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Peter

My apologies for this late response.

Comments on the draft have been received from only a few SWAWP members and these have been collated as the following response from the South West AWP.

Generally the approach to supplies of aggregates to meet the needs of the County and a contribution to wider needs is supported, though it is noted that imports of primary and secondary aggregates will continue to play an important role and that this will potentially have an effect in the South West.

The proposed increase in potential strategic resource areas for sand and gravel in the County as set out in Policy M3 and to have a supply distribution that reflects existing and future demand areas in the County (Policy M4) is welcomed. There is, however, concern that the potential for success in changing the supply pattern has not been addressed in the draft strategy by the consideration of candidate site allocations.

Policy M1 encourages the importation of secondary aggregates in order to maximise their contribution towards meeting the need for aggregates in Oxfordshire and that this should be by rail with respect to sources that are distant from the County. The South West has considerable deposits of china clay waste in particular which potentially could make a contribution to aggregate supplies in Oxfordshire and other areas that are within an economic supply distance from any railhead. This contribution could help offset supplies of primary aggregates from Oxfordshire to those areas and this could also be recognised in the policy.

The recent permissions at Gill Mill and Caversham and their contributions to the sand and gravel landbank will have a positive impact on supplies and may alleviate some of the pressure on the supply of sand and gravel from Gloucestershire/Wiltshire. Footnote 2 on page 42 which explains the reserve figure in line F of Table 2 could, however, be clearer. It is to be noted that the continuity of longer term supplies of sand and gravel from Gloucestershire and Wiltshire in to Oxfordshire may be adversely affected due to a proposed, strategically placed development at Down Ampney, which straddles the Gloucs/Wilts boundary, recently being abandoned by the landowners; had it gone ahead the site had a potential yield of c5.5mt that would have supplemented the few other potential sources of supply that are currently being promoted.

The use of the most recent LAA figures to inform the Core Strategy is welcomed as is the intention to use the most recent LAA amounts (Policy M2) to calculate aggregate requirements from Oxfordshire. This is considered to be a flexible and sound approach.

Regards

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