

Statement on behalf of the Mineral Products Association (MPA).

Independent Examination of the Herefordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan.

Main Matter 2 - Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

**Issue:** Whether the Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy are appropriate, positively prepared and are soundly based and provide an appropriate basis for meeting the future demand for minerals and managing waste sustainably.

**Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy**

23 *Should objective 6 in section 4.2 state “to plan for the steady, adequate and sustainable supply ...”?*

Yes, to make it consistent with NPPF paragraph 213 and to ensure clarity and effectiveness and sound.

24 *Given that Policy SP3 concerns transport within sites, how would the Plan’s policies meet objective 8 in terms of reducing the need to travel, promoting alternatives to road transport and ensuring development is served by suitable transport networks?*

It does not. In any event the objective is impractical bearing in mind that mineral sites are often in rural settings and there is no alternative to road transport. In respect of SP3 at present electric vehicles for use in quarries is not currently available. The other issue is that mains electricity might not be available requiring electric charging to be undertaken by diesel driven generators.

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