

Matters, Issues & Questions:

Matter 3: Transport, Infrastructure and Safeguarding – Overview

Question 106

Overview

106. Does the MWJP identify all the main challenges relating to the transport of minerals and waste, providing infrastructure and safeguarding, and are these challenges properly reflected in the vision and objectives and incorporated in policy?

The Plan area covers a very large area with dispersed markets for minerals and sources of waste arising. There is a relatively sparse road network away from the main transport corridors and relatively limited opportunities for a modal shift in transport methods due to relative lack of availability of established infrastructure.

The *Issues and Challenges* to be addressed in the *Publication Draft (CD17)* (pages 35 and 36) identify a number of relevant matters including:

- Safeguarding important minerals resources and infrastructure and strategically important waste management infrastructure from sterilisation by other uses;
- Developing an appropriate locational strategy for minerals and waste development;
- Consideration of accessibility to major transport networks and sustainable transport infrastructure, recognising constraints on opportunities for the movement of minerals or waste, and;
- Reduction in carbon emissions in relation to transport of minerals and waste.

Relevant matters are also embedded within the section '*Vision and Priorities*' in Chapter 4 of the *(CD17)*, particularly elements i, ii, iii, iv and v. They are also reflected in *Objectives 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8*.

A number of policies in the Plan play a role in addressing relevant matters, including:

- Policies M03, M04 and M07 which seek to ensure an appropriate geographical distribution of sand and gravel resources, reflecting well established market patterns which in turn reflect transport factors. Relevant policies include:
 - M17 1) relating to hydrocarbon development;
 - M20 1) ii) and 3) v) relating to deep coal and colliery spoil disposal;
 - M21 2) iv) relating to shallow coal;

- M22 iv) relating to potash and salt;
- M25 relating to borrow pits;
- W04 1) ii) relating to commercial and industrial waste;
- W05 1) ii) relating to construction, demolition and excavation waste;
- W10 relating to overall locational principles for waste capacity;
- W11 relating to waste site identification principles;
- I01 relating to minerals and waste transport infrastructure
- I02 relating to ancillary minerals infrastructure;
- S01 and S02 relating to safeguarding of minerals resources;
- S03 relating to safeguarding of waste infrastructure;
- S04 relating to safeguarding of transport infrastructure;
- S05 relating to safeguarding of ancillary minerals infrastructure;
- S06 relating to safeguarding consultation areas;
- D03 relating to transport of minerals and waste and associated traffic impacts;

In combination, it considered that these policies properly reflect matters and issues, relevant to transport, infrastructure and safeguarding, identified during preparation of the Plan.

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