

CUMBRIA MINERALS & WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EXAMINATION OF MINERALS & WASTE CORE STRATEGY & GENERIC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DPDs

SCHEDULE OF MATTERS & ISSUES FOR EXAMINATION

<i>Deadline for submission of further statements</i>	<i>21 October 2008</i>
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<i>Hearings commence:</i>	<i>11 November 2008</i>
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**CUMBRIA MINERALS & WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
CORE STRATEGY & GENERIC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DPDs
SCHEDULE OF MATTERS AND ISSUES FOR EXAMINATION**

1. The Inspector has prepared this Schedule of Matters & Issues for Examination to guide and focus the discussion at the hearing sessions of the Examination into the soundness of the Cumbria Minerals & Waste Core Strategy & Development Control Policies Development Plan Documents. It has been prepared using the Planning Inspectorate's *Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Development Plan Documents*¹, having regard to the representations made to the submitted DPDs, the evidence base already submitted and the guidance in PPS12 (2004). Although a new version of PPS12 was published in May 2008, since these DPDs were submitted in the context of the former PPS12, the Examination will be undertaken using the guidance and soundness tests in this earlier PPS.
2. This Schedule lists the main topics and issues which are likely to be discussed. For each topic, it sets out a series of questions on which the Inspector invites responses from the participants. A list of the relevant participants follows at the end of each topic, based on the current database. The County Council and other participants are invited to respond to the questions raised in brief statements (limited to 3000 words per Matter), to be received by the Programme Officer **no later than Tuesday 21 October 2008**. Responses can be made on the various topics and questions by participants attending the hearing listed under that topic, related to the points made in the original representation; new issues should not be raised. Those making written representations need not submit any further material unless it is related to the Matters & Issues for Examination and is essential to support or understand their original representation.
3. **All further representations should address the Matters & Issues for Examination.** Participants may refer to information in earlier representations and statements, but the Inspector only has copies of the representations made at formal submission stage. The County Council should refer to information in the Self-Assessment of Soundness, Evidence Base and Core Documents, and may wish to respond to relevant points raised in the representations. It is important that representations/responses include all the evidence and supporting material. The Inspector is unlikely to accept further/new information or evidence once the hearing sessions commence, since this can seriously disrupt the hearings and could disadvantage the participants, including the Inspector. All material which participants wish to put before the Inspector or refer to at the hearings should be submitted by the deadline indicated. If participants wish to rely on their original representation, this approach should be confirmed with the Programme Officer.
4. Detailed agendas for the hearing sessions will be issued shortly before they commence, based on the responses received to the Schedule of Matters & Issues for Examination. However, it is unlikely that the Inspector will introduce new issues or questions that do not arise from the topics and issues identified. Please note that not all matters and issues will be discussed at the hearing sessions; this will partly depend on those who request an oral hearing, and some matters will be dealt with by written representations. Participants should let the Programme Officer know as soon as possible whether they wish to attend a particular session.
5. Participants are reminded that the Examination focuses on the tests of soundness set out in PPS12 (2004), and it is assumed that the Council has submitted what it considers to be sound plans. Participants are expected to explain why the plan is unsound in terms of a specific soundness test and specify precisely how it should be altered, with detailed wording and clear evidence to support this course of action.

¹ *Development Plans Examination – A Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Development Plan Documents (Planning Inspectorate; December 2005)*

**CUMBRIA MINERALS & WASTE CORE STRATEGY
& DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DPDs**

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1. PROCEDURAL & CONFORMITY MATTERS ²
[Soundness Tests 1; 2A/B; 3; 4A/B/C; 5]

Key issues:

