

Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals & Waste Plan

Policy M4 – Locations for Sand and Gravel Extraction

Main Matter 3 – Whether the Plan makes adequate provision for the steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals

Question 3.8 - Is the approach towards the identification of the Area of Search justified? And what criteria have been used?

Sequential test

Following our soundness comments about the sequential test the planning authority have submitted the following document. 'Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), revised April 2021, prepared by Hampshire Council.'

We have discussed this document with the planning authority and they are going to include a table in the appendix of the SFRA detailing those sites which were withdrawn and the reasoning for that. These reasons will need to be assessed against allocating sites in areas at risk from flooding in order to apply the sequential test.

Until this work has been completed then our soundness points about the sequential test for policy M4 still apply.