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Dear Nick

PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

I am writing with reference to your application of 30th March 2007 applying for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Minerals Local Plan.

The Secretary of State's Direction and accompanying schedule is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27th September 2007.

The Secretary of State's assessment of whether saved policies should be extended is based upon the criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 and Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies.

The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is only intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

Local planning authorities should not suppose that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. Local Planning Authorities should adopt a positive spatial strategy led approach to DPD preparation and not seek to reintroduce the numerous policies of many local plans.

LPAs should make good progress with mineral and waste development frameworks according to timetables in development schemes. The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. Policies have been extended in the expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPDs. Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy especially given the development plan status of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

Following 27 September 2007 the saved policies should be read in context. Where policies were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and regional policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

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DAVID MARR
HEAD OF PLANNING AND HOUSING
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**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE
SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD AND WREKIN MINERLAS PLAN
ADOPTED APRIL 2000**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in the Schedule to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

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SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE

SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD AND WREKIN MINERALS PLAN

ADOPTED APRIL 2000

Policy Number	Policy Name
M1	A More Sustainable Approach to Mineral Development
M2	The Need for Minerals
M3	Development Control Considerations
M4	Operational Considerations
M6	Protecting Archaeological Remains
M7	Benefits to the Countryside and the Local Economy
M8	Planning Obligations
M10	Ancillary Development
M11	Transport of Minerals
M14	The Future Working of Sand and Gravel
M15	Sand and Gravel Working Outside the Allocated Sites and Preferred Areas
M16	The Future Working of Crushed Rock
M17	Secondary Aggregates
M18	Limestone Quarrying on Wenlock Edge
M20	Building Stone
M21	Coal and Fire Clay Working
M22	Brick Clay Working
M27	Reclamation and After-use
M29	Safeguarding Mineral
M30	Comprehensive Working of Mineral Resources