- i. Have the Core Strategy & Development Control Policies DPDs been prepared in accordance with the current Minerals & Waste Development Scheme and do they accord with the relevant details?
- ii. Have the DPDs been prepared in compliance with the relevant Statement of Community Involvement and met the minimum consultation requirements in the 2004 Regulations?
- iii. Does the Sustainability Appraisal undertaken for these DPDs identify the process carried out, the baseline information used and the outcomes of the process; and how has it influenced the DPDs and addressed the key sustainability issues and challenges for the county?
- iv. Are these DPDs *spatial plans*, which reflect national guidance on spatial planning, and do they provide sufficient strategic guidance and spatial direction to subsequent DPDs?
- v. Do the policies in these DPDs take account of the requirements and infrastructure investment programmes of relevant agencies and service providers?
- vi. How do these DPDs relate to other relevant plans and strategies which influence the delivery of their proposals, and integrate effectively with plans prepared by other local planning authorities in the area (including district Local Plans, National Park plans and the plans of adjoining local authorities)?
- vii. Are the DPDs consistent with national planning policy, particularly as set out in PPS12, MPS1 & PPS10, and is there sufficient local justification for any policies that are not consistent with national planning policy³?
- viii. Are the DPDs in general conformity with the approved and emerging Regional Spatial Strategy⁴ (including the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the draft RSS/final RSS)?; what is the current position on the partial review of the draft RSS, and how will the DPDs accommodate the outcome of this review?
- ix. Do the DPDs have regard to the relevant Community Strategy(s), reflect the vision and set out policies which deliver key components of this strategy insofar as they relate to strategic planning policy and the use and development of land for minerals and waste management purposes?
- x. Has an Appropriate Assessment been undertaken under the Habitats Directive (Articles 6(3) & (4)) relating to European Sites, to the satisfaction of Natural England?
- xi. Has a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment been undertaken at an appropriate level of detail, to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency, and how has it influenced the Core Strategy & Development Control Policies DPDs?
- xii. What is the latest position on any Proposed Changes that the County Council wishes to make to the submitted DPDs?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
4NW

Copeland Borough Council

² *These issues should be covered in the Council's Self-Assessment of Soundness*

³ *Detailed aspects of consistency with national policy will be dealt with under later topics and issues*

⁴ *Detailed aspects of conformity with regional policy will be dealt with under later topics and issues*

2. SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

Key issue:

Is the Spatial Vision soundly based and appropriate for Cumbria, consistent with national and regional policy, reflecting community views, and providing a sound basis for the strategic policies in the Core Strategy?

(i) Does the Spatial Vision:

- a. clearly set out the future strategy and spatial pattern of mineral extraction and waste management facilities in Cumbria and provide sufficient strategic guidance and spatial direction for subsequent Development Plan Documents?
- b. contain specific, local and spatial distinctiveness, reflecting key elements and issues affecting minerals and waste planning in Cumbria, as well as the objectives, priorities and policies of the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy?
- c. contain sufficient reference to the proximity principle, transport of minerals and waste materials, cross-boundary issues, the need to reduce carbon emissions and the relationship between the spatial vision, the Key Diagram and existing minerals and waste infrastructure?
- d. result from considering reasonable and realistic alternative spatial options which have been assessed through the sustainability appraisal process and supported by a robust and credible evidence base? What alternative options for minerals and waste developments were considered?

(ii) Strategic Objectives:

- a. Are they specific and locally distinctive, and do they reflect the full range of key issues and objectives relevant to minerals and waste planning in Cumbria?
- b. Are they consistent with the Spatial Vision and Sustainability Framework?
- c. Do they properly reflect national and regional policy, and do they clearly indicate how they will be implemented?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
Coal Authority

3. **DELIVERING THE OVERALL STRATEGY**

(Core Strategy Policies 1-6; Development Control Policies DC1-3 & 10-17)

[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

Key issue:

How will the Spatial Vision be successfully delivered, in terms of providing for minerals and waste developments, meeting national and regional objectives related to climate change, protecting environmental assets and providing economic and community benefits?

