions taken on them;
  - iii) The soundness of policies in relation to decisions taken on planning applications;
  - iv) The number of consultations with the MPA on applications within Mineral Consultation Areas; and
  - v) The annual sales and reserves of sand and gravel.