

Statement on behalf of the **Mineral Products Association (MPA)**.

Independent Examination of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Main Matter 2 – Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Plan

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.

3. 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?

Yes.

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

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-

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

MSO1. To provide a steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals **and to provide at least a 7-year land bank for sand and gravel, and 10-year landbank for carstone**, by identifying adequate mineral extraction sites/areas within Norfolk sufficient to meet the requirements of the Local Aggregate Assessment and safeguarding existing infrastructure.

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.

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