

Devon County Council - Mineral Plan Consultation

Devon County Council adopted its new [Minerals Plan](#) earlier this year, setting out the policy framework for mineral development in the county over the next 16 years.

The Minerals Plan features the introduction of “Mineral Safeguarding Areas” which aim to secure valuable mineral resources from sterilisation by new development, to ensure that they remain available for use by future generations. These Mineral Safeguarding Areas, together with the associated Mineral Consultation Areas, are available to view on the online [Policies Map](#).

As the Mineral Safeguarding Areas are a new concept and rely on the co-operation of developers and the decisions of Devon’s district councils as local planning authorities, Devon County Council is preparing new guidance to help in decision-making. This guidance, in the form of a Supplementary Planning Document, explains how Mineral Safeguarding Areas are defined and how decisions on development affecting them should be made.

A draft version of the mineral safeguarding guidance is now undergoing consultation, which continues until **Monday 16th October 2017**. Devon County Council is seeking views from anyone involved in submitting, responding to or determining planning applications in Devon, or those with an interest in the county’s mineral resources.

The draft Mineral Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document can be found online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/draft-supplementary-planning-document-mineral-safeguarding/>. Consultation responses can be made to mineralsplanning@devon.gov.uk or by post using the contact details provided in the consultation document.

For further information on the consultation, please contact Devon County Council at 01392 383510 or mineralsplanning@devon.gov.uk.