

# Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document - Further Revised Issues & Options

The following sites have been allocated by Norfolk County Council as preferred options  
MIN 10a & MIN 51

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Whilst these sites have been allocated there are still issues which need to be addressed prior to mineral extraction

## The following should all be logged as objections to MIN 10a

**Landscape.** This renumbered site is composed of 3 sites from the previous consultation. They are immediately adjacent to one another forming a block of 44 hectares. This area of land is relatively flat and whilst the evidence base for these sites lists this as a “positive” in that it would be easy to use banks of soil to screen the quarry workings any such banks would also totally remove any view of the surrounding countryside. It is also proposed to use overland conveyor belts to move minerals to the (currently) existing East Bilney Quarry at Rawhall Lane. The use of conveyor belts represents an industrialisation of the countryside in an area that is recognised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) as being “tranquil”. The cumulative effect of the proposed extractions could have a detrimental effect on the landscape of this area. Particular attention should be paid to the phasing of the sites.



**Highways/Transport.** The proposed extraction site would use overland conveyor belts to move the minerals to East Bilney Quarry from where they would be transported by HGV. This would inevitably mean the planning permission for the existing quarry would have to be extended thereby resulting in many more years of lorries using Rawhall Lane and sharing use of the C225 with the Sustrans National Cycle Route. Issue 17 “Road Safety and Casualty Reduction” highlights the need to avoid waste development adversely impacting on road safety. Prolonging the use of this road by HGV traffic must increase the danger to cyclists.



**Ecology.** Preferred Option CS7 “Local Nature Conservation Designations and Protection and endorsement of Habitats and Species in Non-Designated Areas” states that minerals and waste development will not be permitted in or near sites of local importance such as County Wildlife Sites. These proposed sites are all within the parish of Beetley which has 6 County Wildlife Sites. Particular attention should be paid to preserving the bio diversity and landscape features.



**Amenity.** The immediate area around this proposed site is recognised by the CPRE as being “tranquil”. The cumulative effect of these proposed sites could spoil this beautiful area. Attention should be paid to not obliterating the views of the countryside from the well used footpath which bisects the site. The prevailing wind will take dust and noise from the site towards the homes in Old Beetley which are within 400 metres of the North East boundary of the site.



**Tourism.** Although tourism is only related to in terms of “Historic Parks and Gardens” in the Core Strategy document it does note that tourism is an important economic sector in Norfolk. Whilst Beetley does not have any historic parks or gardens the B1146 is a major route for visitors to the Rural Life Museum on the edge of Beetley. Consideration should be given to the likely effect of large scale mineral extraction on both sides of this road for about 1 mile just outside Beetley.



## The following should all be logged as objections to MIN 51

**Landscape.** The proposed site is on the side of a gently sloping hill. This location is recognised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) as being “tranquil”. The proposed mineral extraction and would have a hugely detrimental effect on the landscape which the council recognises has some good internal features which are rare in this part of Norfolk. As this site does not propose to use the existing conveyor belts to move minerals to the (currently) existing East Bilney Quarry at Rawhall Lane it will be necessary to create a new processing plant on this site. The cumulative effect of the proposed extractions could have a detrimental effect on the landscape of this area. Particular attention should be paid to the phasing of the sites.



**Highways/Transport.** This site would involve an increase in large and heavy goods vehicles. Issue 17 “Road Safety and Casualty Reduction” highlights the need to avoid waste development adversely impacting on road safety. This site is immediately adjacent to the Sustrans National Cycle Route 13 with the access road following the same route for approx 400m. Increasing HGV traffic must increase the danger to cyclists. Small businesses and private customers will be purchasing the aggregate. There will be no restrictions on their chosen routes resulting in an increase in traffic on the surrounding roads and through the villages.



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**Amenity.** The immediate area around this proposed site is recognised by the CPRE as being “tranquil”. The cumulative effect of these proposed sites could spoil this beautiful area. The increase in traffic will affect users of Sustrans Route 13. The roads in this area are within easy walking distance of Gressenhall and are used by many walkers. Their ability to enjoy the countryside will be diminished. Attention should be paid to not obliterating the views of the countryside.



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