

BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET & POOLE MINERAL SITES PLAN EXAMINATION

Representations on behalf of M B Wilkes Ltd

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Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions

Issue C

Matter 1

(i) General

Q21 and 24

1 There is a fundamental problem with the mechanism for the selection of allocations for sand and gravel as opposed to the treatment of omission sites in that the process of identification of sites is primarily driven not by the contribution they can make to mineral supply but by the extent of mapped constraints or other considerations. This has created a set of allocations which do not reflect resource potential or meet the demand requirements. That problem is manifested primarily in the inadequate provision of sand resources. Dorset has an existing supply obligation to meet demands from other areas without sand resources. The current allocations are unlikely to meet that obligation into the future.

2 There does seem to be inconsistencies in the in the reasons for selecting certain allocated sites and rejecting alternatives. In particular the significance of the potential contribution to mineral supply of rejected sites seems to be given less weight than other factors in that process, including factors which are normally of limited weight in the planning process.

3 The fundamental problem is not resolved by the Areas of Search where the same selection mechanism not only also defines AoS by reference to mapped constraints but includes significant areas with no mineral or no economic sand potential.