Mineral Planning Policy in Cornwall



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Minerals Planning Policy

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Cornwall's Mineral Resources

- Aggregates
- China clay
- Building stone
- Metals











National & Local Minerals Planning Policy

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Cornwall Local Plan





Why is it important to safeguard minerals?

Finite resources

 Ensure that mineral resources are not needlessly sterilised by other development

Sufficient minerals for future generations



Cornwall Minerals Safeguarding Development Plan Document (DPD)



Cornwall Minerals Safeguarding Development Plan Document

Submission Consultation
June 2017



- Policy to safeguard mineral resources and infrastructure from other forms of development
- 125 Mineral Safeguarding Areas



Minerals Safeguarding Policy

Policy: MS1

Mineral resources and infrastructure within Mineral Safeguarding Areas defined on the Policy Map shall be safeguarded from sterilisation.

Planning permission for non-mineral development will only be permitted within Mineral Safeguarding Areas where it can be demonstrated that;

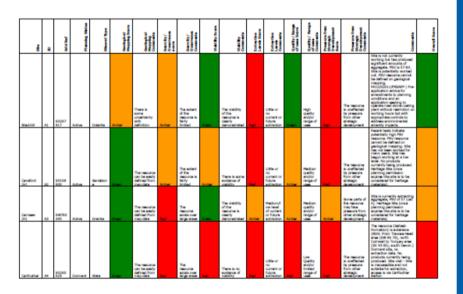
- a. the proposed development would not conflict with mineral related use of the site or infrastructure; or
- the applicant has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the mineral planning authority, that the mineral resource or infrastructure is not of current or potential economic value or that the mineral resource is not of value for heritage uses; or
- the mineral resource can be satisfactorily extracted prior to the development taking place; or
- d. that the mineral resource or infrastructure will not be detrimentally affected and the proposed development would not suffer unacceptable adverse impacts as a result of the mineral operations; or
- e. there is overriding strategic need for the non-mineral development; or
- f. the non-mineral development within the Mineral Safeguarding Area is exempt as set out in the exemption list in Appendix 2.

 Flexible criteriabased policy



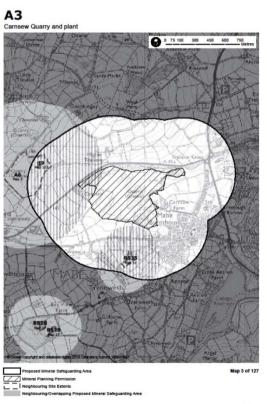
Identifying Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs)

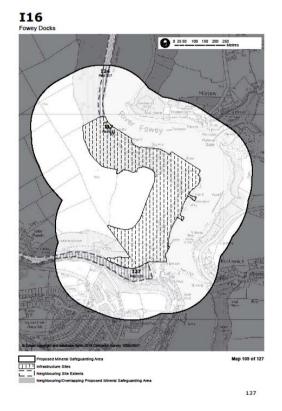
- Resource assessment criteria
 - Scarcity and occurrence
 - Viability
 - Uses
- Assessed all known mineral resources and infrastructure
- Buffer zones around the mineral resources





Proposed Mineral Safeguarding Areas









Residential dwellings in close proximity to Delabole Quarry



DPD: Next Steps

- Independent examination conducted by a Planning Inspector
 - Hearing in January 2018 to discuss key issues
 - Consultation on proposed changes to the DPD – May/June 2018
 - Inspectors Report Summer 2018
 - Adoption of the DPD Winter 2018



Thank you

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