

County Minerals Plan

Consultation on the draft Minerals Local Plan, prepared by the County Council, has now closed.

The Society has long argued that Hertford has contributed more than its share to the extraction of aggregates in the County, and we were pleased to see that the new plan no longer designates any areas around the town as suitable for further quarrying. Instead a large area east of Stanstead Abbots is proposed.

However the policies in the draft plan to prohibit or restrict quarrying in undesigned areas are very much less clear and stringent than the corresponding policies in the existing plan. Moreover the existing policy which restricts quarrying when there is no proven immediate need for it is omitted from the new draft. Accordingly a representation was made asking for the policies on these matters to be strengthened. You can read the full representation [here](#).