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Regional Spatial Strategy to 2026

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10.18 PPS23 on “Planning and Pollution Control” (2004) stresses that statutory frameworks already exist for regulating water quality, and provides for Local Authorities to minimise pollution from land uses accordingly. Other policies in the Plan address climate change, flood risk, biodiversity, forestry and health issues.

10.19 The purpose of ENV3 is therefore to maintain high water quality standards by ensuring an adequate sewage and waste treatment system in line with the Water Framework Directive, and by raising bathing water quality standards for tourism reasons.

**POLICY ENV4: Minerals**

A Plans, strategies, investment decisions and programmes should safeguard mineral deposits in the region, including aggregates (sand, gravel, limestone and sandstone), silica sand, coal, clay, brick earth, chalk and potash, from sterilisation by other types of development and provide for an adequate and steady supply of minerals.

B The Region will maximise the use of secondary and recycled aggregates to reduce dependency on primary extraction.

C Mineral Planning Authorities should:

1. Maximize the contribution by substitute and secondary materials wherever possible, and facilitate sites and operations (including those to blend secondary and primary aggregates, reprocessing and the transfer of materials), especially in West Yorkshire.

2. Make provision for the sub-regional apportionments as set out in Table 10.1 and endeavour to maintain a landbank for all nationally and regionally significant minerals.

3. Seek a progressive reduction in aggregate production from National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, noting that there is no strategic justification for the provision of any new crushed rock sites within these areas within the Plan period.

D The sub-regional aggregate apportionments should be updated in a review of the Plan, in particular to taking account of the 2nd Phase of the Yorkshire and Humber Sand and Gravel Study.

**OUTCOMES**

Mineral deposits in the Region will have been safeguarded from sterilisation, and conserved through maximising the use of secondary and recycled aggregates wherever possible.

**INDICATORS**

Production of secondary and recycled aggregates.
Consumption of primary aggregates.

**LEAD ROLES**

Local Authorities.

**MAIN MECHANISMS**

Local Development Frameworks.
Development control.