(i) Climate Change

- a. Does the strategy on climate change properly reflect the latest national and regional guidance on climate change, including the Proposed Changes to the draft RSS and the Supplement to PPS1 on Climate Change?
- b. Are the criteria, requirements, thresholds and targets in Policy CS1 soundly-based, reasonable and in line with the latest regional guidance?
- c. How will Policy CS1 ensure that developments make sufficient contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or carbon-offsetting measures?
- d. Should Policy CS1 address the role of restoration proposals in climate change and enable a comparison between extending existing quarries and establishing new quarries?
- e. Should the accompanying text refer to the need to consider settlement boundaries established in district local plans?

(ii) Economic & Community Benefits

- a. What is the basis for the policies on economic and community benefits, and do these accord with current national and regional policy?
- b. Are the requirements of Core Strategy Policies CS2 & CS3 unduly onerous for developers and should they be addressed by individual proposals?

(iii) Environmental Assets

- a. How will Policy CS4 & Policies DC10-DC15 help to protect, maintain and enhance the natural, historic and other distinctive features of the environmental assets of Cumbria, including areas and features of international and national importance?
- b. Is the list of areas and features of national/international/county-wide importance in Boxes 3 & 4 comprehensive and accurate?
- c. Does Policy DC11 properly reflect national policy, particularly in terms of protecting the historic and archaeological environment?

(iv) After-use and Restoration

- a. How will Policies CS5 & DC16 secure the step-change increase in biodiversity resources required by emerging regional policy as part of after-use and restoration and help to achieve the objectives of associated landscape and biodiversity strategies?
- b. Do the policies properly take account of national guidance in PPG14 & MPS1 (¶ 17)?

(v) Planning Obligations

- a. Are Policies CS6 & DC17 in line with the latest national and regional guidance on planning obligations?
- b. Are these policies flexible enough to accommodate changes as a result of likely forthcoming Government guidance on planning obligations?

(vi) Traffic & Transport

- a. Are the criteria in Policy DC1 soundly based, consistent with national and regional policy and the Local Transport Plan and do they reflect the particular transport situation in Cumbria?

(vii) General criteria for Minerals & Waste Proposals

- a. Are the criteria in Policy DC2 soundly based and consistent with national and regional policy, and do they reflect particular issues relevant to minerals and waste development in Cumbria and the criteria in Core Strategy Policy CS1?

(viii) Cumulative environmental impact

- a. Are the criteria in Policy DC3 soundly based and consistent with national and regional policy?
- b. Should the policy clarify the nature of any compensatory measures?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
Aggregates Industries

Copeland BC
Stephenson Halliday

Coal Authority
Quarry Products Assn

Kier Mining

4. **STRATEGIC AREAS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT** ⁵

(Core Strategy Policy 7)

[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

Key issue:

What is the general basis and specific justification for the broad locations identified as strategic locations/areas for new minerals and waste developments, and what is the criteria for allocating specific sites for minerals and waste developments in subsequent DPDs?

- (i) What is the basis and justification for the specified *Strategic Areas for New Developments*, including the specific references to Whitehaven, High Greenscoe Quarry & Ghyll Scaur Quarry?
- (ii) Do the identified *Strategic Areas for New Developments* reflect the latest regional policy, and how do they relate to the work being undertaken as part of the partial review of the RSS on regionally/sub-regionally significant waste management facilities?
- (iii) Does Policy CS7 and the accompanying text provide sufficient guidance and spatial direction for making specific site allocations in subsequent DPDs? What are the criteria for identifying broad locations for minerals and waste developments?
- (iv) Does the identification of strategic areas for new minerals and waste development pre-empt the proper consideration of specific development proposals and site options at later stages of the planning process?
- (v) What is the significance of the *Strategic Locations for New Developments* for Municipal Waste Management Facilities and Minerals Supply shown on the Key Diagram?
- (vi) Should Policy CS7 identify strategic areas for new landfill facilities?
- (vii) What is the relationship between the strategic areas for new waste management facilities and the preferred/current/future municipal waste management contract(s)?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
Aggregates Industries

⁵ *Issues related to the policy for Coal are considered later under a specific Minerals topic/issue*

5. WASTE CORE STRATEGY & DELIVERING THE WASTE STRATEGY
(Core Strategy Policies 8-9; Development Control Policies DC4-5)
[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

Key issue:

Does the Core Strategy set out a planning strategy for sustainable development which enables sufficient opportunities for the provision of waste management facilities in appropriate locations, in line with the plan's strategic objectives, helping to implement the requirements of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, and in accordance with the approved/emerging Regional Spatial Strategy and key planning objectives of national policy in PPS10 and the National Waste Strategy 2007?

