

Norfolk Minerals and Waste Plan Examination 2024

Main Matter 2: Whether the Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Plan are the most appropriate, are soundly based and provide an appropriate basis for meeting the future demand for minerals and future waste management needs sustainably

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1 Introduction

1.1.1 The following document responds to Main Matter 2 identified by the Planning Inspector in relation to the examination of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Publication Version.

1.1.2 Issue: Whether the Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Plan are the most appropriate, are soundly based and provide an appropriate basis for meeting the future demand for minerals and future waste management needs sustainably.

1.2 **Should the Vision reflect the national and local economic benefits of mineral extraction and the contribution that these may make to supporting the rural economy?**

1.2.1 Yes

1.3 **Should the Minerals Strategic Objectives refer to the need to maintain landbank durations for aggregate and industrial minerals?**

1.3.1 Yes, as we believe this is a fundamental issue for any Mineral Plan to ensure a steady and adequate supply of mineral. This point was reflected in our response to the draft MLP where we suggested the following solution to our concern-

1.3.2 Proposed Changes (deletions in strikethrough; new text in **bold**)

1.3.3 MSO2. To provide a steady and adequate supply of industrial minerals by identifying adequate mineral extraction sites/areas within Norfolk sufficient to meet the forecast need **and stocks of permitted reserves of silica sand of at least 10 years production for individual silica sites or at least 15 years where significant new capital is capital is required** and safeguarding existing infrastructure.

