

## Statement prepared by Gloucestershire County Council in its capacity as a Minerals & Waste Planning Authority (MWPA) | April 2021

### Introduction

This statement addresses the Inspector's question 76 with regard to Matter 9 of the Gloucester City Plan examination.

Gloucestershire County Council in its capacity as a Minerals & Waste Planning Authority (MWPA) respectfully requests that this statement is read alongside comments submitted by the County Council at previous consultation stages.

### Matter 9 | Minerals

#### Safeguarding of Minerals

**Question 76: Whether the approach to the safeguarding of minerals within the policies of the GCP is consistent with the Minerals Local for Gloucestershire 2018-20 (MLPG), and in conformity with JCS Policy SD3 of the JCS, and the policies of the Framework?**

1. Subject to the incorporation of the relevant proposed changes to the Publication version of the Gloucester City Plan that have been outlined in Core Document CD010a, Gloucestershire County Council in its capacity as a Minerals & Waste Planning Authority (MWPA) considers the approach to safeguarding minerals with the proposed site allocations will be conformity with the adopted Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire (2018 – 2032); policy SD3 of the GCT JCS and the NPPF.
2. However, Gloucestershire County Council in its capacity as a Minerals & Waste Planning Authority (MWPA) still recommends a further revision to policy A1 of the Publication version of the Gloucester City Plan to ensure the matter of mineral resource safeguarding will be effectively taken into account across the wider plan. A further policy criterion could be supported by the MWPA that will require proposals to show how; *'underlying mineral resources will not be unnecessarily sterilised.'*

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