ANNEX 2

Policy DM 7

Safeguarding Mineral Resources

Planning permission will only be granted for non-mineral development that is incompatible with minerals safeguarding where it is demonstrated that either:

1. the mineral is not of economic value or does not exist; or

2. that extraction of the mineral would not be viable or practicable; or

3. the mineral can be extracted satisfactorily, having regard to Policy DM9, prior to the non-minerals development taking place without adversely affecting the viability or deliverability of the non-minerals development; or

4. the incompatible development is of a temporary nature that can be completed and the site returned to a condition that does not prevent mineral extraction within the timescale that the mineral is likely to be needed; or

5. material considerations indicate that the need for the development overrides the presumption for mineral safeguarding such that sterilisation of the mineral can be permitted following the exploration of opportunities for prior extraction; or

6. it constitutes development that is exempt from mineral safeguarding policy, namely householder applications, infill development of a minor nature in existing built up areas, advertisement applications, reserved matters applications, minor extensions and changes of use of buildings, minor works, non-material amendments to current planning permissions; or

7. it constitutes development on a site allocated in the adopted development Plan

Further guidance on the application of this policy will be included in a Supplementary Planning Document.