(i) Waste Strategy:

- a. Is the overall Waste Strategy soundly-based, realistic and consistent with national and regional policy, NWRTAB reports, Local Area Agreements and the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy;
- b. Should the Waste Strategy await the outcome of the partial review of the RSS in terms of identifying strategically significant waste facilities?
- c. Should the waste hierarchy be incorporated into the Waste Core Strategy?
- d. Does the Waste Strategy provide the flexibility to accommodate the range of waste management facilities required during the plan period?
- e. How does Core Strategy Policy CS8 deal with cross-boundary movements of waste (including waste from the National Park and imports/exports of waste to and from Cumbria) and the proximity principle?

(ii) Municipal and household waste:

- a. Are the figures and assumptions for municipal/household waste generation based on a sound, robust and reliable evidence base, how do they relate to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, and are they consistent with national policy and the latest version of the emerging RSS?
- b. What are the specific targets for minimising waste growth, recycling, composting and recovery, and how do these relate to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, national policy and latest RSS?
- c. How will municipal and household waste generated in the future be managed, treated and disposed of?

(iii) Commercial & industrial waste:

- a. Are the figures and assumptions for commercial/industrial waste generation based on a sound, robust and reliable evidence base, and how do they relate to national policy and the latest version of the emerging RSS?
- b. What are the specific targets for minimising waste growth, recycling, composting and recovery, and how do these relate to national policy and the latest RSS?
- c. How will commercial & industrial waste generated in the future be managed, treated and disposed of?

(iv) Construction, demolition and excavation waste:

- a. Are the figures and assumptions for construction/demolition/excavation waste generation based on a sound, robust and reliable evidence base, and how do they relate to national policy and the latest version of the emerging RSS?
- b. What are the specific targets for minimising waste growth, recycling, composting and recovery, and how do these relate to national policy and the latest RSS?
- c. How will construction, demolition and excavation waste generated in the future be managed, treated and disposed of?
- d. What is the strategy for, and relationship with, recycled aggregates and landfill restoration?

(v) Other wastes (excluding radioactive wastes):

- a. What are the strategy and targets for other wastes, including hazardous waste, and how will these wastes be managed, treated and disposed of?

(vi) Future waste management facilities:

- a. What are the basis, sources and justification for the figures and assumptions related to the provision of future waste management facilities, including the network of facilities required for waste management/treatment and residual landfill capacity?

- b. What are the approaches and criteria for identifying broad locations and specific sites for waste management facilities, including MBT/EfW, waste transfer stations and future landfill capacity?
- c. How do these relate to current/future municipal waste management contracts and subsequent site identification in the Site Allocations DPD?
- d. How will Policies CS8 & CS9 make sufficient provision for the management, treatment and disposal of municipal and other wastes over the plan period;
- e. How will Policy CS9 provide for an integrated network of waste management/disposal facilities, and does it provide sufficient strategic guidance and spatial direction to subsequent site-allocation DPDs, including the number/location of waste facilities, site location criteria and the means of treatment and disposal;
- f. Are the site location criteria for waste management facilities, including those set out in Table 7.1 & Policy DC4, comprehensive, soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria, in line with national and regional policy and consistent with Policies CS7-CS9?
- g. Are the criteria for additional landfill capacity set out in Policy DC5 soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria, do they provide sufficient guidance and spatial direction for making subsequent land allocations, and do they enable the environmental impact of future landfill sites to be properly considered?
- h. What is the status and significance of the *Strategic Locations for Municipal Waste Management Facilities* shown on the Key Diagram, and should strategic areas/locations for future landfill capacity also be shown?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
WRG NW Division

