



The Coal
Authority

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan Review - Proposed Submission Version

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Thank you for your notification received on the 15 April 2019 in respect of the above consultation.

As you will be aware past coal mining activity has previously taken place in Warrington and our records indicate that there are mine entries present in the area. Our records also indicate that surface coal resources are present in parts of the Borough.

Please see below the comments that the Coal Authority wish to make on the draft Local Plan:

Representation No.1

Policy ENV3 – Safeguarding of Mineral Resources

Test of Soundness

Positively Prepared	Justified	Effective	Consistency to NPPF	Legal & Procedural Requirements Inc. Duty to Cooperate
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Support – The Coal Authority support the inclusion of this policy, which identifies that MSAs are defined on the Proposals Map and sets out criteria against which proposals for development in MSAs will be assessed.

Representation No.2

Policy ENV5 – Energy Minerals

Test of Soundness

Positively Prepared	Justified	Effective	Consistency to NPPF	Legal & Procedural Requirements Inc. Duty to Cooperate
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Support – The Coal Authority supports the inclusion of this policy, which sets out criteria against which proposals for energy minerals development will be assessed.

Representation No.3

The Coal Authority is pleased to note that paragraph 9.5.2 acknowledges that there is a small area of shallow coal resource identified in the north west of the Borough and that as coal is a nationally important resource and that it is proposed to safeguard this shallow coal resource.

Representation No.4

Policy ENV6 – Restoration and Aftercare of Mineral and Waste Sites

Test of Soundness

Positively Prepared	Justified	Effective	Consistency to NPPF	Legal & Procedural Requirements Inc. Duty to Cooperate
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Support – The Coal Authority supports the inclusion of this policy, which requires submission of appropriate proposals for restoration and aftercare of mineral sites.

Representation No.5

Policy ENV8 – Environmental and Amenity Protection

Test of Soundness

Positively Prepared	Justified	Effective	Consistency to NPPF	Legal & Procedural Requirements Inc. Duty to Cooperate
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Support – The Coal Authority supports the inclusion of this policy which identifies that development proposals on land that is (or suspected to be) affected by contamination or ground instability must include an assessment of the extent of the issues and any possible risks posed. This policy also notes that development will only be permitted where the land is, or can be made, suitable for the proposed use.

The Coal Authority welcomes the opportunity to make these comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the above comments further.

Kind regards



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