



Minerals Plan Examination Comments from CPRE Somerset August 2014

Matter 3: Key Issues, Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

1 Should the plan contain an overall spatial strategy by inserting a focussed section on overall minerals provision, reflecting the distinctive spatial characteristics of the plan area and its geology?

NO, MINERALS IN SOMERSET ARE SO DIVERSE.

6. Does the Plan's strategic approach strike the right balance between the economic viability of the minerals industry, protection of sensitive receptors, and the sustainability of long-term mineral production?

NO. THE BALANCE IS TOO HEAVILY IN FAVOUR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVER ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CONCERNS. SUSTAINABILITY OF THE RESOURCE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS ARE NOT STRESSED ADEQUATELY.

9. Have all reasonable alternative options been considered in developing the vision and objectives?

NO. CONSIDERATION OF THE VALUE OF ECO-TOURISM TO SOMERSET