

Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan

Implications of the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework for the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan.

The MPA has reviewed the National Planning Policy Framework (2018), comparing it to the 2012 National Planning Policy Framework under which the Mineral Sites Plan was prepared and will be examined.

It is noted that the chapter on minerals makes some changes to the 2012 provisions for minerals, 'Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals (Chapter 17)', including:

- Generally wording has been tidied up with no significant amendments to policy
- It has removed specific supply criteria for certain industrial mineral (10 years for individual silica sand sites; 15 years for cement primary and secondary materials; and 25 years for brick clay) and replaced with a more generic requirement to make adequate provision to support actual and future investment for new and existing plant.
- Maintains commitment to 7 year landbank for sand and gravel (and 10 years for crushed rock)
- Oil and gas – includes clearer wording on unconventional hydrocarbons, alongside conventional oil and gas, in relation to recognising their benefits in terms of the economy and maintaining security of supply

The MPA does not consider that these require any amendments to the Mineral Sites Plan, particularly since the Plan does not deal with strategic issues such as level of supply for various minerals. Other amendments in the NPPF are broadly consistent with the Mineral Sites Plan and the overarching adopted Minerals Strategy.

There were no other provisions in the 2018 NPPF that the MPA considered warranted a change in the Mineral Sites Plan, other than updates to specific references to particular paragraphs of the NPPF (e.g. footnote for paragraph 4.3 on p. 48; paragraphs 5.1 and 5.3 on p.52 and the Glossary) that will need to be updated individually.

The MPA therefore considers that amendments to the 2018 NPPF have limited effects on the Mineral Sites Plan, and apart from the minor changes referred to above, no other changes are considered necessary. These amendments have been added to the schedule of modifications and will be the subject of consultation alongside all other modifications during the examination period.

The MPA therefore intends for the Mineral Sites Plan to be adopted in a form that is compliant with the 2018 version of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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