

Leamington Spa Roadshow: 2nd March 2006

Attendees: 3 (2 Warwick District Councillors and 1 County Councillor)
Cllr Chris Saint (Chair)
Suzanne Osborn (Warwickshire County Council)
Jim Davies (Warwickshire County Council)
Jasbir Kaur (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. Are there any other areas of planning carried out at County level?	Yes, County Councils are responsible for providing planning policy to guide both minerals and waste development.
2. Will the new Minerals Development Framework be very different from the old Minerals Local Plan?	This depends very much on the outcome of the consultation. In terms of its structure a key difference will certainly be that the Core Strategy will be produced first and work on the Site Allocations document will only be started once the Core Strategy has largely been finalised i.e. December 2007.
3. Do you really want the public's views on something so technical?	Those present were encouraged to simply complete those parts of the questionnaire that they felt were relevant to them.
4. One attendee felt that question 2 on the Minerals Preliminary questionnaire was relevant to everyone – needs to be kept in balance and controlled by County Council. Also ensure that links are made between minerals and waste.	Policies in the Waste Development Framework will be fed through to the Minerals Development Framework on issues such as dealing with construction and demolition waste.
5. Ensure Districts use recycled material during construction and	There are proposals that could encourage the use of Waste

demolition of building sites.	Management Plans for new developments, which would ensure that developers take responsibility for the waste that is produced on demolition sites. These plans would cover the entire life-span of the development from demolition to final construction and future demolition as well.
6. Are there any other issues?	Another issue that is raised in the Preliminary Consultation is that of Mineral Consultation Areas.
7. What about improving the site after extraction e.g. by planting trees?	Restoration of the site is considered as part of granting planning permission for each application relating to mineral extraction.
8. Do we charge for operators to extract?	Central government charges developers through the Aggregates Levy. The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund is then used to carry out research into ways to minimise demand for primary aggregates, promote environmentally friendly extraction and transport and reduce the effects of local aggregates extraction.
9. Should Warwickshire County Council (WCC) not see some of this money?	We do benefit from it in terms of the research that it generates.
10. Training in environmental matters would be really good for Warwick District Councillors.	Noted.
11. Is there a required amount that WCC has got to produce?	WCC has to find its allocated apportionment for sand and gravel and crushed rock as determined by the West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party.
12. Can we specify how far materials should be brought into the County?	The County Council is unable to specify transport distances.

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