Copeland BC
Stephenson Halliday

Barrow BC

6. **RADIOACTIVE WASTES**

(Core Strategy Policies 10-12)

[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

Participants are reminded that the Examination into the soundness of these DPDs does not provide an opportunity to debate the merits of national and regional policy on the disposal and storage of radioactive wastes. The Examination will consider the implications of these policies for the Cumbria Minerals & Waste DPDs, and whether the policies are consistent with current national and regional policy and are able to accommodate likely changes in emerging policy. However, most of the policies and issues concerning the disposal and storage of radioactive wastes are controlled by other bodies and by other legislation, which are outside the scope and remit of these DPDs and this Examination

Key issue:

Are the policies covering radioactive waste soundly based and consistent with the latest national and regional policy and policies of other relevant authorities and bodies concerned with the disposal and storage of radioactive wastes?

- (i) What is the basis and justification for the approach to radioactive wastes, including the specific policies for storage/disposal of high/intermediate and low-level radioactive wastes, and is the strategy based on a robust and credible evidence base?
- (ii) Are the policies covering the storage/disposal of radioactive wastes consistent with national and regional policy, and does the Core Strategy have sufficient flexibility and contingency to accommodate likely changes and developments in national and regional policy on the storage/disposal of radioactive waste?
- (iii) Have circumstances changed since the preparation and submission of the Core Strategy such that the policies covering radioactive wastes can no longer be considered sound, particularly in terms of emerging national policy and the latest regional policy?
- (iv) What is the appropriate nature, scope and level of detail of policies relating to the disposal/storage of radioactive wastes which should be included in the Core Strategy & Development Control Policies DPDs?
- (v) Does Chapter 8 properly reflect the roles and responsibilities of other bodies/agencies responsible for planning and delivering the management of the country's radioactive wastes (including DEFRA/Nuclear Decommissioning Authority), and do Core Strategy Policies 10-12 properly reflect the strategies and proposals of these agencies/bodies?
- (vi) Does Chapter 8 give a factually correct and up-to-date description of the current and likely future activities being undertaken in Cumbria in terms of storage/disposal of radioactive wastes, and adequately consider the full range of relevant issues relating to the disposal and storage of radioactive wastes?
- (vii) Does Core Strategy Policy 10 set out a sound and appropriate approach to the storage of high and intermediate radioactive wastes, in line with national and regional policy?
- (viii) Does Core Strategy Policy 11 set out a sound and appropriate approach to the process of selecting a site for the disposal of high/intermediate level radioactive waste; and should it also refer to the need for off-set community benefits packages?
- (ix) Does Core Strategy Policy 12 set out a sound and appropriate approach to the storage/disposal of low-level radioactive wastes, and should it allow alternative sites to be considered?
- (x) What is the significance of the *Facilities related to Radioactive Waste* shown on the Key Diagram?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council	Copeland BC	Sellafield Ltd
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	Nuclear Waste Advisory Associates	
Nuclear Installations Inspectorate	Environment Agency	
SITA UK Ltd	Greenpeace UK	
Dr Rachel Western	Steve Balogh	Phil Davies

7. MINERALS CORE STRATEGY & DELIVERING THE MINERALS STRATEGY

(Core Strategy Policies 13-18; Development Control Policies DC6-9)

[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

Key issue:

Does the Core Strategy ensure that the best integration of social, economic and environmental costs and benefits is achieved, by applying the principles of sustainable development and by carefully considering how best to maintain an adequate and steady supply of minerals, commensurate with protecting the environment and securing the prudent use of natural resources?

(i) Minerals Strategy

- a. Is the Minerals Strategy soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria and consistent with national and regional policy?
- b. Does the Minerals Strategy take into account changes in circumstances, the need for restoration and the lead-in times for identifying new resources and establishing new quarries?
- c. What is the likelihood of pressures on Cumbria to make up shortfalls arising from reduced minerals extraction in the National Parks, and what are the implications for the Minerals Strategy?

