

## **APPENDIX 6: STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES TABLE**

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<b>Strategic Policies</b>						
SP1	Presumption in favour of sustainable development	New (2013 draft MWLP)	Create a new policy on the presumption in favour of Sustainable Development	Include new policy	No alternatives.	No
SP2	Provision for waste	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy CS8	Make changes to CS8 in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base or carry forward policy CS8 without amendment.	Make changes to CS8	No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS8. Strategic alternatives to CS8 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited.	Revised policy (SP2) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.  Strategic alternatives to CS8 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.  Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS8 and its strategic alternatives.
SP3	Waste capacity	New Revision of waste element of adopted Core Strategy Policy CS9 and further revision of SP3 in 2013 draft MWLP	Make changes to CS9 in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base or carry forward policy CS9 without amendment.	Make changes to CS9	No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS9 in light of changes to evidence base.  Strategic alternatives to CS9 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited.  This revision to SP3 also took into account a significant revision to the draft MWLP since the 2013 draft MWLP. The plan proposes that the strategic locational restrictions on new landfill capacity	New policy (SP3) as set out in Appendix 3.  Appraisal of the proposed SP3 in the 2013 draft MWLP is set out in Appendix 9.  Strategic alternatives to CS7 and CS9 were appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report. Appendix 7 and 8 of this

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					introduced in the adopted 2009 (Core Strategy policy CS7) policies and the strategic locational criteria for time extensions for landfill sites set out in the 2013 draft MWLP are removed. The 2015 draft MWLP proposes no priority is given to new landfill capacity in the south of the county, but that the criteria in SP3 and in DC10 would enable any demonstrable local shortage to be taken into account. In addition, no Site Allocations Policy on landfill is proposed. The way forward was selected because the overall void space requirement for the Plan period is now known to be close to the currently permitted void space, leaving less room for locational selection criteria, because there is no empirical evidence that the policy would minimise traffic movements, and there are few realistic policy options to implement the previous policy preferences.	report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS7 and CS9 and its strategic alternatives.
SP4	Use of Best Available Technique	New (2015 draft MWLP)	Include a new policy on general principles for all radioactive waste proposals or not to include a policy on general principles for all radioactive waste proposals or not to include a policy.	Include new policy	No, other to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (SP4) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.
SP5	Development criteria for low level radioactive wastes	Revision of CS12 & SP6/SP7 (2013 draft MWLP)	Three options considered. Include one policy covering development criteria for all LLW; include two policies in the Plan (one on higher activity LLW and one for lower activity LLW) as was consulted on in 2013 draft MWLP	Include one policy.	Yes, as part of development of adopted policy CS12 and in preparing draft MWLP 2013.  Strategic alternatives to the adopted Policy CS12 developed in the light of: i. the mechanisms available for	Revised policy (SP5) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.  Appraisals of the two policies proposed in 2013 draft MWLP (SP6 & SP7) are set out in Appendix 9.

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			or carry forward policy CS12 without amendment that deals with Low Level Waste Repository near Drigg only.		<p>implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. potential overlap with other regulatory regimes</li> <li>iii. changes in national policy including clarification of the status of national policies such as the NDA Strategy April 2011</li> <li>iv. consultation responses to the Feb 2013 draft, and</li> <li>v. experience of dealing with an apparent proliferation of planning applications for additional LLW facilities within Cumbria.</li> </ul> <p>Keeping with two policies in the draft MWLP Plan 2015 was discounted because policies are consistent for all types of LLW proposal and conform to the NPPF, yet enable any proposed proliferation of LLW provision in Cumbria to be considered under the relevant material planning considerations. A number of Development Control Policies would also apply to LLW proposals, but there are no further specific references to LLW in other Strategic Policies. The policy approach would be implemented with the support of SAP3.</p>	<p>Strategic alternatives to CS12 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS12 and its strategic alternatives.</p>

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SP6	High and Intermediate Level radioactive waste treatment, management and storage	Revision of CS10 and SP5 (2013 draft MWLP)	Two options considered. The first was to make changes to CS10 in light of changes in national policy; guidance and evidence base or carry forward policy CS10 without amendment.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS10. Strategic alternatives to CS10 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited.	<p>Revised policy (SP6) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS10 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS10 and its strategic alternatives.</p>
SP7	Minerals provision and safeguarding	Revision of CS14 and SP9 (2013)	Two options considered. The first was to make changes to CS14 in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base and considering inclusion of areas for High and Very High Specification Aggregates (HSA) or carry forward policy CS9 without amendment.	Makes changes to policy CS14 and include provision for HSA and VHSA.	<p>No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS14 in light of changes to evidence base and issues considered at earlier stages in the plan making process.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS14 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited.</p>	<p>Revised policy (SP7) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS14 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS14 and its strategic alternatives.</p>

