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Planning Policy and Programmes,  
New Town House,  
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5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Planning Policy Team,

**RE: Local Plan review: Scope and Contents Consultation**

I am writing regarding the above consultation. The comments here relate only to Minerals and Waste aspects of the consultation document and as such, I have provided a response to Question 9 only.

**Question 9**

**Do you consider it appropriate to include Minerals and Waste and Gypsy and Traveller needs in the scope of the proposed Local Plan review?**

The Minerals and Waste Planning Unit work on behalf of AGMA to represent the authorities on minerals and waste planning issues, as such I am preparing this response on their behalf.

We consider that Minerals and Waste need to be included in the scope of the proposed Local Plan review to ensure it meets the requirements of NPPF, NPPW and the Waste Framework Directive.

**Minerals**

Paragraphs 142 – 149 of NPPF set out the Government's approach to minerals planning and how Mineral Planning Authorities (MPA), such as Warrington BC, are expected to plan for minerals. NPPF requires MPAs, in their Local Plans, to identify potential future minerals sites, and safeguard minerals and minerals infrastructure from encroachment by non-minerals development. They are also required to set out the criteria against which applications for minerals development will be assessed.

Minerals will play a vital role in meeting the need for additional housing and other development in Warrington and it is therefore important that they are planned for adequately.

It is understood that the borough previously intended to prepare minerals policies in a separate plan. However given the requirements of NPPF and the importance of minerals when planning for growth, we consider it appropriate to include minerals in the Local Plan Review. This will help to ensure Warrington meets its obligations in terms of minerals which will help the borough to achieve a sound Plan.

## **Waste**

The Government's stance on waste planning is set out in National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW). NPPW requires Waste Planning Authorities (WPA), such as Warrington BC, identify sufficient opportunities to meet the identified needs of their area for the management of waste streams. The Waste Framework Directive, which has been transposed into UK law, requires authorities to ensure waste is managed in line with the 'Waste Hierarchy'.

It is therefore important that waste is planned for adequately in Warrington, particularly given the level of growth expected.

It is understood that the borough previously intended to prepare waste policies in a separate plan. However given the requirements of NPPW and the Waste Framework Directive, we consider it appropriate to include minerals in the Local Plan Review. This will help to ensure Warrington meets its obligations in terms of waste which will help the borough to achieve a sound Plan.

I hope our comments are of use to you and if you wish to discuss these further, please contact me using the details at the bottom of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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