(ii) Safeguarding mineral resources

- a. What is the basis for identifying Mineral Safeguarding Areas & Mineral Consultation Areas, including the extent and definition of the areas, how will detailed boundaries be defined and reviewed, and is the approach consistent with national policy in MPS1?
- b. What is the approach to identifying Preferred Areas and Areas of Search for the extraction of various types of minerals?
- c. What criteria will be used for identifying specific sites for mineral extraction in the subsequent Site Allocations DPD?
- d. What is the significance and status of the *Current Minerals Consultation Areas* shown on the Key Diagram?
- e. Is the approach and criteria set out in Policies CS14 & DC9 soundly based, consistent with national and regional policy and relevant to Cumbria?
- f. Is the approach of Policy CS14 to specific quarries (including High Greenscoe & Ghyll Scaur quarries) soundly based?
- g. How will existing and future/potential sites for railheads or wharves for the transport of aggregates, including aggregate wharves for landing marine-dredged aggregates, be safeguarded?

(iii) Minerals supply

- a. Is the basic policy approach to the supply of minerals (Policy CS13) , including landbanks and future provision of minerals, soundly based and appropriate for Cumbria, reflecting locally distinctive circumstances and providing sufficient strategic guidance and spatial direction for allocating future sites for mineral working in the subsequent Site Allocations DPD?
- b. Is the basic policy approach to the supply of minerals consistent with national and regional policy, including MPS1 and the latest RSS and RAWP figures?
- c. Is the approach of Policy CS13 to apply the regional apportionment figures for crushed rock/sand and gravel production soundly based, and is the policy flexible enough to accommodate future changes in the regional apportionment of minerals?
- d. Do the criteria in Policy DC6 provide a sound and appropriate basis for considering proposals for non-energy minerals development?

(iv) Aggregates – crushed rock, roadstones, sand and gravel, local supply patterns, alternative materials and marine-dredged aggregates

Crushed rock:

- a. Is the approach to the provision of crushed rock, including current needs, reserves and landbank, soundly based and appropriate for Cumbria?
- b. How will the case to meet shortfalls in particular areas or to meet specific needs be demonstrated in the future?
- c. Should the policy allow extensions to crushed rock quarries on the basis of the proximity principle or particular needs of the operator/plant?
- d. How will crushed rock reserves be safeguarded from being sterilised by other forms of incompatible development in the future?

High-specification roadstones:

- a. Is the approach to high-specification roadstones, including current needs, reserves and landbank, soundly based and appropriate for Cumbria?
- b. What criteria will be used to consider future releases of land for high-specification roadstones to meet future needs and the possible needs of adjoining areas?
- c. Is the policy for Ghyll Scar Quarry soundly based and does the Core Strategy provide sufficient guidance for future extensions to be considered in the subsequent Site Allocations DPD?

Sand & gravel:

- a. Is the approach to sand and gravel extraction, including current needs, reserves and landbank, soundly based and appropriate for Cumbria, and how will the reserves and production of sand and gravel be maintained in the future?
- b. Should future provision of sand and gravel be based on the regional apportionment figure or average past production levels?
- c. What criteria will be used for maintaining sand and gravel supplies and considering future sites/allocations in the subsequent Site Allocations DPD, and how will the impact of future sand and gravel working on the community, environment and transport be assessed?

Local supply patterns:

- a. Is the approach towards identifying local supply patterns and area production zones within Cumbria soundly based and in line with national and regional policy?
- b. On what basis will the Site Allocations DPD identify local production/supply zones?

Alternative materials:

- a. Is the approach to the use of alternative/secondary materials (recycled/re-used materials) soundly based and appropriate for Cumbria?
- b. Is the target for the use of alternative/secondary materials soundly based and consistent with national and regional policy?
- c. How will the strategy help to maximise the use of alternative/recycled/secondary materials, and how does it consider the implications of increased use of recycled/secondary materials on the supply of such materials for landfill restoration?
- d. Does the strategy provide sufficient strategic guidance and spatial direction to establish additional construction/demolition waste recycling facilities and safeguard resources of secondary aggregates in the Site Allocations DPD?

