

CLARIFICATION & SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON MATTER C

MINERALS

1. Para 1.3 of BCC's hearing statement refers to the former West Midlands County sub-regional apportionment for sand and gravel production. From Table 19 in the adopted *Black Country Core Strategy* I infer that this apportionment is 8.8MT for the period 2005-2020, or 0.55MT pa. Is this correct?
2. What are the arrangements for arriving at a sub-regional apportionment for sand and gravel production beyond 2020?
3. When do BCC expect to produce a Local Aggregates Assessment in accordance with NPPF para 145?
4. Are BCC justified in saying that there is no specific requirement for safeguarding minerals in Birmingham (para 1.3 of BCC's hearing statement)?
5. If it is considered that there are minerals that require safeguarding in Birmingham:
 - (a) What are they?
 - (b) Where are they?
 - (c) What is the evidence for the answers to (a) & (b)?
6. Should the specific locations of bulk transport facilities for minerals aggregates, aggregates recycling facilities, RMX concrete and coating plants, and other building aggregates facilities be safeguarded in the Plan and identified on the Policies Map? Is this necessary to make the Plan sound?

WASTE

7. Are BCC justified in saying that it is not sensible to include landfill reduction and related targets in the Plan (para 5.4 of BCC's hearing statement)? Is the inclusion of such targets necessary to make the Plan sound?
8. The 2014 *Update to Waste Capacity Study Addendum* [ES6], Summary of Key Findings (p1) gives a figure of 4-4.5 MT pa for waste capacity in Birmingham. Should that figure be adjusted to reflect actual rather than permitted throughput at waste facilities, and if so, what should it be?

9. Taking into account that some 1.3 MT pa of the total capacity is at waste transfer stations, is the 2014 *Update to Waste Capacity Study Addendum* [ES6], Summary of Key Findings (p1) justified in saying that Birmingham is achieving the “net self-sufficiency” principle?
10. Should the Plan quantify the need for additional waste management capacity (of different types) over the Plan period, and set targets to meet it? Is this necessary to make the Plan sound?
11. Should the Plan and Policies Map identify specific waste facilities for protection, and/or specific sites or areas for the development of new waste facilities (other than Tyseley Environmental Enterprise Area)? Is this necessary to make the Plan sound?
12. How would it be most appropriate to address the Environment Agency’s (and Severn Trent Water’s) concerns about the adequacy of waste water infrastructure to meet the needs of new development?