



The Coal Authority

Somerset Minerals Plan (Main Modifications)

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Following our attendance at the public examination hearing session The Coal Authority is pleased to see the positive manner in which the Council has responded to the issues raised.

Proposed Main Modifications

In response to the Proposed Main Modifications put forward set out below is the response of The Coal Authority:

1. Main Modification 17 (Para 9.9) – Support
2. Main Modification 18 (Para 9.23) – Support
3. Main Modification 19 (Paras 9.28 & 9.29) – Support
4. Main Modification 20 (Paras 9.30 & 9.31) – Support
5. Main Modification 21 (Policy SMP7) – Support

6. Main Modification 23 (Paras 10.18 & 10.19 & 18.17) – Support

7. Main Modification 27 (Table 6) – Support
8. Main Modification 28 (Para 13.6) – Support

9. Main Modification 55 (Map 1) – Support

10. Main Modification 57 (Map 7) – Support

Proposed Additional Modifications

In response to the Proposed Additional Modifications put forward set out below is the response of The Coal Authority:

11. Additional Modification 39 (Para 9.2) – Support
12. Additional Modification 40 (Para 9.3) – Support
13. Additional Modification 41 (Paras 9.4 & 9.5) – Support

14. Additional Modification 43 (Para 9.8) – Support
15. Additional Modification 44 (Para 9.12) – Support
16. Additional Modification 45 (Para 9.19) – Object, the planning system should not attempt to duplicate other legislative controls as the Planning Practice Guidance makes clear
17. Additional Modification 46 (Para 9.20) – Support
18. Additional Modification 47 (Box) – Support
19. Additional Modification 48 (Para 9.21) – Support
20. Additional Modification 49 (Para 9.22) – Support

21. Additional Modification 51 (Text Box) – Support
22. Additional Modification 52 (Sub-title) – Support
23. Additional Modification 53 (Para 9.36) – Support
24. Additional Modification 54 (Para 9.37) – Support
25. Additional Modification 55 (Para 9.40) – Support
26. Additional Modification 56 (Footnote) – Support

27. Additional Modification 81 (Glossary) – Support

28. Additional Modification 85 (Map 7) - Support

CONCLUSION

The Coal Authority welcomes the opportunity to make these comments. We are, of course, willing to discuss the comments made above in further detail if desired.

The Coal Authority wishes the Council well in finalising the Plan and look forward to the adoption of the Plan in due course.

Thank you for your attention.

For and on behalf of

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