Allerdale Borough Council

Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1)

Position Statement
Main Matter 19:

The regard to be paid to Waste and Minerals in the Local Plan

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Introduction

1. This Statement has been produced by Allerdale Borough Council to outline its response to the matters raised by the Inspector for the Hearings [ED3] into the Submitted Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) Development Plan Document (DPD) [CD1].

2. These Statements form the main basis for the Council’s submission to the Hearings. They relate to the elements of the DPD that have been raised by the Inspector as matters to be discussed. Where appropriate the Statements draw upon and cross-refer to the main sources of information used in the preparation of the DPD such as the outcomes of public consultation, the Sustainability Appraisal, the evidence base and the supporting Topic Papers. Core Document numbers are given where appropriate.

Position of the Council regarding Matter 19

3. The Council considers that together with the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework (CMWDF), the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) provides an appropriate approach to Waste and Minerals in the Borough, and therefore represents a sound approach. Furthermore, proposed modification m13 [CD3] provides further clarification of the important links to the CMWDF.

Planning Policy

4. Currently, Planning Policy Statement 10 ‘Planning for Sustainable Waste Management’ (2005, and revised in 2011) provides national waste planning policy. The policy provides a positive national planning framework to enable local authorities to put forward, through local waste management plans, planning
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strategies that deliver sufficient opportunities for new waste management facilities of the right type, in the right place and at the right time.

5. Cumbria County Council formally adopted the CMWDF including Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies on 23 April 2009. These documents cover those areas of the county that are outside both the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks and therefore form a key part of Development Plan for Allerdale Local Plan Area.

6. The Allerdale Local Plan follows national policy and the CMWDF by seeking to minimise the impact of development on natural resources by promoting waste reduction and recycling. Furthermore, in combination with the CMWDF the Plan seeks to ensure that development avoids the sterilisation of mineral resources. The key mechanism to implement this policy will be the forthcoming Site Allocations DPD which through the Proposals Map will reflect the CMWDF and ensure the safeguarding of important mineral resources by committing to the Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs) as set out in the Framework.

7. Given national policy changes and the emerging National Waste Management Plan the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Site Allocations Policies and Proposals Map were withdrawn from their examination process, as Cumbria County Council decided that the priority should be to commence work to develop the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan accordingly.

8. The Council will continue to work with partners including Cumbria County Council through the production of the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations and the new Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan to ensure the successful implementation of Minerals and Waste policy in Allerdale.