

AYMESTREY PARISH COUNCIL - HEARING STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF HEREFORDSHIRE
COUNCIL DRAFT MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN – POLICY M4

This representation addresses the policy statements at M4
Resolution requires Additional Modifications

To be presented by vice-chair Helen Hamilton

The proposals for the extension of Leinthall Earls quarry lack measures to reduce their impact, including on heritage assets.

Leinthall Earls quarry lies within Aymestrey Parish. Aymestrey Parish has significant heritage assets in landscape, its Roman and Anglo-Saxon origins, listed churches (one of which is in Leinthall Earls itself), SSSIs, its six commons, the River Lugg and many of its domestic buildings.

Given the multiple and significant adverse impacts the quarry has on Aymestrey Parish and its heritage assets (including landscape, traffic and transport, noise, air pollution, biodiversity) the Parish Council expects that the amount of quarrying is kept to an absolute minimum in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraphs 203 and 204 and that measures are included in the policies of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan ('MWLP') to minimize the effects.

MWLP Policy M4 does not consider the extent to which alternative, secondary and recycled materials can be used before a commitment is made to any mineral extraction. Instead the MWLP allows for the quarrying of more material than necessary from Leinthall and Perton quarries.

This issue is set out in detail in the submission dated 12 May 2022 by Aymestrey Parish Council to Herefordshire Council relating to the draft MWLP. A copy of the 12 May submission is included here for reference.