

**Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Minerals Core Strategy  
Stakeholder Meeting 1  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

**Outcomes from the Yellow Group – Facilitated by Andy Blaxland**

**Workshop 1 - Sustainability Objectives**

The Group discussed the Draft Sustainability Objectives that were circulated at the workshop session. In discussing the Objectives, the Group focuses on those considered to be most relevant to the Minerals Core Strategy.

It was considered that many of the objectives were relevant, and of direct interest and use for the Minerals Core Strategy (MCS), however there were a number that could only ever be indirectly addressed through the MCS, and a smaller number that were considered not to be relevant at all.

The main question that was raised was whether the draft list of objectives struck an appropriate balance between the social, economic and environmental issues? The Group was concerned that there seemed to be a focus more on environmental issues, to the detriment of equally valid and important social and economic issues.

The detailed comments made, were as follows:

*Objective 1*

- Although there are low numbers of people directly employed in Mineral workings in Dorset, the sector is very important to the local economy due to the numbers employed in related activities (stonemasons, construction etc)
- The MCS needs to recognise the potentially important role that minerals employment can play in the rural economy

*Objective 2*

- The MCS can assist in delivering raw materials for construction, and should promote the use of locally derived construction material
- How realistic is it to maximise access by public transport, walking etc given the rural location of many minerals sites
- It is not considered appropriate to seek to reduce the need to travel by road, rail and air collectively, instead the MCS should be seeking to promote the use of the most efficient means of transporting minerals.
- Rail and sea transport might be more appropriate than road use. Could greater use be made of the Port of Poole for import and export of minerals?

*Objective 3*

- Noise and dust issues relating to extraction of minerals need to be addressed in the MCS, seeking to reduce health impacts.
- There is clear potential for the promotion of opportunities for recreation, art, culture and heritage in planning the after-use of minerals sites

#### *Objective 4*

- The Group considered that all of these were important Objectives, however, the Objective to “adapt to the implications of Climate Change” was seen as too defeatist. Instead the MCS should be actively seeking to minimise and reduce Climate change in the first place.
- It was suggested that the “least constrained” resources should be identified for extraction.

#### *Objective 5*

- The Group considered that all of these were important Objectives

#### *Objective 6*

- The Group felt that the MCS Forum meetings would assist in meeting the first objective.
- It was considered that the MCS did not have a direct role to play in tackling poverty and inequality, other than through job provision.

### **Workshop 2 – A Vision for the Future**

The group suggested the following vision for the core strategy:

“To use the finite resources of Dorset sustainably, and in a way that meets local, regional and national needs to 2016 and beyond. This will be achieved by maximising recycling and reuse wherever possible, and in all cases promoting economic and social objectives whilst ensuring the unique environment of the County is secured for future generations.”

The Group identified a number of ancillary issues that, whilst considered to be important, would more appropriately be covered in Objectives rather than in the Vision itself.

### **Workshop 3 – Objectives for Future Minerals Planning**

The group considered the objectives in the existing Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and identified where they could be refined and improved. The comments from the group were as follows:

Existing Objective 1: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO DEVELOP A BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED FOR MINERALS LOCALLY, REGIONALLY AND NATIONALLY, ~~AND WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES~~ AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, WHICH MAXIMISES THE SUSTAINABILITY OF BOTH

Existing Objective 2: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO ENCOURAGE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND APPROPRIATE USE OF ALL RESOURCES, ~~WASTE MINIMISATION,~~ PRIORITISING RE-USE AND, RECYCLING, AND WHERE PRACTICABLE, THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE LESS DAMAGING MATERIALS OR TECHNOLOGIES, IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEW RESOURCES TO AN UNAVOIDABLE MINIMUM

Existing Objective 3: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE ~~THE UNAVOIDABLE MINIMUM REQUIRMENT FOR~~ MINERAL WORKING ~~AND WASTE DISPOSAL~~ CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE BEST OF THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENT OR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PRIORITIES ~~THE AMENITIES OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE~~

Existing Objective 4: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO ENSURE THAT LAND TAKEN FOR MINERAL WORKING ~~OR WASTE FACILITIES~~ IS RESTORED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, AND, WHEREVER PRACTICABLE, PROGRESSIVELY, TO AN AGREED AFTER-USE AND STANDARD WHICH DOES NOT DETRACT FROM THE QUALITY OF THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENT

Existing Objective 5: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO SEEK, ~~WHERE APPROPRIATE AND PRACTICABLE,~~ A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION IN TERMS OF LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT, HABITAT CREATION, PUBLIC ACCESS OR RECREATIONAL USE ON THE RESTORED MINERAL ~~AND WASTE~~ SITES

Existing Objective 6: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF THE MINERALS ~~AND WASTE~~ INDUSTRYIES IN UPGRADING THE WORKING AND RESTORATION OF EXISITNG PERMITTED SITES TO THE BEST CURRENT STANDARDS

Existing Objective 7: Reword to read (changes highlighted):

TO PREVENT THE UNNECESSARY STERILISATION OF VALUABLE MINERAL ~~OR WASTE DISPOSAL~~ RESOURCES BY OTHER FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT WITHIN DEFINED CONSULTATION AREAS

Suggested NEW Objective: The group felt that this could be a new, First objective for the Core Strategy.

TO ENSURE THAT THE MINERALS CORE STRATEGY INTEGRATES WITH OTHER STRATEGIES AND POLICIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO SPATIAL PLANNING OBJECTIVES IN DORSET.

Suggested NEW Objective:

TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY PROMOTING THE USE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF TRANSPORT, AND BY REDUCING WHEREVER POSSIBLE THE OVERALL NEED TO TRANSPORT MINERALS BY ROAD, RAIL, AIR AND SEA.

Suggested NEW Objective:

TO SAFEGUARD EXISTING MINERALS WHARVES AND RAIL AGGREGATE DEPOTS AND TO PROMOTE THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CAPACITY.

Suggested NEW Objective:

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE DIVERSITY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN DORSET, PROMOTING THE USE OF LOCALLY SOURCED MINERALS WHEREVER POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE USE OF LOCAL BUILDING

MATERIALS SO AS TO PROMOTE LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS IN BUILDING  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

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