Marine-dredged aggregates:

- a. Is Policy CS15 and the approach to marine-dredged aggregates consistent with national and regional policy (including the latest RSS and RAWP figures)?
- b. How will the strategy ensure a modest increase in the production of marine-dredged aggregates and consider the transport and regeneration implications?

(v) Industrial limestones

- a. Is Policy CS16, including the criteria for considering sites for the future extraction of high-purity limestone, soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria, and consistent with national and regional policy?
- b. Does the policy provide an appropriate balance between the need for the mineral and the interests of the National Parks and AONBs?

(vi) Building stones

- a. Is Policy CS17, including the criteria for considering proposals to provide the full range of local building stones, soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria and consistent with national and regional policy?
- b. Does Policy CS17 provide sufficient guidance for considering proposals and protecting sources of building stone in the subsequent Site Allocations DPD, and is it sufficiently flexible to recognise the wider regional market for building stone?

(vii) Coal and other energy minerals

- a. Is the policy towards future proposals for coal mining in Cumbria (including both deep and opencast mining) soundly based and consistent with national and regional policy?
- b. Does Policy CS18 provide sufficient policy guidance for energy minerals, in line with national and regional policy, and should there be a specific section/policy in the Core Strategy covering coal and energy minerals, including oil, gas, coal-bed methane and peat?
- c. What criteria will be used for considering proposals/allocations for future coal extraction (including deep and opencast mining)?
- d. Should Policy CS14 safeguard coal reserves and should Mineral Safeguarding/ Consultation Areas for coal resources be indicated on the Key Diagram, using the latest appropriate base data?
- e. Does Policy DC7 provide a soundly based and appropriate approach to proposals related to energy minerals developments, including coal?

(viii) Other minerals, including Gypsum & Anhydrite, Brickmaking Mudstones & Zinc Mining

- a. Is the strategy and approach to Gypsum & Anhydrite soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria and consistent with national and regional policy, what criteria will be used for safeguarding and considering future sites/allocations for mineral extraction, and how will further resources be identified?
- b. Is the strategy and approach to Brickmaking Mudstones soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria and consistent with national and regional policy, and what criteria will be used for considering future sites/allocations for mineral extraction, including High Greenscoe Quarry?
- c. Is the strategy and approach to Zinc Mining soundly based, appropriate for Cumbria and consistent with national and regional policy, and what criteria will be used for considering future sites/allocations for mineral extraction, bearing in mind the landscape and nature conservation interests in the National Parks and AONBs?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
Quarry Products Assn

Coal Authority
Aggregates Industries

Kier Mining
Stephenson Halliday

8. OTHER MATTERS

[Soundness Tests: 4A/B/C; 6; 7 & 9]

(i) Monitoring & Implementation

- a. Are the arrangements for monitoring the policies of the Core Strategy & Development Control Policies DPDs adequate and soundly based, including the indicators, baseline information and targets/milestones;
- b. Is the Monitoring Matrix comprehensive and up-to-date, and does it clearly identify those responsible for implementation?
- c. How will these monitoring arrangements be reflected in and related to the Annual Monitoring Report?
- d. Do the DPDs have the flexibility to respond to changing circumstances and accommodate likely changes at national/regional level, such as climate change, revised sub-regional mineral apportionments and sub-regionally important waste management facilities?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
Quarry Products Assn

(ii) Key Diagram

- a. Is the Key Diagram adequate, clear and comprehensive in presenting a spatial expression of the Core Strategy policies and giving sufficient spatial direction to subsequent DPDs in terms of the broad locations of future minerals (including safeguarding areas) and waste management developments?

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council
Coal Authority

Kier Mining

(iii) Other issues

(not yet specified)

Attendance at hearing

Cumbria County Council

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