

OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

PART 1 – CORE STRATEGY

ADOPTED PLAN

**as adopted by the County Council on 12 September 2017
(including Inspector's Main Modifications and Additional Modifications)**

September 2017

4.46 Policy M3: Principal locations for working aggregate minerals

The principal locations for aggregate minerals extraction will be within the following strategic resource areas, as shown on the Policies Map:

Sharp sand and gravel

in northern Oxfordshire (Cherwell District and West Oxfordshire District):

- **The Thames, Lower Windrush and Lower Evenlode Valleys area from Standlake to Yarnton;**

in southern Oxfordshire (South Oxfordshire District and Vale of White Horse District):

- **The Thames and Lower Thame Valleys area from Oxford to Cholsey;**
- **The Thames Valley area from Caversham to Shiplake.**

Soft sand

- **The Corallian Ridge area from Oxford to Faringdon;**
- **The Duns Tew area.**

Crushed rock

- **The area north west of Bicester;**
- **The Burford area south of the A40;**
- **The area east and south east of Faringdon.**

Specific sites (new quarry sites and/or extensions to existing quarries) for working aggregate minerals within these strategic resource areas will be allocated in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan: Part 2 – Site Allocations Document, in accordance with policy M4.

Specific sites for extensions to existing aggregate quarries (excluding ironstone) outside the strategic resource areas may also be allocated in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan: Part 2 – Site Allocations Document provided they are in accordance with policy M4.

Sites allocated for sharp sand and gravel working (including both new quarry sites and extensions to existing quarries, including any extensions outside the strategic resource areas), to meet the requirement in policy M2 will be located such that approximately 25% of the additional tonnage requirement is in northern Oxfordshire and approximately 75% of the additional tonnage requirement is in southern Oxfordshire, to achieve an approximately equal split of production capacity for sharp sand and gravel between northern and southern Oxfordshire by 2031.