

2017 Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) consultation

Consultation statement – Guidance Note on Development in Minerals Safeguarding Areas

The Council consulted statutory and other consultees on the draft Guidance Note on Development in Minerals Safeguarding Areas in line with SPD consultation requirements set out in the 2011 Statement of Community Involvement (<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/sci>). The consultation period ran from mid-March to 2nd May 2017.

3 responses were received, from:

- Canal & Rivers Trust
- Environment Agency
- Peel Ports

The table below summaries the main issues raised by consultees ('summary of comment'), and how these issues have been addressed in the Guidance Note ('Response').

Consultee	Summary of comment	Response
Canal & Rivers Trust	The Trusts role as a statutory consultee on planning application often deals with the issue of contamination to its waters. We therefore want to see this considered in the SPD. Where the SPD refers to 'Risk of contamination of land' (page 6 paragraph 4) we wish to see this expanded to '...and/or water'.	Appendix 1 had a previous draft of the Minerals policy. The updated policy which has now been adopted includes 'Air and Water Quality' in the list of environmental criteria. Appendix 1 will be amended to include the adopted policy. It is not possible to amend the Local Plan policy at this stage.
Canal & Rivers Trust	Appendix 3 on page 9 includes dust. Where the document states 'vulnerable receptors' the Trust wishes to this to be expanded to '...such as waterways'.	Agree. This change will be made.
Environment Agency	We note the planning and environmental criteria to be taken in to account when considering planning application for mineral developments (Appendix 1, para 4). There are a number of surface and ground water abstractions located throughout Sefton which should not be impacted by new mineral related developments. As such protecting water resources should also be considered as an environmental criteria.	Appendix 1 had a previous draft of the Minerals policy. The updated policy, which has now been adopted, included 'Air and Water Quality' in the list of environmental criteria. Appendix 1 will be amended to include the adopted policy.
Peel Ports	The SPD refers to the Policy before it was agreed to be altered by the Inspector through the local planning process and the proposed modifications June 2016- Appendix 1:Policy NH8 of the Sefton Local Plan, point 2.	Agree. Appendix 1 will be updated to reflect the adopted Local Plan policy.

