



**Medway Core Strategy additional comments on behalf of the  
Church Commissioners for England (11)  
25<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
10am - Matter 7 – Minerals and Waste**

**Inspector's Questions**

***a) Is the CS consistent with national policy particularly in relation to safeguarding of mineral resources?***

The Church Commissioners have previously expressed support for the pro-active approach to the extraction of minerals, taken by this plan and in relation to this area.

The submission draft document has been amended, at paragraph 7.30 to specify that identified mineral bearing areas 'should be safeguarded as they include reserves of potentially economic land won sands and gravels.'

It is considered that, in order for the Plan to meet the requirement to be flexible, the safeguarding of any such land should be subject to considerations of the relative advantages of its safeguarding, against the advantages of pursuing its alternative development potential. To safeguard the development of land in this manner is overly prescriptive and may prevent the delivery of development which may bring about longer term sustainability benefits. Furthermore, the extraction of any such resources may be outside of the control of any landowner and therefore to preclude its development would not be an acceptable approach, where it can be demonstrated that there is no reasonable likelihood of its extraction being achieved.

***b) Does the CS set out a planning strategy for sustainable waste management that enables sufficient opportunities for the provision of waste management facilities in appropriate locations, including waste recovery, recycling and disposal, focussing on delivering the key planning objectives in PPS10, including the movement of waste up the waste hierarchy?***

No comment.

***c) Does it set out the key elements of the waste planning framework for the area, and is it clear about how strategic objectives for the area and the key planning objectives in PPS10 will be delivered?***

No comment.

**Hearing Participants**

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