

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

Independent Examination of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Main Matter 5 – Whether the Plan makes adequate provision for the encouragement of the use of secondary and recycled aggregates.

Issue: Whether the Plan sufficiently promotes the use of secondary and recycled aggregates.

5. How does the Plan influence non-minerals development with a view to minimising the reliance on primary aggregates such as the adoption of sustainable design principles, construction methods and procurement policies and reusing or facilitating the recycling of wastes generated on site and using alternative construction materials?

We are not sure it can nor necessarily appropriate for the Mineral Planning Authority to dictate what materials should be in any development. Exception to this would be the authorities' own developments and the look of external materials.

Recycling is a function of the economy. When times are good there is more demolition providing feedstock, and the reverse is true in strained economic times. The role in our view of the MLP is to provide positive policies that allow the development of recycling operations.

The UK currently sees 28% of aggregate supply being made up of recycled aggregate, one of the highest rates in Europe. The market will maximise the use of recycled material as long as industry has the sites to recycle.

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