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In response to Points 1 & 2

Clarify

In response to Point (3)

Clarify the current position of the BBNP in its UDP with regard to minerals and its draft LDP position (including extracts of any current or draft policies);

a) The position in the Unitary Development Plan (Approved for Development Control Purposes 2010)

Chapter 4 of the UDP⁶ sets out the NPA's position on Minerals development. Extracts of UDP policies are included at Appendix 1.

The UDP follows National Guidance by setting out policies to ensure that minerals development does not take place in the National Park save in exceptional circumstances where it can be demonstrated to be in the public interest.

b)

In response to point (4)

1. Clarify any action being undertaken by BBNP to bring about the closure of existing dormant mines in the park and funding available to do this.

During 2007 and 2008 the National Park Authority served a total of 11 Prohibition Orders on inactive sites throughout the Park. A list of these sites is available in the Deposit Local Development Plan at Appendix 9. These were secured with the aid of funding from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales. A further 2 Prohibition Orders were served but were subsequently withdrawn. There are also another 5 sites in the Park which may be considered appropriate sites for future Prohibition

Appendices

Appendix 1: Extract UDP Minerals Policies

Our Strategic Approach

- 4.5 Minerals are necessary to society, serving the energy supply, construction and other industries. They provide employment in a few parts of the National Park. However, mining and quarrying make irrevocable changes to the landscape and can destroy historical features and sites of nature conservation value. Although they are temporary activities, working off

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Sustainable Use of Minerals

Our Detailed Policies

Policies for Mineral Working

- 4.21 The following policies apply to proposals for all forms of mineral working and the depositing of mineral waste. In line with WAG's guidance, the NPA will permit mineral working only in exceptional circumstances, for instance where there is a national need for the mineral concerned. In such cases, it will be important to ensure that the mineral is indeed used for that purpose. T5gf,69

Appendix 2: Extract Deposit LDP Minerals Policies from Composite LDP

10.0 - Planning Policy

10.3 - Special provisions 10.3.1

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Appendix 3: Extract BBNPA Minerals Issues paper relating to Minerals apportionment and National Parks⁸

2.2.2 The Regional Technical Statement (October 2008)

In relation to the National Park, the appropriate policy is set out in Appendix 21 of the RTS (Appendix 1 of this Report), and has helped to define the approach within the RTS.

The RTS indicates that in relation to apportionment MPAs are expected to take account of local circumstances. The possible implications for meeting the demand currently sourced from National Parks in the longer term, from non-park areas are reviewed and it is considered that in most instances, this would be feasible over the medium term (say 5-10 years), given some local adjustments. However the current published information base is insufficiently refined to be able to assess the situation at the appropriate level. (Page 11).

2.2.3 Guidance on Apportionment

- The RTS provides guidance in relation to Minerals Planning Authorities whose administrative areas adjoin the National Park. Information is also provided specifically relating to the Brecon Beacons National Park.
- With regard to the National Park Area, the RTS indicates that
- “There are 4 permitted limestone quarries, but only two are currently active. These mainly serve adjacent areas to the south, outside the National Park. “
- “Reserves are well in excess of the 15 year minimum requirement.”
- “Although where any mineral extraction is proposed, it is subject to rigorous scrutiny and controls, the

Appendix 4: Extracts of UDP and LDP policies on Inactive Minerals Sites

10.7 Inactive Mineral Sites

10.7.1 The National Park Authority has served prohibi

An extract of the position on prohibition orders from the UDP is set out below.

Review of Mineral Working and Prohibition Orders

4.33 The NPA as Minerals Planning Authority has a duty to review active mineral working sites every 15 years according to a timetable set out in the Environment Act 1995 and Minerals Planning Guidance Note 14. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure that all

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Clydach Station, Clydach	Dormant IDO.	Restoration unlikely and not necessary as quarry is well weathered. Prohibition Order proposed.

Weblinks

BBNPA LDP Minerals Issues Paper

<http://www.breconbeacons.org/static/LDP/LDP/02%20Deposit/Supporting%20Documents/Issues%20Papers/L-D-SD-IP-9-Minerals%20Issue%20Paper.pdf>

BBNPA Unitary Development Plan: See Chapter 4 Pages 53-60

<http://www.breconbeacons.org/the-authority/planning/strategy-and-policy/udp/udp-full-text>

BBNPA Deposit Local Development Plan

<http://www.cartogold.co.uk/brecon/>

BBNPA Composite Plan (incorporating suggested focus