



**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN  
UPDATE  
INSPECTOR'S DRAFT MATTERS AND ISSUES**

**MATTER 4 - Policy changes required for soundness?**

**Natural England Further Written Statement to Address the Inspector's Questions**

**10 November 2016**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

**Issue 2: Should the site allocations include detailed mitigation measures to ensure compliance with national policy?**

Whilst Policy 20 requires proposals to identify impacts and where necessary suggest mitigation measures, it would make sense to ensure that where the SA has identified such impacts, that the relevant policies make reference to these findings and highlight the broad types of mitigation which may be required (please see our comments submitted under Matter 2, Issue 3). Currently some high level development requirements are listed for specific site allocations, therefore it would seem sensible to strengthen this by making the policy clearer in terms of the types of broad mitigation which may be required to reduce and minimise impacts on the natural environment. Policy 20 could also be cross referenced in the relevant site allocation policies, i.e. as the SA has identified there are likely to be significant impacts, the approach outlined in policies 20 and 18 will be required.