



Minerals Plan Examination Comments from CPRE Somerset August 2014

Matter 7: Building Stone

12. In SMP5, is criterion a) too restrictive in requiring 'an identified need for stone currently used in Somerset to maintain or enhance the local historic environment'? How, for example would an application be treated which demonstrated an identified need for new build where local distinctness was a consideration?

OUTPUT LIMITS ARE IMPORTANT. IT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE TO USE FRESH STONE FOR LARGE PROJECTS. RECYCLED AND SECONDARY STONE SHOULD BE USED.

13. Does the policy discourage planning applications that might be made to satisfy need outside of the County, hence discouraging the export of building stone? If so, is this justified?

YES. SOMERSET STONE SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED FOR SOMERSET USE.