



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire

2018 – 2032

Statement of Common Ground

**Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)
and
Natural England (NE)**

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Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground (hereafter referred to as “SoCG”) has been prepared by Gloucestershire County Council (hereafter referred to as “GCC”) in response to the representations received from Natural England (hereafter referred to as “NE”) in respect of certain matters within the Publication (Proposed Submission) version of the Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire (2018 – 2032) (hereafter referred to as “the MLP”).

Following the cessation of public consultation for the MLP under Regulation 19, officers of GCC and NE have exchanged further correspondence on a number of plan-making matters listed below:-

- Policy MA01 (page 67);
- Appendix 4: Allocation 01 (pages 145 to 150);

Table 1 below summarises the representations made by the EA at the publication consultation stage in respect of the matters listed above and the consideration given to the representations by GCC. It also sets out the agreements that have been reached on common ground. All agreements include a number of suggested modifications to the Publication (Proposed Submission) MLP, which GCC will seek to present for future consideration at examination. Where necessary and appropriate, the suggested modifications will be incorporated into a formal request under section 20(7c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Submission MLP (2018-2032) Copies of Representations made in accordance with Regulations 20 and the Addendum to the Supporting Evidence Paper.

Table 1 | Details of common ground between GCC and NE in respect of the matters contained in the Publication MLP

Publication MLP representation reference	Publication MLP reference	Summary of NE comments and GCC's response focused on how the plan could be made legally complaint and sound	Suggested modifications to the Publication MLP for consideration at examination Strikethrough represents text to be removed <u>Underlined</u> represents new text to be included
1116790/2/MA01/USND	Policy MA01	<p>NE considered that Publication MLP Policy MA01 was unsound on three counts – not justified, not effective; and not consistent with national policy. The removal of Allocation 01: Land east of Stowe Hill Quarry was suggested as a potential resolution.</p> <p>In response GCC have reviewed the evidence provided by NE to support the proposed change and agree that Allocation 01: Land east of Stowe Hill Quarry should be omitted from the plan entirely. This change along with the consequential revision to the numbering of the remaining allocations in the plan will be formally presented as suggested modifications for future consideration at the plan's examination.</p>	<p>Policy MA01 Aggregate working within allocations</p> <p>The principle of mineral working for aggregates has been accepted within the following allocations: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocation 01: Land east of Stowe Hill Quarry; Allocation 021: Land west of Drybrook Quarry; Allocation 032: Depth extension to Stowfield Quarry; Allocation 043: Land northwest of Daglingworth Quarry; Allocation 054: Land south and west of Naunton Quarry; Allocation 065: Land southeast of Down Ampney; Allocation 076: Land at Lady Lamb Farm, west of Fairford. <p>Mineral development proposals for the working of aggregates within allocations will be permitted, subject to satisfying the detailed development requirements set out in the plan for each allocation (see appendix 4) and where it can be demonstrated: -</p> <p>I. existing permitted reserves are inadequate, or are likely to be so in the near future to maintain minimum landbank levels in accordance with policy MW01; or</p> <p>II. where minimum landbank levels are being sustained: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> constraints on the availability of existing permitted reserves and / or productive capacity are likely to limit output or restrict

			<p>the range of available products over the plan period; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increases in demand for aggregate are forecast with a reasonable degree of certainty to the extent that minimum landbank levels will not be able to be maintained throughout or at the end of the plan period.
1116790/3/AL01/USND	Appendix 4 Detailed Development Requirements for Allocation 01: Land east of Stowe Hill Quarry	Whilst NE did not make a specific representation considering the Detailed Development Requirements for Allocation 01: Land east of Stowe Hill Quarry, it is agreed by GCC and NE for reasons of completeness that all references to the allocation in appendix 4 should be presented for removal as a suggested modification for future consideration at the plan's examination.	<p>Removal of the reference to Allocation 01 on the introductory page for Appendix 4 (page 144) and also the omission of pages 145 to 150 which present in full the Detailed Development Requirements for Allocation 01: Land east of Stowe Hill Quarry.</p>

Signed on behalf of Natural England: -

Signed on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council:-

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