

Matter 5 Hearing Statement – Land and Mineral Management

In general we will rely upon statements already made but in answer to the Inspector's specific questions, we propose to explain the answers in red inserted below.

Crushed Rock

7. Can the 10 year sales figure be broken down into limestone sales and igneous rock sales? **Yes** If so, what are the relevant figures?
Igneous rock sales figures have been supplied to the County Council in confidence.
8. What are the forecasts for demand of each? **In general, annual sales of Silurian andesite are expected to grow from the current c. <400,000 tpa to 500,000 tpa.**
9. Should separate landbanks be maintained for limestone crushed rock and igneous crushed rock (high quality polished stone value)? (See PPG ID 27-066-20140306) **Yes, for the same reasons given in NPPG regarding crushed rock and sand and gravel landbanks.**
10. Overall, for Somerset crushed rock, is a 15 year landbank the most appropriate to maintain?
15 – 20 years
11. If different landbanks were maintained for limestone and igneous rock, what time span should each landbank cover? **Both are crushed rocks to which the crushed rock landbank should apply.**
12. Should Preferred Areas and/or Areas of Search be identified for crushed rock overall, and/or for limestone and/or igneous rock? Please give reasons. **If it is accepted that a separate landbank is required for separate types of rock, Preferred Areas should identify the preferred sources of each.**