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Dear John

**PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
WARWICKSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

I am writing with reference to your application received on 29 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 Warwickshire Minerals Local Plan.

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 complete list of policies to be saved is included in the attached Direction and accompanying Schedule. The policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27th September 2007.

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.

The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. LPAs should make good progress with mineral and waste development frameworks according to timetables in development schemes. 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
GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS

**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN FOR
WARWICKSHIRE
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 1995.**

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 (1) 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 MINERALS LOCAL PLAN FOR
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Policy Number	Policy Name
M1	Areas of Search and Preferred Areas.
M4	Sand and Gravel Extraction in the context of Landbanks
M5	Sterilisation of Mineral Reserves
M6	Considerations and Constraints affecting Minerals Extraction
M7	Mitigation and Planning Conditions/Agreements
M9	Restoration of Mineral Workings
M10	Monitoring of Mineral Sites