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SP8	Strategic areas for new mineral development	Revision of the minerals element of CS7. Included as own policy SP8 in 2013 draft MWLP.	Carry forward the minerals element of CS7 in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base and to include additional strategic areas or carry forward policy CS7 unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS7. Strategic alternatives to CS7 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited.	<p>Revised policy (SP8) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS7 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS10 and its strategic alternatives.</p>
SP9	Marine dredged aggregates	Revision of CS15 and SP10 (2013 draft MWLP)	Carry forward CS15 minor amendment in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base or take CS15 forward unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS15. Strategic alternatives to CS15 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited	<p>Revised policy (SP9) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS15 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS15 and its strategic alternatives.</p>
SP10	Industrial limestones	Revision to CS16 and SP11 (2013 MWLP draft)	Carry forward CS16 with amendment in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base or take CS16 forward unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS16. Strategic alternatives to CS16 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development	<p>Revised policy (SP10) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS16 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and</p>

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					Control Policies Plan and not revisited	Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.  Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS16 and its strategic alternatives.
SP11	Peat	New	Two options were considered. The first was to accept proposal to include Solway Moss as either a Preferred Area or Area of Search and the second was to insert a DC Policy on Peat.		Identifying specific sites rejected as would be contrary to NPPF and is not a reasonable alternative. The second option of including a DM policy would be similar in scope to proposed approach and it was deemed that given the nature of the policy it should be included within the strategic policies of the Plan. Policy DC22 covers the restoration and after use of peat extraction sites.	New policy SP11 appraised as set out in Appendix 3.
SP12	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	Revision of CS1 and SP14 (2013 draft MWLP 2013)	Carry forward CS1 with amendment in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base or take CS1 forward unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS1. Strategic alternatives to CS1 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited	Revised policy (SP12) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.  Strategic alternatives to CS1 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.  Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS1 and its strategic alternatives.

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SP13	Economic benefit	Revision of CS2 and SP15 (2013 draft MWLP)	Carry forward CS2 with amendment in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base or take CS2 forward unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS2. Strategic alternatives to CS2 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited	<p>Revised policy (SP13) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS2 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS2 and its strategic alternatives.</p>
SP14	Environmental assets	Revision of CS3 and SP17 (2013 draft MWLP)	Carry forward CS3 but clarify the policy and update in line with changes in national policy and to incorporate enhancement, ecosystems services and green infrastructure and reference to include AONBs, RAMSAR and European Wildlife Sites and SSSIs or take CS4 forward unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS4. Strategic alternatives to CS4 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited.	<p>Revised policy (SP14) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS3 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.</p> <p>Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS3 and its strategic alternatives.</p>
SP15	Restoration and afteruse	Revision of CS4 and SP18 (2013 draft MWLP)	Carry forward CS4 with amendment in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base and update in line with changes in national policy.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS4. Strategic alternatives to CS4 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development	<p>Revised policy (SP15) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Strategic alternatives to CS4 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and</p>



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					Control Policies Plan and not revisited	Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.  Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS4 and its strategic alternatives.
SP16	Section 106 planning obligations	Revision of CS5 and SP19 (2013 draft MWLP)	Three options considered: carry forward CS5 with amendment in light of changes in national policy, guidance and evidence base; delete Policy DC20 Planning Obligations of the adopted Core Strategy; or take CS5 forward unchanged.		No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of CS5. Strategic alternatives to CS5 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited	Revised policy (SP16) appraised as set out in Appendix 3.  Strategic alternatives to CS5 appraised as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and no further assessment has been undertaken in this SA report.  Appendix 7 and 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for the development of CS5 and its strategic alternatives.
SP17	Monitoring and enforcing planning control.	New policy (draft MWLP 2013 - SP20)	Include a policy on monitoring and enforcing planning control or not to include a policy/.	Include a policy.	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy SP17 appraised as set out in Appendix 3.
<b>Development Control Policy</b>						
DC1	Traffic and transport	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC1	Make an amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC1) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for

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			unchanged.			DC1 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan
DC2	General criteria	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC2	Make an amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC2) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 4 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC2 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.
DC3	Noise	New Policy (draft MWLP 2013)	Include a specific policy on noise or not to include specific policy.	Include a specific policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC3) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC4	Quarry blasting	New Policy (draft MWLP 2013)	Include a specific policy on quarry blasting or continue without a specific policy on quarry blasting	Include a specific policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC4) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC5	Dust	New Policy (draft MWLP 2013)	Include a specific policy on dust Continue without a specific policy on dust.	Include a specific new policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC5) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC6	Cumulative environmental impacts	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC3	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC2) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC3 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.

