





**Question 3.**

**What is the logic for the minerals safeguarding areas? Are they soundly drawn?**

MPPW (Dec2000) paragraph 13 requires that potential mineral resources be safeguarded from other types of permanent development which would either sterilise them or hinder extraction; areas to be safeguarded should be identified on the proposals map.

Also, the Regional Technical Statement advocates what should be safeguarded in terms of aggregates, and this indicates that limestone and sandstone should be safeguarded.

MTAN2: Coal (Jan'09) provides steps that the MPA should take in

