



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minerals
Local Plan for
Gloucestershire**

2018 – 2032

Draft Statement of Common Ground

**Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)
and
Worcestershire County Council (WCC)**

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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 the Worcestershire County Council (hereafter referred to as “WCC”) 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 WCC have exchanged further correspondence on the following plan-making matters:-

- The contents of Publication MLP Policy MW01 (page 47);
- The contents of Publication MLP Policy MA02 (page 70);
- The contents of Publication MLP supporting text to Policy MA02 (pages 70 - 72);

Table 1 introduces the representations made by WCC at the publication consultation stage in respect of the matters listed above, the consideration given to these representations by GCC and the agreements that have now 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 may be incorporated into a formal request under section 20(7c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.

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

Publication MLP representation reference	Publication MLP reference	Summary of WCC comments and GCC's response focused on how the plan could be made legally compliant and sound	Suggested modifications to the Publication MLP for consideration at examination <small>Strikethrough represents text to be removed <u>Underlined</u> represents new text to be included</small>
807759/1/MW01/COM	Policy MW01	<p>WCC advised that Publication Policy MA01 would benefit from a change to better reflect the policy flexibility set out in national policy concerning the calculation of aggregate landbanks.</p> <p>In response GCC have reviewed the representation and agree that a change in policy would be justified and propose formally presented such a change as a suggested modification for future consideration at the plan's examination.</p>	<p>Policy MW01 Aggregate provision</p> <p>Mineral development proposals for aggregate working will be permitted, where it can be demonstrated: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. they will make a contribution towards maintaining throughout and at the end of the plan period an aggregate landbank requirement of at least 10 years for crushed rock or at least 7 years for sand & gravel, calculated using the rolling 10 years' sales data presented in the most recent annual Gloucestershire Local Aggregates Assessment and II. the requirements of policy MA01 (Aggregate working within allocations can be satisfactorily met; or III. the requirements of policy MA02 (Aggregate working outside of allocations) can be satisfactorily met.
807759/2/MA02/SND	Policy MA02	<p>WCC advised that Publication MLP Policy MA02 would benefit from a change to acknowledge the possibility of 'enabling' development to facilitate future cross-border mineral working affecting Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.</p> <p>In response GCC have reviewed the representation and agree that a change in policy wording would be justified and propose formally</p>	<p>Policy MA02 Aggregate working outside of allocations</p> <p>Mineral development proposals for aggregate working outside of allocations will be permitted only where it can be demonstrated: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. the plan's allocations as set out in policy MA01 are not able to contribute towards maintain

		<p>presented such a change as a suggested modification for future consideration at the plan's examination.</p>	<p>minimum landbank levels in accordance with policy MW01; and / or</p> <p>II. constraints on the availability of existing permitted reserves and / or productive capacity are likely to limit output or restrict the range of available products over the plan period; and / or</p> <p>III. they represent the residual working of an area of aggregate mineral resource that is permitted <u>or planned to be worked and or would function as enabling development for planned future working, which would otherwise be impractical to exploit in any other way</u>; and / or</p> <p>IV. they will facilitate enhancements to previously approved plans for mineral restoration and the achievement of beneficial after-uses that will outweigh the desirability to restrict working from outside of allocated areas; and / or</p> <p>V. they will facilitate the working of aggregate minerals prior to non-minerals development taking place in accordance with policy MS01.</p>
807759/3/MA02/SND	Supporting text to Policy MA02 (pages 69 to 72 paragraphs 232 to 246	<p>WCC advised that the supporting text to Publication MLP Policy MA02 would also benefit from additional text to assist with the interpretation of the revised policy.</p> <p>In response GCC have reviewed the representation and agree that several additions to the supporting text would be justified and propose formally presented changes as a suggested modification for future consideration at the plan's examination.</p>	<p>239. Aggregate working outside of allocations, which represents residual working <u>or enabling development</u>, will need careful consideration. Proposals will be assessed with regards to their size, scale and timeframe compared to the characteristics of the existing <u>or planned</u> aggregate working site it relates to. Ensuring that mineral working will not be excessively extended will be a critical factor. Furthermore, previously approved mineral site restoration must not be unduly inhibited. Although, where revised mineral restoration is submitted, this must be acceptable in principle and offer demonstrable benefits with regard to future land use opportunities.</p>