

## **Objection to Policy MP1 of the Norfolk County Council: Minerals and Waste Local Plan on behalf of Breedon Trading Ltd.**

The Company wishes to object to the inclusion of the following phrase within the above policy: -

“...Mineral extraction for sand and gravel outside of allocated sites will be resisted by the Mineral Planning Authority unless the applicant can demonstrate:

- a) There is an overriding justification and/or overriding benefit for the proposed extraction...”

In the Company’s view this does not sit at ease with the following quote from paragraph 5.3 of the Plan

“...Norfolk County Council will take a positive approach to minerals development and waste management development that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development...”

To be consistent Policy MP1 should reflect the statement made by paragraph 5.3, i.e., that the Council will take a positive approach to minerals development that reflects the principles of sustainable development. The Company suggests that the presumption against sites not allocated by the Plan is dropped and replaced by the following: -

“Mineral extraction for sand and gravel outside of allocated sites will be viewed positively the Mineral Planning Authority provided such proposals are demonstrably sustainable development and:

- a) There is an justification or benefit for the proposed extraction...”

In the Company’s view this better aligns Policy MP1 and paragraph 5.3 of the Plan.