



Minerals Plan Examination Comments from CPRE Somerset August 2014

Matter 13: Development Management Policies

2. For each development management policy briefly explain whether it strikes the right balance between providing realistic opportunities for viable mineral extraction and protecting communities and the environment (in its broadest sense)?

DM2 IS A LICENSE TO DESTROY ANCIENT HABITATS LIKE ASHAM WOOD SSSI WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECREATE PARTICULARLY IN ABANDONED QUARRIES

DM4, VERSION 2D: IT IS UNSUSTAINABLE TO DEROGATE A WATER SUPPLY; REPLACEMENT IS A NET LOSS

DM7 VERSION 2D: SEE MATTER 10 NUMBER 1

INTRODUCING 'WHERE RELEVANT' AS A HEADING WEAKENS THE POLICY THROUGHOUT, MAKING IT LESS EFFECTIVE IN RESTRAINING UNSUSTAINABLE IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT (IMPACT 8, 9 PAGE 93).

IMPACT 10: SEE MATTER 10 NUMBER 3

4. Should policies DM1, DM2, DM3, DM4, DM7, DM8, DM9 and DM11 state that they are subject to compliance with other relevant DM policies?

YES, THEY SHOULD. FOR EXAMPLE LANDSCAPE IS AFFECTED BY ALL DM POLICIES.

6. With respect to Table 7: Reclamation Checklist, why do potential impacts on land stability (9) not apply to energy minerals? Why do leisure and amenity opportunities (11) not apply to building stone?

SEE MATTER 10 NUMBER 7