

Dunchurch Roadshow: 21st February 2006

Attendees: 4 (2 from Thurlaston Parish Council and 2 from Sustainable Rugby)
Cllr Chris Saint (Chair)
Suzanne Osborn (Warwickshire County Council)
Jim Davies (Warwickshire County Council)
Jack Linstead (Warwickshire County Council)

1. There was an opportunity to have some refreshments and browse the documents and flyers relating to primarily the Minerals consultation, but also the Waste consultation.
2. The meeting was opened by Councillor Chris Saint (Cabinet member with responsibility for planning issues) at 6:15pm
3. Suzanne Osborn gave a brief presentation on the Minerals Development Framework consultation process
4. Jim Davies gave a presentation on the Minerals Development Framework itself.
5. Then there was an opportunity for questions and answers. Some of the answers were provided on the night whereas other questions were deferred and our considered answers are included in the table below:

Questions	Answers
1. Have we submitted our concerns to the ODPM on the absence of guidance for non-aggregate extraction?	There is some guidance for non-aggregates, but the reason that ODPM calculates the need for aggregates is because aggregate extraction is so closely linked to the construction industry and the economy.
2. There was some concern about using recycled aggregates as much of it comes from contaminated land.	The aim is to work through Waste Management Plans to find out how contaminated land will be re-used. Decontamination usually takes place prior to the recycled use of aggregates e.g. 'soil hospitals'. The Aggregates Levy has had the effect of dissuading operators from sending minerals straight to landfill - increasingly aggregates will be recycled first.
3. Will the need for open-cast mining be linked into the government's plans for energy?	If the government's policy on energy changes to promote the use of coal then we should consider safeguarding coal reserves either at the surface or at depth.
4. How do you decide between environmental considerations and resource need?	This is decided on a site-by-site basis as part of the planning application process. All sites are considered in the context of their environment and

	some environments will be subject to greater protection than others.
5. There was concern that consultation needed to be more accessible.	Thurlaston Parish Council was going to provide a simplified notice for their residents.
6. There was a complaint about the Minerals Core Strategy questionnaire – concern that the sliding scale of 1 to 5 in measuring respondents' concern needed more explanation.	This complaint will be considered when reviewing the consultation process.
7. How much consideration is given to public opposition when plans are eventually put forward.	Independent research reports will certainly be considered if demonstrated to come from a respectable source.
8. Who would be consulted on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's); Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs); Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites (RIGS)?	A wide range of environmental bodies such as English Nature, Countryside Agency, Environment Agency etc.
9. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) should set the standard – insist on 50% of recycled aggregates to be used in building the Western Relief Road.	We encourage the use of recycled aggregates in new developments. There are difficulties, however, associated with including this as a target.

6. Members of Sustainable Rugby were interested in matters relating to the Waste Core Strategy consultation. Councillor Saint permitted this diversion as the poor turnout made this possible without too much disruption.

Questions	Answers
1. Do the figures in the Waste Core Strategy Issues & Options paper include waste that has been recycled?	No, its figures are based on all waste collected.
2. Is Avon Valley going to be re-built along environmentally sensitive lines e.g. energy efficient, sustainable, renewable energy etc.	The Development Manager (Mr Steven Smith) from WCC's Property Services was contacted in order to reply to this question – his response was as follows: "The new Avon Valley School, once constructed, will be the most sustainable school property in

	<p>Warwickshire, for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will comply with current building regulations which places strict criteria on energy performance and consumption; • It will also comply with the Building Regulations strict acoustic criteria, which again serves to enhance the buildings insulating properties; • The buildings have been designed in pursuit of the Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) to achieve a rating of "very good". BREEAM is an assessment that scores a building on management, energy use, health and well-being, pollution, land-use, ecology, material/specification and water consumption. • We are also piloting a new scheme concerning waste and recycling. The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) sets a minimum target of achieving 10% recycled content of building materials used on the project. We will exceed this target. <p>I don't have to hand the specific details of the wall and roof construction, but I have asked the architect to make these available and I can come back to you on these if you wish.</p>
<p>3. Given the issue of climate change what reason could there be for including policies on coal?</p>	<p>WCC decision to introduce coal sites will be influenced by the government's energy strategy.</p>
<p>4. There was a complaint that the Environment Agency had changed the regulations to increase emissions at Rugby Cement, despite these being higher than those given in the planning permission.</p>	<p>WCC is not the regulatory authority for controlling emissions.</p>

7. Cllr Saint formally closed the meeting at 8 pm.