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Dear Sir/Madam

**Minerals Local Development Framework – Summary Statement and Request for Potential Strategic Sites.**

Warwickshire County Council is preparing a Minerals Local Development Framework for the period until 2026. This will set out the spatial vision, strategy and objectives for minerals development in the county and will provide the development framework for identifying sites for allocation for mineral working. The Core Strategy will now include Strategic Sites for future extraction and there will not be a separate Core Strategy and Allocations Development Plan Document as set out during previous consultations.

We have now prepared a document requesting operators and landowners to put forward sites for inclusion in the Minerals Development Framework. The document also summarises where we are in developing the main issues and the emerging spatial strategy. At the back of the document is a checklist which landowners and developers can use when promoting sites and which will help us to identify which sites fit best with the emerging strategy. The number of sites finally chosen will depend on the requirements for the plan period for each mineral. The minerals included are:

- Construction Aggregates – Sand and Gravel and Crushed Rock
- Brick Clay
- Limestone and Shale for the production of Cement
- Coal (Opencast)
- Building and Restoration Stone

The number of sites required will depend on the total tonnage of sand and gravel based on the requirements of the Regional Aggregate Working Party (RAWP) figures for 2005-20. The requirement for brick clay and the raw materials for cement will be directly tied to the requirements of the existing brick and cement works in the county.

The document can and checklist be found on the County Council Minerals webpage at ([www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)). We are requesting that any sites submitted for consideration are sent to us by **October 31st 2008**.

Although the purpose of this document is primarily to enable landowners and industry to come forward with sites for inclusion in the Core Strategy, we would welcome any general comments about the issues and emerging spatial strategy. This will feed in to the formal Revised Spatial Options document, which will be produced in January 2009. Any comments should be sent to the above address or by email to and at [planningstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk).

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Yours faithfully

**The Minerals Team**  
**(Jim Davies and Tony Lyons)**