

Mineral Products Association-Additional Policy Required; Safeguarding of Mineral Infrastructure and Added Value Operations

Suggested wording for such a policy is set out below.

Additional Policy :

Minerals ancillary infrastructure sites identified on the Policies Map, with a 250m buffer zone, will be safeguarded against development which would prevent or frustrate the use of the site for minerals ancillary infrastructure purposes such as:

a) an existing, planned or potential rail head, wharf or associated storage, handling or processing facilities for the bulk transport by rail of minerals, including recycled, secondary and marine-dredged materials, and/or;

b) an existing, planned or potential site for concrete batching, the manufacture of coated materials, other concrete products or the handling, processing and distribution of substitute, recycled and secondary aggregate material;

applicants will be required to demonstrate to the County Council that those sites no longer meet the needs of the minerals industry. Where this is not the case, satisfactory alternative handling facilities should be made available by the developer.

Where development is proposed within an identified buffer zone the 'Agent of Change Principle' will be applied in that the responsibility, and cost for mitigating impacts from existing activities or uses will be placed on the proposed new non mineral development and any such measures will not add to the costs and administrative burdens on existing established business.

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