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DC7	Energy from Waste	New Policy (draft MWLP 2015)	Include a new policy or continue without a specific policy on energy from waste	Include a specific new policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC7) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC8	Renewable energy use on minerals and waste sites	New Policy (draft MWLP 2015)	Include a new policy or continue without a specific policy on energy from waste	Include a specific new policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC7) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC9	Criteria for waste management facilities	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC4	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC4) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC9 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.
DC10	Criteria for landfill and landraise	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC5	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC5) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC10 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.
DC11	Inert waste for agricultural improvement	New Policy (draft MWLP 2015)	Include a new policy or continue without a specific policy on Inert waste for agricultural improvement	Include a specific new policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC11) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.

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DC12	Criteria for non-energy minerals development	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC6	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC6) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC12 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.
DC13	Criteria for energy minerals	Revision of adopted Core Strategy Policy DC7	Five options were considered: include a single, but detailed, Strategic Policy to include all oil and gas, i.e. including CBM, shale gas and Underground Coal Gasification (UCG); OR include a series of separate strategic policies on different hydrocarbons; OR include a single strategic policy, covering all oil and gas, including unconventional proposals, but separate phases of development; OR include a strategic policies on hydrocarbons , but include a Development Control policy separately covering the different phases of oil and gas development; OR have no strategic policies on hydrocarbons but a development control policy covering the different phases of oil and gas development including coal	No strategic policy but DC policy with four separate sub policies on exploration and appraisal of oil and gas; UCG and coal. Revision to adopted policy DC7.	No new strategic alternatives considered in preparation of MWLP, as approach chosen was a modification of DC7 and takes into account changes in national policy and guidance.  Strategic alternatives to DC7 considered as part of preparation of MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan and not revisited	Revised policy (DC13) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC7 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.

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DC14	Review of Mineral Permissions	Revision of adopted Core Strategy DC8	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	Revised policy (DC8) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.  Appendix 8 of this report sets out the appraisal findings for DC8 at the submission stage of the preparation of the MWDF Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies Plan.
DC15	Minerals safeguarding	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC9	Make a minor amendment to clarify the policy in light of national policy and consultation responses or carry policy forward unchanged	Carry policy forward unchanged	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC15) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC16	Biodiversity and geodiversity	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC10	Make a minor amendment to clarify the policy in light of national policy and consultation responses or carry policy forward unchanged	Carry policy forward unchanged	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC16) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC17	Historic environment	Significant revision of adopted Core Strategy DC11	Make significant revisions to Policy DC14 or carry policy forward unchanged	Make significant revisions to adopted policy.	No reasonable alternative to this policy due to the need to reflect national policy, but to incorporate the Cumbria context or to not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC17) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC18	Landscape and visual impact	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC12	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC18) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC19	Flood risk	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC13	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC19) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.

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DC20	The water environment	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC14	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC20) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC21	Protection of soil resources	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC15	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC21) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
DC22	Restoration and afteruse	Revision of adopted Core Strategy policy DC16	Make a minor amendment to existing DC policy for clarification and to take account of changes in national legislation or carry the existing DC policy forward unchanged.	Make amendment to existing DC policy	No, other than to have or not have a policy (do nothing scenario).	New policy (DC22) appraised as set out in Appendix 4.
<b>Sites Policies</b>						
SAP1	Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)	New (draft MWLP 2013) but builds upon RSAP 2012 document		Include sites AL37 and SL1B in policy	No, other sites discounted in site assessment process. Sites included only reasonable alternatives.	N/A
SAP2	Waste treatment and management facilities	New (draft MWLP 2013) but builds upon RSAP 2012 document		Include sites AL3; AL8; AL18, CA11; CA30; CA31; and ED31 in policy	No, other sites discounted in site assessment process. Sites included only reasonable alternatives.	N/A

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SAP3	Low Level radioactive Wastes treatment, management storage and disposal	New (draft MWLP 2013) but builds upon RSAP 2012 document.		Include sites CO35; CO36; CO32 in policy	No, other sites discounted in site assessment process. Sites included only reasonable alternatives.	N/A
SAP4	Areas for minerals	New (draft MWLP 2013) but builds upon RSAP 2012 document.		Include sites M18; M12; M5; M6; M8; M10; M14; M15; M16; M17; and M30 in policy	No, other sites discounted in site assessment process. Sites included only reasonable alternatives.	N/A
SAP5	Mineral Safeguarding Areas	New (draft MWLP 2013) but builds upon RSAP 2012 document		Include sites M24 in policy	No, other sites discounted in site assessment process. Sites included only reasonable alternatives.	N/A
SAP6	Safeguarding of existing and potential railheads and wharves	New (draft MWLP 2013) but builds upon RSAP 2012 document		Include sites AL18; AL32; AL38; AL39; BA26; CO36; CO35; M31; M34; M35; M36; M37; M38 in policy	No, other sites discounted in site assessment process. Sites included only reasonable alternatives.	N/A